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CMH workers' union strikes deal with hospital

By Noah Eckstein
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HUDSON — After one year of negotiations, the union representing workers at Columbia Memorial Health reached an agreement with the hospital to increase the pay for registered nurses, patient care assistants, and respiratory therapists.

The agreement was reached after a meeting Tuesday between the union and hospital representatives. The union represents all hospital workers, except doctors.

Starting May 16, the contract goes into effect with the base rate for registered nurses will increase \$5 per hour, according to union representatives. Patient care assistants will receive a \$2.50 per hour increase, making their new base rate \$16 per hour. Respiratory therapists also received a \$5 per hour increase.

Mindy H. Berman, the union's regional communications director, said first-year registered nurses will make \$33.20 per hour, and nurses who have been working for 10 years will make \$45.45 per hour. More senior patient care assistants will be making about \$18 per hour.

"This is a win, but it is not over," said Greg Speller, executive vice president of the Hudson Valley region for 1199 Service Employee International Union, United Healthcare Workers East. "It is a very sad fact that the 1199 members and their community allies were dragged by the hospital over the staffing crisis — we haven't had to do that with other hospitals we've dealt with."

The union employees felt underpaid and overworked



Union workers after a meeting with hospital management.

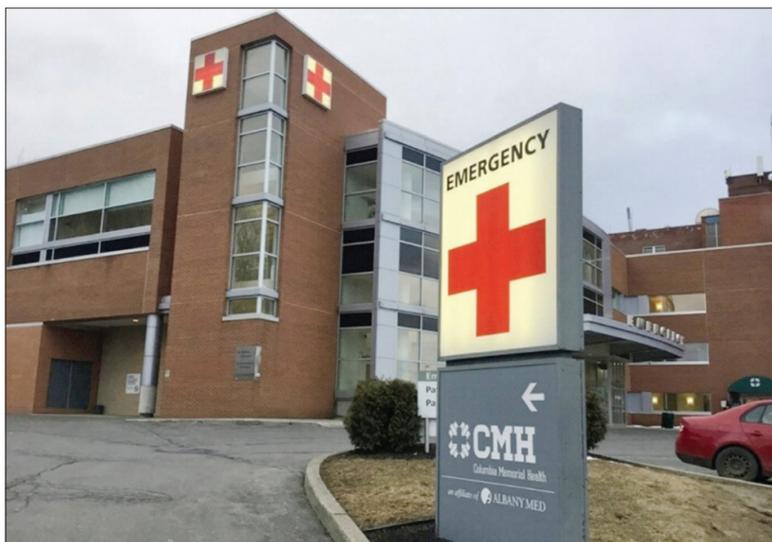
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due to extreme short staffing during the pandemic, according to Berman.

There are roughly 660 members in the union and that number is down from two years ago when the union had about 850 members.

In an effort to display community solidarity with the workers' fight for fair pay, the Hudson Common Council unanimously voted April 19 to support the health care workers in their effort to raise wages and minimize the hospital's contracting of temporary agents. After Columbia Memorial Hospital staff described the working conditions, low pay and understaffing at the hospital during an informal Common Council

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Columbia Memorial Health hospital is located at 71 Prospect Ave, Hudson, and is an affiliate of The Albany Med Health System.

File photo

Bacteria confirmed in raw milk test

By Natasha Vaughn-Holdridge
Columbia-Greene Media

GHENT — Hawthorne Valley Association announced a possible Listeria monocytogenes contamination in raw milk.

A sample of raw milk was taken May 3 from their creamery's bulk tank by the state Department of Agriculture and Markets, and May 5 the sample came back as preemptive positive for Listeria Monocytogenes, a harmful bacteria that can cause Listeriosis.

The positive result was confirmed Thursday.

"They pulled the sample on Tuesday, May 3, and we found out yesterday," Hawthorne Valley Association director of marketing and communications Heather Gibbons said. "And we immediately pulled all the raw milk from our cooler, and we now have signage up in the store and a press release to send out and social media so we can let everyone know."

Raw milk is unpasteurized. It is only allowed to be sold on the farm. It is one of the more popular items Hawthorne Valley has because there are few places where raw milk can be purchased.

No one has become ill from the raw milk, Gibbons said Friday. The Department of Agriculture and Markets added that no illnesses have been reported in association with the product.

Department of Agriculture and Markets Commissioner Richard A. Ball warned consumers not to drink unpasteurized raw milk from Hawthorne Valley Association, Inc. because of the possible contamination.

All of the raw milk has been removed from the shelf and any

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Sales tax revenue up over 20% in Columbia County

By Natasha Vaughn-Holdridge
Columbia-Greene Media

HUDSON — Sales tax collections in Columbia County are up more than 20% in the first quarter of 2022 from the same time last year.

Local sales tax collections in Columbia County increased by 21.2% for the months of January through March by 21.2% this year over the same quarter last year.

The increase from \$11.8 million collected for this period in 2021 rose to \$14.3 million collected in 2022 to date, according to a report from the New York State Comptroller's Office.

"We recorded one of the highest year-over-year sales tax increases in the state of the first quarter of 2022, jumping 21%,"

Columbia Economic Development Corporation President and CEO F. Michael Tucker said Friday. "In part due to inflation and the county sales tax collection increased 43%, comparing this first quarter to 2019."

He said CEDC looked at numbers from 2019 to be able to look at this outside of the context of the pandemic.

"It demonstrates the volume of business being conducted through multiple sectors throughout the county," Tucker said. "At the same time a large percentage of sales tax is collected on gasoline and these numbers are impacted across the board and the inflation that we've all been experiencing."

The 21.2% change in Columbia County is the largest in the

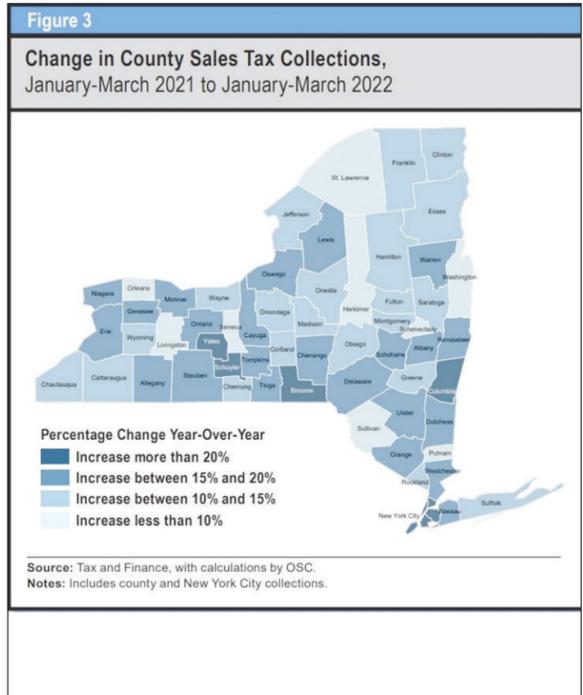
Capital Region and is among the largest in the state. In New York two counties have greater percent increases, Broome and Yates counties, and Schuyler County had a 21.2% increase like Columbia County.

"This may be in part because of the low unemployment rate in Columbia County," Tucker said.

"Our unemployment is amongst the lowest in the state," Tucker said. "People are back to work, and have disposable income as well as the fact that the county economy is influenced significantly by tourism and second homeowners."

The county had previously seen a boost in online shopping contributing to a sales tax

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Mostly cloudy	Mostly cloudy and warm	A brief shower or two
HIGH 84	LOW 65	81

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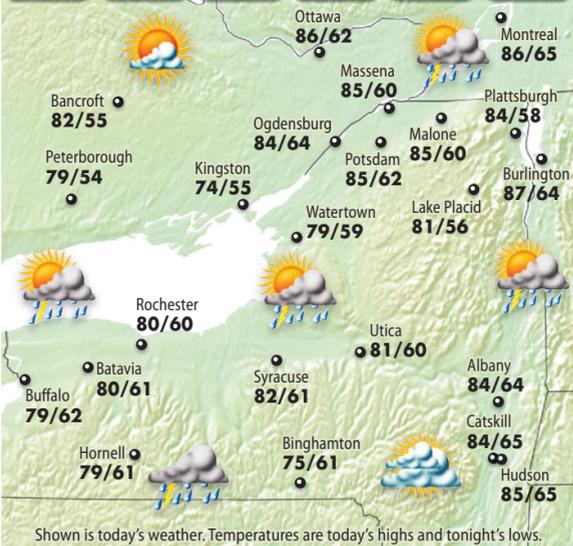
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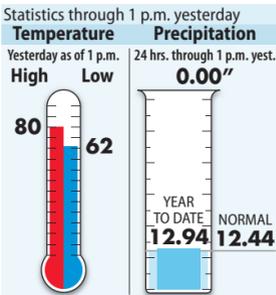
Weather

FORECAST FOR HUDSON/CATSKILL

TODAY	TONIGHT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED
Mostly cloudy	Mostly cloudy and warm	A brief shower or two	Showers, heavy t-storms	Breezy and not as warm	Nice with partial sunshine
HIGH	LOW	81	84	72	73
84	65	64	52	44	48



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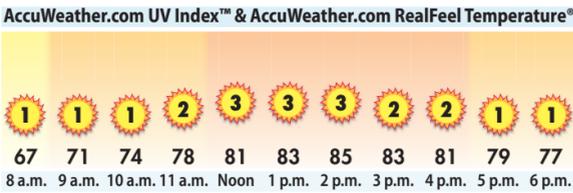
SUN AND MOON

	Today	Sun.
Sunrise	5:36 a.m.	5:35 a.m.
Sunset	8:09 p.m.	8:10 p.m.
Moonrise	6:35 p.m.	7:55 p.m.
Moonset	4:44 a.m.	5:12 a.m.

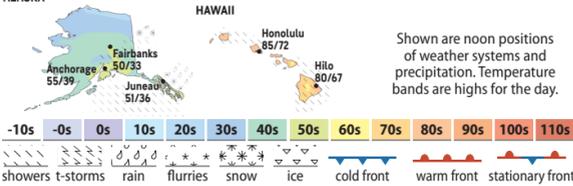
Moon Phases	Full	Last	New	First
	May 16	May 22	May 30	Jun 7

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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	88/57	s	91/62	s	Little Rock	88/68	t	89/66	pc
Anchorage	55/39	pc	53/41	s	Los Angeles	89/62	s	80/60	pc
Atlanta	83/67	c	85/66	pc	Miami	87/74	t	90/74	t
Atlanta City	62/57	t	66/58	pc	Milwaukee	76/59	t	70/54	c
Baltimore	74/62	t	82/64	t	Minneapolis	75/52	s	71/52	pc
Billings	63/42	pc	72/48	pc	Nashville	81/65	t	86/66	pc
Birmingham	83/67	t	86/66	pc	New Orleans	85/70	t	90/74	pc
Boise	68/49	pc	82/53	s	New York City	71/62	c	76/64	pc
Boston	82/63	c	76/61	c	Norfolk	73/63	t	78/65	pc
Charleston, SC	82/65	t	85/68	t	Oklahoma City	86/65	pc	91/63	pc
Charleston, WV	80/60	t	82/59	t	Omaha	86/59	s	72/52	pc
Charlotte	82/64	t	87/64	t	Orlando	90/70	pc	91/70	t
Cheyenne	72/47	c	71/46	pc	Philadelphia	76/64	t	83/65	t
Chicago	79/62	t	69/55	c	Phoenix	104/73	pc	104/75	s
Cincinnati	81/63	t	82/59	c	Pittsburgh	78/61	t	78/58	t
Cleveland	80/62	t	78/56	t	Portland	80/60	pc	71/54	c
Columbus, OH	82/64	t	83/59	c	Portland	66/55	r	70/55	sh
Dallas	95/71	pc	97/73	pc	Providence	79/61	pc	76/58	pc
Denver	80/48	c	78/51	c	Raleigh	79/64	t	85/65	pc
Des Moines	85/57	pc	68/51	c	Richmond	78/63	t	86/64	t
Detroit	81/64	t	82/56	t	Sacramento	92/57	s	86/52	s
Hartford	84/65	pc	84/62	pc	St. Louis	84/65	pc	84/59	t
Honolulu	85/72	s	84/72	s	Salt Lake City	77/53	pc	83/59	s
Houston	90/71	pc	94/72	pc	San Francisco	71/54	s	66/55	pc
Indianapolis	83/62	t	83/56	t	Savannah	82/63	pc	86/64	t
Kansas City	85/62	pc	75/52	c	Seattle	62/50	r	61/49	r
Knoxville	79/63	t	82/63	pc	Tampa	88/72	s	88/73	pc
Las Vegas	96/71	s	100/71	s	Washington, DC	75/64	t	82/65	c

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

13 dead, dozens rescued after migrant boat capsizes near Puerto Rico, officials say

Hannah Knowles, María Luisa Paúl and Arelis R. Hernández
The Washington Post

A makeshift boat overloaded with migrants capsized Thursday near Puerto Rico, officials said, leaving at least 13 people dead as dozens more were rescued.

"We're hoping to find additional survivors," Ricardo Castrodad, a spokesman for the U.S. Coast Guard's San Juan sector, said Thursday night as a rescue operation continued. "But it could go both ways." He said it is not clear how many people were on the boat, which he described as "overloaded with people." Crews did not see any life jackets, he added.

The Coast Guard said it heard shortly before noon that the aircrew of a Customs and Border Protection aircraft had spotted the boat and people in the water, about 10 nautical miles north of Desecheo Island.

The vessel is "suspected of taking part in an illegal voyage," the Coast Guard said in a news release. Jeffrey Quiñones, a regional spokesperson for Customs and Border

Protection, said the boat departed from the Dominican Republic but added that only two survivors are from that Caribbean nation. Those rescued include eight Haitians who were transported to a hospital in Aguadilla, a town in northwestern Puerto Rico, he said.

Thirty-one survivors — 11 women and 20 men — were taken to Crash Boat Beach in Aguadilla, Quiñones said.

Betsy Rivera, spokesperson for Puerto Rico's Institute of Forensic Sciences, said the agency received 13 bodies as a result of the sea accident. They do not yet have identities nor nationalities for the deceased. Autopsies will take place Friday and they hope to extract DNA to identify the dead.

The institute has been in touch with the Dominican Human Rights Committee, an organization they typically contact with these types of incidents, to help identify family members in the neighboring island.

An increasing number of migrants have made similar treacherous journeys by sea, fleeing countries where the coronavirus

pandemic has exacerbated long-standing problems of poverty and violence.

According to U.S. Coast Guard data, 1,527 Haitians, 742 Dominicans and 838 Cubans making "illegal voyages" were intercepted in Florida and the Caribbean in the year ending Sept. 30, 2021.

In Puerto Rico and the Mona Passage separating it from the Dominican Republic, 53 voyages were intercepted by the Coast Guard and its partner agencies between Oct. 1, 2021, and March 31, 2022. Some 1,308 migrants — including 940 Dominicans and 298 Haitians — were apprehended, the Coast Guard said.

Castrodad said the kind of vessel that capsized Thursday is known as a "yola" — a boat with "poor construction, always taking on water, unseaworthy and designed to try to just get these people across in one attempt."

The boats can be hard to detect, he said, so it was fortunate that Customs and Border Protection crews spotted the emergency.

World's tallest dog is 7 feet and likes to sit on laps

Cathy Free
The Washington Post

Brittany Davis longed for a big dog, and she had her heart set on one of the largest and lankiest of all: a Great Dane.

She got her wish in February 2020, though it was not how she thought it would happen. Her brother, Garrett Davis, knocked on her door and handed her a 3-month-old, gray-and-white American Great Dane with floppy jowls and soft fur.

Her brother got him from a friend whose dog had recently had a litter of five. The pup weighed about 25 pounds, and Davis's eyes immediately focused on his enormous paws.

"To say I was surprised is an understatement," said Davis, 36, who lives in Bedford, Texas, near Fort Worth. She named the puppy Zeus, after the Greek God of sky and thunder, and because she thought the name had a nice ring.

"He was the biggest puppy in the litter - a sloppy, sweet, uncoordinated and lovable dog, just like I'd always wanted," Davis said.



Zeus, standing over 7 feet tall on his hind legs, with Garrett Davis.



Ready for his close-up: Zeus attracts attention everywhere he goes in Texas.



Brittany Davis with Zeus after a car ride this year.

It didn't occur to her that he would grow to become the size of a person.

Guinness World Records has declared 2 1/2-year-old Zeus the tallest dog in the world at 3 feet, 5.18 inches. On his hind legs, he stands more than 7 feet tall, said Davis. He weighs about 200 pounds.

Her father, Donnie Davis, was also smitten with oversized Zeus. He submitted paperwork in early January to apply for the record, which was previously held by Freddy, a Great Dane from the United Kingdom that stood 3 feet, 4 inches tall. Freddy died at age 8 in January 2021.

"My dad called me at school to tell me Zeus had been confirmed as the tallest," said Davis, a first-grade teacher.

She thought perhaps he had a chance at the title because people stop her all the time and tell her they've never seen a dog as big as her Zeus.

"But to have it made official was pretty overwhelming," she said. "To me, he's just a giant, gentle dog who thinks he's a puppy and likes to sit on people's laps."

The idea to apply for the Guinness record came about when one of Davis's cousins mentioned that Zeus was taller than Freddy. He was also approaching the height of the tallest dog ever recorded by Guinness - a Great Dane from Michigan that was 3 feet, 8 inches tall and was also named Zeus. He died at age 5 in 2014.

"That kicked the whole thing off," she said. "We had his height verified by a vet with

three people present, and he was measured with a stick called a wicket that also measures horses. He hated it."

Davis said she knew early on that Zeus was going to be a supersized dog because of his huge paws. He also had an enormous appetite.

"He's always loved to eat, and now he's up to 10 to 12 cups of dry food twice a day," she said, adding that Zeus also loves to chomp on carrots, fried eggs, deer antlers and ice cubes.

"He especially loves to steal my son's breakfast when he leaves it out," said Davis, who has two boys, Jamison, 15, and Kingston, 7 months.

It's hard for Zeus to resist, especially when the food is at eye level.

"Just the other day, he stole three sausages off Jamison's plate," she said. "He doesn't have to go to a lot of effort - because he's so tall, he just walks over to the counter and takes what he wants."

Zeus sometimes drinks water

from the sink while flat-footed, and he regularly steals Kingston's pacifiers from the kitchen counter, she said.

"He loves to hang out with the kids and he sleeps on Jamison's queen-size bed every night," Davis said.

Jamison takes Zeus for daily walks, she said, but he gets most of his exercise by romping around the house.

"We call it the 'zoomies' - he'll race around for five minutes, then plop onto a chair when he's tired," she said.

Her gangly dog also enjoys romping with the family's three miniature Australian shepherds, Zeb, Ellie and Finn.

HUDSON RIVER TIDES

High Tide: 1:48 a.m. 4.56 feet
Low Tide: 8:35 a.m. 0.01 feet
High Tide: 2:07 p.m. 4.04 feet
Low Tide: 8:45 p.m. -0.03 feet

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CALENDAR

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

Friday, May 13

■ Hudson Historic Preservation Commission 10 a.m. City Hall, 520 Warren St., Hudson, 518-828-1030

Saturday, May 14

■ Germantown History Department 9 a.m.-noon 1767 Parsonage, 52 Maple Ave., Germantown 518-537-6687

Monday, May 16

■ Austerlitz Comprehensive Plan Oversight Committee 7 p.m. Town Hall, 812 Route 203, Spencertown 518-392-3260

■ Austerlitz Fire Commissioners 7:30 p.m. Spencertown Fire Company, One Memorial Drive, Spencertown 518-392-3260

■ Canaan Planning Board 7 p.m. Upstairs Town Hall, 1647 Route 5, Canaan 518-781-3144

■ Chatham Village Planning Board 7:30 p.m. Tracy Memorial Village Hall, 77 Main St., Chatham 518-392-5821

■ Clermont Fire Commissioners 7 p.m. Town Hall, 1795 Route 9, Clermont 518-537-6868

■ Gallatin Planning Board 7 p.m. Town Hall, 667 Route 7, Gallatin 518-398-7519

■ Germantown Town Board 7 p.m. Town Hall, 50 Palatine Park Road, Germantown 518-537-6687

■ Hudson Housing Authority 6 p.m. in person at 41 North Second St., Hudson and via Zoom 518-828-5415

■ Red Hook Planning Board 7:30 p.m. Town Hall, 7340 South Broadway, Red Hook 845-758-4606

■ Taghkanic Zoning Board of Appeals 7 p.m. Town Hall, Route 82, West Taghkanic 518-851-6673

■ Tivoli Planning Board Workshop 7 p.m. Historic Watts dePeyster Hall, 1 Tivoli Commons, Tivoli 845-757-2021

■ Webutuck School District Board of Education 7:30 p.m. 845-373-4100

Tuesday, May 17

■ Claverack Free Library 5 p.m. Claverack Library 518-851-7120

■ Columbia County Planning Board 6:30 p.m. Columbia County Office Building, First Floor Committee Room, 401 State St., Hudson

■ Copake Agricultural Advisory Committee 5 p.m. Town Hall, 230 Mountain View Road, Copake 518-329-1234

■ Hudson City School District Board of Education 6 p.m. Hudson High School, 215 Harry Howard Ave., Hudson

■ Hudson Common Council 7 p.m. City Hall, 520 Warren St., Hudson, 518-828-1030

■ Philmont Planning Board 7 p.m. Village Hall, 124 Main St., Philmont 518-672-7032

■ Rhinebeck Village Planning Board 7:30 p.m. Village Hall, 76 East Market St., Rhinebeck 845-876-1922

■ Roe Jan Library board of trustees 6:30 p.m. at the library, 9091 Route 22, Copake

Wednesday, May 18

■ Copake Environmental Committee 7 p.m. Town Hall, 230 Mountain View Road, Copake 518-329-1234

■ Ghent Commercial Zoning Review Committee 6:30 p.m. Town Hall, 2306 Route 66, Ghent 518-392-4644

■ Hudson Zoning Board of Appeals (tentative) 6:30 p.m. City Hall, 520 Warren St., Hudson, 518-828-1030

■ Livingston Fire District Board of Commissioners 7 p.m. District Office, 2855 Route 9, Livingston

■ Livingston Free Library Board of Trustees 7 p.m. Livingston Free Library, 90 Old Post Road, Livingston 518-851-2270

■ Millerton Village Town Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 p.m. Village Hall, Dutchess Avenue, Millerton 518-789-4489

■ New Lebanon Planning Board 7:30 p.m. Town Hall, 14755 Route 22, New Lebanon 518-794-8888

■ North East Town Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 p.m. Town Hall, Maple Avenue, North East 518-789-3778

■ Pine Plains Central School District Board of Education 7 p.m. Stissing Mountain Middle/High School Library, 2989 Church St., Pine Plains 518-398-7181

■ Tivoli Village Board workshop 6 p.m. meeting 7 p.m. Historic Watts dePeyster Hall, 1 Tivoli Commons, Tivoli 845-757-2021

Pups looking for foster home, owner charged with cruelty

By Bill Williams
Columbia-Greene Media

CLAVERACK — The two adolescent dogs that were rescued last week from a home in Palenville are available to go to foster homes, said Ron Perez, Columbia-Greene Humane Society president and CEO.

"The pups have cleared their health exam and are friendly and sweet. We're looking for foster homes for the two pups until the cruelty case has been cleared by the courts," Perez said.

Zackery Diehl, 29, of Palenville, was arrested May 5 and charged with misdemeanor animal cruelty, said Capt. Tracey Quinn of the Greene County Sheriff's Office.

Police released few details of what occurred with the dogs, but confirmed the abuse was physical and not a nutritional or shelter issue, Quinn said.

The dogs are six-month-old terrier-mixes named Paris and Scoob, and they don't need to go to the same foster home, Perez said.

The dogs are litter mates. The female is named Scoob and the male is named Paris, said



Paris and Scoob, two dogs that were rescued last week in Palenville, are ready to go to foster homes.

Jesica Farkas, shelter manager.

The investigation into the case began after the sheriff's office received a complaint of possible animal abuse, Quinn said.

After Diehl was charged, the dogs were surrendered to police and turned over to Hyer Ground Rescue in Catskill for the night, Quinn said.

The dogs were brought to a safe location and were checked

on hourly until they were taken to the Columbia-Greene Humane Society on Friday morning, said Jamie Hyer-Mitchell, founder of Hyer Ground Rescue.

After he was charged Thursday, Diehl was issued appearance tickets for Town of Catskill Court, Quinn said.

Potential foster homes can contact CGHS/SPCA with interest at 518-828-6044 ext. 100,

or visit their website at cghs.org to fill out an adoption application to be pre-approved for fostering, Perez said.

"The sheriff's office did an outstanding job in investigating and removing Paris and Scoob from what is alleged by witnesses as an absolutely horrid cruelty situation," Perez said.

Perez is confident the Greene County District Attorney's office will deliver justice for Paris and Scoob, he said.

FOREVER HOME FOR PEACHES

Another victim of animal cruelty in Greene County is still looking for her forever home, Perez said.

Nearly eleven months after she suffered multiple stab and slash wounds and was left to die, Peaches remains at Columbia-Greene Humane Society, waiting for someone to adopt her.

Peaches, as she was named by the shelter, was saved after numerous surgeries. The female Australian Cattle Dog/Mix was 2 years old when the incident occurred June 29.

Pauline Waldron, 67, of Cairo, is accused of attempting

to decapitate the animal with a sword and then stabbing the dog several times before leaving the animal for eight hours to die without seeking medical care, Capt. Tracey Quinn said.

Waldron was charged with one count of aggravated cruelty to animals, a felony. Her case is pending in Greene County Court.

Peaches would make a great pet for any home that does not already have a pet, Perez said.

Peaches does not get along well with other animals, so a home where she receives all the attention would be best for her, Perez said.

"If I didn't already have dogs, I'd snatch her up immediately for myself," Perez said.

An Australian Cattle Dog is a working dog. They thrive on activity and exercise. That's possibly a home where she has a place to run, Perez said.

Peaches is bright and gets along well with humans, Perez said.

"I have every confidence that the Greene County district attorney will prosecute this woman to the full extent of the law," Perez said.

State burn ban expires, caution advised

By Bill Williams
Columbia-Greene Media

The New York State Residential Burn Ban ends Saturday, but state officials are reminding New Yorkers that despite the expiration of the annual ban, caution is required because fires can easily and quickly escape and spread, said Department of Environmental Conservation spokesman Jomo Miller on Friday.

Firefighters in Columbia and Greene counties responded to nearly a dozen brush fires over the past week alone, the largest occurring in Stuyvesant on Tuesday, when

eight fire companies fought a stubborn fire that took more than four hours to extinguish.

"The risk of wildfires remains high this spring across New York State, so it's absolutely essential New Yorkers are mindful of the risk when doing any kind of residential outdoor brush burning," DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos said. "To protect our communities and natural resources, we're encouraging people to put safety first, don't leave fires unattended, and ensure all fires are fully extinguished."

Each year, DEC forest rangers extinguish dozens of

wildfires that burn hundreds of acres. In addition, local fire departments, many of which are staffed by volunteers, all too often have to leave their jobs and families to respond to wildfires caused by illegal debris fires, Miller said.

DEC's Fire Danger Map for the 2022 fire season is now posted on their website. The map gets posted once there is a moderate risk anywhere in New York and this week, conditions statewide were designated as a high fire risk, Miller said.

New York first enacted strict limits on open burning in 2009 to help prevent

wildfires and reduce air pollution. The regulations allow residential brush fires in towns with fewer than 20,000 residents during most of the year, but prohibit such burning in spring through May 14 when most wildfires occur, Miller said.

Backyard fire pits and campfires less than three feet in height and four feet in length, width or diameter are allowed. Small cooking fires are allowed. Only charcoal or dry, clean, untreated or unpainted wood can be burned. People should never leave these fires unattended and must extinguish them.

Burning garbage or leaves is prohibited year-round, Miller said.

Forest rangers, environmental conservation police officers and local authorities enforce laws related to open burning. Violators of the state's open burning regulation are subject to criminal and civil enforcement actions, with a minimum fine of \$500 for a first offense, Miller said.

To report a wildfire, call 1-833-NYS-RANGERS (1-833-697-7264). To report illegal burning on private lands, call 1-844-DEC-ECOS (1-844-332-3267).

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OUR VIEW

Do what is best for our children Tuesday

We are surrounded by school-related issues — ranging from how much parental control over curricula is too much and calls for a return to “traditional education” to “student values.” Voters in 12 school districts have their work cut out for them Tuesday.

One thing is certain: This will be unlike any school election in the last five years.

The school budgets offered to voters are an issue of their own, but we’re talking now about the board of education elections. After two years of pandemic and a general apathy toward running for school boards, the number of candidates jumped to near-record levels in 2022.

Dozens of candidates — many who have never run for elected office before — will be on Tuesday’s ballot in Columbia and Greene counties.

Two common threads run through all of the elections. The first is the desire to do what is best for the students. The second is keeping school spending under control as districts emerge from the shadow of COVID-19.

Beneath the surface are more subtle yet specific topics. The issue of parents stung by what they perceived as unjust mask mandates for their children is simmering. The platforms of “traditional education” euphemistically suggest a conservative swing back to the basics of reading,

writing and arithmetic in an advancing technological age and a backlash against forms of literature taught in the classroom.

We believe Tuesday’s elections will be a referendum on the educational policies of Greene and Columbia county school districts. They will also hold a mirror up to taxpayers in the crosshairs of record inflation, rising taxes and an ever-changing culture. It’s up to the voters. There’s no substitute for investing in the future, and our children are the future. Politically driven agendas should not be a distraction from that goal.

ANOTHER VIEW

A border security expo in Texas echoes another exposition 50 years ago

Gene Morales
The Washington Post

The 15th Border Security Expo 2022 recently took place in San Antonio. Visitors and vendors worldwide gathered to discuss the latest news, policies and technologies of border security, along with representatives from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and industry leaders. Outside the convention center, protesters demonstrated against the cruelties of immigration enforcement. To their chagrin, border militarization has become a billion-dollar industry.

The location of the Expo may seem incidental; yes, it is in Texas, which is engaged in the project of border militarization. But San Antonio is located more than 100 miles from the border itself, just outside the border zone, and many local politicians have been outspoken supporters of immigrant rights.

Still, another exposition in San Antonio, hosted 54 years ago, played a role in jump-starting the politics of immigration that has only accelerated border militarization in recent years. Putting the two expositions in the same conversation can help us understand how the violence of U.S. border policies has stemmed from the limits placed on immigration by the United States.

The 1968 conference came at a tense moment in

U.S. history, as high-profile political assassinations, the Cold War and racial unrest in American cities made daily headlines. Known as HemisFair ‘68, it became the first world’s fair in the Southwest United States to be recognized by the Bureau of International Expositions in Paris.

World’s Fairs are mega-events that exhibit the accomplishments of nations or empires. Some of the most notable American fairs had included the 1893 World’s Columbian Exposition in Chicago, the 1904 Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis and the 1962 Century 21 Exposition in Seattle. Such fairs provided a snapshot of modern society and projected future possibilities to global audiences. They tended to support empire-building and nationalism, and, in showcasing the technological marvels of their periods, reinforced existing hierarchies around culture, class, race and gender.

Although such expositions are often thought of as relics of the late 19th and early 20th century, President Lyndon B. Johnson supported the idea of HemisFair ‘68. He saw it as a measure to bring Latin American countries closer to the U.S. sphere of influence and draw them away from the Soviet Union during the Cold War. The city was home to one of the largest ethnic Mexican communities in the Southwest, many of whom

had voted for Johnson.

Local boosters saw hosting the fair as a way to draw tourism dollars and investment to San Antonio, one of the poorest cities in the nation. Local officials soon drew from federal urban renewal funds, intended to fight the War on Poverty, to prepare for the event and construct the fairgrounds.

HemisFair opened its doors on April 6, 1968, just two days after the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., and would last for the next six months. Once inside, thousands of attendees were able to experience the fair’s theme: “Confluence of Civilizations in the Americas.” According to Johnson, San Antonio should be seen as a “Gateway to the Americas” because it was a historic crossroads between empires and nations in North America.

On display were national, corporate and cultural exhibits and pavilions. Latin American countries represented 10 of the 23 national pavilions. Mexico operated one of the largest and most visited pavilions, showcasing history, art and film exhibits. The newly built 750 foot concrete tower called the Tower of the Americas served as the fair’s focal point, just as the Eiffel Tower had for the 1889 Exposition Universelle in Paris.

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Two pernicious myths about Alito’s draft opinion

WASHINGTON POST



RUTH MARCUS

WASHINGTON — Two pernicious myths about abortion rights have emerged in the wake of the leak of a draft Supreme Court opinion that would overrule Roe v. Wade. Together, they illustrate how intractable the abortion debate is — and how extreme.

The first myth — demonstrably laughable — is that eliminating constitutional protection for abortion rights would remove this contentious issue from courts and leave decisions to the democratic process, where it should have been all along.

The second — far more dangerous — is that abortion opponents would be satisfied with such an outcome, and the consequent national patchwork of access to abortion. They wouldn’t. Getting rid of Roe is just the start. For those who believe that abortion is the taking of a human life, allowing it to remain legal in wide swaths of the country is intolerable.

Let’s start with the fallacy that, as Justice Samuel A. Alito Jr. argued in the leaked draft, overruling Roe would “return the issue of abortion to the people’s elected representatives.”

Alluring as this may sound, it won’t happen. As Harvard Law School professor Richard Fallon wrote in a 2007 law review article, “The notion that by overruling Roe the Supreme Court could extract itself from controversial assessments of the constitutionality of state anti-abortion legislation is not just a fallacy. It is a delusion.”

If anything, overruling Roe would expand court involvement by inviting action in state courts, testing the scope of what is protected under state constitutions. This isn’t imaginary: In Michigan, Democratic Gov. Gretchen Whitmer recently asked her state’s Supreme Court to preemptively address the question.

Meanwhile, federal courts, no matter how much they might want to get out of the business of deciding abortion cases, would face complex questions of constitutional law. Under Alito’s draft, abortion restrictions must only have a “rational basis” to pass constitutional muster. Permissive as this is, it will still present questions: Would it be rational for a state to prioritize fetal life over the life of the mother? Does protecting the fetus take priority over serious risk to maternal health? Is it rational for a state to prohibit contraceptive methods, such as intrauterine

efforts to end access to abortion, whether through the courts or the legislative process. For all of Alito’s paeans to the democratic process and Republican lawmakers’ efforts to present themselves as “compassionate, consensus builders” seeking only state “flexibility” to adopt “reasonable restrictions,” abortion opponents will not stop until it is outlawed nationwide. Why should they, if they believe that abortion is tantamount to murder?

Marjorie Dannenfelser, president of the antiabortion Susan B. Anthony List, told The Post that she has spoken with 10 potential GOP presidential candidates, most of whom “assured her they would be supportive of a national ban and would be eager to make that policy a centerpiece of a presidential campaign.”

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., has not ruled out the possibility of a nationwide abortion ban but said he wouldn’t change filibuster rules to let that happen. Still, Sen. Joni Ernst, R-Iowa, plans to introduce legislation that would prohibit abortion after six weeks, The Post reported.

That’s not the only route to a nationwide ban. The other leads back to the courts, with the assertion that not only does the Constitution not contain a right to abortion, but that it also affirmatively protects the rights of the fetus. The 14th Amendment bars states from depriving “any person of life” without due process of law or denying “to any person . . . the equal protection of the laws.” Endorsing such fetal “personhood” — a position rejected in Roe — would mean that the Constitution requires states to prohibit abortion.

Conservative scholars John M. Finnis and Robert P. George pressed this argument in a friend-of-the-court brief in the Mississippi abortion case now before the court, contending that “prohibitions of elective abortions” are “constitutionally obligatory because unborn children are persons within the original public meaning of the Fourteenth Amendment’s Due Process and Equal Protection Clauses.” If corporations are persons under the 14th Amendment, they argue, surely that status applies even more obviously to “unborn children.”

Don’t be fooled. The abortion fight is not about democracy — it’s about denying choice.

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May is Lyme Disease Awareness Month

By Bob Beyfuss
For Columbia-Greene Media

May is Lyme disease awareness month and by now I would hope that everyone in our region is on the alert for the deer ticks that transmit this as well as other blood diseases. Most cases of Lyme disease are easily treated with antibiotics, such as doxycycline and the patient recovers completely, but a small percentage of victims have very serious long term effects. Lyme disease has even been implicated in some untimely deaths.

I don't think it is possible to avoid getting a tick on you, if you spend much time in the great outdoors gardening, hiking, hunting or fishing. These eight legged parasites are now found throughout the region in large numbers and a casual walk in a grassy field or sitting on a fallen log in the forest may result in picking up one or more of these unwelcome hitchhikers. If you get bit, the important thing is to manually remove the tick with a tweezers as soon as possible. Most people notice the imbedded ticks within the 24 to 48 hour time period that is usually required for infection to occur. Do not pay attention to the internet reports that tell you to apply any sort of substance to make the tick release. Every few weeks it seems like I see someone posting the same misinformation on Facebook. Any substance, such as Vaseline, that makes a tick release its bite while attached to you, will also make the tick upchuck blood back into your body and this is how infection occurs.

Prevention remains the best option and the tick repellent, Permethrin, sold under various brand names, is highly effective when applied

GARDENING TIPS



BOB BEYFUSS

to clothing and gear, not bare skin. A single application lasts for a month or more and will even persist through at least two washings. I also think that spraying an insecticide around the perimeter of a yard, where lawn meets brush or forest, can significantly reduce the number of ticks. If your dog or cat is constantly bringing ticks into the house, outfit them with a good flea and tick collar and consider spraying places that might harbor ticks. Piles of firewood, stone walls, brush piles and tall grass or weeds are prime tick habitat, whereas a mowed lawn presents less of a risk. Low risk areas such as mowed lawns still present some risk however. You can survey your property for ticks by rigging up a white piece of cloth, perhaps 3 feet long and just as wide, using a sheet, or blanket, to a three foot long stick, so that you can slowly drag the cloth over the lawn and other vegetation. Stop every few minutes to see if any ticks are attached to the cloth. If you catch many ticks, an over the counter insecticide, such as Sevin, will kill them if you do a spray in your yard. The spray need only be applied if you find ticks and only twice a season, in May and September. I sometimes use Sevin on my vegetable garden, so I figure if it is safe enough to use

on the food that I eat, it is safe enough to spray around my backyard!

Deer ticks are not borne with the infectious bacteria. They acquire it from an animal such as a small mammal, or a bird. The white footed deer mouse is a very common source of the bacteria and newborn ticks often acquire it from them. Once a tick has acquired it in their larval stage, they carry it throughout their usual two year life cycle.

Like most rural residents, I have mice in my sheds and outbuildings. I have been spraying permethrin on cotton balls and stuffing a few of them into recycled cardboard tubes from paper towels and toilet paper rolls. I found that the cotton was removed and presumably used for nesting, within 24 hours of placement. Hopefully, this will kill any larval ticks that may be feeding on the mice. A reader has reported to me that by doing this, he has eliminated catching any ticks on his property. You can buy a product called "Damminix" at your garden center that is essentially what I described.

Finally, make sure that you perform a full body check before you go to bed, whenever you have spent time outdoors. If you find a tick, remove it with tweezers with a sharp yank. If the head breaks off and remains in you, don't panic, or try to cut it out. It will fester and eventually come out on its own. You will have an itchy, inflamed, swollen area at the bite site for a few days in almost all cases. This is normal and not a sign of the disease, but if you should develop a rash, anywhere on your body, you need to call your doctor.

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Bikes bring back fond childhood memories

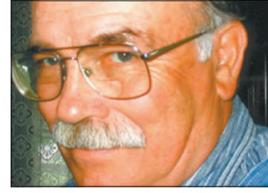
By Dick Brooks
For Columbia-Greene Media

The other day, I was doing some gardening in the front yard and in the silence between blasts from the dynamite I was using to plant annuals in our cement-like topsoil, I heard something that sounded like, "Hike, Hike!" and a flock of brightly colored bikers swooped down the hill, shot around the corner and quickly disappeared to the north.

I shouldn't have said, "Bikers," that term can be confusing. It can mean guys and gals on motorcycles, these folks had no motors on their bikes. They were pedaling like mad, noses touching their machines' frames, spandex covered butts high in the air, wearing those helmets that always remind me of the walnut shell that Stuart Little wore on his head for protection. They were all riding on bicycles that cost more than a lot of the cars I've owned. Having watched the 30 or so brightly colored, compressed, rhythmically moving fannies disappear from sight, I returned to my gardening and as I set fuses for some new holes, I started thinking about some of my previous experiences with bicycles.

I had a real bike when I was a kid, none of these lightweight, skinny-tired,

WHITTLING AWAY



DICK BROOKS

fragile things of today. My J.C. Higgins was solid, heavy and tread on balloon tires with wide white walls. It had a huge comfortable seat with real springs mounted under it. There was a big tank attached to the upper frame that screamed, "This is a BOY'S bike." The tank made the bike look like a motorcycle and even if sudden stops did prevent several of my friends from ever having deep voices, it was a great feature. My bike even had big springs attached to the front fork to help cushion the dirt roads we rode on.

No spandex for us, blue jeans with the right cuff rolled up to your knee so your pants wouldn't get eaten by the chain, black high top Keds and a Cisco Kid T-shirt and we were good to go. We rode our bikes as God intended, sitting straight up, brush cuts blowing in the breeze.

Our bikes gave us the

freedom to roam far and near on our dirt country roads, dust spurting behind our balloon tires. We rode five miles to Delly's Hole to go swimming, even though we had a perfectly good creek on our property, a four mile pedal brought us to Patten's Gas Station, where we could blow our dimes on popsicles.

Was there ever anything more fun than racing with your brothers and your best buddy, weaving back and forth, frequently crashing, sailing over the handlebars and landing on your head (which might explain this column). I wonder if any of those bikers that had whipped by had even ever heard of a balloon tire, or if they had ever jumped their bikes off the bank of Delly's Hole into the deep cool water and then had to spend the rest of the afternoon diving, trying to find the bike so you could ride home.

Thank God for his gift of memory, it sure was nice to make one more trip on that J.C. Higgins.

Thought for the week — Always remember you're unique, just like everyone else.

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

Reach Dick at Whittle12124@yahoo.com.

With Memorial Day and the summer months approaching NFPA offers safe grilling tips and recommendations to help reduce fires and injury

ALBANY — Often considered the unofficial kick-off to summer, Memorial Day weekend typically includes lots of celebrations and cookouts, often with grilling as a focal point. As the holiday, and summer months, grow closer, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) reminds everyone of basic safety tips to grill and celebrate safely.

Fire departments responded to an average of 10,600 home fires annually involving grills, hibachis, or barbecues according to NFPA's research from 2014-2018. This includes 4,900 structure fires and 5,700 outside or unclassified fires. These fires resulted in an annual average of 10 civilian deaths, 160 civilian injuries, and \$149 million in direct property damage.

A yearly average of 19,700 patients per year went to

emergency rooms because of injuries involving grills. Nearly half (9,500 or 48 percent) of the injuries were thermal burns, including both burns from fire and from contact with hot objects; 5,200 thermal burns per year were caused by such contact or other non-fire events.

Children under five accounted for an average of 2,000, or 39 percent, of the contact-type burns per year. These burns typically occurred when someone, often a child, bumped into, touched, or fell on the grill, grill part, or hot coals.

NFPA offers these tips and recommendations for enjoying a fire-safe grilling season:

For propane grills, check the gas tank for leaks before use in the months ahead. (Watch NFPA's video on how to check for leaks.)

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

Place the grill well away from the home, deck railings, and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.

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

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

If you use starter fluid when charcoal grilling, only use charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire. When you have or are finished grilling, let the coals cool completely before disposing in a metal container.

Never leave your grill unattended when in use.

Questar III BOCES to host CGEC Scholarship benefit cruise-in

HUDSON — The Questar III BOCES Scholarship Benefit Cruise-In is returning this year 5-8 p.m. May 20.

The community is invited to join Questar III at the Columbia-Greene Education Center, 131 Union Turnpike, Hudson, as its parking lot will be filled with classic and unique cars.

Owners of specialty vehicles of all kinds are invited to participate; car registrations are \$10 per vehicle.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the Columbia-Greene Education Center's Scholarship Fund.

There is no entry fee for spectators, who will

be able to vote for the winner of the People's Choice Award.

The winner will receive a custom trophy made by CGEC welding students.

The event will also feature a barbecue chicken dinner catered by Frese's Catering Service.

For \$14, diners will get a meal that includes chicken, potato, coleslaw, corn, a roll and a cookie.

To purchase a dinner ticket text 518-653-1865.

For additional information about the Cruise-In event call 518-828-4157.

Bethlehem Grange 137 announces upcoming events in May and June

SELKIRK — The Bethlehem Grange 137, 24 Bridge St., Selkirk, continues the tradition of holding the Spring Plant Sale in conjunction with their Craft Fair May 21. The grange has been in continuous operation for more than 148 years, serving the surrounding communities with their constantly changing needs, as a not for profit organization, open to ages of 5 to 105.

The Grange is looking for donations of household plants, outdoor plants, rooted plants, cuttings, potted or unpotted plants for the Plant Sale. They would appreciate receiving the plant items as soon as possible, so that there is time to report any that may need to be split apart and rooted. Donations of vegetable seedlings, herb seedlings, flower seedlings, catnip plants or seedlings, small bushes such as lilac bushes, Rose of Sharon, raspberry

bushes, blueberry bushes, etc. are also being accepted, along with flower pots, plastic, pottery, or ceramic, hanging planters, plant hangers, potting soil, cactus soil, broken pots for drainage for the bottoms of pots and clean coffee filters. Unopened seed packets and gardening tools are also being accepted. Call Carol Carpenter at 518-421-1384 to arrange delivery. Do not drop items off without a confirmation as there is no protected area from the elements. Items can also be dropped off on the front porch at 21 Ramsey Place, Albany.

The May 14 Goulash dinner has been cancelled.

The Craft Fair/Plant Sale will be held 9 a.m.-3 p.m. May 21. Craft vendors and plants will be inside and also outside.

The annual Garage Sale will be held for three weekends of Friday and Saturday

in June, June 10 and 11, June 17 and 18 and June 24 and 25. We'll begin accepting donations of gently used or new items after the Craft Fair/Plant sale. Craft items, household items, small household appliances, kitchen utensils, decorative items, small wooden furniture, tools, toys, stuffed animals (cleaned please), records, CDs, DVDs, books, holiday items, dishes, glassware, silverware, clean clothing for men, ladies and children, outdoor furniture, garden tools and items and so much more will be accepted. If you have something you'd like to donate, but aren't sure about it, feel free to call and ask about it. No TVs, tires or computer items.

Call or text Carol Carpenter at 518-421-1384 or Charles Ryan at 518-227-8954 to arrange delivery. Do not drop anything off without making prior arrangements.

Grafton Lakes State Park to hold National Trails Day on June 4

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.

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John F. Coogan

April 4, 1937 - May 3, 2022

COXSACKIE – John F. Coogan, 85, passed away on Tuesday May 3, 2022 at home surrounded by his family. He was born in Brooklyn, NY on April 4, 1937 to the late Thomas and Margaret Coogan. John was in the United States Navy from 1955 to 1957. After his military service, he moved to Greenville where he was self employed as a plumber for many years. He then went to work for the State of New York, retiring from the Dept. of Corrections in 1999. During that time, John and his wife, Agnes, owned and operated Coogan's Bluff in Norton Hill, NY. John was an avid golfer, enjoyed traveling, making his own wine, and growing his tomatoes and garlic.

John will be missed by all. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his wife, Agnes in 2020; an infant son, Thomas Coogan; sister, Mary Kelly; and brother, Thomas 'Buzzy' Coogan.

Surviving include his daughters, Bridget Huntley (Jeff) and Kathleen Davis (Jeff); his son, John Coogan; his grandchildren, Sarah Smigel, Lynn Flannery (Dan), Dakota, Savanna, and Lee Huntley, and Zachary and Christina Coogan; his 12 great-grandchildren; his brother, Eugene Coogan (Judy); and several nieces and nephews.

John donated his body to the Albany Medical College Anatomical Gift Program. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the Community Hospice of Columbia & Greene County, 47 Liberty St., Catskill, NY 12414 would be appreciated.

Memorial calling hours will be held on Wednesday May 18th from 11am to 12pm at the A.J. Cunningham Funeral Home, 4898 State Route 81, Greenville, followed by a memorial service at 12pm. Condolences can be posted at ajcunninghamfh.com.



Man accused of yelling racial slurs at 'Stop Asian Hate' rally faces federal charges

Julian Mark
The Washington Post

Dozens of protesters gathered at an intersection in Los Angeles County in March 2021, waving colorful signs that read: "Stop Asian Hate" and "End the Violence Against Asians."

Most people honked in support of the demonstrators in Diamond Bar, but prosecutors say one driver expressed disgust.

"Go back to China!" the man yelled, according to a federal indictment.

He then rolled a black Honda into a crosswalk where some of the protesters, including a child, were walking, the indictment says. No one was injured, but the driver allegedly yelled racial slurs from the car while making a U-turn through the line of protesters.

Now, Steve Lee Dominguez, a 56-year-old resident of Diamond Bar and the driver of the car, has been charged with two counts of "bias-motivated interference" of a protest and faces up to 20 years in prison, the U.S. attorney's office in Los Angeles announced Thursday. Dominguez was arrested Thursday and pleaded not guilty, a Department of Justice spokesman said. Dominguez could not be reached for comment, and it was not immediately clear if he had an attorney.

The incident took place five days after a gunman fatally shot eight people, including six Asian women, at three Atlanta-area spas. The massacre stunned many in the Asian-Pacific Islander community, which was already on edge from a spike in racist attacks during the coronavirus pandemic.

The rally in Diamond Bar was one of the several organized in Southern California in the wake of the Atlanta shootings, the Los Angeles Times reported. Diamond Bar, a 30-minute drive east of Los Angeles, is a city of 55,000 residents, 59 percent of whom are Asian.

As the demonstrators

chanted and waved signs at all four corners of a busy intersection, one group of protesters crossed the crosswalk.

That is when Dominguez, stopped at a red light in his Honda, yelled, "Go back to China!" according to court records.

Prosecutors say Dominguez then drove into the crosswalk against the red light, cutting off some of the demonstrators. Then he made a U-turn in the intersection and again drove through the populated crosswalk, barely missing pedestrians - including a 9-year-old child, prosecutor say. As he did this, Dominguez again made a disparaging comment about China, the indictment states.

Dominguez then pulled his car over and continued to scream taunts and racial slurs at the rallygoers, prosecutors say. "I'll be back," Dominguez said, according to the indictment.

Identifying himself as "John Doe," Dominguez later called the police and reported that the demonstrators had blocked the street, and he was forced to run the red light "because they were about to trample my car," the indictment states. He allegedly requested the police deploy crowd control.

Vicky Chang told KNBC at the time that she filmed part of the incident from the crosswalk. "I've been here for more than 10 years in America, and I've never had anybody talk in my face like that," she told the station. "That was a big shock."

Diamond Bar Mayor Pro Tem Andrew Chou told KCBS that he was also at the rally. He remarked on the high population of Asian residents in Diamond Bar. "This literally happened in the middle of an anti-Asian hate rally," he told the station, "so I think this serves as an unfortunate reminder that hate incidents can happen anywhere."

A Justice Department spokesman said Dominguez's trial is scheduled for July 5.

Buddy the cat was brutally attacked. His survival saved countless animals.

Kellie B. Gormly
The Washington Post

Emergency veterinarian Katie Venanzi examined a community cat named Buddy who arrived at her Philadelphia clinic, and with a heavy heart, figured he might not survive after a vicious dog attack.

The black cat was barely responsive after a mauling, which happened after two boys, ages 12 and 17, allegedly let their dogs loose on Buddy.

But as Venanzi tended to his many wounds, she noticed the kitty growled at staff at BluePearl Pet Hospital and thumped his tail on the table - a telltale sign of feline annoyance; she knew she had a fighter on her hands.

"I thought, 'This cat might make it,'" said Venanzi, 35.

Buddy not only pulled through his brush with death on March 22, he is now physically healed, though he has some emotional scars, Venanzi said.

He also has become a sudden celebrity, bringing in so many donations to the Philadelphia SPCA that the funds are now going to help other sick and injured animals.

"I think people were outraged by what they saw, and I think they also were rooting for Buddy," said Gillian Kocher, director of public relations for the PSPCA.

When Buddy was attacked, he was in front of a home in Philadelphia's Frankford neighborhood, where the homeowners would leave food and water out for him.

A surveillance camera captured the attack, in which the boys were walking two dogs and apparently encouraged them to maul the cat, until homeowners came out and stopped it.

Police arrived and Buddy



PENNSYLVANIA SPCA

Buddy is recovering well from his ordeal.

was taken to the Philadelphia SPCA, then the emergency clinic. Officers launched an investigation.

A video of the attack went viral, and the PSPCA shared Buddy's story with the news media. A wave of people were disgusted with the cruelty and started cheering on Buddy.

"He's been through a lot, but he's kind of a symbol - not just for hope and recovery, but he's saying to other cats that hopefully this won't happen to them," said Kocher.

The PSPCA posted on its Facebook page about Buddy several times, starting on March 23, when it was unclear whether Buddy would survive. People shared the story far and wide; they gushed over Buddy in the comments.

"Buddy we all love you. What a brave boy you are!" wrote one Facebook user.

"Donated. Prayers for this sweet boy who did not deserve this," wrote another.

"Your story will not go unheard," wrote a third person. "This act of animal cruelty should never of happened."

Buddy's recovery led to more than \$100,000 in donations from around the world to the PSPCA's Buddy fundraising page. The shelter's "Save Every Buddy" movement, as well as slogan T-shirts raised an additional \$30,000.

After paying for Buddy's medical care, the rest of the money will now go to cover care for other injured and sick cats.

Kocher said the response to Buddy is unlike anything she has seen in her seven years at the shelter.

"It was just amazing," said Kocher. "There really are no words on the outpouring of support just for this one animal."

People felt a connection to Buddy, she said.

"Obviously he's a cat, but he really was kind of an underdog," Kocher said.

Balloons fell from a yacht into a bay. It led to an arrest and \$25,000 in fines

Jonathan Edwards
The Washington Post

Esteban Bruna shouted at the people popping dozens of balloons on a yacht as he watched the their plastic husks fall into the water.

They ignored him and kept popping, he told the Miami Herald.

Bruna, a yacht broker, started recording video Tuesday afternoon at the Miami marina on Biscayne Bay where he was moving a client's boat. In one clip, he captured two people rapidly stabbing decorative balloons. Later, he shot more footage as he cruised past the moored yacht and through the trail of white and tan plastic debris floating around it.

"Got to love Miami charter boats," Bruna said in one of the videos. "Let's throw a party, pop every single balloon on the bow of the boat and just right into the water."

Later that day, Bruna uploaded the videos to Instagram, something that was not ignored. Miami-Dade police have charged 29-year-old David Torres-Bocanegra with reckless disregard for the environment and issued fines totaling more than \$25,000 to 10 individuals and companies in connection with what happened late Tuesday afternoon at an engagement party on the yacht.

"As a community, we share the responsibility to protect our environment," Miami-Dade Police Interim Director George Perez said Thursday in a statement, later adding that "Our coastal waterways are the natural beauty of our

county, and our marine life depend on us to keep them safe."

Marine animals can starve when they mistake balloons for food and the plastic blocks their digestive tract, according to the Ocean Conservation Society. Sea turtles and seabirds are especially vulnerable.

Torres-Bocanegra, who bonded out of jail Thursday, did not immediately respond to a request for comment from The Washington Post early Friday. During his interview with police, he confessed to popping about 50 balloons, an officer said in a sworn affidavit obtained by the Miami Herald.

A representative for Cloud Nine, an event-planning company based in South Florida, said Wednesday in an Instagram post that it decorated the engagement party and brought in a vendor to hang balloons. Although no one from Cloud Nine popped the balloons, according to the representative, the company nevertheless apologized.

"We are sorry for the situation we were involved in, and we are aware now of the damage it generated to our environment," the representative said in the post.

As Bruna's video went viral and outrage built, Miami fitness coach Tom Rivas also took to Instagram, telling people he had chartered the yacht to propose to his girlfriend. After his fiancée accepted his proposal, the newly engaged couple headed inside the yacht's cabin with their fellow revelers as crew members started to take down

decorations. Rivas said he didn't know how they were getting rid of the balloons and couldn't see the yacht's bow as he and his guests celebrated inside.

"If I had known that's the way they were to remove this I would have certainly objected but we honestly had no idea until we saw the viral videos," he said in a statement posted to Instagram.

Still, Rivas added, that hasn't stopped people from directing their anger toward him and his fiancée. "A very special day for us has turned into tons of hate messages of people assuming it was us doing this horrible act."

Bruna published the videos on the Instagram profile of his employer, yacht management firm Miami Maritime Group, alongside a written post that said the yacht had been decked out with more than 200 balloons, and that "the damage these balloons can cause to our marine wildlife is catastrophic."

"I was pretty upset about it, this is our bay, this is our livelihood," Bruna told WT-VJ.

He told the Miami Herald he posted the video because he wanted to hold the balloon poppers accountable, raise awareness about what balloons and other plastic can do to marine life and keep that plastic out of the water.

"I just want people to be responsible boaters," he told the Herald. "There is only one ocean, we have to preserve it the best way we can."

The two boys who allegedly released their dogs on Buddy are charged as juveniles with crimes including aggravated animal cruelty and animal fighting. The dogs they were walking that day were also taken into ASPCA care.

As for Buddy, he may have found his forever home. Venanzi, the veterinarian, approached the shelter about fostering him after he was discharged from the clinic but was still in recovery.

Venanzi's husband, Dave, came up with the idea to take the cat, knowing how much his wife had bonded with Buddy. One of the couple's two cats had died in January, and they had room for another.

They brought him home on April 1, and Buddy promptly started purring and then jumped into Dave's lap.

"We kind of had a feeling we would end up being a first-time 'foster fail,'" said Dave Venanzi, 35, describing the common animal-rescue story where a foster pet finds its forever home with foster parents.

The Venanzis said they are about 90% sure they will keep Buddy, explaining they want to be sure their home is the right place for him. There have been many others offers of adoption.

Katie Venanzi describes Buddy as vocal, laid-back and a "big love bug." Her colleagues at the clinic cooed when they spotted Buddy on a recent staff Zoom call.

"He's become like my little shadow," she said. "Everywhere I go, he's right behind me."

Kocher said it would be a perfect outcome if Buddy ends up with the veterinarian who saved him.

"It just kind of wraps it all up," she said.

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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.

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

CATSKILL — The First Reformed Church of Catskill, 310 Main St., Catskill, will be holding their Spring Rummage Sale 9 a.m.-5 p.m. May 13 and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. May 14. On Saturday items will be sold for \$4 a bag.

VENDOR CRAFT FAIR

SOUTH BETHLEHEM — The South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, 65 Willowbrook Ave., South Bethlehem, will hold a Vendor Craft Fair 9 a.m.-2 p.m. May 14. Breakfast and lunch will be available plus a bake sale to support the church's United Methodist Women. The Thrift Shop 'Boutique' will be open as well. Contact Emily Shutter at 518-813-0661 for further information.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

GUILDERLAND — The Catholic Charismatic Renewal announces "Life in the Spirit" seminar to be held 6-9 p.m. May 20 and 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. May 21 at Christ the King Church, Guilderland. Pre-registration is necessary by going to WWW.AlbanyCCR.org. For

information, email infor.dsc.albany@gmail.com.

CHICKEN BARBECUE

CATSKILL — A Frese's Chicken Barbecue will be served 3-6 p.m. May 19 take out only in the parking lot of St. Patrick's, 66 William St. Catskill. Tickets are \$14. For reservations, call 518-943-5235.

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.

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.

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. Easter Sunday at 9:30 a.m. 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.

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.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.

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 kinderhookreformedchurch.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.

GHEENT REFORMED CHURCH

WEST GHEENT — 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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MAY 14

CHATHAM — Columbia NE Repair Cafe will be fixing clothing, lamps, small motors and small household appliances, electric tools, knife sharpening, jewelry ceramics for free 10 a.m.-2 p.m. May 14 at the Chatham Fire Department, 2 Hoffman St., Chatham. Sign up is recommended and can be made by contacting Wendy Dwyer at missmisc@icloud.com.

WEST SAND LAKE — Cornell Cooperative Extension's Master Gardener will hold their "Garden Hand Tool Sale," May 14. A wide selection of gently-used garden tools, new Spearhead Spades, and CobraHead Weedeaters, unique plant containers, glittering glass garden totems, English stone trough planters and other garden delights will be offered. This sale is in conjunction with the larger Garden Faire hosted by the Sand Lake Garden Club. Sales start at 8 a.m., rain or shine, at the Salem United Methodist Church, 349 Shaver Road, West Sand Lake. For more information on Extension's gardening programs visit <http://ccerensselaer.org/> or contact Cornell Cooperative Extension at 518-272-4210 or mmp74@cornell.edu.

GERMANTOWN — The Germantown Garden Club will hold its Annual Plant Sale 8 a.m.-1 p.m. May 14 at Palatine Park, Germantown. There will be locally grown nursery plants available for purchase. Plant selections include annual flowers, perennials, vegetables and herbs. The club will also offer a Gardening Tag Sale and a delicious Bake Sale. Get here early, as the most desirable plants sell out fast. Funds raised at this

event support the club's Germantown High School Scholarship Fund and other important donations and projects for the town that the club provides. For more information, call Irene Clum at 518-537-4793.

COPAKE — The Roeliff Jansen Community Library, 9091 Route 22, Copake, will host a Library Explorers program, Nanotechnology, 1-2 p.m. May 14. Learn about how the smallest things around us make a big difference. Through hands-on activities, students will observe and learn how things at the nanoscale act in unexpected ways, and how these differences are harnessed by scientists and engineers to create fascinating technology. This Library Explorers program, presented by the Museum of Science and Industry, is geared for elementary school-age children. For information on hours and events, call 518-325-4101.

RHINEBECK — Up In One Productions announces open auditions for the musical comedy CURTAINS at 1 p.m. May 14 and 7 p.m. May 15; callbacks at 7 p.m. May 16 at The Center for Performing Arts, Route 308 in Rhinebeck. For further information and audition requirements, www.centerforperformingarts.org.

KINGSTON — The Senate House, 296 Fair St., Kingston, will host Happy New Year: Starting a New Growing Season 11 a.m.-4 p.m. May 14. The Ulster County Beekeepers will be demonstrating beekeeping, there will be sheep shearing with Fred DePaul, and hearthside cooking with Brittany Belz. The 3rd Ulster Militia unit will also be on site demonstrating 18th century camp life. The planting in the herb and vegetable gardens will also begin. Crafts and colonial games will also be available. Guided tours of Senate House will be given every half hour until 4 p.m. at \$7

per adult and \$5 per senior. All outdoor activities are free. For information, call the site at 845-338-2786.

MAY 18

HUDSON — The scale located at the Columbia County Solid Waste Station on 51 Newman Road in Hudson will be closed 8:30-10:30 a.m. May 18 due to NYS scale recertification. If you need to utilize the scale on this date, feel free to contact the Administrative Office at 518-828-2737 to confirm that it has reopened.

COLONIE — The Memorial Concert Band of Colonie will be performing the fourth concert of the season at 7:30 p.m. May 18 in the Mark Cornell Auditorium, Colonie Central High School, 1 Raider Blvd., Colonie. The concert is free to the public (as always!) and donations will be accepted for the next season. Come join us for an evening filled with music from the Academy Awards. Selections include Colonel Bogey, Mary Poppins, Star Wars and Pirates on the Caribbean.

MAY 20

HUDSON — The Hudson Area Library History Room, in collaboration with the Jacob Leisler Institute for the Study of Early New York History, presents Spaces of Enslavement: A History of Slavery and Resistance in Dutch New York, an author talk by Andrea Mosterman 6-7:30 p.m. May 20 in the community room of the library, 51 North Fifth St., Hudson. Masks are required for attendance. A Q & A will follow book discussion and reading by the author and there will be copies available for purchase and signing. For information, call 518-828-1792.

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, COARC and more. The event will move indoors if it rains. There will be light refreshments. Bring your resume. For information, call 518-325-4101.

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 restrooms. For cancellations, postponements, more information, catch us on Facebook. Call/text or email Rick Howland, 518-423-8747 or Rhowlandjr@aol.com

MAY 25

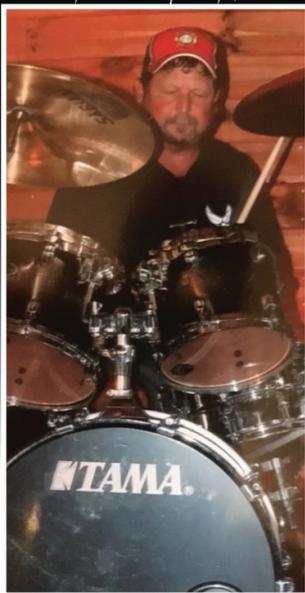
OLD CHATHAM — Wayne Finegar, the new director of Quaker House in Fayetteville, will speak about it 7-8 p.m. May 25 at the Old Chatham Quaker Meetinghouse, 539 County Route 13, Old Chatham. Questions and refreshments will follow.

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 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.



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Albany Pine Bush Preserve holds its annual Lupine Fest on May 21

ALBANY — The Albany Pine Bush Preserve Commission rejoices in the arrival of spring with their annual Lupine Fest for the local community, held at the Albany Pine Bush Discovery Center at 195 New Karner Road in the City of Albany 10 a.m.-4 p.m. May 21.

Wild blue lupine is a beautiful native wildflower that blooms in May and June and is critical to the survival of the state and federally endangered Karner blue butterfly. Through interactive programs that showcase the globally rare, nationally significant and locally distinct Albany Pine Bush, the festival celebrates the annual blooming of wild blue lupine flowers in the pine barrens.

“This free event offers visitors a chance to connect with us and enjoy many different activities,” said Jackie Citriniti, 2022 Lupine Fest Coordinator. “The day will feature something for all ages, including a fun day of music, games, craft and food vendors, a make your own tie-dye shirt, live local wildlife programs, guided nature walks with our expert staff, and much more!” Citriniti continues, “We’re celebrating spring again this year with a StoryWalk®. Families can walk, jump or skip from page to page as they read the book Over in the Forest along the trail.”

Christopher Hawver, Executive Director of the Albany Pine Bush Preserve Commission said, “Rain or shine – Lupine Fest 2022 will offer fantastic family fun for everyone. Guests can meet many of the preserve’s friends and partners like representatives from Friends of the Pine Bush

Community, L.L. Bean’s Outdoor Discovery School, the Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy, the Albany Library, Save the Pine Bush and others.”

According to Hawver, “The Albany Pine Bush is a National Natural Landmark and the best remaining example of an inland pitch pine – scrub oak pine barrens in the world. The Preserve’s 3,400 acres are also a unique part of a neighborhood we share with nearly 1 million people in the Capital District. We manage the preserve to restore and protect its plants and animals and provide our neighbors with opportunities to enjoy nature. It’s important to celebrate how it helps to bring people closer to nature and why it’s worthy of protection.”

Like Albany Pine Bush on Facebook or visit www.AlbanyLupineFest.org for the full program schedule and more details. Parking for Lupine Fest is at 302 Washington Avenue Ext. with shuttle rides to and from the parking area. Follow the PARKING signs. On-site handicap parking available. No pets allowed at this event.

The 3,400 - acre Albany Pine Bush Preserve (APBP), located in New York’s Capital District, protects one of the best remaining inland pitch pine-scrub oak barrens in the world. This extraordinary fire-dependent ecosystem provides habitat for many plants and animals, including more than 20 percent of New York State’s wildlife Species of Greatest Conservation Need, such as the endangered Karner blue butterfly. The APBP is a National Natural Landmark,

Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area Site, a New York State Unique Area and Bird Conservation Area, and a National Audubon Society Important Bird Area. Characterized by rolling sand dunes and over 20 miles of trails, the APBP offers visitors many recreational opportunities including hiking, bird watching, cross-country skiing, horseback riding, mountain biking, hunting, fishing and canoeing. The Albany Pine Bush Preserve Commission is a public-private partnership created by the NYS Legislature in 1988 to protect and manage the APBP and provide the public with educational and recreational opportunities. The Management Plan for the APBP guides all aspects of expanding and managing the preserve. The Commission’s goal is a preserve of 5,380 acres.

As the gateway to the Pine Bush, the Discovery Center at 195 New Karner Road, Albany, is a “green” certified interpretive center where visitors come to understand why the Pine Bush is rare and special. A visit to this unique destination is an exciting exploration where learning comes naturally through interactive exhibits, an outdoor Discovery Trail, and numerous programs on the ecology, natural history, cultural history and management of the Pine Bush. Admission to the Discovery Center is free (there is a fee for some programs). The Center is open daily weekdays 9am-4pm, weekends and most holidays 10am-4pm. For more information, visit www.AlbanyPineBush.org or call 518-456-0655.

Celebrate World Fish Migration Day at Berkshire Athenaeum

PITTSFIELD — Celebrate World Fish Migration Day 10 a.m.-noon May 21 at the Berkshire Athenaeum, 1 Wendell Ave., Pittsfield, Mass. Join Berkshire Environmental Action Team, Housatonic Valley Association, Berkshire Regional Planning Commission and the City of Pittsfield for this free and fun-filled day that takes place every two years as a global celebration to create awareness about the importance of migratory fish and

free-flowing rivers.

As part of this event, interactive displays for all ages will demonstrate some of the challenges migratory fish encounter—from physical barriers, such as dams and culverts, to runoff pollution that enters aquatic ecosystems. There will also be fun and engaging activities designed to educate children on migratory fish.

Additionally, presentations accompanied by short videos will begin at 10:30 a.m.

and continue until 11:15 a.m. Speakers will talk about the importance of fish being able to freely move throughout their habitat, the significance of fish-friendly culverts, and the effects of climate change on migratory fish. You’ll also hear about dam and culvert removals that have taken or are currently taking place in Pittsfield, some of the water quality testing underway to ensure pollutants aren’t entering our streams, and more.

Second annual ILOVEIT 5K Run to be held Sept. 10 in Tivoli

TIVOLI — The second annual I LOVE IT 5 K Run is scheduled for Sept. 10 in Tivoli as part of The Village of Tivoli Sesquicentennial (1872-2022) celebrations.

This race was originally created by Race Director Mary Shaw to kickstart her fundraising goals to raise money for pediatric cancer research at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York City. As a Fred’s Team community member, Mary has been raising money

and running the New York City Marathon for 11 years. 100% of every dollar raised supports pioneering research and lifesaving clinical trials at MSK.

“I run to give hope to the families of more than 17,000 children aged 0-19 in the U.S. who will hear the words each year “your child has cancer” by raising as much as I can for childhood cancer research. Across all ages, ethnic groups, and socio-economics, this disease remains the number

one cause of death by disease in children. Three hundred thousand children worldwide are diagnosed with cancer each year,” said Founder and Race Director, Hudson Valley native Mary Shaw.

Register now at <https://www.iloveit5krun.com/> (\$25 Adults / \$20 Student). Sponsorship opportunities available <https://www.iloveit5krun.com/>

For more information, visit <https://www.iloveit5krun.com/>

Ancram Opera House announces internship opportunities

ANCRAM — Ancram Opera House is seeking interns for the upcoming summer season to assist in the production and operation of all programs while helping to create a warm, friendly environment for patrons.

Internships are open to high school or college students, early-career theatre practitioners, as well as adults of all ages. Interns work approximately 25 hours a week (sometimes more) from June through August, and are provided a modest travel

stipend. Depending upon the academic program, college credit can be arranged. AOH is not able to provide housing.

The AOH internship program provides a comprehensive experience in all aspects of running a small but vibrant professional theatre company. Interns gain hands-on training in pre- and post-production, tech, and staging of a variety of cultural events held at AOH’s historic venue and at scenic, rural venues throughout Columbia

County. Working side-by-side with professionals of each discipline, interns will have the opportunity to learn about all of the elements of marketing, fundraising, patron services on the administrative side and rehearsal processes, stagecraft and design in production.

Applications will be accepted through May 27. Applicants should submit a resumé and letter of interest to Susan Silverman at susan@ancramoperahouse.org.

The Mayfest Farmers and Makers Market will be held May 21 and May 22

POUGHKEEPSIE — The Mayfest Farmers and Makers Market showcases a curated selection of the Hudson Valley’s finest producers — farms, distilleries, breweries, wineries, restaurants, artists, artisans and more — at the Hudson Valley Rail Trail and west approach to Walkway Over the Hudson State Historic Park noon-5 p.m. May 21 and May 22. Vendors will exhibit their wares for tasting or purchase, allowing participants to support several local agribusinesses in one location. For complete information, tickets and a list of participants, visit walkway.org/mayfest.

“We’re excited to host this event with the Hudson Valley Rail Trail again this year to support our local Hudson Valley farmers and makers,” said Diane Haight, Interim Executive Director, Friends of the Walkway

With more than 150 vendors socially distanced throughout the Hudson Valley Rail Trail and the Walkway’s Ulster Welcome Center Plaza (87 Haviland Road, Highland, NY, 12528), Mayfest features not only farm-fresh products, food from local restaurants, and beer, wine and spirits samples in a designated tasting area, but also locally made goods,

a special area for children’s activities and more. Local live music performances include: The 7eam on Saturday and Americana Oak on Sunday. All proceeds from Mayfest benefit the Friends of the Walkway and Hudson Valley Rail Trail, who have partnered to present this farmers market.

Tasting tickets are available now for \$25 at walkway.org/mayfest and include full access to wine, beer, spirits, and cider samples from more than 20 area purveyors. Walkway members, veterans, active-duty military, and senior citizens (65+) receive discounted admission. General admission to Mayfest (excluding the tasting area) is free.

Starlight Studios will be returning with their Disney princesses and will be launching superheroes at the event, including Thor, Ironman, Black Panther, Captain America and Spiderman, sponsored by The Snooki Shop. Two By Two Petting Zoo will bring their furry friends to Mayfest on Sunday. The children’s area also includes activities from Crazy for Art, Nature’s Impact and Ronald McDonald House.

The Mayfest Farmers and Makers Market is sponsored by Benmarl Winery, Chronogram, Guardian Self Storage,

iHeart, Hudson Whiskey NY, Hudson Valley Restaurant Week/The Valley Table, MetroNorth, Nuance Health, Sleep n’ Spa, Taste NY, Quality Bus Service, Radio Woodstock, Barbara Carter Realty, Hops on the Hudson, Hempire State Growers, Chestnut Market, Knucklebusters Car Care Center, Twenty21 Solutions, Total Cleanups with Sal Sorbello, Two By Two Zoo, Ulster County Glass & Mirror, DroninAllDay, Lilly Rae in the Hamlet, Olive Garden, Salisbury Bank and Devine Insurance.

Walkway Over the Hudson State Historic Park and the Hudson Valley Rail Trail will remain open and accessible at no cost as usual throughout Mayfest. Tickets are only required for access to the Mayfest tasting area. Parking is available at no cost in the Walkway Over the Hudson Town of Lloyd Lot (87 Haviland Road, Highland, NY 12528) and the Hannaford Plaza Parking Lot (3650 Route 9W, Highland, NY 12528). There is a complimentary shuttle running on a continuous loop from the Hannaford Lot (near Tractor Supply) to Mayfest. Access to the shuttle is free.

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College Corner

HUDSON VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

TROY — More than 160 students from Hudson Valley Community College were recently inducted into the Alpha Xi Sigma chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international academic honor society for students at two-year colleges.

Local students selected for the honor society include:

Lauren Bertrand of Valatie, who is studying in the Exercise Science academic program. Mykel Blanks of Hudson, who is studying in the Overhead Line Worker academic program. Ruo Nan Huang of Millerton, who is studying in the Biological Sciences academic program. Neasa McAlice of Ghent, who is studying in the Individual Studies academic program. Clayton Meriam of Ancram, who is studying in the Business Administration academic program. Brady Oles of Chatham, who is studying in the Individual Studies academic program. Anastasia Peters of East Nassau, who is studying in the Individual Studies academic program. Stephanie Phillips of Valatie, who is studying in the Biological Sciences academic program. Adeline Potter of Chatham, who is studying in the Individual Studies academic program. Lauren Reilly of Malden Bridge, who is studying in the Individual Studies academic program. Madeleine Reynolds of Kinderhook, who

is studying in the Liberal Arts and Sciences: Communications academic program. Lisandra Williams of Hudson, who is studying in the Business Administration academic program. Austin Zlomek of Valatie, who is studying in the Engineering Science academic program.

ELMIRA COLLEGE

GERMANTOWN — Madeline Boucher of Germantown has been named to the Elmira College Dean's List for the Winter 2022 Term.

THE HONOR SOCIETY OF PHI KAPPA PHI

CHATHAM — Connor Case of Old Chatham was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Case was initiated at State University of New York at Plattsburgh.

COLGATE UNIVERSITY

HAMILTON — Students who receive a term grade point average of 3.6 or higher while completing at least three courses for a conventional letter grade during the Fall 2021 semester earn the Dean's Award with Distinction.

Riley Decker is a Psychological Science at Colgate from Philmont and is a graduate of Taconic Hills High School. Sigrid Montagano is a German at Colgate from Chatham and is a graduate of St. Paul's School.

UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY

VALATIE — Jason Goldman of Valatie is a candidate to graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Utah State University in Logan, Utah. The 2022 graduating class includes graduates from summer and fall 2021 and spring 2022 semesters.

NEW YORK INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

OLD WESTBURY — On April 29, Joseph Aabye from Hudson was one of 170 undergraduate and graduate students who showcased their research and creative scholarly work at New York Institute of Technology's (New York Tech) annual Symposium of University Research and Creative Expression.

Throughout the day, students shared their research projects in the form of verbal and poster presentations. Research projects included topics such as the 3-D bioprinting of organs, neuromarketing, virus genome analysis, and robotics in medicine, among many others.

His presentation was "Analysis of vascular calcification in internal carotid arteries and cerebral microvasculature by threedimensional visualization and histologic examination," presented with Kelly Borges, Joseph Aabye, Ava Hanlon, Janet Back, Laurence Graziano.

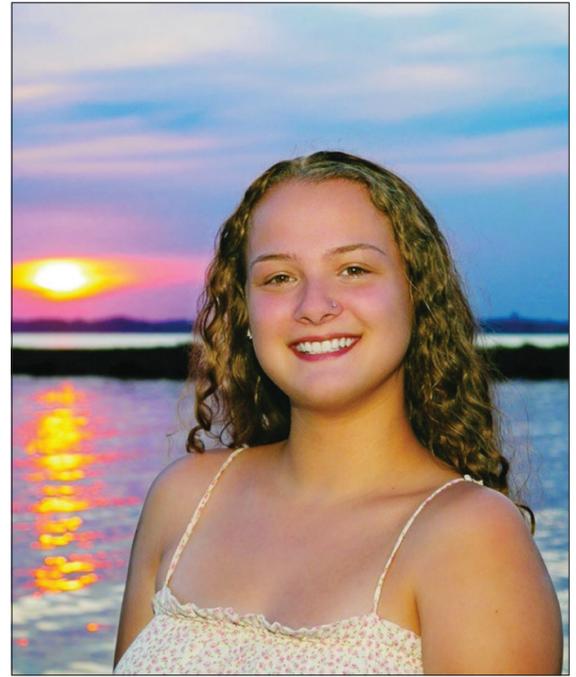
Hudson senior earns New York State Seal of Biliteracy

HUDSON — Hudson High School senior Reagan Schlimgen earned the New York State Seal of Biliteracy (NYSSB), which recognizes high school seniors who demonstrate high levels of proficiency in English and at least one World Language. Schlimgen is the first Hudson student to earn the state's Seal of Biliteracy distinction. In addition to a special seal on her diploma, she will receive a medallion in recognition of this achievement.

"We are so proud of Reagan as she is the first student to ever achieve the Seal of Biliteracy at Hudson High School," said Jamie Weiss, who teaches Spanish and serves as the World Language Department Chair. "It is a new opportunity in our school and we currently have 24 students who handed in their letters of intent to obtain the NYSSB in 2023."

To be considered for the NYS Seal of Biliteracy, Schlimgen fulfilled the criteria for proficiency in English and American Sign Language (ASL). This includes completing upper-level English and World Language courses with a minimum average of 85% and earning high scores on Regents, Advanced Placement or other accredited "Checkpoint C" exams. Candidates must also present a research project that meets the state's criteria for proficiency in speaking, listening, reading, and writing in English and at least one other language.

"Research projects that meet the criteria set by the state are already embedded in the curriculum for advanced ASL, Spanish, and



Reagan Schlimgen

college English," Weiss said.

Schlimgen presented a culminating project about Joseph Wheeler, a Deaf educator who is well known for providing online ASL and Deaf culture resources via YouTube. Each component outlined by the state was assessed for proficiency by language teachers using state-issued rubrics. Schlimgen was rated on her presentation and ability to answer questions in ASL.

"Reagan truly embodies what it means to be an ASL student," shared Kayani Ilse, an ASL teacher at Hudson Junior/Senior High School. "She was confident in her signing throughout her presentation and answered questions eloquently in sign with precious care to her sign

or word choice."

"It took a long time to do research, translate, and practice, but every bit of preparation was worth the sense of achievement I now have," expressed Schlimgen. "Not only have I loved my journey with the language, but I have also loved watching how much I improved throughout the years and now I know it is something that I actually have the skill for."

The NYSSB program encourages students to explore advanced language study and its academic and real-world applications. Among the objectives of the NYSSB are encouraging the study of languages and affirming the value of diversity in a multi-lingual society.

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meeting April 11, the hospital responded, stating it would increase registered nurses' pay by \$5 per hour and primary care assistants' pay by 96 cents per hour. This offer was rejected by the union.

While union workers are grateful for the pay increase, Speller said even with the higher wages, getting by will be hard for the hospital's workers.

"I think it's a start," said

Layla Prather, 31, a patient care assistant who has worked at the hospital for the past two years. "No way do I think that is enough, people work under really stressful situations. I am not ungrateful but I look at other hospitals and how much they are making and CMH falls behind."

Patient care assistant wages at other hospitals are generally higher than at Columbia Memorial Health. WMC Health Alliance in Hawthorne offers patient care assistants \$17.45 per hour; Nuvance Northern Dutchess Hospital in Rhinebeck offers \$20 per hour; Garnet Health Medical Center in

Middletown offers \$22.70 per hour; .

Hospital management tried to convince the union that their research confirmed the hospital's patient care assistant wage rates were fair, according to Berman.

She said their assertions were inaccurate, citing the hospital made wage rate comparisons to other hospitals in northern New York instead of to hospitals in southern New York where Columbia Memorial workers were relocating.

"I was disheartened that it took this long," said Colleen Daley, 55, a registered nurse at Columbia Memorial since

2010. She works in the hospital's mental health unit and described a culture at the hospital where nurses and patient care assistants were not valued or respected by hospital management. "Patient care assistants put their bodies in line to help us, to protect us, to protect staff, to protect the patients themselves," Daley said. "They deserve so much more."

Kim Lyons, the union's administrative organizer, said Friday that management at the hospital conveyed to union representatives in May 2021, that they felt they had a lucrative package to offer employees. Lyons also reported

that hospital management stalled meeting negotiations until February 2022, as a delay tactic.

"In January 2020, CMH and 1199 SEIU entered into a four year contract, ending in December 2023," William VanSlyke, hospital spokesman, said in an email. "Wages for all union positions were set in that agreement. Since that time, CMH has recognized the impact of extraordinary market conditions, regionally and nationally. In response to these conditions, to ensure CMH wages remain competitive within our region, CMH has made compensation

adjustments to several job titles."

Union workers felt no need to respond to the hospital's statement on Friday.

"We hope to continue this momentum to address the staffing crisis," Speller said.

The union has provided three additional dates for meetings to discuss pay increases for other health care workers in the hospital.

"It is about other folks who play really essential roles at the hospital like mental health assistants, the emergency department, licensed radiology technicians, and more," he added.

Bacteria

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that was purchased since May 2 should be discarded, according to Hawthorne Valley. The milk will be retested by the state until it is confirmed safe for consumers.

"We are addressing this situation aggressively to learn where this risk may have come from and to adjust protocols accordingly to enhance our farming practices and food safety program," Hawthorne Valley said in a statement Friday.

Hawthorne Valley said it is working to identify the source of the contamination by testing the cows and test swabbing potentially affected areas. The company also said product testing is a regular practice at the creamery and they will continue to perform additional

testing to ensure safety prior to production and sales.

All of the equipment and facilities have been inspected, test-swabbed and thoroughly cleaned. Hawthorne Valley said they also informed all of their customers on their email list about the situation.

Cheese and other products from Hawthorne Valley are still approved for sale by the Department of Agriculture and Markets.

Listeria monocytogenes causes listeriosis, which can be a serious and sometimes fatal infection in young children, cancer patients, senior citizens and others with weakened immune systems, according to Agriculture and Markets.

Symptoms of Listeriosis include miscarriages and stillbirths in pregnant women, short-term flu-like symptoms such as high fever, severe headaches, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain and

diarrhea.

Pasteurization is the process of heating milk to a specific temperature for a set period of time. The Department of Agriculture and Markets said pasteurization kills the bacteria responsible for numerous illnesses and diseases such as listeriosis, salmonellosis, campylobacteriosis, typhoid fever, tuberculosis, diphtheria and brucellosis. Pasteurization of milk is recognized internationally as an effective means of preventing outbreaks of food-borne illnesses, including listeriosis.

Hawthorne Valley is urging customers who purchased raw milk from the Farm Store between the May 2 and May 12 to discard any unused portions immediately and contact the Farm Store for a full refund at 518-672-4465.



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Outside of the Hawthorne Valley Farm Store.

Sales tax

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collected increase, Columbia County Treasurer P.J. Keeler said.

"Traditionally the top sales categories for sales tax revenue generated for Columbia have been gas, automobile dealers, building material and electronic shopping has popped in there now, and restaurants and other eating establishments," Keeler said. "I'm assuming that those categories probably haven't changed, although I would expect that the biggest factor right now is probably the price of gas and the inflationary factors that are contributing to this."

It would be difficult to predict if this increase will continue,

Keeler said. At the present time, he added, this increase is an anomaly, that the county had not previously seen this spike in sales tax.

"I think it's important to note that in Columbia County we distribute about 30% of sales tax back to the towns and the City of Hudson," Keeler said. "For the first quarter of this year, we distributed about \$4.4 million back to the towns and the city as compared to last year it was about \$3.5 million. Everybody, all towns, villages, the city, the county were all experiencing inflation."

Consumers are getting back in stores and restaurants more so this year than last year, Columbia County Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Bill Gerlach said Friday.

"I think for now that is what

Appendix: Sales Tax Collections by Region, First Quarter (January - March)													
Region	City/County	First Quarter (Jan-Mar)			January			February			March		
		2021 (millions)	2022 (millions)	Percentage Change	2021 (millions)	2022 (millions)	Percentage Change	2021 (millions)	2022 (millions)	Percentage Change	2021 (millions)	2022 (millions)	Percentage Change
Capital District		\$195.8	\$223.6	14.2%	\$61.3	\$73.2	19.4%	\$51.8	\$57.2	10.4%	\$82.7	\$93.1	12.6%
Albany	County	\$68.3	\$78.8	15.3%	\$22.5	\$27.3	21.2%	\$19.0	\$17.7	-7.1%	\$26.8	\$33.8	26.3%
Columbia	County	\$11.8	\$14.3	21.2%	\$3.3	\$4.0	22.6%	\$2.8	\$3.3	20.3%	\$5.8	\$7.0	20.7%
Greene	County	\$9.6	\$10.7	10.7%	\$2.7	\$3.3	21.4%	\$2.4	\$2.8	17.1%	\$4.5	\$4.6	0.9%
Rensselaer	County	\$24.0	\$27.7	15.2%	\$7.6	\$9.1	20.6%	\$6.4	\$7.7	21.7%	\$10.1	\$10.9	7.3%
Saratoga	County	\$32.9	\$37.2	13.0%	\$10.1	\$12.6	23.8%	\$8.7	\$10.4	19.5%	\$14.0	\$14.2	1.2%
Saratoga Springs	City	\$2.8	\$3.3	18.1%	\$0.9	\$1.1	27.6%	\$0.7	\$0.9	26.3%	\$1.2	\$1.2	5.9%
Schenectady	County	\$27.5	\$30.0	9.1%	\$8.5	\$8.8	4.6%	\$7.0	\$8.4	20.0%	\$12.0	\$12.7	5.9%
Warren	County	\$12.0	\$14.3	18.8%	\$3.8	\$4.6	19.0%	\$3.1	\$3.9	26.4%	\$5.1	\$5.8	14.1%
Glens Falls	City	\$0.9	\$1.0	12.0%	\$0.3	\$0.3	23.7%	\$0.2	\$0.3	20.8%	\$0.4	\$0.4	-1.0%
Washington	County	\$6.0	\$6.4	7.5%	\$1.7	\$2.1	24.1%	\$1.5	\$1.8	17.6%	\$2.8	\$2.6	-8.1%

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is driving larger sales taxes," Gerlach said. "Also, we can't diminish there is a lot of people coming here to visit. People are spending and buying food and, of course, that drives sales tax."

"We are seeing signs of strength in the economy this

year," Gerlach said. "It is important not to underestimate people's demands on things now, and people are waiting to upgrade houses and waiting for long periods of time for furniture. The demand also contributes to an increase in sales tax.

"I think right now people are feeling pretty good about things," Gerlach said. "I do have concerns about inflation like everybody does. I do have concerns about the price of energy at the moment like everybody does."

Statewide, local government sales tax collections increased by 21.1%, or \$901 million, in the first quarter this year compared to the same period last year, according to the Comptroller's report. Collections for the quarter totaled almost \$5.2 billion, with growth driven at least partially by inflation, according to the report.

"Local sales tax collections continue to come in strong. While local governments are collecting more, they are also dealing with some of the same increased costs that consumers and private businesses are," DiNapoli said. "With prices rising, we're watching closely to see what impact the rate of inflation and economic volatility is having on New York's economic recovery."

Jan. 6 panel treads risky ground with subpoenas for House peers

Billy House
Bloomberg

The decision by the committee investigating the Jan. 6 U.S. Capitol insurrection to slap House GOP leader Kevin McCarthy and four other Republican lawmakers with subpoenas threatens to plunge Congress into deeper division.

No one could recall a committee other than ethics panels trying to force the testimony of colleagues, and the decision risks a near-term legal clash and long-term political reprisals.

"We're in a new chapter," said Thomas Spulak, a King & Spalding partner who served as staff director to the House Rules Committee and later as general counsel to the chamber in the 1990s.

Members of the investigatory panel said they are under pressure to complete their work and still need critical information from Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy and four other allies of former President Donald Trump about the insurrection.

"It's a reflection of how important and serious the investigation is and how grave the attack on the Capitol was," said committee Republican Liz Cheney of Wyoming.

Cheney and Adam Kinzinger, the nine-seat panel's only other Republican, and Democrat Jamie Raskin of Maryland were the committee members leading the push to subpoena lawmakers.

Kinzinger is not running for re-election but Cheney is locked in a competitive August primary battle with a candidate backed by Trump and McCarthy. People familiar with the discussions said by early this week the entire committee agreed the seriousness of the attack required the move, despite any tensions between Cheney and McCarthy.

Experts say they can recall no committee other than the Senate and House ethics panels ever subpoenaing a member of Congress. The decision presents risks of new levels of acrimony within the Capitol itself — and likely retribution from a future Republican majority.



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A protester unleashes a smoke grenade in front of the U.S. Capitol building during a protest in Washington, D.C., on Jan. 6, 2021.

So far, the panel has conducted or taken more than 1,000 interviews and depositions, and gathered more than 100,000 documents, and is now arranging eight public hearings for June. A final report is planned for early fall — before the November mid-term elections.

But McCarthy — who could ascend to the speakership next year if Republicans win the House majority — and GOP representatives Jim Jordan, Scott Perry, Mo Brooks and Andy Biggs are signaling they will not cooperate.

"It seems as though they just want to go after their political opponents," McCarthy complained on Thursday.

For Jordan, deciding whether to comply comes

with added wrinkles. As the top Republican on the House Judiciary Committee, he would likely become chairman of the panel and has indicated he is already planning what investigations to launch if his party takes power. His snubbing a congressional subpoena now would almost certainly be cited by anyone he might later seek to summon as chairman.

All five have refused to voluntarily offer testimony though none said Thursday whether they would comply with the subpoenas.

Efforts to obtain judicial enforcement of these subpoenas, if the five Republicans refuse to cooperate, would likely result in extended litigation, even though many legal experts believe the

subpoenas would be ultimately be upheld as lawful.

Washington lawyer Abbe David Lowell, who served as chief minority counsel to the House during the impeachment proceedings against President Bill Clinton, said that "there's nothing that exempts a member of Congress just because he or she is a member of Congress."

But by the time the matter works its way through the courts, the committee's work could be long finished, and Republicans could hold subpoena power.

"Will they not use this? And I think the answer is, absolutely," said Spulak. "I think the indications are already there — given the number of other things Democrats have done, such as removing members from committees and things like that — and Republicans have said we're going to do the same thing."

"So, it's very easy to imagine investigations in the future with a Republican-controlled Congress where investigators believe that sitting members of congress have relevant information. And they'll subpoena them," Spulak says.

Other legal experts, such as Irvin Nathan, who was the House general counsel from 2007 to 2010, suggests the way to avoid lengthy litigation is to take the subpoena issues to the House Ethics Committee to determine whether refusal to comply are violations of House rules and standards.

Precedents for that include the Senate Ethics Committee subpoenaing Senator Robert Packwood's diaries in the mid-1990s and the House Ethics Committee subpoenaing Representative Charlie Rangel's financial records.

For now, committee members claim they aren't thinking about that.

"We are in a hurry, obviously now to complete all of the interviews that we can," said Raskin. "It's not a game. It's not checkers. This is a serious investigation."

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MATT FORTUNATO/COLUMBIA-GREENE MEDIA

Ichabod Crane's Clare Knapp (16) is greeted at home plate by her teammates after hitting a home run during Thursday's Colonial Council softball game against Lansingburgh.

H.S. SOFTBALL: Ormerod fans 14, no-hits Lansingburgh

Matt Fortunato
 Columbia-Greene Media

VALATIE — The Ichabod Crane Riders shut out the Lansingburgh Knights, 12-0, in Thursday's Colonial Council softball game to remain undefeated in the 2022 season.

Megan Ormerod was a force on the mound for the Riders, holding the Knights hitless and striking out 14. The Riders scored their twelfth run in the bottom of the fifth to end the game via the mercy rule and their winning streak continued.

Ormerod hit the first Lansingburgh batter she faced, Kylie Wilmott, to lead off the top of the first. Ormerod was unphased by the baserunner however, and struck out Guiliana Patregnani, Mary Doyle, and Olivia Miller to end the inning.

Doyle took the ball in the bottom half for the Knights, and gave up a leadoff homer to Emma Scheitinger as the Riders took a 1-0 lead. Carolina Williams worked a walk, and Makayla Walsh ripped a double down the third base line to move her to third. Ava Heffner brought Williams home on an RBI groundout, and Walsh scored from third on a wild pitch to make it 3-0. Clare Knapp popped out in foul territory near third base, and Emma

See **ORMEROD B6**



MATT FORTUNATO/COLUMBIA-GREENE MEDIA

Ichabod Crane's Makayla Walsh rips a ball to the outfield during Thursday's Colonial Council softball game against Lansingburgh.

LOCAL ROUNDUP: Holzhauser's gem lifts Ichabod Crane

Tim Martin
 Columbia-Greene Media

VALATIE — Brady Holzhauser fired a three-hit shutout with nine strikeouts and no walks as Ichabod Crane defeated Lansingburgh, 4-0, in Thursday's Colonial Council baseball game.

Nate Garafalo belted a triple and double for the

Riders (12-6). Gunnar Grethen-McLaughlin, Satchel Baumgartner and Alex Igras each had a single and an RBI and Dylan McCrudden and Alex Schmidt singled.

Nathan Lozada, Colin Harris and Brodie Waz all singled for

See **HOLZHAUSER B4**



RONALD CORTES/GETTY IMAGES

Orlando Magic's Wendell Carter Jr. (34) works for a shot against the San Antonio Spurs' Jakob Poeltl (25) at AT&T Center on Oct. 20 in San Antonio, Texas.

How the Nets can use their salary-cap exceptions to build a championship roster

Kristian Winfield
 New York Daily News

NEW YORK -- It's time to use the exceptions, and for the Nets, there are many.

The Nets have no cap space to sign free agents, but they must improve an imperfect roster enough to compete for a championship.

Thankfully, Nets GM Sean Marks has a number of salary-cap exceptions he can use to build the roster, and he said in Wednesday's press conference that he expects team governor Joe Tsai will greenlight the use of the extra

See **NETS B4**

NFL 2022 schedule: Stay tuned! It's the start of major broadcasting changes

Sam Farmer
 Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — The Rams and Chargers are in the spotlight.

So is Buffalo Bills quarterback Josh Allen.

And the NFL is trying several experiments, including an unprecedented tripleheader on Christmas Day.

Highlights, wrinkles and Easter eggs of the league's 2022 schedule:

In terms of viewers, NBC's two biggest games last season involved Tom Brady. There was the Kickoff Game (Dallas at Tampa Bay) and Brady's return to New England in Week 4. Both were blockbusters.

So this season, the NFL came back strong with another double dose of Brady. It's Cowboys-Buccaneers in Week 1 again, and — although there's nothing to equal the showdown with Bill Belichick — an early-season matchup between Kansas City and Tampa Bay. That's probably the last meeting of Patrick Mahomes and Brady.

The whole country is going to get a good look at both Los Angeles teams this season.

The Rams are constantly in the national spotlight, with home games that include matchups against Buffalo (Kickoff Game), Las Vegas (Thursday night), Denver (Christmas Day), and both Dallas and San Francisco in those national Fox doubleheader windows.

And look how far the Chargers have come. It's been a long time since they were maxed



JAY BIGGERSTAFF/USA TODAY

Buffalo Bills quarterback Josh Allen (17) celebrates offensive tackle Dion Dawkins (73) following a touchdown during the fourth quarter of the AFC Divisional playoff football game against the Kansas City Chiefs at GEHA Field at Arrowhead Stadium on Jan. 23.

out in prime-time windows, but they play on two Sunday nights, two Monday nights and in the inaugural Amazon streaming game on

Thursday night.

The Rams and Chargers play each other in the last scheduled Sunday night game of the

season. Remember the Sunday night finale in Week 18 has yet to be determined. But the fact that the league gave them that marquee spot is noteworthy.

If Allen isn't the next Face of the NFL, at least the Buffalo quarterback is in the discussion.

The Bills are playing in the Kickoff Game for the first time, and they're back in your living rooms on Thanksgiving Day, this time at Detroit. A lot of that is because of Allen's budding superstardom. Three years ago, he led Buffalo to victory at Dallas on Thanksgiving in what is always the most-watched game of the season.

Not only that, but also he's playing in one of the first ABC/ESPN side-by-side games. More on those below.

OK, what's this side-by-side thing?

In Week 2 on "Monday Night Football," Tennessee plays at Buffalo at 4:15 p.m. on ESPN, then it's Minnesota at Philadelphia at 5:30 on ABC.

That's right, ABC is back in the mix with a game. It's an experiment by the NFL to put games side-by-side under the Disney banner.

The rationale is to try to keep up ABC's involvement with the NFL. This year that network is going to simulcast four ESPN games, plus broadcast a game alone.

This is an experiment with an eye toward 2023, when there will be three side-by-side ABC/ESPN games.

See **NFL B4**

ML Baseball

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East				
	W	L	Pct	GB
N.Y. Yankees	22	8	.733	—
Tampa Bay	19	13	.594	4.0
Toronto	17	15	.531	6.0
Baltimore	14	18	.438	9.0
Boston	11	20	.355	11.5
Central				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	18	14	.562	—
Chicago White Sox	15	14	.517	1.5
Cleveland	15	15	.500	2.0
Kansas City	10	18	.357	6.0
Detroit	9	23	.281	9.0
West				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	21	11	.656	—
L.A. Angels	21	12	.636	.5
Seattle	14	18	.438	7.0
Oakland	14	19	.424	7.5
Texas	12	17	.414	7.5

Wednesday's games
 N.Y. Yankees 5, Toronto 3
 Tampa Bay 4, L.A. Angels 2, 10 innings
 Oakland 9, Detroit 0
 Houston 11, Minnesota 3
 Kansas City 8, Texas 2
 Cleveland at Chicago White Sox, PPD

Thursday's games
 Oakland 5, Detroit 3
 Houston 5, Minnesota 0
 Kansas City at Texas, 8:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees at Chicago White Sox, 8:10 p.m.

Friday's games
 Baltimore (Lyles 2-2) at Detroit (TBD), 7:10 p.m.
 Toronto (Gausman 3-1) at Tampa Bay (Rasmusen 3-1), 7:10 p.m.
 Boston (TBD) at Texas (TBD), 8:05 p.m.
 Cleveland (Civale 1-2) at Minnesota (TBD), 8:10 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees (Cole 2-0) at Chicago White Sox (TBD), 8:10 p.m.
 L.A. Angels (TBD) at Oakland (TBD), 9:40 p.m.

Saturday's games
 L.A. Angels at Oakland, 7:07 p.m., first game
 Baltimore at Detroit, 6:10 p.m.
 Toronto at Tampa Bay, 6:10 p.m.
 Boston at Texas, 7:05 p.m.
 Cleveland at Minnesota, 7:10 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees at Chicago White Sox, 7:10 p.m.
 L.A. Angels at Oakland, 9:40 p.m., second game

BASEBALL FLASHBACKS

1942 — Braves' pitcher Jim Tobin hits three home runs in a game against the Chicago Cubs. He equals the feat of Guy Hecker, who hit three inside-the-park homers playing for Louisville in 1886.
 1955 — Mickey Mantle hits home runs from both sides of the plate for the first time in his career against the Detroit Tigers. Mantle finishes the game with three homers.
 1958 — Stan Musial collects his 3,000th hit in the Cardinals' 5-3 victory over the Chicago Cubs at Wrigley Field. He's the eighth major leaguer to reach the milestone.
 1976 — George Brett collects at least three hits for the sixth consecutive game. The Royals' third baseman goes 18-for-26 against the Orioles, Twins and White Sox during the streak.
 1982 — The Chicago Cubs win the 8,000th game in franchise history with a 5-0 decision over Houston at the Astrodome.
 1985 — Tony Perez becomes the oldest player to hit a grand slam in a game against the Phillies. The 43-year-old surpasses Pirates' third baseman Honus Wagner, who hit a grand slam at 41.
 1993 — George Brett hits his 300th career home run. He joins Hank Aaron, Stan Musial, Carl Yastrzemski, Willie Mays and Al Kaline as the only players to collect 3,000 hits and 300 homers.
 2001 — Alex Rodriguez becomes the fifth-youngest (25 years, 289 days) player to hit 200 home runs.
 2009 — Ryan Zimmerman's Nationals-record 30-game hitting streak comes to an end. He's just the seventh major leaguer to collect a hit in 30 consecutive contests this decade.

Pro basketball

NBA PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS (Best-of-7)
x-if necessary
Monday's games
 Boston 116, Milwaukee 108
 Golden State 101, Memphis 98

Tuesday's games
 Miami 120, Philadelphia 85
 Phoenix 110, Dallas 80, Phoenix leads series 3-2

Wednesday's games
 Milwaukee 110, Boston 107, Milwaukee leads series 3-2
 Memphis 134, Golden State 95, Golden State leads series 3-2

Thursday's games
 Miami 99, Philadelphia 90, Miami wins series 4-2
 Dallas 113, Phoenix 86, series tied 3-3

Friday's games
 Boston at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.
 Memphis at Golden State, 10 p.m.

WNBA
Tuesday's games
 Washington 89, Las Vegas 76
 Indiana 82, Minnesota 76

Wednesday's games
 Atlanta 77, Los Angeles 75
 Chicago 83, New York 50
 Phoenix 97, Seattle 77

Thursday's games
 No games scheduled
Friday's games
 Dallas at Washington, 7 p.m.
 Las Vegas at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
 Indiana at New York, 8 p.m.

Pro hockey

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND (Best-of-7)
x-if necessary
Monday's games
 Florida 3, Washington 2, OT
 Pittsburgh 7, N.Y. Rangers 2
 Colorado 5, Nashville 3, Colorado wins series 4-0
 Calgary 4, Dallas 1

Tuesday's games
 Carolina 5, Boston 1
 Toronto 4, Tampa Bay 3
 St. Louis 5, Minnesota 2, St. Louis leads series 3-2
 Los Angeles 5, Edmonton 4, OT, Los Angeles leads series 3-2

Wednesday's games
 N.Y. Rangers 5, Pittsburgh 3, Pittsburgh leads series 3-2
 Florida 5, Washington 3, Florida leads series 3-2
 Calgary 3, Dallas 1, Calgary leads series 3-2

Thursday's games
 Boston 5, Carolina 2, series tied 3-3
 Tampa Bay 4, Toronto 3, OT, series tied 3-3
 St. Louis 5, Minnesota 1, St. Louis wins series 4-2
 Edmonton 4, Los Angeles 2, series tied 3-3

Friday's games
 N.Y. Rangers at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
 Florida at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
 Calgary at Dallas, 9:30 p.m.

Saturday's games
 Boston at Carolina, TBD
 Tampa Bay at Toronto, TBD
 x-St. Louis at Minnesota, TBD
 x-Los Angeles at Edmonton, TBD

Jimmy Butler and defense rise again as Heat eliminate 76ers, advance to Eastern finals

Greg Cote
 Miami Herald

The Philadelphia 76ers were desperate and home Thursday night, must-win in the literal sense, the great James Harden in hero mode and wounded superstar Joel Embiid in a black mask. He'd said "What do I have to do?" this week when passed over, again, for the NBA's MVP award.

The shortest answer might be: Lead Philly to a championship.

The Miami Heat said no. Miami took Game 6 on the road and did it with force, 99-90, for a 4-2 triumph in this Eastern Conference semifinal series, and the Heat now await the survivor of the Milwaukee-Boston series in the next round.

Credit Sixers coach Doc Rivers for plain-speak after the loss: "I came to the conclusion at the end of the game, " he said, "that we were just not good enough to beat Miami."

Look ahead in a minute, Heat fans. For now, appreciate this.

This franchise has given you Dwayne Wade, LeBron James, Alonzo Mourning, Shaquille O'Neal, Chris Bosh and the Heat Culture embodied in Udonis Haslem's heart and scowl. It has given you Pat Riley and Erik Spoelstra and three championship parades down Biscayne Boulevard.

Now it has given you Jimmy Butler, who in this postseason has certifiably verified to any few doubters left that he belongs in the upper echelon when Heat legend and lore are discussed.

Butler scored 32 Thursday in yet another terrific playoff performance, then waved bye-bye to the Philadelphia fans, whose team traded Butler in favor of Ben Simmons (who, um, didn't quite work out).

"C'mon, double-double!" Butler called to teammate Max Strus, who replaced him in the postgame interview room.

Strus tossed in 20 points and had his second straight double-double -- the only two of his career.

What's that like? "I don't know how to answer that, it's still new to me," he said, calling it, "One of the biggest moments not only in my career, but in my life."

Do not take what just happened for granted.

In its 34th NBA season Miami has now reached the Eastern finals for the ninth time. From the first eight have come six trips to the NBA Finals and those three titles.

This is when you know you are close. "This is why I came to the Heat," said P.J. Tucker.

The first-round advance past Atlanta was expected, almost perfunctory.

Getting past Philadelphia, especially with Embiid out the first two games, was no surprise by a Heat team seeded No. 1. Now it gets real.

Now a chance at a championship seems



BILL STREICHER/USA TODAY

Miami Heat forward Jimmy Butler (22) waves to fans during the fourth quarter against the Philadelphia 76ers in game six of the second round of the 2022 NBA playoffs at Wells Fargo Center on Thursday.

less a dream than it does something you can see.

Next will be either the rival Celtics or the reigning champion Bucks, who eliminated Miami in a sweep in last season's first round. Plenty of drama no matter how that shakes out -- and a fair chance top-seeded Miami would be a series underdog against either.

The Eastern finals will commence on Sunday or Tuesday, depending on whether the remaining semifinals finish in six games or seven.

Then would come the Finals against, who, Phoenix? Golden State? Underdog stuff again.

Nobody said it would be easy. But look ahead in a minute. Appreciate the 'now' first.

Because everything, all possibility to come of this season, came into play Thursday night in Philly.

With starting point guard Kyle Lowry again sidelined injured, with a one-game cushion and the safety net of a home game waiting if needed, it was Miami that played hungry and desperate.

The Heat got 32 on yet another big, clutch night from Butler and got a timely 20 from sparkplug Max Strus. The undrafted Strus has had the first two double-doubles of his career in the past two games. This wasn't about scoring, though. Miami shot only 7 for 28 on 3s (four of them by Strus).

This was about defense. The rugged, thankless stuff. The end of the court from whence the Heat DNA begin.

With Bam Adebayo's work on Embiid at the forefront, Miami limited Philly to 42% shooting. Embiid was 7 for 24 and could

hardly sniff the rim. Harden had a whispering 11 points.

If defense-wins-championships applies to the NBA, do not count out Miami.

Now, Heat fans get not only to look ahead but to avoid the simultaneous dread and delight in those two words, the most anticipated and feared two words in sports:

Game 7. It would have been back in the 3-0-5 on Sunday.

South Florida might still get one of those. The Florida Panthers are in the same spot Friday night as the Heat were Thursday -- up 3-2 but on the road. The Cats must find a way to close it out in a Game 6 in Washington or come home to the terrifying magic of a winner-take-all Game 7 on Sunday.

They are rare treats, those. The Heat, Panthers and Miami Marlins in their shared history have combined to play in 14 Game 7s, 10 of them at home. The last was by the Heat on May 1, 2016.

That's 10 home Game 7s in 94 combined seasons by the three teams. What the Panthers still might have. What the Heat just escaped facing.

They are the absolute pinnacle of sports drama, stakes and pressure, Game 7s. They also are things you'd sincerely rather avoid.

The Heat just did that.

On the road. Against a desperate home team playing for its season's life.

I'd say the wins don't get much bigger. Except the Miami Heat now have eight more ahead of them that are.

The real 'Luka Special': Doncic does it all in Mavs' Game 6 win over Suns

Callie Caplan
 The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Luka Doncic clapped his hands as he walked off the American Airlines Center court with 3:43 remaining in the Dallas Mavericks' Game 6 against the Phoenix Suns.

He slapped high five with coach Jason Kidd. Nodded his head amid an adoring roar from 20,000 fans.

The look of a superstar ready for a win-or-go-home Game 7 against the NBA's best team.

The Mavericks beat the Suns 113-86 on Thursday night to tie this second-round series at 3-3 and pass their first elimination test of the postseason.

Memories of a 30-point Game 5 loss in Phoenix seemed distant as Dallas stifled the Suns' All-Star backcourt duo to move one win from the franchise's first Western Conference Final since 2011.

Doncic shined in 35 minutes as the do-it-all bully with 33 points, 11 rebounds, eight assists, four steals and a successful request for coach Jason Kidd to challenge what would've been his fifth foul with about 10 minutes remaining.

In his 22nd playoff game,

Doncic tied Bob McAdoo for third-fastest to reach 700 play-off points in NBA history, behind just Michael Jordan and Wilt Chamberlain's 20-games mark.

Call it the real "Luka Special."

The Mavericks faced a slight injury scare in the first quarter.

With a few minutes left in the first quarter, Doncic pulled a black compression sleeve over his left thigh -- almost matching the he's worn on his calf since returning from the strain last series -- and, at times, appeared to grimace and flex his knee.

He walked into the tunnel with head athletic trainer Dionne Calhoun at the start of the second quarter, when he typically takes a break, and returned a few minutes later to ride the stationary bike behind the Mavericks' bench.

Doncic subbed back in at his usual rotation with 7:01 left in the first half.

After needing 11 field-goal attempts to score 11 points in the second quarter, Doncic played from there with more efficiency and ease.

He drew two fouls on Devin Booker in a two-minute



JEROME MIRON/USA TODAY

Dallas Mavericks guard Luka Doncic (77) walks off the court after the win over the Phoenix Suns during game six of the second round of the 2022 NBA playoffs at the American Airlines Center on Thursday.

stretch, flexing after his second drive fell for an and-1 in a sequence that likely felt extra hype after Booker's jab at "Luka Special" dramatics in Game 5.

Doncic then capped an 11-2 run with a stepback 3-pointer on the left wing to open the Mavericks' first double-digit lead (52-41) with 2:48 remaining in the quarter. Dallas scored 19 of the last 25 first-half points to open their largest halftime lead this series (60-45).

A few minutes into the third

quarter, Doncic drew a goal-tending call to count a layup and put the Mavericks ahead 20 points, 68-48.

And then he dunked. Twice in a span of three-possession.

Not even taking Deandre Ayton's elbow to his face in a puzzling defensive foul situation a few minutes later disrupted Doncic's fire and the Mavericks' flow.

Dallas offense operated with better pace and ball movement after a stagnant slide in Game

5 in which he logged a season-low-tying two assists.

Doncic emphasized the need for few turnovers and to initiate plays earlier in the shot clock after watching "mostly bad" Game 5 film before Thursday morning's shootaround.

So did Kidd.

The focus helped open perimeter space for Reggie Bullock (19 points), Spencer Dinwiddie (15) and Maxi Kleber (nine) to combine for 13 of the Mavericks' 16 made threes.

After matching their season average with 12 turnovers in the third quarter of Game 5 alone, the Mavericks committed just seven in Game 6 to the Suns; 22, which Dallas turned into 29 points.

Another emphasis? Slowing Booker, who shot 55% for 28 points in the Suns' 30-point Game 5 blowout.

Coach Jason Kidd had vivid memories of Booker in close-out settings before Thursday.

A Lakers assistant last season, Kidd watched Booker score 22 of his 47 points in the Suns' first-round-clinching Game 6 win over Los Angeles last June.

When a reporter asked him about Chris Paul's clutch

reputation before Game 6, Kidd instead highlighted Booker's because he "definitely ended the game early against us in LA, so we've got to understand what his mindset is, too, and respect that."

The Mavericks did.

They switched primary defensive matchups to move Bullock onto Booker, instead of Paul, and held Booker to 19 points on 6 of 17 from the field, including 0 of 4 from three. Paul finished with 13 points in 36 minutes, struggling in AAC for a third consecutive game.

Dallas would take a rinse and repeat for Game 7.

The Mavericks are 4-3 in Game 7s in franchise history but haven't won since the 2006 second round against the San Antonio Spurs.

Doncic and the Mavericks' core rotation gained experience with last year's Game 7 loss to the Los Angeles Clippers in the first round, and that's what Kidd covets again.

"We've just started this journey," Kidd said. "We don't have a ceiling. We don't have any pressure to win a championship. We're trying to win and learn how to win at the highest level."

NFL players turned broadcasters have warnings for Tom Brady

Sam Farmer

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Tom Brady confirmed this week that, after his playing career is done, he will turn his attention to TV, becoming NFL lead analyst for Fox. Unquestionably, he has every quality — name, looks, resume — to break salary records and even overshadow the games he's covering.

But everybody has to start somewhere and, if history is a guide, Brady will go through some growing pains the way every analyst does.

"People think it's just a conversation," said Hall of Fame quarterback Steve Young, an ESPN analyst. "In the end, like acting, the talent is to make it seem natural. ... There's an art to it."

Surely, that's no mystery to Brady. He has spent more than 20 years answering questions on the other side of the microphone, observing how TV people and other media members do their jobs, and dispensing information — sometimes very little information — in succinct sound bites. Chances are, he's not going to be overly nervous in front of a camera.

Some in the business were somewhat surprised, though, by the news that he's already heading in this direction.

"Never in a million years did I think he'd be going this way," said former NFL quarterback Rich Gannon, who first got to know Brady when they were teammates on the AFC Pro Bowl team, then covered several of his games when Gannon was a CBS analyst and Brady was playing for New England.

"You get a sense with different people when you go around and visit with them," Gannon said. "Some guys are curious. Peyton Manning 3/8 was curious, he'd ask questions and stuff about the role and the job, the responsibilities, the schedule. I never got the sense Tom was even interested in that. I never got the sense he would be interested in getting into coaching or the front office."

"You think to yourself, 'I think he's just going to focus on his businesses and his family, and just get away from it.' But it's a pretty good gig. There's not a lot of them. And if you can get one of those big chairs, honestly, it's a good life. You can work from home during the week, and it's a little bit of a grind during the season, but it keeps you around the game and it's a pretty good transition. Not a lot of people have that opportunity."



DOUGLAS R. CLIFFORD/TAMPA BAY TIMES

Tampa Bay Buccaneers quarterback Tom Brady attends a press conference where former head coach Bruce Arians and new head coach Todd Bowles spoke on March 31 at the AdventHealth Training Center in Tampa, Florida.

That's not to say it's easy. In fact, going from being an elite quarterback to someone learning a new career while under the microscope can be quite daunting.

"You go from being great at something to wondering if you're ever going to be good at anything else," said Hall of Fame quarterback Kurt Warner, now an NFL Network analyst. "You have to fight that battle just like anybody else does that goes from one job to another. You have to build your confidence up and figure out who you want to be."

Warner said it can be particularly difficult not to stomp on the toes of your onetime colleagues, to offer opinions that can bruise feelings around the league.

"That's one of the challenges as you get into television: What am I going to be as an analyst?" Warner said. "One of the hardest things is, when you're a guy like Tom Brady that everybody likes and you want to be liked by people, and you have to figure out how to truly analyze and be critical of what's going on but not be critical of people."

"Everybody's afraid of, I don't want to offend anybody, but I also want to do my job and I want to do it really well. It's something that I've struggled with, because I don't feel as if I ever attack anybody and say, 'This person's terrible.' But there are times when you go, 'This isn't very good. They should do this or that.'"

"I've seen people take it personally. You can't just be a nice guy and really be good in this business. Now, calling games

can be different than being an analyst in a studio. But at the same time, you've got to be able to be critical. ... For me, I never attack a person, but I always attack a problem."

Reporters gravitated to Young when he was a player, and not

just because he was the star quarterback of the San Francisco 49ers. He was a deep thinker and a great quote. But he says now that when he was speaking to media, his target audience was really his teammates. He had to shift his thinking when he

got into TV — just as Brady will — and that's not always easy to do.

"When Tom speaks to the press, he's a master -- like Peyton and others who were great at this, every time they spoke, they were speaking to their linemen," Young said. "They were speaking to their teammates, trying to hold them close. Everything was about that. This is a completely different job."

"I think that's the biggest issue Tom will have. The communication and who he's speaking to has to change. It's no longer a way of gathering his teammates, which has been a huge part of his success. Now you're on TV and you don't have that same paradigm. And that's a real shift."

"If he goes into the job with that same mentality of talking to his teammates, it won't work. But I know that he'll have thought that through."

Then there's the challenge of calling a boring game, when what's happening on the field isn't entertaining enough to keep the audience interested. Every analyst braces for those.

Gannon still cringes at the thought of the first game he called, Buffalo at Tampa Bay in 2005, when the J.P. Losman-led

Bills mustered only a field goal in a 19-3 loss. Gannon remembers it as the slowest, worst game he ever called.

"It was so bad," he said. "I just remember the producer in my ear saying, 'Jump in! Jump in!' He wanted me to be more aggressive because there were all these awkward pauses. I didn't understand the timing and the rhythm."

The Monday after that game, Gannon got a call from CBS executive Tony Petitti, who delivered an unflinching review.

"He asks, 'How do you think the game went?' " Gannon recalled. "I said, 'It was OK. Hard game to call, blah, blah blah.' He goes, 'Well, here's my thoughts. It's either one of two things. You don't understand the mechanics and the pacing and timing of the broadcast. Either that or you don't have anything interesting to say.'"

Oof! "I said, 'Trust me, it was the first part — I didn't understand the timing.' That's the only time he had to tell me. After that, as soon as the play-by-play guy was done, I was like bam."

Like any great quarterback — and certainly as Brady will be — Gannon was coachable.



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Broncos' Jerry Jeudy arrested after alleged domestic dispute

Des Bieler

The Washington Post

Denver Broncos wide receiver Jerry Jeudy was being held without bail overnight Thursday in a Colorado jail after being arrested on misdemeanor charges.

Jeudy, 23, was charged with second-degree criminal tampering, with a domestic violence enhancer, the Arapahoe County (Colo.) Sheriff's Office announced.

In a news conference Thursday, per multiple reports, Sheriff Tyler S. Brown said that Jeudy was not being accused of an act of violence. The case is solely about property, he emphasized.

The misdemeanor enhancer is related to the alleged status of the woman who called police that day as the mother of the wide receiver's 1-month-old child. Brown explained that, per state law, someone arrested on a domestic violence charge must be held without bond until a hearing before a judge can take place. Jeudy's hearing is set for Friday morning.

According to Denver station KDVR, which said it obtained an affidavit from Jeudy's arrest, the woman said "things got crazy" between them Thursday morning. She accused Jeudy of putting her wallet, a baby's car seat and some medical

paperwork related to their child in his car and not letting her access them.

Jeudy was said to have acknowledged taking the items and locking them in his car because the woman "took one of his three phones and would not give it back." The woman reportedly told deputies that she just wanted her items back and did not want him to get into "trouble." The child reportedly was present when deputies arrived at the scene.

Brown told reporters Jeudy could face a jail sentence, a fine or both. He added that the judge could write a temporary protection order at Friday's hearing.

The Arapahoe County jail is located near the Broncos' training complex in the Denver suburb of Centennial. Jeudy reportedly has been participating in the team's offseason program.

Denver's first-round pick in the 2020 draft, Jeudy was the second wide receiver off the board, following Alabama teammate Henry Ruggs III. Drafted by the Las Vegas Raiders, Ruggs was released in November 2021 after being arrested in connection with a car crash that took the lives of a woman and her dog. Ruggs is facing multiple felony counts, including DUI resulting in death.

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Weekend Preview: Kansas Speedway

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Kansas Speedway used to be a jinx track for Kyle Busch.

That was before the driver of the No. 18 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota got a handle on the 1.5-mile intermediate speedway, a trend he hopes will continue in Sunday's AdventHealth 400 (3 p.m. ET on FS1, MRN and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio).

In his first 14 of 28 starts at Kansas, Busch recorded two top 10s and no top fives. Then he flipped the script. His last 14 races there include 11 top 10s, nine top fives and two victories — a complete turnaround.

And on Sunday, Busch will be

defending his win from last spring's race at the Wyandotte County track.

"It's a place where we've really picked it up, and now we have two wins there," said Busch, who comes to Kansas sixth in the NASCAR Cup Series standings, with a victory on the Bristol Motor Speedway Dirt Track.

"We seemed to have gotten a setup or ahold of that place, and I feel like our cars keep getting better over the last few races. I'm hoping we can continue our strong runs and have a shot to win there again with our M&M'S Crunchy Cookie Toyota."

The way Busch sees it, the exposed, wind-swept nature of the track also

presents complications.

"I think the wind is usually a factor there," Busch said. "Sometimes it comes from the south, sometimes from the west — it's like being in 'The Wizard of Oz.' Kind of crazy to get there each year and try to figure out what's best."

"But the wind also plays into our setups. We talk about how you have to set up the race car according to which way the wind is blowing and what we have to do from that aspect. It definitely adds a different challenge to what we all do."

The path to Victory Lane won't be easy. Joey Logano is tied with Denny

Hamlin and Kevin Harvick for most wins at Kansas with three, and Logano found speed in his win last week at 1.366-mile Darlington Raceway.

Then there's the Hendrick Motorsports contingent. With Alex Bowman winning at Las Vegas and William Byron taking the checkered flag at Atlanta, Hendrick drivers will be looking to extend their perfect record on 1.5-mile speedways. Reigning series champion Kyle Larson won the most recent race at Kansas last fall.

"While most of these tracks this year we've had to relearn because of the Next Gen car, I think I'm a bit more confident heading to Kansas

this weekend," said Byron, who was leading last Sunday at Darlington before Logano knocked him out of the way on the white-flag lap. "Not all mile-and-a-half tracks are the same, but I feel like Kansas and Las Vegas are the most similar to each other."

"We raced at Vegas earlier this year and ran really well. The only real difference is I feel like Kansas is a more temperature-sensitive racetrack and has less grip. We've run well at Kansas over the last couple years, so I think with the notebook we've built so far and our past experiences there, we should have a good shot at the win this weekend."

Nets

From B1

funds.

"The objective here is to win. Tsai has 3/8 made it very clear. That's what we want to do," Marks said on Wednesday. "And he has never said no, and if the decision is the right one, and we think going forward it doesn't hamstring us long term, I have no problem going to Joe and saying this is the decision we do, whether it's trading a player, signing a player, or using an exception such as you pointed out."

It's going to be costly given they are repeat tax offenders, but the Nets have several mechanisms at their disposal to add players to their roster other than minimum contracts. Here are some ideas for each of them as the Nets enter the most pivotal offseason in franchise history. Trade for Josh Richardson

The Nets created an \$11.3 million trade exception as part of the James Harden deal. The

easiest way to explain a trade exception is comparing it to store credit: The Nets can use that exception to acquire a player without matching his salary.

That, however, would presume a team wants to give that player away for free. The Nets are a team in dire circumstances, and the entire league knows it: No one will be doing them any favors.

Except maybe the San Antonio Spurs, where Marks won one championship as a player and another as an assistant coach before moving up to assistant general manager.

SAN ANTONIO SPURS RECEIVE:

— \$11.3M trade exception
— 2027 first-round pick via Philadelphia (Top-8 protected)

— 2029 own second-round pick

NETS RECEIVE:

— Josh Richardson

For the Nets, sacrificing a first-rounder five years from now is a gamble for a player with one year left on his deal. They would, however, be able to exceed the cap to re-sign

Richardson to a longer-term deal if they so choose. Richardson adds wing depth with a 40% 3-point shooter who doubles as a feisty perimeter defender. Pry Wendell Carter Jr. (and Terrence Ross) from Orlando

The Nets received a \$6.3 million trade exception when they dealt DeAndre Jordan to the Detroit Pistons for Sekou Doumbouya. They can use that exception to build out a significantly larger sign-and-trade scenario with the Orlando Magic.

This deal only works if the Nets don't believe Nic Claxton is their starting center of the future. It also only works if Claxton, a restricted free agent, doesn't sign an offer sheet with another team first.

MAGIC RECEIVE:

— Nic Claxton (sign-and-trade: 4 year, \$40M+)

— Seth Curry

— 2022 first-round pick via Philadelphia (can defer to 2023)

— 2028 first-round pick (lottery protected)

— 2026 own second-round pick

— \$6.3M trade exception

NETS RECEIVE:

— Wendell Carter Jr.

— Terrence Ross

The Nets and Magic would need to break this up into two separate trades because the Nets are only able to trade one player in conjunction with their trade exception.

In this scenario, the Nets would agree to sign Claxton to a four-year deal in the \$40-48M ballpark, then package him with Philadelphia's 2022 first-round pick and their own 2026 second-round pick for sixth man Terrence Ross. Ross is not as lights-out a shooter as Curry but he is a highly-flammable shooter, a highlight-reel dunker, a transition scoring threat and has a 6-6 frame.

The Nets would then package Curry, who makes just under \$8.6 million next season, with their \$6.3 million trade exception, to acquire big man Wendell Carter Jr., who is a nightly double-double threat, a versatile defender and a 33% 3-point shooter weighing in at 270 pounds at the center position. That alone might not be enough, so the Nets might

have to include their only other tradeable first-rounder — in 2028 — though they would be well within their rights to add lottery protections to the pick. Jump into multi-team deals

The Nets own a smaller \$3.3 million trade exception, but it's rare you see a team acquire a player outright with such a small number. The more likely route here is the Nets keeping themselves open to multi-team trades with teams trying to shed cap space to fit bigger contracts onto the payroll.

The Jazz, Hawks, Pacers, Raptors, Lakers, Knicks and Hornets are among a number of teams open to wheeling and dealing to improve their roster this offseason. The Nets don't have enough assets to wheel and deal further, but opportunities should arise in the summer when other teams are trying to manipulate their payroll to acquire a player. Sign Joe Ingles to the mid-level

Want to make Ben Simmons comfortable? Surround him with his countrymen.

It's no coincidence Simmons only appeared on the court for pregame workouts

while Patty Mills was on the floor getting shots up. If Mills opts into Year 2 on his deal, that's already one Australian friend for Simmons on the roster.

Adding Ingles — despite his season-ending ACL injury — makes a second.

The ACL injury shouldn't be too much of a concern for Ingles, who has never been a player whose game is heavily reliant on athleticism. He's a gritty forward who can play both forward positions, defend multiple positions and hit big shots. He is worth the gamble with the mid-level exception worth \$6.3 million. Minimum contracts

After using the aforementioned exceptions, the Nets can round out their roster with veterans on minimum contracts. Here are a few names to watch: Ben McLemore, Markieff Morris, Danuel House, Isaiah Hartenstein, Bismack Biyombo and Hassan Whiteside.

NFL

From B1

Remember all those years of kicking off the season with "Monday Night Football" doubleheaders on ESPN, with the first game starting at 4 and the second at 7:15? Well, that didn't go over so well on the East Coast when that second game was finishing around 1 a.m. Much of the country snapped off the TV in the second half, especially because the matchups were Raiders-Chargers, Broncos-Raiders and the like.

With this side-by-side system, instead of six hours of football, it will be closer to 4 1/2. Viewers can tune in to the first 90 minutes of the early game, and then there's overlap, followed by the finish of

the second game. That way, nobody sleeps through their alarm the next morning.

Denver was a strong candidate to open against the Rams. That's just the kind of juice that Russell Wilson brings.

Instead, the NFL opted for the Broncos to open at Seattle, with Wilson returning to face the Seahawks.

Why so soon? Most people are expecting the Seahawks to take a step back this season. Probably best to get that Wilson game in as soon as possible, when everybody's hopes are still intact.

When we heard the term "cross-flex" before, it invariably meant the league was taking a good game away from Fox and giving it to CBS to bolster that network's inventory. Last year, for instance, CBS got Chicago at Tampa Bay, Seattle at Green Bay and Dallas at the Chargers.

Part of that is an effort to balance the Fox and CBS packages, and part is to get some sunlight on some Fox games that might be under-distributed around the country.

Once again, CBS is getting a big game this season that would have otherwise gone to Fox: Rams at Tampa Bay. But there's also a twist this year. For the first time, CBS is cross-flexing a big game to Fox: Kansas City at San Francisco.

One of the reasons for that is CBS has a robust inventory of really good matchups. The AFC is loaded with great young quarterbacks.

When the new media deals kick in next season, there's a big change coming. The whole concept of the visiting team determining the TV network goes away. So it's not, AFC's on the road so it's a CBS game; NFC's on the road so it's a Fox game.

Next season, every game is a free agent, a jump ball. No commitments, no obligations. The notion that this game belongs to CBS or Fox goes out the window.

Now, on the back end, the league will distribute at least a minimum number of games to the networks. So Fox will still get more NFC games, and more Cowboys appearances, but the old concept of game ownership is over.

Why the change? Moving forward, the league is getting away from the notion that Fox has the premium package and CBS has something less than that. Now both networks will have to pony up similar rights fees, some number between astronomical and otherworldly.

Fox is gearing up for maybe the biggest four-day stretch in the history of sports TV, starting with the New York Giants

at Dallas on Thanksgiving. Sure, the Giants aren't what they once were, but this is a classic rivalry, one with a distinct John Madden-Pat Summerall feel.

The next day, on Black Friday, Fox has the U.S. versus England in a World Cup soccer match.

The network will follow that Saturday with Michigan at Ohio State.

Sunday will have an NFL doubleheader that includes Rams at Kansas City.

Could Fox top 30 million viewers per day?

The NFL Network schedules includes a Christmas Eve game between Las Vegas and Pittsburgh.

Imagine that, Raiders-Steelers coming 50 years plus one day after the legendary Immaculate Reception game.

The weird thing about this is it's a standings-based

matchup, so the NFL didn't know until the very last game of the season that this game would happen.

The Raiders played the Chargers in the final Sunday night game, and by winning, finished second in the AFC West. The Steelers finished second in the AFC North.

Now, four days before the one-year anniversary of the sports world losing Madden, an Immaculate Rematch.

The NFL is staging its first Christmas Day tripleheader, with Green Bay at Miami, Denver at the Rams and Tampa Bay at Arizona.

Those road quarterbacks are Aaron Rodgers, Wilson and Brady.

Keep this in mind: Christmas falls on a Monday next year. You can trust that the NFL has another tripleheader in mind for 2023.

Holzauer

From B1

Lansingburgh.

Alex Metcalfe was the losing pitcher striking out six, walking two and allowing four runs and seven hits.

NON-LEAGUE

Pine Plains 11,

Germantown 4

PINE PLAINS — Germantown dropped an 11-4 decision to Pine Plains in Thursday's non-league baseball game.

Brad Del Pozzo had a double and single with three RBI for Germantown (10-4). Mason Ferrer added a double and single, Owen Watson had two singles and an RBI, Logan McDonald contributed two

singles and Dylan Dibble and Aidan Shumway each had a single.

Ferrer (3k,7bb,9r,9h) and Dibble (1k,2bb,2r,4h) shared pitching duties for the Clippers.

SOFTBALL

CHVL

Germantown 13,

Hatly 1

GERMANTOWN — Germantown defeated Heatly, 13-1, in Central Hudson Valley League softball action on Wednesday.

The Clippers celebrated senior night with their lone senior, Jordan Wyant, striking out 13 and allowing four hits. Wyant also led the Clippers offensively with three hits, including four RBI.

Wyant, a four-year starter for the Clippers, finishes her

career with impressive pitching stats, including a career 9/1 strike out to walk ratio. Offensively, she led the team in batting average every year she played.

"Jordan has been an incredible athlete for us, but the manner in which she led a very young and inexperienced team this year has been impressive," Germantown coach Mike Del Pozzo said. "She leaves a legacy of hard work, stellar performance and an incredible attitude that will be almost impossible to replace."

JUNIOR VARSITY

Ichabod Crane JV 4,

Chatham JV 0

VALATIE — Anna Siter fired a three-hit shutout as the Ichabod Crane junior varsity softball team defeated Chatham, 4-0, on Thursday.

Siter had six strikeouts and didn't walk a batter in going the distance for the win.

Emma Holmberg doubled and drove in a run for the ICC JV (10-0). Siter added two singles, Emi Sandagato and Olivia McCrudden each had a single and Torri Cutler and Maddie Clark both had an RBI.

TENNIS

COLONIAL

Ichabod Crane 5,

Ravena 2

VALATIE — Ichabod Crane defeated Ravena, 5-2, in Thursday's Colonial Council tennis match.

Results

Singles: Ean Lantzzy (Ichabod Crane) defeated Gavin Troclair, 6-0, 6-0; Brett Richards (Ichabod Crane) defeated Keenan Pagan, 6-1, 6-1; Will Robertson (Ravena) defeated

Liam Curry, 6-3, 6-1; Simon Papis (Ichabod Crane) defeated Tyler Schwabrow, 6-4, 6-3; Holden Reynolds (Ichabod Crane) won by forfeit.

Doubles: Anthony Doria

& Joseph Meyer (Ichabod Crane) defeated Nick Cifone & Teddy Debois, 6-1, 7-6(7-1); Aaron Canosa & Parker Deyoe (Ravena) defeated Liam Kelley & Andren Cruz, 6-2, 6-1.

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Ormerod

From B1

Heartquist flew out to right to end the frame.

Ormerod struck out Taylor Moran and Maddie Adams to start the top of the second. Morgan Matthews worked a two out walk, but Ormerod struck Leah Mumtaz out looking for the third out.

Sophia Saccento struck out to lead off the bottom of the second, and then Ormerod reached on a grounder to short that was thrown wide of first. Ormerod would score on an RBI single by Torre Tamez, giving Ichabod Crane a 4-0 lead. Ashley Ames lined out softly to second base and after a Scheitinger base hit to center, Williams popped out to third to end the inning.

Ormerod stayed tough on the hill, and she struck out the side in order to bring her total to nine through three innings. Walsh reached safely to start the bottom of the third, on a dropped pop-up in the infield. Heffner flew out to left-center for the first out, but then Knapp hit a fly ball to left that cleared the fence for a two run blast.

Heartquist started it all over with a base hit slapped back up the middle. She stole second and then tagged up to third on a fly out to left that the defender took too long to throw in.

Ormerod pulled a pitch to third and through the infielder's glove into left for an RBI base hit to grow the lead to 7-0 for the Riders. In between a pair of walks, the Riders scored their eighth run on a wild pitch, and Scheitinger made it 9-0 with an RBI double.

Ormerod was sharp once again in the top of the fourth, and struck out the Knights 1-2-3 and brought her total to 12 on the day. In the bottom half, Walsh and Heffner hit seemingly identical base hits through the hole on the left side between third and short to start it off.

During the next at-bat Walsh was called out for leaving the second base bag too early for the first out of the inning. After a fly out by Knapp and a walk by Heartquist, Saccento reached on an infield single that the Knights just let drop right in front of them. One scored on the play to put Ichabod Crane up 10-0 through four innings of play.

The Lansingburgh hitters still looked overmatched in the fifth, with two batters striking out and one grounding out to third base in between. Ormerod finally got an out by something other than a strikeout, but still got two that inning and upped her total to 14 for the game.

Tamez roped a double off the fence in left field to begin the bottom half of the fifth for the Riders. Ames grounded out back to the pitcher Doyle, and Tamez advanced to third on the throw to first. Scheitinger continued her big day at the dish with a sacrifice fly to left-center to bring Tamez home, and the Riders one run



Ichabod Crane's Carolina Williams runs to third base during Thursday's Colonial Council softball game against Lansingburgh.

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Ichabod Crane's Ava Heffner rips a base hit during Thursday's Colonial Council softball game against Lansingburgh.

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Ichabod Crane's Clare Knapp hits a pop the ball up during Thursday's Colonial Council softball game against Lansingburgh.

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away from another mercy.

Williams stepped into the box and hit one in the air to center field. The ball was dropped by the center fielder

and Williams stayed aggressive with two outs and ran it out to third base as the throw came in.

Williams soon scored on

a wild pitch and the Ichabod Crane Riders earned another shutout 12-0 over the Lansingburgh Knights in a five inning mercy rule. Ormerod earned



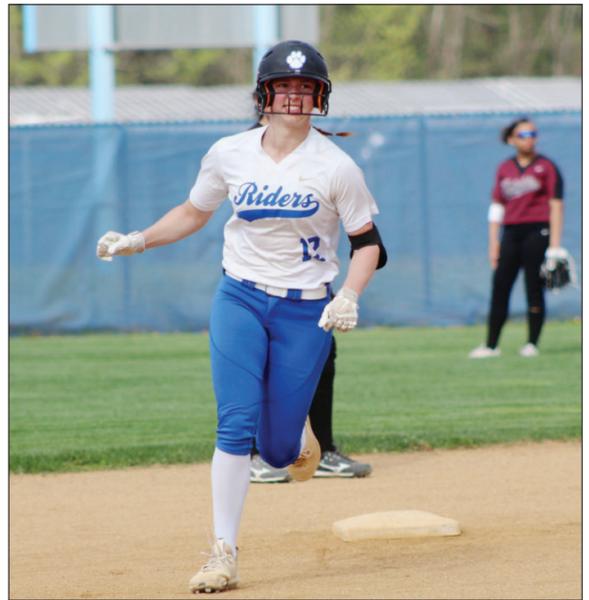
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Ichabod Crane's Morgan Ormerod threw a no-hitter with 14 strikeouts as the Riders defeated Lansingburgh, 12-0, in Thursday's Colonial Council softball game against Lansingburgh.



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Ichabod Crane's Emma Heartquist runs to first base after hitting a single during Thursday's Colonial Council softball game against Lansingburgh.



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Ichabod Crane's Emma Scheitinger runs the bases after blasting a home run during Thursday's Colonial Council softball game against Lansingburgh.

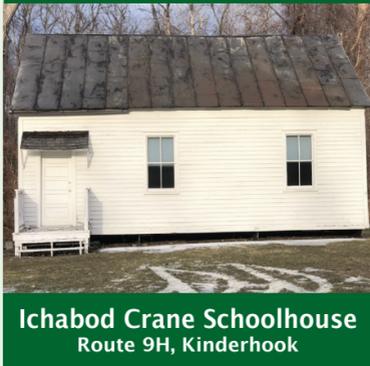
the big, no-hit win for the Riders, struck out 14, and Ichabod Crane remained unbeaten (16-0).

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Ichabod Crane shortstop Emma Scheitinger throws to first base during Thursday's Colonial Council softball game against Lansingburgh.

NHL roundup: Blues move on after defeating Wild

Field Level Media

Jordan Binnington made 25 saves as the St. Louis Blues defeated the visiting Minnesota Wild 5-1 Thursday to win their first-round Western Conference playoff series in six games.

The Blues advance to the second round to face the Colorado Avalanche, who swept them out of the playoffs last season in the first round.

Nick Leddy, Ryan O'Reilly, Tyler Bozak, Vladimir Tarasenko and Colton Parayko scored for the Blues. David Perron had two assists.

Matt Dumba scored for the Wild. Minnesota goaltender Cam Talbot, making his first start in place of Marc-Andre Fleury, stopped 22 shots.

**Bruins 5,
Hurricanes 2**

Boston forced a deciding Game 7 in its Eastern Conference first-round series, scoring twice in the second period and three times in the third to defeat visiting Carolina. Game 7 is Saturday in Raleigh, N.C.

Brad Marchand and Charlie Coyle each had a goal and an assist, Derek Forbort, Erik Haula and Curtis Lazar also scored and Tomas Nosek dished out two assists for Boston. Bruins goalie Jeremy Swayman made 23 saves in his fourth consecutive start.

Andrei Svechnikov scored both Hurricanes goals, including one on the power play. Antti Raanta recorded 29 saves in the loss.



St. Louis Blues goaltender Jordan Binnington (50) gives up a goal to Minnesota Wild defenseman Matt Dumba during the third period in game six of the first round of the 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs at Enterprise Center on Thursday.

**Lightning 4,
Maple Leafs 3 (OT)**

Brayden Point scored at 18:04 overtime and Tampa Bay defeated visiting Toronto to force a

seventh game in their first-round Eastern Conference playoff series.

Point, who also had an assist, scored his second goal of the best-of-seven series when he knocked in a rebound during a scrum around the goal. The tally occurred after Toronto came close at the other end.

Toronto overcame a 2-0 deficit with three consecutive second-period goals. Auston Matthews started the surge, and John Tavares completed it by scoring twice 26 seconds apart in the final minute.

**Oilers 4,
Kings 2**

Evander Kane scored twice in a three-point game as Edmonton forced a deciding Game 7 in its Western Conference first-round playoff series by beating host Los Angeles.

With the score tied 2-2, Tyson Barrie scored the game-winning goal with 5:10 remaining in regulation when he jumped into a rush, took a feed from Leon Draisaitl and buried a shot from the high slot for his first goal of the series. Connor McDavid collected one goal and two assists for the Oilers, and goaltender Mike Smith made 30 saves.

Sean Durzi and Carl Grundstrom scored for the Kings, who received a 33-save performance from goalie Jonathan Quick.

NBA redesigns Finals trophy, adds awards named after Magic Johnson, Larry Bird

Ben Golliver

The Washington Post

MILWAUKEE — Michael Jordan cried tears of joy and cradled his first Larry O'Brien Trophy in 1991. Kawhi Leonard gave the trophy a pet name in 2019 - "The Larry O.B." - and one year later LeBron James looked down lovingly at its gold ball in 2020 and quipped, "I can't believe you cheated on me for the last five years." And Giannis Antetokounmpo planted a big kiss on it when the Milwaukee Bucks claimed their first title in 50 years last July.

This tradition of reverence and affection dates to 1977, when the Portland Trail Blazers became the inaugural winners of the NBA's championship trophy, which replaced the cup-style Walton A. Brown Trophy and was later named after O'Brien, the NBA commissioner from 1975 to 1984.

Over the years, the Larry O'Brien Trophy's distinctive silhouette has become one of the NBA's signature visual elements, gracing the Finals logo and countless pieces of merchandise, as well as the league's most coveted status symbol, reinforced by its Tiffany & Co. design and custom Louis Vuitton case.

Commissioner Adam Silver will recognize the 2022 NBA champions in June with a refreshed version of the Larry O'Brien Trophy, which was unveiled Thursday alongside a collection of postseason trophies that included new conference MVP awards named after Larry Bird and Magic Johnson. The updated trophies, which were conceived as part of the NBA's 75th anniversary season celebrations, follow the Kobe Bryant All-Star Game MVP trophy, which was announced in February.

"The Larry O'Brien is the icon that our players are striving for," said Christopher Arena, head of the NBA's on-court and brand partnerships team. "For us, the ball, the net and the gold jump out. The NFL's is silver. The Stanley Cup is silver. Baseball's is a combination, but it's translucent with the flags. The World Cup is fairly small but meaningful. Ours has a grandeur and a perspective. It's not a fully formed net, it's cut off a little bit. The ball isn't quite in the net, it's just off to the right. Those little elements add to the lore."

While the updated Larry O'Brien Trophy maintains its gold color and well-known silhouette, the 25.5-inch tall, 29-pound design has several new touches. The angular central column and top sphere were tilted forward and to the right as a symbolic nod to the league's future, and sterling silver markings were added to highlight the basketball's seams and the net design.

The base now includes two wraparound engraved plaques: The top lists the NBA's first 75 champions, while the bottom will

recognize new winners over the next 25 years. A Finals logo was also added to the underside as a visual Easter egg that will be revealed when champions lift the trophy into the air. The NBA was intent on keeping the trophy's dimensions similar to the previous version so that it was big enough to appear substantial, but not so heavy that it would be cumbersome during celebrations.

"The silhouette is so iconic

that there wasn't much we wanted to change," said designer Victor Solomon, who worked with the NBA on its postseason trophy collection over the last two years. "We changed the seams to a contrast plating so that they pop a lot more. The net is now a more literal interpretation, and we reoriented the base to a cylindrical form. The etchings on the base will take us up to the 100th anniversary season.

These are subtle things that help tell the NBA's greater story."

Solomon collaborated with Tiffany & Co. on the Larry O'Brien's new look. The luxury jewelry company will manufacture the trophy at their Rhode Island holloware shop and create replicas by request for winning players and teams. The Bill Russell Finals MVP Trophy underwent a similar redesign, adding a gold

finish with silver accents for the ball and net along with a double-layered base to maintain visual consistency with the championship trophy.

For the first time, the NBA this year will select MVPs of the Eastern Conference finals and Western Conference finals, with the trophies named after Bird and Johnson. The Boston Celtics forward and Los Angeles Lakers guard were natural selections given their

cross-country rivalry throughout the 1980s.

"The conference finals represent the last hurdle a team must face for an opportunity to make it to the big stage, the NBA Finals," said Johnson, who guided the "Showtime" Lakers to five championships. "This player excels on both ends of the court, makes his teammates better and leads his team to the greatest stage in basketball."

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Bid for Paving of Sunset Boulevard Village of Coxsackie, NY

The Village of Coxsackie, N.Y. is seeking sealed bids for the repaving of the following streets:

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5. Furnishing and installing 1.5 inch, type 6 top course.
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7. Supplying and installing all manhole, valve and catch basin extensions.

The Village of Coxsackie will provide traffic control by closing roads down. The Village will also provide assistance with trucking to haul out all millings.

All bids must be sealed in an envelope and marked "Village of Coxsackie 2022 Paving Bid" and received by the Village Clerk at 119 Mansion St, Coxsackie, NY, 12051, by 4 p.m. on June 7, 2022. All bids will be opened at the Workshop Meeting on June 7, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Bids will be awarded at the Board Meeting on June 13, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

All questions regarding bidding are directed to Scott Martell, DPW Superintendent, Village of Coxsackie, (518) 731-8788. The Village Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids that fail to meet the bid specifications as listed above as well as reject all bids and re-bid the project at a later date. All bidders are responsible for verifying road measurements prior to bidding.

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Notice of Formation of Pioneer Occupational Therapy PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2021-06-21. Office location: Greene County. SSNY designated as agent of upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to The LLC: 81 Ramsey School Road Catskill NY 12414. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

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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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

Request for Proposals:

The Village of Coxsackie is seeking proposals for the replacement of a fence for a pedestrian sidewalk on Mansion Street in the area of 299-306 Mansion St. on the south side of the roadway. The Village wishes to replace an existing fence with aluminum modular fencing with stainless steel cabling. The distance is approximately 210 feet. Site visit is available Monday-Friday 7 a.m.-3 p.m., by contacting the Village Clerk at (518) 731-2718 to arrange. The Village desires to have the work completed by September 1, 2022.

The Village will accept sealed proposals until June 7th at 4 p.m. Envelope should be clearly marked "Sidewalk Fence Proposal" and can be addressed or personally delivered to the Village of Coxsackie, 119 Mansion Street, Coxsackie, NY 12051. Proposals will be opened and read aloud by the Village Clerk at the Work Session of the Village of Coxsackie Board of Trustees on June 7, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. Bids will be formally awarded at the Village of Coxsackie Board Meeting on June 13, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. The Village Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject all proposals.

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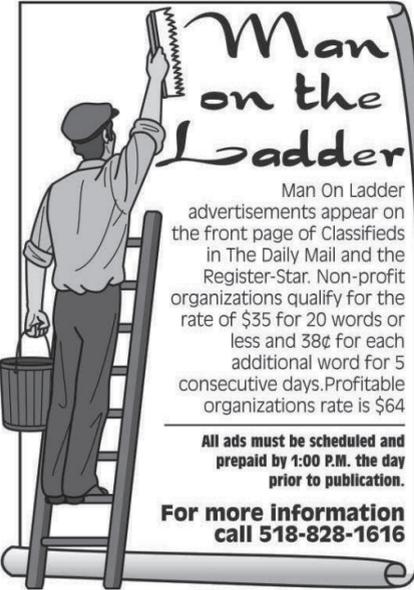
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May 6, 2022 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Board of the Village of Philmont will hold a Public Hearing on the 17th day of May, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the Village Hall to consider the following: The application by Clover Reach Oartners, LLC, 41 Bender Blvd., Ghent, NY 13075. for a major subdivision approval pursuant to Section 130-6 of the Code of the Village of Philmont. The tax map number is 113.13-3-1 and property address is Summit Street, Philmont, NY. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that all persons interested will be heard at the above time and place. Robert Macfarlane Chairperson

CITY OF HUDSON, NEW YORK PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Board of the City of Hudson, New York will continue a public hearing on May 24, 2022 at 6 p.m. on a revised site plan application from the Galvan Initiatives Foundation for 708 State Street and 65-75 North Seventh Street, Tax ID #110.9-1-66.1, 110.53-2-2 and 110.53-2-2. The Public Hearing shall be conducted via video/teleconference. Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88698024789?pwd=dWdNY1R5WCs0bEpvSHZ0VU0xSUNWUT09> Meeting ID: 886 9802 4789, Passcode: Plan2Meet1 or dial: +1 929 205 6099 US (New York) Public comment shall be permitted and all persons participating shall be entitled to be heard.

CHATHAM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT CHATHAM, NEW YORK 12037 NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Budget Hearing of the School District will be held by the Board of Education on May 10, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Chatham High School, Chatham, New York, at which Hearing, the proposed 2022-2023 School District budget will be presented to the voters of the District. **NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN** that the Annual Meeting and Election of the Chatham Central School District, Chatham, Columbia County, New York, will be held at the Mary E. Dardess Elementary School gymnasium, Chatham, New York on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., at which time, the polls will be opened to vote by voting machine on the following items: 1. To elect four (4) members to the Board of Education as follows: two (2) 3-year terms commencing July 1, 2022 - expiring June 30, 2025, one (1) 2-year term commencing July 1, 2022 - expiring June 30, 2024 and one (1) 1-year term commencing May 18, 2022 - expiring June 30, 2023. 2. To vote on the annual budget of the Chatham Central School District for the fiscal year 2022-2023 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District. 3. To vote on the following proposition: **CAPITAL RESERVE FUND - Shall the Board of Education be authorized to: (1) establish a reserve fund to be known as the Capital Reserve Fund, the purpose of which is to finance the cost of additions to and reconstruction of various District buildings, including site work thereat and (2) deposit into the Capital Reserve Fund in each of the next ten (10) fiscal years such portion of the unallocated fund balance as determined by the Board of Education. The ultimate amount of such Fund is \$5,000,000. The probable duration of such fund is ten (10) years.** 4. To transact such other business as may properly come before the annual meeting pursuant to the Education Law of the State of New York. **AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that the election and budget vote shall be by machine or absentee ballot. The hours during which the polls shall be kept open shall be from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. prevailing time or for as long thereafter as necessary to enable qualified voters who are in the polling place at 9:00 p.m. to cast their ballots. A copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for school purposes may be obtained by any resident of the District during the fourteen (14) days immediately preceding the aforesaid Annual Meeting and Election, beginning on April 29, 2022, (other than a Saturday, Sunday or Holiday) at which the budget vote will occur. District residents may obtain this information at the office of the District Clerk at the Mary E. Dardess Elementary School, Chatham, New York, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., or at any of the following school houses in said District: Chatham High School, Chatham Middle School, and during normal business hours at the Public Library. **AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN** that Petitions nominating candidates for the office of Member of the Board of Education are available between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. in the Office of the District Clerk at the Mary E. Dardess Elementary School, Chatham, New York. Petitions must be filed not later than 5:00 p.m. Monday, April 18, 2022 in the Office of the District Clerk at the Mary E. Dardess Elementary School, Chatham, New York. Each nominating Petition must be directed to the Clerk of the District, shall be signed by at least **twenty-five (25) qualified voters** of the District, and shall state the name and the residence of the candidate and each signer. **PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that personal registration of voters is required either pursuant to the Education Law or pursuant to Article 5 of the Election Law. If a voter has heretofore registered pursuant to the Education Law and has voted at an annual or special district meeting within the last four (4) calendar years, he or she is eligible to vote at this election; if a voter is registered and eligible to vote under Article 5 of the Election Law, he or she is also eligible to vote at this election. All other persons who wish to vote must register. The Board of Registration of said School District shall meet on the following days during the hours indicated, for the purpose of preparing a register of voters: that personal registration of voters is required either pursuant to the Education Law or pursuant to Article 5 of the Election Law. If a voter has heretofore registered pursuant to the Education Law and has voted at an annual or special district meeting within the last four (4) calendar years, he or she is eligible to vote at this election; if a voter is registered and eligible to vote under Article 5 of the Election Law, he or she is also eligible to vote at this election. All other persons who wish to vote must register. The Board of Registration of said School District shall meet on the following days during the hours indicated, for the purpose of preparing a register of voters: On Wednesday, May 4, 2022 between the hours of 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. in the Mary E. Dardess Elementary School lobby; On Wednesday, May 11, 2022 between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. in the Mary E. Dardess Elementary School lobby. The register so prepared will be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the said District and will be open for inspection by any resident of the District between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and by appointment from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon Saturday on each of the five (5) days prior to and the day of the said meeting, except Sunday. **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that applications for absentee ballots may be applied for at the Office of the School District Clerk. Applications for absentee ballots can be requested no earlier than April 22, 2022 and must be received by the School District Clerk by or prior to 4:00 p.m., (EDST) on May 10, 2022 if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter; or prior to 4:00 p.m. (EDST), May 16, 2022 if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. All absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m. on May 17, 2022. The Education Law makes special provision for absentee voting by "permanently disabled" voters of the District and any questions regarding these rights should be directed to the Clerk of the board. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available for inspection on each of the five (5) days prior to the day of the election (except Saturday and Sunday) and on the day of the election in the Office of the School District Clerk, during regular office hours between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Any qualified voter may challenge the acceptance of the absentee voter's ballot of any person on such list, by making his challenge and the reasons therefor known to the Inspector of Election before the close of the polls. The Education Law also makes special provisions for absentee voting for "military" voters of the District. Specifically, the law provides a unique procedure for "military ballots" in school district votes. Whereas absentee ballot applications and absentee ballots must be received by the voter by mail, a military voter may elect to receive his/her absentee ballot application and absentee ballot by mail, email or facsimile. The military voter must, however, return his/her original military ballot application and military ballot by mail or in person. The Clerk of the Board shall transmit the military voter's military ballot in accord with the military voter's preferred method of transmission not later than twenty-five (25) days before the vote. The Clerk of the Board must then receive the military voter's military ballot by mail or in person not later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the vote. **AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that pursuant to a rule adopted by the Board of Education in accordance with §2035 and 2008 of the Education law, any referenda or propositions to amend the budget, or otherwise to be submitted for voting at said election, must be filed with the Board of Education at the District Office, 50 Woodbridge Avenue, Chatham, NY, on or before April 18, 2022, at 5:00 PM prevailing time; must be typed or printed in the English language; must be directed to the Clerk of the School District; must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the District; and must state the name and residence of each signer. However, the School board will not entertain any petition to place before the power of the voters to determine, or any proposition which fails to include a specific appropriation where the expenditures of monies is required by the proposition. Deborah Pottenburgh DISTRICT CLERK CHATHAM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



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Ten most intriguing NFL games of 2022

Pat Yasinkas
Field Level Media

Bit by bit, the National Football League has been teasing its 2022 schedule. But what had been a trickle of information turned into a flood Thursday night.

In the latest line of non-events that the NFL has manufactured into a made-for-television production, the league released its complete 18-week regular-season schedule.

We have known the opponents each team will face since the end of last season. The league also previously announced its five International Series games, which should all be yawners.

The league even gave us a peak into its Christmas Day lineup by announcing earlier this week that the Denver Broncos will face the Super Bowl champion Los Angeles Rams.

Now that every date is set, let's take a look at the 10 most intriguing games on the 2022 schedule:

10. Broncos at Rams, Dec. 25 (CBS/Nickelodeon)
- This game is getting a lot of hype because the Rams are the champions and quarterback Russell Wilson joined the Broncos in the biggest move of the off-season. But let's see how important this game is by December. A lot of people are assuming Wilson will come in and win a Super Bowl like Peyton Manning did. Guess what? Wilson is not Manning.
9. Patriots at Raiders, Dec. 18 (NBC)
- This game takes on special meaning not due to "Sunday Night Football" but because it matches Las Vegas coach Josh McDaniels against his mentor, Bill Belichick. McDaniels was a shooting star on Belichick's staff before getting a chance to be a head coach in Denver. After another stint under Belichick, McDaniels might approach things differently.
8. Broncos at Seahawks, Sept. 12 (ESPN)

Just like the Christmas Day game, this contest will receive too much hype. That's all because of Wilson, and it happens Week 1. He spent 10 seasons in Seattle before forcing the Seahawks to trade him in the offseason. That has made him an unpopular figure in Seattle, but it's hard to imagine fans falling in love with Drew Lock or Geno Smith.

7. Bengals at Browns, Oct. 31 (ESPN)
- Admit it, you thought you never would see this matchup on a top 10 list. But it is. That's because Joe Burrow is the "in" thing in Cincinnati, Baker Mayfield is on the verge of being out in Cleveland and Deshaun Watson will be trying to resurrect his career and make the Browns into a playoff contender.
6. Bengals at Ravens, Oct. 9 (NBC)
- Burrow is the big story in the AFC North, and he should be after leading the Bengals to the Super Bowl. But let's not forget about Baltimore quarterback Lamar Jackson. He still is one of the most dangerous players in the league.

5. Rams at Buccaneers, Nov. 6 (CBS)
- To say the schedule makers had to scramble when Tom Brady announced he was unretiring would be an understatement. This game initially had Sunday at 1 p.m. ET written all over it. But any game in which Brady is on the field is a big game and this is a matchup of the last two Super Bowl champions.
4. Packers at Bills, Oct. 30 (NBC)
- This is football the way it was meant to be played - outdoors in late fall, between two teams quite familiar with cold temperatures. Plus, it could mark a passing of the torch. Green Bay's Aaron Rodgers has won two straight Most Valuable Player awards, but Buffalo's Josh Allen is in the next generation of great quarterbacks.
3. Chiefs at Buccaneers, Oct. 2 (NBC)
- This is a rematch of Super Bowl LV at Raymond James Stadium. In that game, Brady and the Bucs dominated the Chiefs on the way to a 31-9 win. But Brady has to give up his throne at some

point (doesn't he?) and Patrick Mahomes looks like he's next in line.

2. Bills at Chiefs, Oct. 16 (CBS)
- A flip of the coin is really all that separated these two teams in last year's postseason. That was so controversial that it prompted the NFL to change its postseason overtime rules. There's a very good chance that whoever wins this game will represent the AFC in the Super Bowl.
1. Bills at Rams, Sept. 8 (NBC)
- At least on paper and at the moment, these are the two best teams in the NFL. If that's true, the first game of the NFL season could serve as a Super Bowl preview. Back-to-back championships with the Rams would make people forget Matthew Stafford was ever with Detroit. Getting the Bills to the Super Bowl, where they haven't been since the 1993 season, firmly would establish Allen as one of the league's best quarterbacks.

Kyle Neptune isn't feeling the heat about succeeding Jay Wright at Villanova — Yet

Mike Sielski
The Philadelphia Inquirer

PHILADELPHIA — Kyle Neptune had a free hour late Monday afternoon, so there he was, opening the door to Villanova's basketball offices, his the last at the end of the hallway. Walk past one doorway, then another, then...

"Hey, guys," Jay Wright said, emerging from one of the offices.

It wasn't a surprise to see him. Wright will still work at and for Villanova, and he still had Friday's commencement address to deliver. When he decided last month that he would retire, he and the university's other power people strove for seamlessness in the transition from him to the next head coach. Open up the search in the hopes of attracting a bigger name? Nah. Neptune had worked under Wright for 10 years. He had just coached Fordham to its second .500-or-better record in the Rams' last 15 seasons. He was the guy.

Which means, three weeks in, much of the job feels familiar to him. He knows most

everybody, and most everybody knows him. On the wall behind his office desk hung five photos of him: with his family, with Wright, with Joe Girardi -- from the night Neptune and Wright threw out ceremonial first pitches at a Phillies game. Near a conference table were five souvenir folding chairs from Villanova's recent Final Four appearances. Arleshia Davidson, Villanova's director of basketball administration, had taken care to decorate Neptune's office in a manner that didn't differ much from Wright's.

"I've done nothing," Neptune said, "except show up."

Close, but not quite. His first mission as head coach, he said, was to "re-engage" with people connected to the program. At Fordham, he had to hire nine staff members and recruit 10 players. At Villanova, he had to make sure that the coaches and staff and returning players were reassured and that the recruits were still coming -- all of them are.

"One of the things I tried to do in beginning conversations



HEATHER KHALIFA/THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER
Villanova basketball coach Kyle Neptune waits behind the scenes for the start of his introductory press conference last month at the Finneran Pavilion in Delaware County, Pennsylvania.

with all those people," he said, "is acknowledging that, 'Hey, I'm the only one here right now who's extremely happy and had their dream come true.' Everyone else is in a spot. The assistant 3/8 coaches -- the dynamic has shifted where Wright 3/8's not going to be the head coach. That's a shock to them. They came here to work for him. The players came here to play for him. I wanted to acknowledge

the mixed range of emotions and let them all know that that's OK. Building from that vantage point was important. I wanted to let them know that I don't feel any sort of way that you have mixed emotions right now."

The early part was always going to be the easy part for Neptune, though. He can be the same person, the same coach, now that he was when he was one of Wright's assistants: can

talk to everyone the same way he once did, the same way he always has. "I'm saying the same things now that I was saying to our players back then," he said. "The core values haven't changed, and they're not going to."

There's pressure now, of course, but it doesn't compare to what he'll eventually have to face. In theory, there are aspects of the job in which Wright excelled and that Neptune can, too, and there are aspects in which Wright excelled and Neptune won't measure up. And there will be aspects in which Neptune can thrive to a degree that Wright couldn't. Again, that's in theory. In reality, Wright was the standard-bearer at Villanova, in the Big 5, and arguably in all of college basketball, and Neptune hasn't done anything yet to draw a direct comparison between himself and his mentor. He hasn't benched anyone. He hasn't cut anyone's playing time. He hasn't made an in-game decision with which one of his assistants might disagree. He hasn't

lost a game to an inferior opponent.

"I don't feel the pressure to emulate him, except for the core principles of the program," he said. "I'm going to be myself. I can't be anyone else. I'm just not thinking that way."

"Coach Wright instilled this in the program: Everybody wants to win, but if that's all you think about, it's just not the way we look at it. We need to hold people to a certain standard of how we do things and put everything you can into it and hope that gets you the results you want. That's covering all your bases. I don't know if I'll get the same results, but I know I'll put everything into it, and I'm going to try my best every day, and that's all I can really do as a man."

What's that old saying? Eighty percent of success in life, maybe 90%, is showing up. Kyle Neptune has that part down. It's that last little bit that will make all the difference for him, that will determine if everyone comes to regard him as a worthy successor to the guy just down the hall.

Kentucky Derby winner Rich Strike to skip Preakness

Childs Walker
Baltimore Sun

BALTIMORE — Rich Strike, the 80-1 long shot who thrilled the racing world with his late charge to victory in the Kentucky Derby, will skip the Preakness, owner Rick Dawson said.

Rich Strike's absence will rob the race of its customary tension, with no Triple Crown narrative at stake and no debate over the historic underdog's chances to do it again. Ratings on NBC plummeted 29% in 2019, when none of the top three Derby finishers ran in the Preakness.

"It's disappointing," said NBC racing analyst Randy Moss. "Clearly, we would prefer that Rich Strike run in the Preakness, because he did capture the imagination of the sports public with the way he won and the improbability of it all. Not to mention that the people involved with Rich Strike are so likable and so humble, with a lot of meat on that bone from a storytelling perspective."

Preakness organizers had hoped this year would represent a return to normal for Baltimore's largest annual sporting event after the coronavirus pandemic pushed it to October in 2020 and limited attendance last spring. The event's infield festival will be back after a two-year absence, with no limit on the crowd, which hit a record high of 134,487 in 2018.

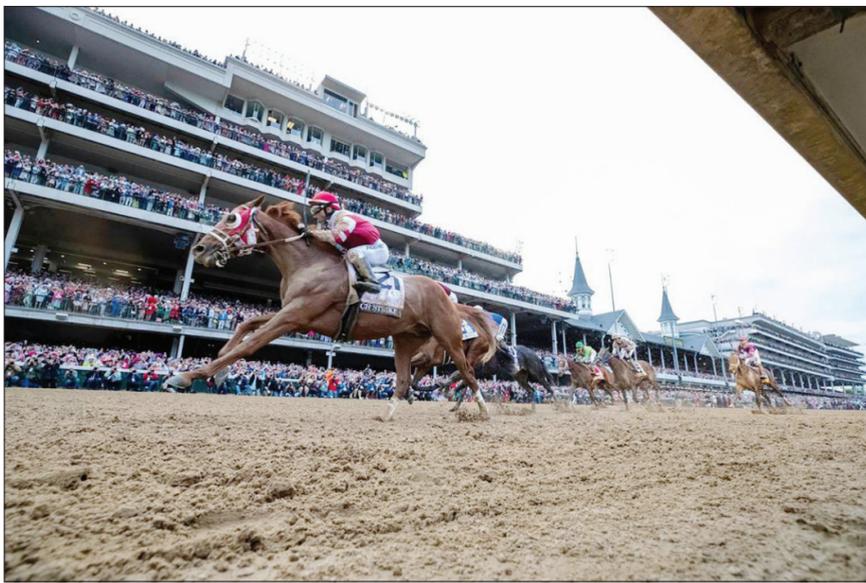
Dawson said he and trainer Eric Reed originally planned to run Rich Strike in the Derby and come back five weeks later for the Belmont Stakes.

"Obviously, with our tremendous effort & win in the Derby, it's very, very tempting to alter our course & run in the Preakness at Pimlico, which would be a great honor for all our group," Dawson said in a statement provided by Preakness organizers. "However, after much discussion & consideration with my trainer, Eric Reed & a few others, we are going to stay with our plan of what's best for Ritchie is what's best for our group, and pass on running in the Preakness, and point toward the Belmont in approximately 5 weeks."

Reed had indicated since the morning after the Derby that he expected to enter Rich Strike in the Preakness if he held up well in training. In an update from his home track in Kentucky on Wednesday, Reed said: "Everything seems good."

The trainer did not immediately respond to telephone and text messages Thursday.

The decision to skip the Preakness is unusual but not unprecedented.



SILAS WALKER/LEXINGTON HERALD-LEADER

With favorite Epicenter and Zandon dueling in front, Rich Strike came charging up the rail for a stunning 80-1 upset in the Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs on May 7 in Louisville, Kentucky.

Technically, Mandaloun was the last Derby winner not to run in the Preakness, and that was just last year. But Medina Spirit was considered Derby champion at the time and only lost his title nine months later because of a medication violation. Medina Spirit did run at Pimlico Race Course and finished third.

Country House, who won the 2019 Derby after Maximum Security was disqualified, did not travel to the Preakness because of a cough and never raced again. Before his defection, it had been 23 years since a Derby champion failed to take a shot at the second leg of the Triple Crown.

Justify in 2018 was the last horse to win the Derby and the Preakness, and he went on to take the Triple Crown.

Trainers and owners are increasingly reluctant to run their horses on two weeks' rest, the customary gap between the Derby and Preakness. Such busy schedules were common in past eras, but rest periods of a month or more are the current norm for elite thoroughbreds.

Moss said the decision on Rich Strike should prompt serious discussion of extending the Triple Crown schedule, with the Preakness on Memorial Day weekend and the Belmont Stakes closer to July 4.

"Something like this was inevitable," the

NBC analyst said. "The spacing of the Triple Crown races should have been changed 15 years ago. It's a complete anachronism for 2022."

There is no overarching authority to mandate such talks; the Maryland Jockey Club and the New York Racing Association, which operate the Preakness and Belmont Stakes, respectively, would have to come to an agreement on their own. A \$5 million Triple Crown bonus from Visa used to offer financial incentive for trainers and owners to enter all three races, but the company discontinued it in 2005.

A spokesman for the Maryland Jockey Club said the organization had no statement on Rich Strike's withdrawal.

The decision leaves a massive hole in the field for the Preakness, which was set to feature a rematch between Rich Strike and Derby runner-up Epicenter, the horse he passed with his miraculous charge over the last quarter-mile at Churchill Downs.

Rich Strike was not even in the 20-horse Derby field until the morning before the race, when the late scratch of Ethereal Road created a spot for him. He had won just once in seven career starts going into the biggest race of his life. His trainer, Reed, and his jockey, Sonny Leon, were equally long shots, with one win in a graded

stakes between them. In the wake of their victory, Reed said he had contemplated leaving the industry in 2016 after a barn fire killed 23 of his horses.

He described the aftermath of the Derby as "a euphoria that won't go away."

Reed did not commit fully to running in the Preakness, saying his and Dawson's plans would depend on how Rich Strike looked coming out of the Derby. They shipped him back to Reed's Mercury Training Center near Lexington the day after the race. He resumed jogging and galloping on Tuesday, with Reed saying he "traveled great."

Though he continued to stop short of a Preakness commitment in interviews Tuesday and Wednesday, Reed gave no indication that he was about to pull Rich Strike from consideration.

With the Derby champion out, Epicenter will be the leading carry-over from the first leg of the Triple Crown and a likely favorite in Baltimore. He'll be joined by a list of contenders including fourth-place Derby finisher Simplification and Kentucky Oaks-winning filly Secret Oath, trained by six-time Preakness winner D. Wayne Lukas.

Before Country House, the last Derby winner to skip the Preakness was Grindstone, who missed the second jewel of the Triple Crown in 1996 because of a bone chip in his right knee.

In 1985, Spend a Buck snubbed the second jewel of the Triple Crown for the Jersey Derby at since-closed Garden State Park. The motivation in that case was financial; Spend a Buck stood to pick up a \$2 million bonus because he'd already won the Cherry Hill Mile and the Garden State Stakes. The winner's purse for the Preakness was about \$300,000 at the time.

Spend a Buck won the Jersey Derby, providing a windfall for owner Dennis Diaz, even as some turf writers derided the violation of tradition.

Three years before that, in 1982, trainer Eddie Gregson opted to steer his long shot Derby winner, Gato Del Sol, past the Preakness in hopes of capturing the Belmont Stakes. Gato Del Sol did finish second in the third jewel of the Triple Crown but was soundly beaten by Conquistador Cielo.

Pimlico general manager Chick Lang showed what he thought of Gregson's decision by sticking a goat in the stall usually reserved for the Derby champion.

The last Derby winner to skip the Preakness before Gato Del Sol was Tomy Lee in 1959.



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Dad's bursts of enthusiasm collide with boys' bedtime

Dear Abby,
My husband gets very upset when our 4-year-old sons don't share his enthusiasm over something that excites him. He wants them (and me) to jump up and down or cheer when he's excited about something. The problem is, he tends to share his news when we're getting ready for bed or just plain tired. I feel guilty for not acquiescing, but at the same time, I don't want to fake it. Any suggestions for a compromise, please?
At A Loss In Texas



DEAR ABBY
JEANNE PHILLIPS

Explain to your husband that you are "sorry" he's upset at the lack of enthusiasm he's receiving when he's excited about something, but his TIMING is off. If he expects you and the children to be his cheering section, it would be helpful if he timed his announcements so they don't conflict with bedtime, when everyone's energy level is low.

Dear Abby,
My former husband and I have been divorced for more than two years. We had our wedding reception in a club with live music, and we would go there every Saturday night to listen to the music. We were divorced shortly after our marriage because he had frequent violent outbursts. After our divorce, he called and asked if we could have a date night. When I went out with him, it was great. We listened to the musicians, and no one knew we were divorced.

My ex had serious surgery, which I helped him through, but because of a subsequent violent episode from him, I have now severed all ties with him. I'd like to go back and listen to the musicians, but I don't know what to say when they ask me where he is. Any advice would be greatly appreciated.
Uncertain Music Lover

When you are asked, all you need to say is, "John" and I are no longer a couple, so you won't be seeing him with me anymore. I may have split with my husband, but I haven't fallen out of love with your music." It isn't necessary to share any details beyond that.

Dear Abby,
My grandparents have been very generous. They provided for me in ways my parents could not when I was a child. They allowed me to take music lessons and vacations, let me travel with them and paid for my higher education. They also started an investment fund for me that has grown nicely.

Now I'm married (I'm 37; my husband is 42), we are financially stable and obtaining financial counseling, and we have decided to place those funds in a different form of investment. The rub is that Grandma objects to any changes to these gifts and puts pressure on us. How do I thank her for her generosity and let her know we are handling our finances now?

Cutting The Apron Strings

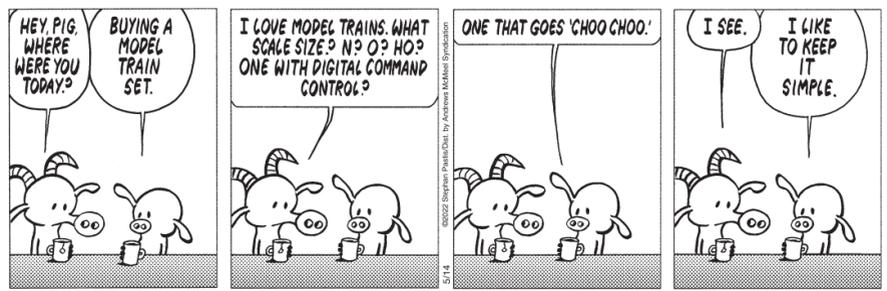
Start by telling your grandmother again how grateful you are for everything she has provided these many years. Explain to her what your investment plans are for the money that has accumulated, and your reasons for wanting to change. If she has concerns, hear them out and suggest she discuss them with the financial adviser you plan to employ, which might put her worries to rest.

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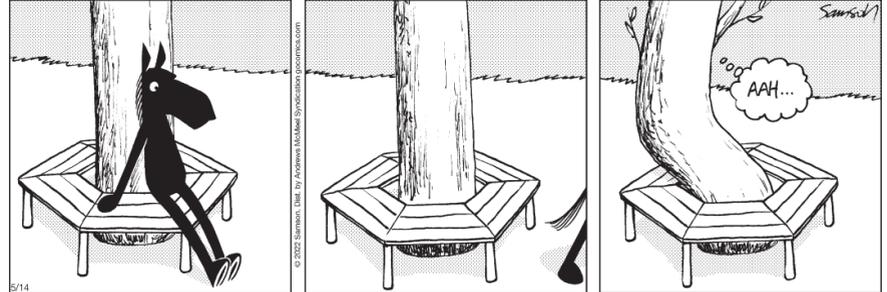
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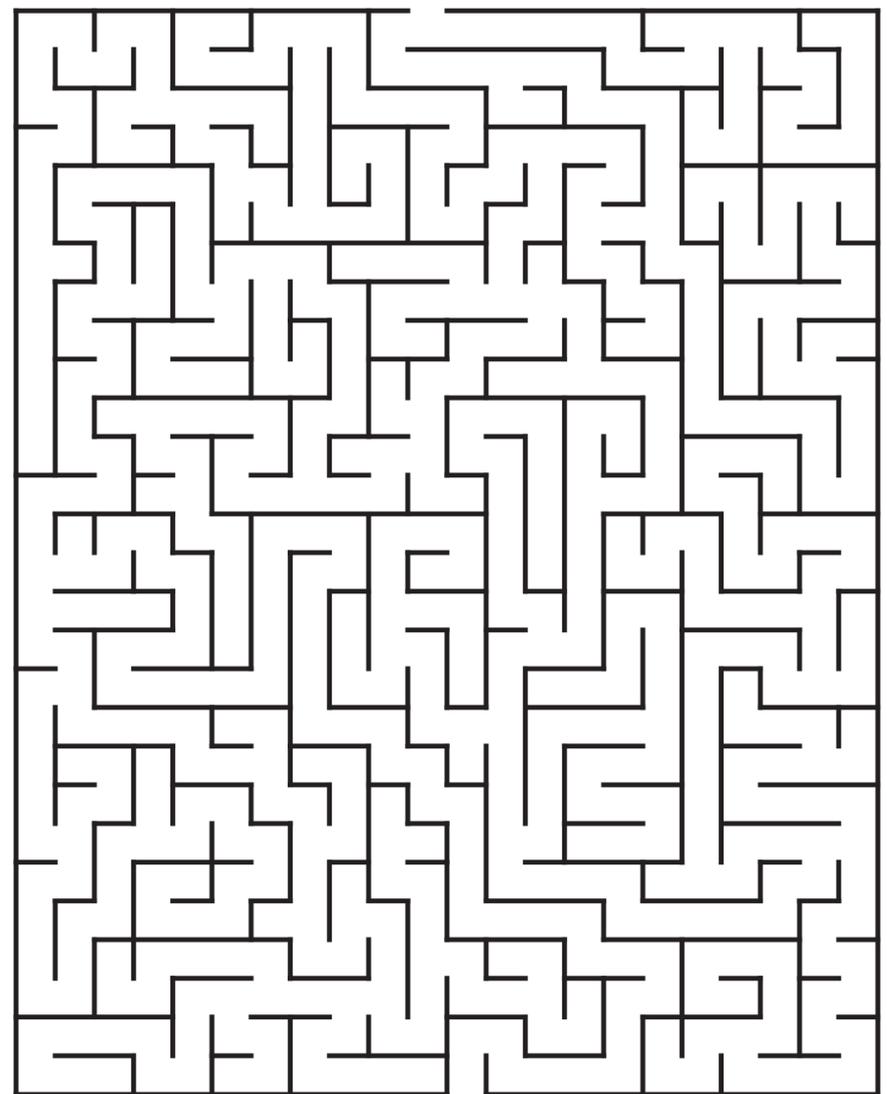
Garfield



Dark Side of the Horse



Daily Maze



Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

Born today, you are very likely to find yourself on the fast track to professional success at an early age, as the beneficiary of someone's training and attention — but you must take care, for that may not be the right path for you in the end. You must determine whether to allow yourself to be molded in this way or to break free of someone's tutelage and go your own way in pursuit of not only professional success, but personal contentment as well.

You are something of a visionary, and you see yourself as very much the "star" of your own story — which, of course, is why you bristle when you are being managed by someone, even when young. You are inspiring to others, and you no doubt have the makings of a fine teacher — though to be successful as one, you must learn to appreciate it when your students exceed your own instruction and expectations.

Also born on this date are: Lou Harrison, composer; Robert Zemeckis, director, producer, screenwriter; Francesca Annis, actress; Mark Zuckerberg, computer programmer and businessman; Amber Tamblyn, actress; Cate Blanchett, actress; Eoin Colfer, author.

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 15

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Open and honest communication is essential today; you mustn't let anyone complicate matters by trying to deceive you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You know the truth when you hear it, and today you'll spend a good deal of time sifting through falsehoods to uncover something you can count on.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You're going to

have to hit the ground running today, as there is much to be done today and you must demonstrate to others your overall fitness.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — What you do today will surely be remembered — but will it be for the right reasons? There's much you can do to ensure a positive answer.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You may find yourself caught between two urgent realities that don't suit either your mood or your desires, but you must address them today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — You may be pushed in a new direction today, either by another person or by unforeseen circumstances. In either case, one response yields results.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — What's done cannot be undone — or so you have long been told. Today you may discover that this is not entirely so — temporarily.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — You mustn't do anything to get yourself noticed today, but rather you must exert invisible pressure on others whenever possible.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You've been in pursuit of something that you cannot exactly identify for quite some time. It may now be time to stop the chase at last.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Something that seems to be drab and colorless can be improved dramatically today — and ultimately be recognized as the best of its kind.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — You receive conflicting messages today that must be studied for hidden meaning. Ultimately, you'll know just how you are supposed to react.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — The beginning of the day and the last few moments of it will offer just enough information to make sense of what happens in between.

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WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q 1 - Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ J 6 5 ♥ K Q 2 ♦ 9 6 3 ♠ A K J 6

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	Pass	1♥	Pass
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What call would you make?

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

♠ A 7 6 3 ♥ 6 ♦ 10 7 4 ♠ K Q 7 6 4

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
2♥	2♠	3♥	?

What call would you make?

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

♠ Q J 8 6 ♥ Q 10 5 3 ♦ A 9 ♠ A J 8

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♥	Pass	Pass	3♣
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What call would you make?

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

♠ A Q 7 5 ♥ A 9 6 ♦ A 10 7 ♠ 8 6 4

As dealer, what call would you make?

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

♠ 9 7 6 4 3 ♥ J 7 6 ♦ K 6 ♠ Q 5 3

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♠	1♠	2♠	?

What call would you make?

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

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WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Pass	Pass	2♥	?

What call would you make?

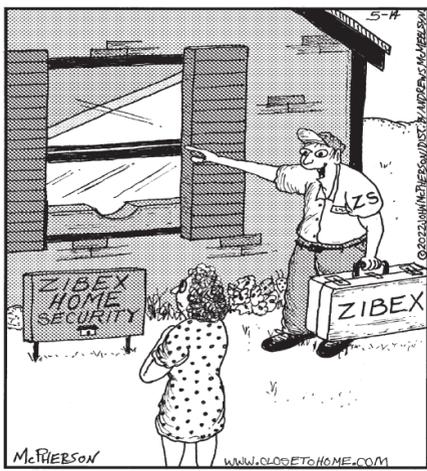
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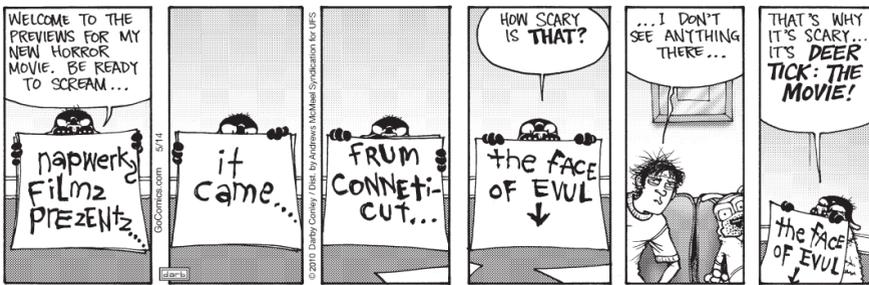
"Trust me, Mrs. Clavner, with one of these in each of your windows, no burglar is going to come NEAR your house!"

Free Range



ISN'T ANYBODY GONNA GET UP THERE AND SAY SOMETHING? I KNOW I'M NOT! DON'T LOOK AT ME! YOU CAN COUNT ME OUT!

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Dilbert



I CAN'T FINISH ALL OF THE PROJECTS YOU PILED ON ME. TRY WORKING SMARTER. OKAY, I QUIT. NOT THAT SMART. DIAL IT BACK.

For Better or For Worse



HOW DID THE INTRODUCTION TO DAY CARE GO, EL? FINE! APRIL HAS A FRIEND ALREADY. I THINK THIS WAS A GOOD THING, ANNIE. APRIL DOES NEED TO BE WITH OTHER CHILDREN. AFTER ALL, IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE SHE'S IN KINDERGARTEN... AND GRADE ONE AND THEN... QUICK!! -CUDDLE HER BEFORE SHE'S GONE!!!

Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- Very smart person
 - Narrow waterway
 - Breakfast order
 - Healthy
 - Cash, slangily
 - Flood refugee
 - Doing nothing
 - Proclaim to the public
 - Actress Farrow
 - Scouting activity
 - Sprayed WD-40 on
 - Passes out cards
 - Prefix for stop or toxic
 - Wild and ferocious
 - Gets another year of "People"
 - Privileged group
 - Actor Keach
 - Mr. Potato Head piece
 - Fling
 - Crayola color
 - Melancholy
 - "Murder, ___ Wrote"
 - Like a cliché
 - Winnie-the-Pooh's creator
 - Very skillful
 - Fatal
 - Female animal
 - Free-for-all
 - Oval or rectangle
 - Tug or trawler
 - Miscalculate
 - Freedom
 - Word with collar or market
 - Baker's need
 - Waterbirds
 - ___ years; 2024, 2028, etc.
 - Reason to study
 - Less adorned
 - ___ to; increases
- DOWN**
- On a ___; impulsively
 - "___ only known!"; cry of regret

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Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews 5/14/22

Friday's Puzzle Solved

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- Feel remorse
- Not as fat
- Largest in the deer family
- Job opening
- Bee colony
- Lincoln & others
- Coffin platform
- Librarian's advice
- Knocks
- Phone inventor's monogram
- Actress Leoni
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SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

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Solution to Friday's puzzle 5/14/22

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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 four ordinary words.

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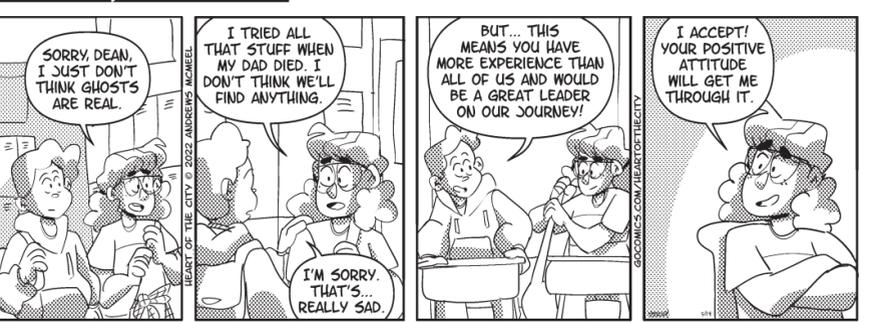
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Answers Tuesday

Yesterday's Jumbles: EXPEL NERVY HAIRDO FONDUE
Answer: To explain in detail exactly how he lost so much weight, he — EXPOUNDED

Heart of the City



SORRY, DEAN, I JUST DON'T THINK GHOSTS ARE REAL. I TRIED ALL THAT STUFF WHEN MY DAD DIED. I DON'T THINK WE'LL FIND ANYTHING. BUT... THIS MEANS YOU HAVE MORE EXPERIENCE THAN ALL OF US AND WOULD BE A GREAT LEADER ON OUR JOURNEY! I ACCEPT! YOUR POSITIVE ATTITUDE WILL GET ME THROUGH IT.

B.C.



NICE MISS. LOOKS LIKE I ALMOST HIT THAT ANTHILL! I THINK WWII JUST STARTED.

Wizard of Id



WOW! THE WIZARD'S BREWING AN INTERESTING CURSE. NEVER SEEN HIM STUB HIS TOE ON THE CAULDRON BEFORE.

Andy Capp



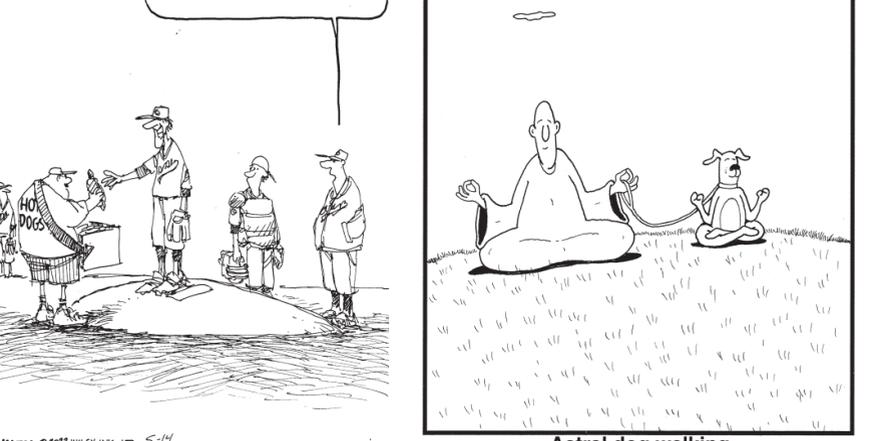
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Bound & Gagged



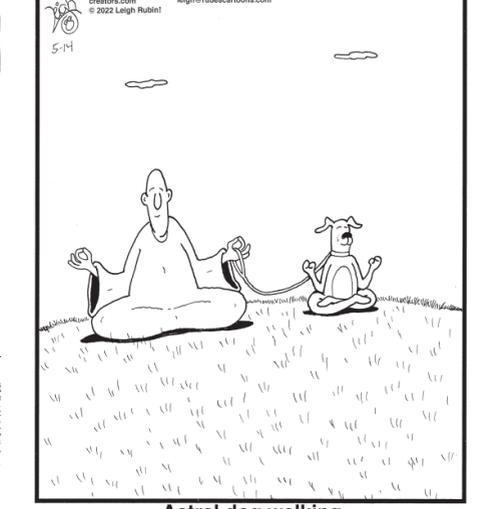
I ABDUCTED THAT ONE IN NEW MEXICO BACK IN '51.

Non Sequitur



I KNOW, I KNOW... BUT IT WAS EITHER THIS OR GIVING HIM A NO-TRADE CLAUSE.

Rubes



Astral dog walking

... all you need to know for the upcoming week and beyond ...

R-E-L-A-X

Better for you than you think

Don't be embarrassed to add prunes to your grocery cart

By **BARBARA INTERMILL**
Monterey Herald

Why is it that, real or not, we tend to reject things that associate us with being old? Case in point: A little over two decades ago, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved a petition to allow prune producers to market their product as "dried plums." They hoped the new designation might help remove any stigma for those who think prunes are only for grandparents.

Wait, I am a grandparent. And hooray, the California Prune Board says that, although prunes were referred to as dried plums in the past, they are now "embracing and proclaiming the wonders of California prunes with pride."

Whether you call them prunes or dried plums, think of them first as an amazing functional food. That means prunes have other positive effects even beyond their impressive nutritional value.

What is it in prunes and prune juice, for example, that helps prevent constipation? Scientists say the attribute comes from the presence of dietary fiber as well as sorbitol, a sugar alcohol that acts as a mild laxative. At any rate, as little as ½ cup of prune juice or four to five prunes a day can keep the old (and young) gut working well.

What really screams out "functional" to me, however, is a growing body of evidence that shows how eating prunes can protect our bones. Two clinical trials from the University of Pennsylvania, for example, found less bone loss and improved bone density in

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Whether you call them prunes or dried plums, think of them first as an amazing functional food. Dreamstime/TNS



Tom Cruise plays Capt. Pete "Maverick" Mitchell in "Top Gun: Maverick" from Paramount Pictures, Skydance and Jerry Bruckheimer Films. Paramount Pictures/TNS

Summer movies you won't want to miss

'Top Gun: Maverick' and 50 more films headed your way this summer

By **ADAM GRAHAM**
The Detroit News

On the calendar summer is still a ways away, but at the movies summertime is ready to roll.

Next weekend's release of "Dr. Strange in the Multiverse of Madness" marks the kickoff of the summer box office season, the first true summer movie season in three years, after 2020 was wiped out entirely and 2021 was hobbled by the COVID-19 pandemic.

There are some big dogs ready to get out and play in the yard, including Marvel heavy hitters (in addition to "Strange," there's a new Thor movie on its way in July), marquee franchise fare (new "Jurassic Park" and "Despicable Me" entries and a "Toy Story" prequel, of sorts) and a "Top Gun" sequel that has been waiting to take off for what seems like forever.

Here's your guide to summer's best and brightest movies, coming soon to a theater or a streaming service near you. (Remember, dates are always subject to change.)

1. 'TOP GUN: MAVERICK'

We've been feeling the need, the need for speed since the sequel to the 1986 original was set to fly the friendly skies back in 2019. Now we're finally ready to find out what Tom Cruise's Pete "Maverick" Mitchell has been up to all these years, and whether or not he's lost



A Tyrannosaurus rex crashes a drive-in movie in the new film "Jurassic World Dominion." Universal Pictures/Amblin Entertainment/TNS

that lovin' feeling. (May 27, theaters)

2. 'NOPE'

Do we know anything at all about this move other than its cast (Daniel Kaluuya, Keke Palmer and Steven Yeun), that it has something to do with something happening in the sky, and that it was written and directed by Jordan Peele? Nope. But we still can't wait anyway. (July 22, theaters)

3. 'DR. STRANGE IN THE MULTIVERSE OF MADNESS'

Benedict Cumberbatch returns as Stephen Strange, last seen opening up various timelines so all the

Spider-Mans could re-create that Spidey meme. Here he's fiddling with the fate of Lizzie Olsen's Scarlet Witch, so it's a "WandaVision" follow up, too. Sam Raimi directs. (May 6, theaters)

4. 'BULLET TRAIN'

"John Wick" director David Leitch helms this action comedy starring Brad Pitt, Aaron Taylor-Johnson, Joey King, Michael Shannon, Bad Bunny and Sandra Bullock about a trained killer (Pitt) trying to give up the life who finds himself pulled into one more job on board a speeding train full of competing assassins. (July 29, theaters)

5. 'JURASSIC WORLD'

'DOMINION'

The gang's all back, and we're not even talking about the dinosaurs. OG "Jurassic Park" stars Sam Neill, Jeff Goldblum and Laura Dern return to the fold in the series' 6th installment, the follow-up to 2018's "Fallen Kingdom" and the closing chapter of the current "Jurassic Park" trilogy. (June 10, theaters)

6. 'LIGHTYEAR'

"This isn't Buzz Lightyear the toy," Chris Evans, who voices Buzz Lightyear in the upcoming movie, tweeted in December 2020. "This is the origin story of the human Buzz

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Looking for a well-behaved canine?

A dog's breed means very little in predicting the behavior and personality of an individual dog

By **KATIE SHEPHERD**
Washington Post

Americans have as many stereotypes about dogs as there are distinct breeds: Chihuahuas are nervous; border collies are hyperactive; golden retrievers are great with children; and, most infamous, some large breeds — like the American pit bull terrier and Rottweiler — are aggressive.

But a research paper published Thursday by scientists studying the link

between genetics and dog behavior suggests that our preconceived notions may be wrong.

Breed means very little in predicting the behavior and personality of an individual dog, the researchers found. That appears to be especially true for traits that are most commonly associated with a dog's personality, qualities such as cuddliness, friendliness toward strangers and aggression.

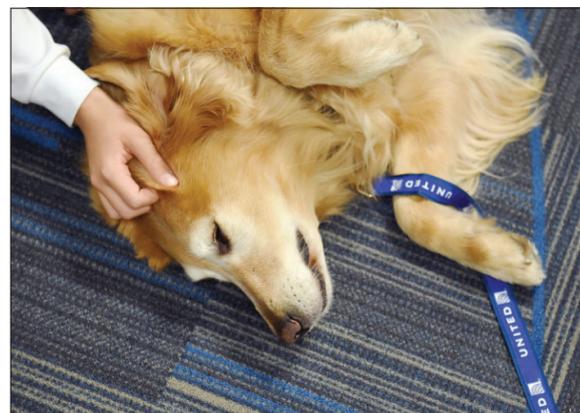
"What the dog looks like is not really going to tell you what the dog acts like," said Marjie Alonso, a co-author of the study and the executive director of the IAABC Foundation, the charitable arm of the International Association of Animal

Behavior Consultants.

The study, published in Science, looked at the genes of more than 2,000 dogs paired with 200,000 survey answers from dog owners about their pets' behaviors. The researchers examined data only on dogs that live primarily as companion animals and did not study how genes influence working dogs bred to perform specific tasks.

Breed accounted for only about 9% of behavioral variation in individual dogs and no trait was unique to a single breed of dog, the study found. The researchers speculate that much of the rest of the

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Patsy, a golden retriever, was part of United Paws, a United Airlines program that allows passengers to interact with comfort dogs at Washington Dulles International Airport. Matt McClain/Washington Post

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Lightyear that the toy is based on." Got that? Good. Any more questions? Didn't think so. (June 17, theaters)

7. 'ELVIS'

Elvis has entered the building. Director Baz Luhrmann always shoots for the stars, and when he hits them ("Moulin Rouge!"), the results are magic. When he doesn't ("Australia," "The Great Gatsby"), well, that's another story. Starring Austin Butler as the King and Tom Hanks as Colonel Parker. (June 24, theaters)

8. 'THOR: LOVE AND THUNDER'

Chris Hemsworth's Thor is back, and the dude's just looking for a little R&R but is brought back to hammer-swinging duty by Gorr the God Butcher, a super bad guy, played by Christian Bale in his Marvel debut. Natalie Portman assumes the role of Mighty Thor, while Taika Waititi directs. (July 8, theaters)

9. 'MINIONS: THE RISE OF GRU'

Entry No. 5 in the "Despicable Me" series is a direct follow-up to 2015's "Minions," and takes place in the 1970s, when a young Gru (Steve Carell) is sharpening his super-villain skills. With the voices of Taraji P. Henson, Jean-Claude Van Damme, Dolph Lundgren, Michelle Yeoh and more. (July 1, theaters)

10. 'DOWNTON ABBEY: A NEW ERA'

The Crawley family enters the Marvel Cinematic Universe in this follow-up to the 2019 film, in which they join forces with their staff to take on interplanetary overlords who want to rule the galaxy. Orrrr it's more Downton Abbey drama, the kind the show's fans adore. Definitely one of those two. (May 20, theaters)

11. 'WHERE THE CRAWDADS SING'

Daisy Edgar-Jones ("Fresh") stars in this adaptation of Delia Owens' hugely popular 2018 novel, about a girl who grows up in the North Carolina marsh and later becomes entangled in a murder plot. (July 15, theaters)

12. 'HUSTLE'

Adam Sandler stars as former basketball scout Stanley Sugarman in this co-production with LeBron James that also stars Queen Latifah, Ben Foster, JoJo Siwa and a host of NBA stars. Sure, why not? (June 8, Netflix)

13. 'DC LEAGUE OF SUPER-PETS'



"D.C. League of Super-Pets." Warner Bros. Pictures

Pets can have superpowers, too. So Superman's dog, Krypto (voiced by Dwayne Johnson) teams up with Batman's dog (Kevin Hart) and others to save the day when their human counterparts are captured. (July 29, theaters)

14. 'SENIORYEAR'

Rebel Wilson stars as a high school cheerleader who suffers a coma and wakes up 20 years later, only to learn she's missed her senior year of high school and now wants to recreate everything she missed. (May 13, Netflix)

15. 'MARCEL THE SHELL WITH SHOES ON'

Marcel is a shell with shoes on, voiced by Jenny Slate, who also co-wrote this feature length film that follows several adorable Marcel shorts, including a 2010 festival favorite. (June 24, theaters)

16. 'VENGEANCE'

"The Office" star B.J. Novak writes and directs this horror thriller about a New York radio host who travels south to investigate the murder of his girlfriend. With Issa Rae, Ashton Kutcher and Boyd Holbrook. (July 29, theaters)

17. 'THE SEA BEAST'

Maybe sea monsters aren't so bad after all? A young girl stows away on a creature-hunter's boat and befriends a great beast in this animated tale that features the voices of Dan Stevens and Zaris-Angel Hator. (July 8, Netflix)

18. 'THE BOB'S BURGERS MOVIE'

After 12 seasons and nearly 250 episodes, creator Loren Bouchard's animated comedy comes to the big screen for more burger-flipping good times. (May 27, theaters)

19. 'SHOTGUN WEDDING'

Jennifer Lopez and Josh Duhamel star as a couple whose picture perfect destination

wedding is interrupted when they end up getting taken hostage. (June 29, Amazon Prime Video)

20. 'THE BLACK PHONE'

Ethan Hawke, who has a pretty good track record in horror movies (see "Sinister," the first "Purge" movie) plays a kidnapper known as "The Grabber" in this adaptation of Joe Hill's 2004 short story. (June 24, theaters)

21. 'BODIES BODIES BODIES'

Amanda Stenberg, Maria Bakalova and Pete Davidson are among the stars of this slasher film about a group of friends stranded at a house party during a hurricane. (Aug. 5, theaters)

22. 'FIRESTARTER'

This reboot of the 1984 Stephen King adaptation that starred Drew Barrymore as a young girl with pyrokinesis features Ryan Kiera Armstrong in the title role and Zac Efron as her concerned father. (May 13, theaters and on Peacock)

23. 'MEN'

Writer-director Alex Garland ("Ex-Machina," "Annihilation") returns with this eerie-looking horror title that stars Oscar nominee Jessie Buckley ("The Lost Daughter") as a woman looking to let go after the death of her husband. (May 20, theaters)

24. 'PETITE MAMAN'

After the death of her grandmother, an 8-year-old meets a new friend while building a treehouse in the woods in this French drama from "Portrait of a Lady on Fire" writer-director Celine Sciamma. (May 6, theaters)

25. 'FIRE ISLAND'

No, it's not about Fyre Fest. Joel Kim Booster and "SNL's" Bowen Yang star in this "Pride and Prejudice"-inspired romantic comedy about a group



"Marcell the Shell with Shoes On." Screenshot

of friends who vacation at the gay hot spot off the coast of Long Island. (June 3, Hulu)

26. 'SHARP STICK'

The latest from writer-director Lena Dunham (HBO's "Girls") stars Kristine Froseth as a babysitter who loses her virginity to her employer. Dunham, Scott Speedman, Jon Bernthal and Jennifer Jason Leigh co-star. (Aug. 5, theaters)

27. 'GOOD LUCK TO YOU, LEO GRANDE'

In this Sundance hit, Emma Thompson stars as a retired widow who hires a sex worker (Daryl McCormack) in the hopes of finding one night of ecstasy. (June 17, Hulu)

28. 'CHA CHA REAL SMOOTH'

Cooper Raiff writes, directs and stars in this comedic drama about a Bar Mitzvah host who pursues a friendship, and maybe a romantic relationship, with a mother (Dakota Johnson). (June 17, Apple TV+)

29. 'SPIDERHEAD'

Miles Teller and Jurnee Smollett star as prisoners allowed to reduce their sentences by using emotion-altering drugs administered by a warden (Chris Hemsworth) in this sci-fi thriller from "Oblivion's" Joseph Kosinski. (June 17, Netflix)

30. 'HALFTIME'

A documentary that looks at Jennifer Lopez and her career in music and the movies, with stops at her performance at the 2020 Presidential inauguration and her halftime performance with Shakira at the 2020 Super Bowl. (June 15, Netflix)

ALSO...

■ A pair of insomniacs experience nightlife in "Along for the Ride" (May 6, Netflix).

■ Colin Firth and Matthew Macfadyen are a pair of WWII intelligence officers in "Operation Mincemeat" (May 11, Netflix).

■ The Lonely Island's Akiwa Schaffer directs "Chip N' Dale: Rescue Rangers," a meta comedy about the cartoon

duo featuring the voices of John Mulaney, Andy Samberg, Keegan-Michael Key and more (May 20, Disney+).

■ "Jazz Fest: A New Orleans Story" looks at the history of the long-running Big Easy festival (June 10).

■ Ralph Fiennes and Oscar winner Jessica Chastain star in "The Forgiven," about an accident that affects the lives of those in a Moroccan town (June 17).

■ Oscar winner Mark Rylance golfs the worst round in British Open history in "The Phantom of the Open," the true story of Maurice Flitcroft (June 17).

■ Penelope Cruz and Antonio Banderas star in the film industry send-up "Official Competition" (June 17).

■ Rebeca Huntt writes, directs and stars in the New York-set coming of age tale "Beba" (June 24).

■ Isabelle Huppert and Lesley Manville star in "Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris," about a London widow who takes a trip to Paris to indulge her newfound love of fashion (July 15).

■ Michael Cera voices a dog that wants to be a samurai in "Paws of Fury: The Legend of Hank" (July 15).

■ "Super Troopers" director Jay Chandrasekhar directs "Easter Sunday," with comedian Jo Koy playing a version of himself (Aug. 5).

■ Rebecca Hall plays a character haunted by her past in "Resurrection" (Aug. 5).

■ "Luck" is an animated tale about the conflicting nature of good luck and bad luck (Aug. 5).

■ Zoey Deutch and Dylan O'Brien star in "Not Okay," about a would-be influencer who has a sudden brush with reality (Aug. 5).

■ Henry Joost and Ariel Schulman ("Catfish") take on "Secret Headquarters," about a child who suspects his father may be a superhero (Aug. 5).

■ Kevin Hart and Woody Harrelson star in "The Man from Toronto," about an assassin and a screw-up who are mistaken for each other (Aug. 12, Netflix).

■ Aubrey Plaza becomes "Emily the Criminal" after a credit card scam lures her into L.A.'s criminal underground (Aug. 12).

■ A lion is on the hunt in "Beast," with Idris Elba as a father trying to keep his two daughters from becoming lunch (Aug. 19).

■ John Boyega stars in the true story of an ex-Marine who robs a bank in "92" (Aug. 26).

■ Sylvester Stallone is a superhero thought to have long ago disappeared in "Samaritan" (Aug. 26).

■ "On a Wing and a Prayer" (Aug. 31) is a faith-based drama about a passenger forced to land a plane safely after a pilot suddenly dies, starring Dennis Quaid, Heather Graham and Jesse Metcalfe.

Prunes

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older women who ate five to 10 prunes a day for six months to a year.

Researchers think one possible reason for this positive effect is related to the specific nutrients and other substances in prunes that fortify bones and reduce inflammation at the same time.

If you have diabetes, you may deduce from prune juice's nutrition label that it's got way too much sugar for comfort. Here's the good news, though. Prune juice boasts three ingredients that work together to prevent spikes in blood sugar: dietary fiber, sorbitol (which is half as sweet as regular sugar) and fructose, natural fruit sugar that has a much lower effect on blood glucose than many other types of carbohydrates. Just remember to stick to a half-cup serving size unless your health professional advises you otherwise.

Once you open a bag of prunes, reseal it and store in a cool, dry place. You can also refrigerate prunes in an airtight container, says the California Prune Board.

So whether it's prunes or dried plums you consider most socially acceptable, don't be embarrassed to put them into your grocery cart. They make a great high-powered snack or try some really cool recipes at <https://californiaprunes.org/recipes>.

Heck, you might even get your grandkids to like them.

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Breed

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differences between dogs comes down to individual experiences, training and other environmental factors.

"We do think nearly all the traits are influenced by both genetics and environment," said Elinor Karlsson, a study author and a professor at the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School and the Broad Institute.

Although some traits appeared to coincide with existing beliefs about breeds, others contradicted deep-seated stereotypes. Labrador and golden retrievers, on average, scored high on "human sociability" — a measure of how receptive a dog is to unfamiliar people. That finding goes hand in hand with those breeds' reputations as friendly dogs. But American pit bull terriers, a breed that has been outlawed in some cities and is often not allowed to live in apartment complexes because of the belief that it is aggressive and destructive, also scored high on human sociability, the study found.

"We knew what we were finding wasn't lining up with people's stereotypes and what they feel is their lived experience with dogs," Karlsson said.



"You will never have a Great Dane-sized Chihuahua, and you will never have a Chihuahua-sized Great Dane," Marjie Alonso, executive director of the IAABC Foundation, said, "but you can definitely have a Chihuahua that acts like a Great Dane, and you can have a Great Dane with the same personality as a Chihuahua." Pexels

Like breed, dog size had almost no effect on differences in behavior among individual dogs, the study found. "You will never have a Great Dane-sized Chihuahua, and you will never have a Chihuahua-sized Great Dane," Karlsson added, "but you can definitely have a Chihuahua that acts like a Great Dane, and you can have a Great Dane with the same personality as a Chihuahua."

Some traits were more likely to be associated with certain breeds — but those largely had to do with functional behaviors such as howling, pointing, retrieving, herding and playing with toys. On average,

beagles and bloodhounds are more likely to howl. German short-haired pointers are more likely to point. Herding breeds tended to be more biddable — or easily trained — and played with toys more than other breeds. And, predictably, breeds classified as retrievers had a greater propensity to retrieve than other types of dogs.

Still, many individual beagles rarely howl, and some golden retrievers refuse to fetch; a dog's breed does not guarantee any specific behavior, the study found.

Traits such as howling and herding are classified as "motor

patterns" in the study, and those behaviors existed in dogs long before modern breeds emerged about 200 years ago in the Victorian era.

"Motor patterns existed before dogs did and existed in the first dogs that were scavenging off of human refuse," said Kathryn Lord, a postdoctoral researcher at the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School and another author of the study.

The first dogs to exist evolved from wolves more than 2,000 years ago and developed traits that helped them live alongside humans, where they could survive by eating people's food scraps rather than by hunting. Humans helped promote desirable traits in the earliest dogs by feeding and caring for them, which helped useful dogs live longer and produce more puppies. Only in the past 200 years have people begun selecting specific physical traits to produce dogs that belong to our modern breed categories.

The researchers also asked thousands of people to identify the most closely related breeds of 30 mixed-breed dogs, and they found that people could not easily identify the breed of mutts. The respondents performed just slightly better than random chance when choosing the nearest breed of mixed-breed dogs.

Food

A flaming chicken,
a melted knife

My kitchen fails and what I learned

By **BECKY KRISTAL**
Washington Post

You never stop learning, and that's especially true about cooking. At least it is for me, as I am constantly reminded.

Cooking is a never-ending exercise in humility. Persistence helps and so does curiosity. A sense of humor is essential, too. Sometimes if I didn't laugh, I'd have to cry.

That's certainly been the case in the few years since I launched my full-time food-writing career. It was also certainly the case in the prior decade-and-a-half I had spent teaching myself how to cook and learning everything I could from my

colleagues, books, magazines and TV shows.

As the saying goes, mistakes were made. But here's the thing: If you're not doing anything wrong, you're probably doing something wrong. If you don't make mistakes, you can't learn from them.

In that spirit, I'm sharing some of my biggest kitchen blunders (some you might call disasters), along with the lessons learned. May they save you from making them, too!

I have to admit, this very recent mishap stung, because it destroyed one of

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Gem Lettuce Boats With Feta, Radish and Scallion. Tom McCorkle/Washington Post

A fun way to eat
your vegetables

Gem lettuce boats with feta are bright, crunchy and delicious

By **ELLIE KRIEGER**
Washington Post

Several weeks ago at a restaurant, I ordered what seemed like a simple salad and was utterly charmed by its presentation. I had never seen it before: Entire halved heads of Little Gem lettuce presented like boats on the plate, piled so neatly with thick, creamy dressing and chopped vegetables that I was tempted to pick them up and eat them out of hand.

A week or so later, a similar plate of tidy lettuce boats came to my table at another restaurant. Two encounters might not officially qualify as a trend, but I'd put my money on their star rising. Either way I can't lose, because popular or not, they are a deliciously different way to eat fresh vegetables — uncomplicated, crisp and creamy — like a modern reboot of an iceberg wedge salad.

For this version, you can use either Little Gem lettuce or large heads of endive — both have the firm, tightly packed leaves that make the presentation work. Each head is halved lengthwise, then made to stand on its uncut side with a little slice into it, if needed. The boats are smeared generously with a creamy yogurt-based lemon-and-feta-laced dressing, then showered simply and brightly with chopped radishes, scallion and lemon zest. If you wanted to go a step further, dill, parsley or mint would be a nice addition, too.

There are so many ways you could run with the concept, depending on the season and what you have on hand, changing the dressing to blue cheese or ranch, etc. For the summer, I am envisioning a topping of chopped tomato, cucumber and basil. With all of the creative possibilities, the lettuce boat salad seems destined to go viral.

GEM LETTUCE BOATS WITH FETA, RADISH AND SCALLION20 minutes
4 servings

These charming lettuce boats are piled neatly with a creamy yogurt-based lemon-and-feta dressing and topped with chopped spring vegetables. They are like a modern reboot of an iceberg wedge salad — uncomplicated, crisp and creamy — but piled so neatly you are tempted to eat them out of hand. You can use either Little Gem lettuce or large heads of endive here, as both have the firm, tightly packed leaves that make the presentation work.

4 heads Little Gem lettuce (1 pound total) or 4 large heads endive (1 ½ pounds total)
½ cup plain Greek yogurt (low-fat or whole)
½ cup (1 ½ ounces) crumbled feta cheese
2 tablespoons mayonnaise
2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice
2 medium radishes, finely diced
2 medium scallions, trimmed and thinly sliced on the bias
1 teaspoon finely grated lemon zest
Freshly ground black pepper, to taste

Trim any bruised outer leaves off the lettuce or endive, and trim the very bottom of the core. Halve each head of lettuce or endive lengthwise. Cut a little wedge off the back of each half, if needed, so it sits flat with the cut side up.

In a small bowl, stir together the yogurt, feta, mayonnaise and lemon juice. Spread 1 heaping tablespoon of the yogurt-feta mixture onto each lettuce or endive half. Then top each with a quarter of each of the radishes and scallions, a sprinkle of lemon zest and a twist of the pepper mill, and serve.

Nutrition information per serving (2 lettuce/endive boats and about 2 tablespoons filling, using low-fat Greek yogurt) | Calories: 102; Total Fat: 8 g; Saturated Fat: 2 g; Cholesterol: 15 mg; Sodium: 186 mg; Carbohydrates: 5 g; Dietary Fiber: 2 g; Sugar: 2 g; Protein: 4 g



Yellowbird Foods' "Bliss & Vinegar" hot sauce. W. Garry Gibson/Yellowbird Foods/TNS

Full flavor,
maximum heat

Hot sauce company launches new sauce featured on YouTube's 'Hot Ones'

By **NARDA PEREZ**
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Austin, Texas-grown company Yellowbird Foods launched a new spicy wing sauce called Bliss & Vinegar, which was featured on season 16 of the viral YouTube show, "Hot Ones."

"Hot Ones" is hosted by Sean Evans, who interviews celebrities while they eat wings that progressively get hotter.

In 2021, celebrities

including Jimmy Kimmel, Megan Thee Stallion and Tom Holland tasted the new Bliss & Vinegar hot sauce — it was the second one in a lineup of 10 different spicy condiments in the episodes.

The new hot sauce is available on Yellowbird's website with shipping to all 50 states. The 13-ounce bottles retail for \$6.29 each.

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See **SAUCE C8**

Red rice is a Lowcountry classic with deep roots

By **G. DANIELA GALARZA**
Washington Post

"Red rice goes back to the old, old days — the days before me, my momma, and her," writes Emily Meggett in her new book, out next week, "Gullah Geechee Home Cooking: Recipes from the Matriarch of Edisto Island." Photographs by Clay Williams illustrate the cooking life of Meggett, the 89-year-old matriarch of the Gullah community on Edisto Island, S.C.

The Gullah Geechee people of the Sea Islands of South Carolina and Georgia have a history that spans centuries — to a time well before the establishment of a United States of America. They came over as enslaved members of West African tribes and eventually set up residence in the



Red Rice. Rey Lopez/Washington Post

Lowcountry. Because of their physical separation from the rest of the South and an almost instinctual commitment to preserving their roots, their culture lives on, and indeed thrives, in people like Meggett.

Meggett has lived in the Gullah community for her entire life, and counts 50 grandchildren and great-grandchildren among her heirs. For the first time, her recipes are now documented in a book that's

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EMILY MEGGETT

Author of "Gullah Geechee Home Cooking: Recipes from the Matriarch of Edisto Island"

part history and part living culture.

One of the grains West Africans brought to the Americas was rice, and along with it, they brought their know-how for cultivating it. Rice thrived in the Lowcountry thanks to their skills and remains today a staple of their cuisine.

"Red rice is a beautiful, earthy one-pot rice dish that borrows from the traditions of my African ancestors.

Sometimes called Charleston red rice, red rice really owes a great debt to the enslaved Africans who brought their knowledge of rice and vegetable farming to the United States," Meggett writes.

It may be a cousin of jambalaya and jollof, but red rice is its own dish. "Here on Edisto, Wednesdays and Fridays were seafood days. We had shrimp or fish with red rice, so it was something to look forward

to. Back in the day, you didn't use tomato paste and sauce, you used the tomatoes you'd planted in your garden. The tomato paste works just as good, though and Gullah Geechee red rice is one of the best dishes you can enjoy," Meggett explains.

She notes that cooking red rice takes more skill than your average pot of rice. Tomatoes contain different levels of moisture, and if the ratio of liquid to rice is off, "it will come out like mush. If you have too much rice, you can add water, but the texture will be uneven. Early in the cooking, you want to use your spoon to feel the weight of the rice, and make sure it's cooking evenly."

The finished rice should

See **RICE C8**

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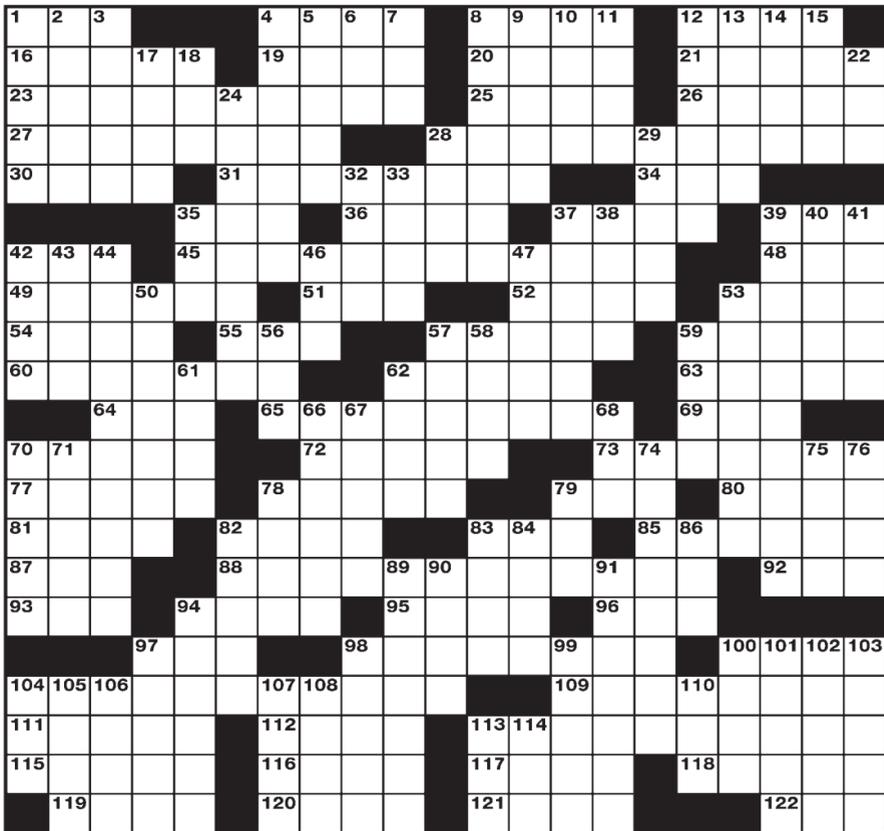
THE NEWSDAY CROSSWORD

Edited by Stanley Newman (www.StanXwords.com)
"FREEDOM" FOREIGNERS: Presidential Medal recipients
 by Mark McClain

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 - 4 *The Caine Mutiny* author
 - 8 Red Muppet
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 - 16 Put into force
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 - 20 Become undrinkable
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 - 26 Some House of Lords members
 - 27 In a fickle fashion
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 - 35 Post-op area
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 - 39 Difficult situation
 - 42 Ultimate degree
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 - 80 Ran in the washer
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 - 82 Off-white shade
 - 83 Fashion monogram
 - 85 Making bales
 - 87 "Uh-uh"
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 - 92 Suffix for suburban
 - 93 Largest MO airport
 - 94 "Uh-huh"
 - 95 Dolphin family member
 - 96 Umpire's call
 - 97 "TG!" day
 - 98 Warming clothing
 - 100 Pop singer Del Rey
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 - 111 Blue part of a globe
 - 112 "Ciao!"
 - 113 Egyptian president (1984)
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 - 117 Penn in pictures
 - 118 Prefix meaning "first"
 - 119 Blissful place
 - 120 Fix
 - 121 Lock inserts
 - 122 Negative connector
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 - 2 Hoops great Shaq
 - 3 "Large" prefix
 - 4 Effectively worded
 - 5 Type of daisy
 - 6 FedEx rival
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 - 8 Name that means "star"
 - 9 Dreadful
 - 10 Quiet-sounding Champagne brand
 - 11 Estimation ending
 - 12 Articles of faith
 - 13 Shrubby wasteland
 - 14 Very light brown
 - 15 Creator of Mickey and Minnie
 - 17 Place for a goatee
 - 18 Bygone international airline
 - 22 Keystone State sch.
 - 24 Sneaks off
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 - 29 One meaning of E
 - 32 Dueling sword
 - 33 Actor Laura or Bruce
 - 35 Texter's "I believe . . ."
 - 37 House Speaker after Ryan
 - 38 Major sports channel
 - 39 Pope (2004)
 - 40 Be of use
 - 41 In a glum mood
 - 42 Do some snacking
 - 43 Threesome
 - 44 German chancellor (1999)
 - 46 "You there!"
 - 47 Wearer of dreadlocks
 - 50 Slight light
 - 53 Passed very slowly
 - 56 ABA member
 - 57 Book at inaugurations
 - 58 They're not good
 - 59 Make ___ in (tear)
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 - 62 ___ Ren of the *Star Wars* series
 - 66 Sherbet flavor
 - 67 Gratis
 - 68 Former NBC owner
 - 70 Country singer Sara
 - 71 Strive for
 - 74 Busch's brewing partner
 - 75 Cost of tenancy
 - 76 Perimeter
 - 78 Ready to serve
 - 79 Pro's camera
 - 82 No-frills
 - 83 Urban recreation ctr.
 - 84 Bicycle part
 - 86 PC key near the space bar
 - 89 Broad valley
 - 90 Mars alias
 - 91 Citizens of two states
 - 94 Attach, as some patches
 - 97 Fondue feature
 - 98 Symbol of evil
 - 99 Broncos Hall of Fame quarterback
 - 100 One not to be trusted
 - 101 Something extra
 - 102 Retro "Way cool!"
 - 103 Early American fur tycoon
 - 104 "Bam!"
 - 105 Belly woe
 - 106 Moccasin decoration
 - 107 Place for protons
 - 108 Unvarying
 - 110 Recipe amt.
 - 113 Seek info
 - 114 Separator of two surnames

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Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

Born Sunday, you are such a wildly creative individual that it is anyone's guess, at any given time, what they might find you working on — and, indeed, there are times when you may surprise even yourself by jumping wholeheartedly into something you've never done or doing something seemingly routine in a way that has never been tried. You do what your imagination compels you to do, and you are rarely, if ever, limited by any notion of what others might want you to do or of how others might want you to do it.

You don't have a very big attention span, nor are you all that patient when it comes to a job, and you're sure to steer clear of the kind of thing that provides you with an ongoing routine even while keeping your bank account healthy. You want more than that, and you can have it — but you must know that there will be sacrifices to make along the way.

Also born on this date are: Andy Murray, tennis player; Emmitt Smith, football player; James Mason, actor; George Brett, baseball player; Eddy Arnold, country singer; Chazz Palminteri, actor; Joseph Cotten,

actor; L. Frank Baum, author.

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 16

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You must alert others to something that only you have noticed so far. If no one responds, you'll have a tricky situation on your hands.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Count up the reasons you've come up with for doing a certain thing today, and you'll understand just how necessary it is. Don't hold back.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You may not be looking forward to receiving feedback on a certain past endeavor, but what you learn will serve you well in future attempts.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You're going to have to deal with the consequences of a recent entanglement, especially if you haven't quite sorted it out to your satisfaction.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You receive a boost today from someone who understands, perhaps more than you do, what you're trying to accomplish. You get a head start.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — You can learn

a great deal more from watching someone struggle with a certain situation than you can from dealing with it yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — You may find that many of the usual rules do not apply today — but that doesn't mean you can do anything you want. Be mindful of others!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Information isn't likely to come to you very quickly today, in part because you haven't yet set up an efficient way to receive it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You mustn't pay so much attention to what others are doing and saying that you are careless in your own work. You must avoid mistakes.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — The fallout from a recent decision is difficult to handle today — but a friend steps in and helps you clear the way forward just in time.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — You've been doing a great deal to prove that self-esteem is justified, and today others should come to that conclusion at last.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You've been underestimating your power lately, but today you'll have the chance to do something that puts it on display.

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Last week's puzzle answers



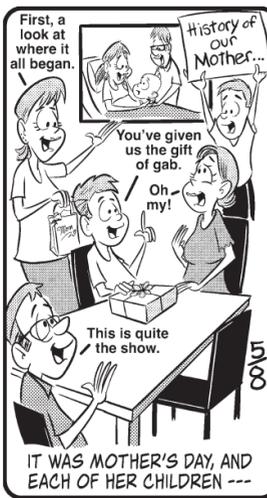
The ALFA in Alfa Romeo (15 Across) is an Italian acronym meaning "anonymous Lombardy automobile factory"; "anonymous" signifying that the company's original investors were not specified. In addition to "EVE'S Diary," Mark Twain (86 Across) wrote other stories about the first couple, including "That Day in Eden" and "Adam's Soliloquy." The BRAT (96 Across) in "bratwurst" is the German word for "roast."

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.

- ZATSAN
- ROPUSO
- VIRRDE
- PWNHEE
- ZNEEES
- CFEETF



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

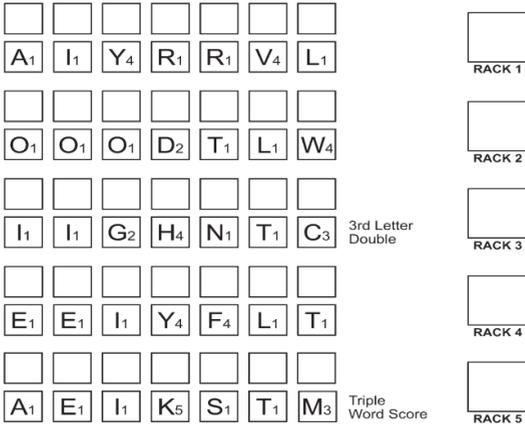
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Answers on C8

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QUOTE CRYPTOGRAM by Rebecca Kornbluh

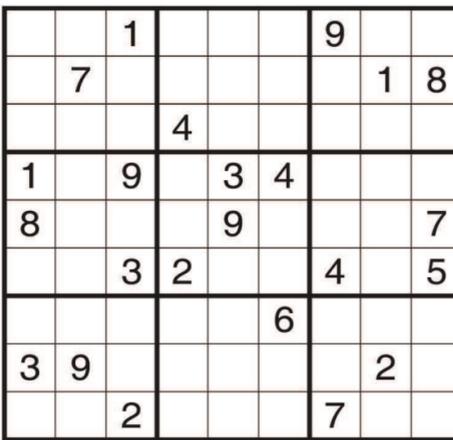
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Last Week's Quote Cryptogram: There is nothing to writing. All you do is sit down at a typewriter and open a vein — Red Smith

SUDOKU

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Solution to Last Week's puzzle 5/8/22

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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

Books & authors

'Take My Hand' exposes a dark episode in American history

By TINA MCELROY ANSA

Washington Post

By Dolen Perkins-Valdez
Berkley. 368 pp. \$27

"Take My Hand," the latest journey by novelist and professor Dolen Perkins-Valdez into historical fiction, is a jewel of a book but not an easy one to read. The author of the 2010 bestseller "Wench" and "Balm" (2015) was inspired by the groundbreaking prosecution of the former U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare after it failed to protect thousands of poor, Black and mentally challenged girls and women from surgical sterilization without their consent.

Heavy lifting. But Perkins-Valdez uses her inestimable talent of braiding memory with fact to take readers deep into the late stages of the civil rights movement through the intertwining stories of 23-year-old Civil Townsend — a new, gung-ho nurse working at a family planning clinic and the slightly bougie daughter of a doctor and a complicated artist from Montgomery, Ala. — and her first patients, India and Erica Williams, poor rural Black girls who are 11 and 13. India, not even menstruating yet, and her sister are secretly surgically sterilized under Civil's watch.

In a perfectly orchestrated symphony of specificity, nuance, Jim Crow history and memory, Perkins-Valdez

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brings the events and images of Montgomery 1973 whizzing back like an unscheduled train rushing past a platform. As always, the author has clearly spent a great deal of time researching to ensure depth and accuracy. Perkins-Valdez paints Montgomery in such rich strokes, you can feel history breathing down your neck through the sounds of ice cream trucks in summer, the drawl of a Southern judge, and Booker T. and the M.G.'s on the record player. Roe v. Wade was

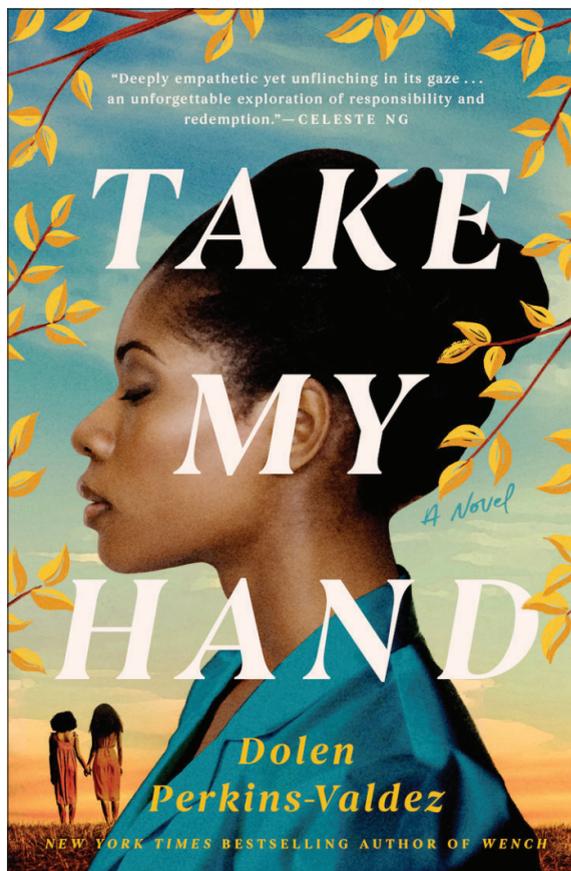
just months old, and the legacy of the mid-1950s bus boycotts felt as relevant as ever.

Not every reader will recognize the careful detail, but those who do will feel rewarded to finally behold a book that centers their experience. And in a novel that is steeped in the stew and issues of womanhood, Perkins-Valdez manages to get even the male characters on point. For example, the girls' country father, Mace, is a portrayal rarely seen in literature: a man of color who is uneducated and illiterate but knowledgeable, sexy, smelly, broken.

In exploring unexplored events involving Black American women, Perkins-Valdez gives us a fuller, richer view of our nation's history while also reminding readers that Black girls' bodies and futures have never been protected in the American experiment.

As Civil tries to understand all that has happened to the girls, she encounters a similar tale from Miss Pope, a brusque but beloved librarian at Tuskegee University. She recounts her proximity to the story, reported just a year prior, of 600 African American men in Alabama who were left untreated for syphilis so researchers could discover whether Black people had special resistance to the dreadful disease.

"You worked here," Civil says. "I don't mean any disrespect, Miss Pope, but how could



you not know?"

"Baby," Miss Pope replies plaintively, "I keep asking myself the same question. How could it be happening right up under my feet?"

In this exploration of right and wrong, attention and

carelessness, racism and justice, there are plenty of questions, guilt and regret to go around.

Perkins-Valdez's grasp of large historical themes is matched by her attention to her characters' lives, their existence

so meticulously rendered that you can smell the fetid air of the Williams's country hovel and the scent of the girls freshly bathed and slathered with cocoa butter. The sweat on the back of a young lawyer's dress shirt in a cool Alabama courtroom signals not just his first-time jitters but also the difficulty of the case, the hostility of the judge, the government's confidence in a case that exposed how little the U.S. government cared about poor Black girls and women in the 1970s. All of this is seen through the lens of a hometown Black nurse overwhelmed by her own past and chaotic life and the gravity of her responsibilities to this family she comes to love.

"Take My Hand" reminds us that truly extraordinary fiction is rarely written merely to entertain. More often, the novelist builds the story like a house, then open windows, slams doors, demolishes walls to reveal all its boards and bones laid bare right under the surface for the reader. Perkins-Valdez has done a fine job of building a structure and scaffolding that will not only endure but also bear the weight of future writers yearning to bring the past to readers afresh.

Tina McElroy Ansa, the author of five novels, co-edited the essay collection "Meeting at the Table: African-American Women Write on Race, Culture and Community."

From 1741, bizarre ideas about what made people Black

Scientists attempted explain "Blackness" in these 16 essays from 250 year ago

By DANIEL FRYER

Washington Post

A Hidden Chapter From the Eighteenth-Century Invention of Race

Edited by Henry Louis Gates Jr. and Andrew S. Curran
Belknap. 303 pp. \$29.95

In 1739, members of Bordeaux's Royal Academy of Sciences assembled to discuss the subject of their 1741 prize competition. Intrigued by an increasing number of Black Africans drifting through the fluvial city, and struggling to find a moral and intellectual basis for human enslavement, the members challenged contestants to explain the origin of "Blackness."

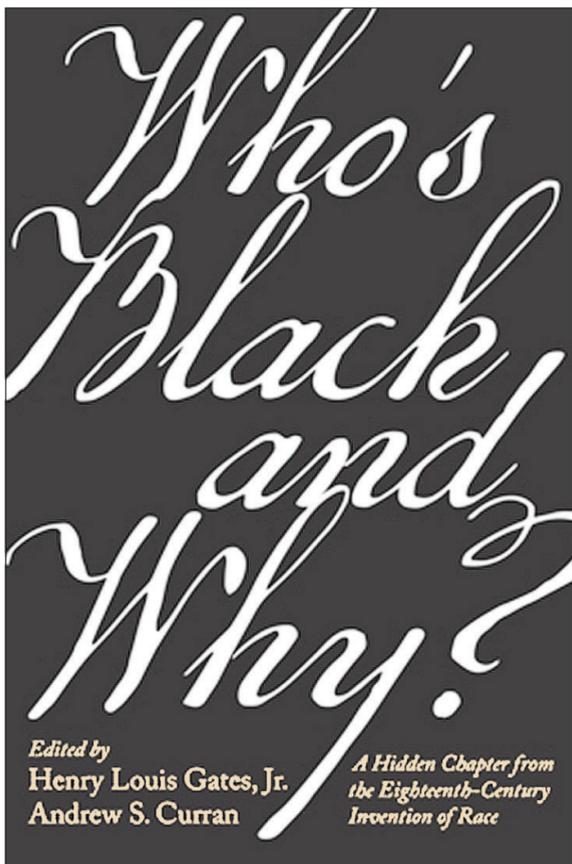
What followed was 16 submissions, grounded in racist pseudoscience, speculating about what made people Black. Among the explanations: that Africans have darkened semen, thicker blood, God's gift to live in certain climates, God's curse because of sinfulness — the list goes on, but surely the bizarre notions are clear. One writer even proposed that a Black child would be produced if a White woman imagined or "saw an African or the color black during conception." No one won the competition. Although the academy members didn't know the cause of human Blackness themselves, they were confident that the right answers couldn't be found in the submitted essays.

In their new book, "Who's Black and Why?: A Hidden Chapter From the Eighteenth-Century Invention of Race," Harvard professor Henry Louis Gates Jr. and Wesleyan

professor Andrew S. Curran publish the 16 essays from this competition for the first time. Originally written in French and Latin, the translated essays give readers access to a buried segment of 18th-century ideas from European intellectuals grappling with human differences. By peering at this hidden history, Gates and Curran suggest, we can understand how a scientific notion of race was created and deployed in the modern era.

At first blush, it may seem like this hidden chapter was better off hidden. The editors themselves criticize the ideas in the essays as "nonsensical." And it would be a stretch to say the conjectures in the revived texts contain new information about how European savants thought about Africans or the slave trade in the 18th century. The one contribution that appeared to resonate with influential European thinkers in the succeeding decades — the anatomist Pierre Barrère's claim that black bile causes dark skin, which later received a book-length treatment — merely spurred fallacious anatomical reasons for a bile argument already put forward by ancient writers and repeated by other modern authors. Skipping over this veiled chapter, then, is unlikely to result in missing productive scientific advancements in a story about the origins of race-thinking.

It's also doubtful that "Who's Black and Why?" will help advance contemporary debates about Blackness that pop up in barbershops, college seminars or discussions on Twitter. You won't, for instance, get an



answer to whether O.J. Simpson transcended his Blackness when he announced, "I'm not Black, I'm O.J." Nor is there an explanation as to whether African Americans are "Black" or "black." Even more, there's not much in the book to help us determine whether the "transracial" activist Rachel Dolezal is, or isn't, Black (and in case you were thinking it, no: the argument about Blackness being caused by a White woman's imagination doesn't apply here). The reader who goes in looking for a worthwhile answer

to the book's title question will surely be disappointed.

Providing useful conceptions for present-day race talk, though, isn't the goal here. Gates and Curran are dryly aware that what passes for valuable scientific explanations of racial difference are often attempts to justify atrocities toward vulnerable racial groups. In this spirit, they recognize as "insightful" the one contestant who claimed that anyone attempting to explain the cause of human Blackness ventured into a "land of conjecture." Unlike

The participants in the competition [to explain the origin of "Blackness"] seem to have thought that they were on to something clever, but the contemporary reader is likely to recognize the contributions as clumsy attempts to justify the enslavement of Black people.

the other writers, who confidently sketch out dubious ideas in the name of science, this essayist displays an unusual sense of humility when tackling the topic posed by the academy's members before offering his own fanciful thoughts. "Since we are in the land of conjecture," the writer asserts, "everyone can make of this topic what he wants." Though the other contestants are not as candid, Gates and Curran set out to show that many were putting forth racialized hunches dressed as science.

What is remarkable about these essays, Gates and Curran suggest, is that they occurred at a moment when a new scientific orientation was encouraging the racialization of persons as a way to understand the physical differences among humans. The 1741 contest was the first time a scientific institution challenged Europe's intellectuals to make up stories about the origins — and implicitly, the worth — of a group of

people based on their appearance. As these savants began to free themselves from scriptural explanations, they pioneered a new wave of scientific racism.

"That these explanations were completely spurious," Gates and Curran argue, "is not important."

What's important is that they reveal a moment when Enlightenment-era thinkers engaged in a scientific quest to explain Blackness while concealing the context of slavery — which, of course, sparked the interest in Black bodies to begin with. And this became the function of race: to provide a fixed hierarchy of human difference to justify improper moral and economic behavior. The participants in the competition seem to have thought that they were on to something clever, but the contemporary reader is likely to recognize the contributions as clumsy attempts to justify the enslavement of Black people.

Of course, there's always a threat in bringing to light vicious ideas about human difference. Gates and Curran know this. But with their helpful introduction and concise openers at the beginning of each chapter, detailed timeline of the representation of race, and inclusion of three essays from another competition in which the academy was less covert about its intentions to justify the enslavement of Black people, the editors provide the right sort of context for the reader. Though the reader is unlikely to learn much about who's Black (or why), the book offers an invaluable historical example of the creation of a scientific conception of race that is unlikely to disappear anytime soon.

Publisher's Weekly best-sellers

Tribune News Service

Here are the bestsellers for the week that ended Saturday, April 23, 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. **Beautiful.** Danielle Steel. Delacorte
3. **Run, Rose, Run.** Parton/Patterson. Little, Brown
4. **The Investigator.** John Sandford. Putnam
5. **Kingdom of Bones.** James Rollins. Morrow

6. **Sea of Tranquility.** Emily St. John Mandel. Knopf
7. **What Happened to the Bennetts.** Lisa Scottoline. Putnam
8. **The Paris Apartment.** Lucy Foley. Morrow
9. **The Recovery Agent.** Janet Evanovich. Atria
10. **The Last Thing He Told Me.** Laura Dave. Simon & Schuster

HARDCOVER NONFICTION

1. **Own Your Past Change Your Future.** John Delony. Ramsey
2. **The Mothers and Daughters of the Bible Speak.** Shannon Bream. Broadside
3. **Atlas of the Heart.** Brene Brown. Random House

4. **Half Baked Harvest Every Day.** Tieghan Gerard. Clarkson Potter
5. **Trump 45.** L.D. Hicks. Post Hill
6. **The Art of the Batman.** James Field. Abrams
7. **Welcome to the Universe in 3D.** Neil deGrasse Tyson et al. Princeton University
8. **Freezing Order.** Bill Browder. Simon & Schuster
9. **The 21st Century.** National Geographic
10. **Things That Matter.** Joshua Becker. WaterBrook

MASS MARKET

1. **Nine Lives.** Danielle Steel. Dell
2. **Ocean Prey.** John Sandford. Putnam

3. **1st Case.** Patterson/Tebbetts. Grand Central
4. **Hideaway.** Nora Roberts. St. Martin's
5. **Any Sunday.** Debbie Macomber. Harlequin
6. **Dark Night in Big Rock.** Johnstone/Johnstone. Pinnacle
7. **Sooley.** John Grisham. Anchor
8. **Daylight.** David Baldacci. Grand Central
9. **Black Ice.** Brad Thor. Pocket
10. **Tom Clancy: Target Acquired.** Don Bentley. Berkley

TRADE PAPERBACK

1. **Verity.** Colleen Hoover. Grand Central

2. **Death of the Black Widow.** Patterson/Barker. Grand Central
3. **Reminders of Him.** Colleen Hoover. Montlake
4. **The Scum Villain's Self-Saving System, Vol. 2.** Mo Xiang Tong Xiu. Seven Seas
5. **The 14-Day New Keto Cleanse.** JJ Smith. Simon Element
6. **The Love Hypothesis.** Ali Hazelwood. Berkley
7. **People We Meet on Vacation.** Emily Henry. Berkley
8. **The Paper Palace.** Miranda Cowley Heller. Riverhead
9. **Part of Your World.** Abby Jimenez. Forever
10. **Chainsaw Man, Vol. 10.** Tatsuki Fujimoto. Viz

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Yellowbird Foods "Bliss & Vinegar" hot sauce. W. Garry Gibson/

Sauce

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by George Milton and Erin Link in 2012 after they then committed to a healthier lifestyle. At the time, they couldn't seem to find clean condiments — so they decided to create their own.

The duo started out by sharing their homemade spicy inventions with friends at dinner parties, farmers markets, local restaurants and grocery stores. After almost a decade of being up and running, Yellowbird was asked to create the custom Bliss & Vinegar sauce for Season 16 of "Hot Ones."

"I really love making hot sauce out of unexpected

ingredients," Milton said. "Bliss & Vinegar was so fun to create because, for me."

The hot sauces the Austin company makes are filled with whole fruits and vegetables that help create complex flavor profiles and their signature thick, smooth consistency. In the limited edition Bliss & Vinegar sauce, the organic red serrano peppers, onions, ginger and distilled vinegar are balanced with strawberries, dates, coconut cream and a hint of cinnamon.

So what do you think, can you handle the heat? To help put the hotness level in perspective, Bliss & Vinegar sits at 66,200 Scoville Heat Units, according to the Yellowbird website, which puts it in the same heat range as cayenne pepper.

Rice

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glisten red, each grain slicked with a touch of pork fat, but not be clumpy. Still, Meggett is encouraging: "Don't let this dish intimidate you — with well-seasoned vegetables, slices of sausage, and perfectly cooked rice, you've just about got yourself a meal. Oh, and when you put some fatback in there? Now you're talking."

RED RICE

Active time: 45 minutes | Total time: 1 hour, 5 minutes | 4 servings

A hearty, one-pot dish tinged red with tomato, studded with sausage and rich in flavor, red rice is also known as Charleston red rice. It's a dish that "goes back to the old, old days — the days before me, my momma, and hers," writes Emily Meggett, the author of "Gullah Geechee Home Cooking: Recipes from the Matriarch of Edisto Island," from which this recipe is adapted. Earthy and beautiful in its simplicity, red rice shares lineage with jollof and jambalaya, but is its own unique dish from the Lowcountry. "Red rice really owes a great debt to the enslaved Africans who brought their knowledge of rice and vegetable farming to the United States," Meggett notes.

To make this dish without meat, use soy sausage or omit the bacon or salt pork and sausage and saute the vegetables in 3 tablespoons of olive oil. You will need to adjust the seasoning to taste.

Want to skip the onion? Use more celery or bell pepper in its place.



Red Rice. Rey Lopez/Washington Post

I haven't tried this with brown rice, but if you want to, consider letting the brown rice soak in water for a few hours before cooking, to help speed the cooking process along.

Storage Notes: Refrigerate for up to 4 days.

3 thick slices bacon or about 3 ounces salt pork, cut into ½-inch pieces
 ¼ medium yellow onion (8 ounces), diced
 1 bell pepper (any color), diced
 2 stalks celery, chopped (about ½ cup)
 8 ounces smoked pork sausage, sliced into ¼-inch thick rounds or chopped into bite-size pieces
 6 tablespoons tomato paste
 2 ½ cups water
 ½ teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
 ¾ teaspoon Nature's Seasons, sazón, powdered adobo or other similar salted seasoning blend,

plus more to taste

1 cup (about 6 ounces) long-grain rice, unrinsed

In a large pot over medium heat, fry the bacon or salt pork, stirring occasionally, until browned on all sides, about 5 minutes. Add the onion, bell pepper and celery, and cook, stirring occasionally, until tender, 5 to 7 minutes. Stir in the sausage, and cook until lightly browned, stirring as needed, about 5 minutes. Stir in the tomato paste, letting it coat all of the vegetables and meat, and then add the water. Increase the heat to high and bring to a boil.

Stir in the crushed red pepper flakes and Nature's Seasons or other spice mix. Taste, and adjust the seasoning, if needed. Add the rice and cook, stirring frequently to keep the rice from sticking, until most of the liquid has been absorbed and the rice is

tender, about 10 minutes. Decrease the heat to the lowest possible setting, cover the pot and cook, stirring occasionally, with a wooden spatula or fork to help fluff the grains, for 25 to 30 minutes, or until the rice has absorbed all the liquid, and is tender and fluffy. Remove from the heat and serve family-style.

Nutrition information per serving (2 cups), based on 4 1/2 cups: Calories: 481; Total Fat: 26 g; Saturated Fat: 9 g; Cholesterol: 49 mg; Sodium: 732 mg; Carbohydrates: 46 g; Dietary Fiber: 4 g; Sugars: 6 g; Protein: 15 g.

This analysis is an estimate based on available ingredients and this preparation. It should not substitute for a dietitian's or nutritionist's advice.

Adapted from "Gullah Geechee Home Cooking: Recipes from the Matriarch of Edisto Island" by Emily Meggett (Abrams, 2022).

Fails

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my favorite kitchen tools, almost ruined another and so easily could have been avoided. For most of the pandemic, we had been doing remote recipe photo sessions, dropping off food and items at our food stylist's house. A few months ago, I brought over one of my beloved Victorinox serrated paring knives for a story about cheap kitchen tools and an enameled Dutch oven full of something I can't even remember (Cincinnati chili, maybe?). When it came time to retrieve my stuff, I consolidated everything for easy transport and put the knife — wrapped in newspaper to avoid impaling anyone — inside the Dutch oven. Can you see where this is going?

In a frenzy to get back to my desk (if nothing else, I am a dutiful employee), I slid the Dutch oven into my cabinet and moved on. A few days later, it was time for my regular weekly sourdough bread bake. I put the lidded pot into the oven to preheat, set the delay timer and went to put my son to bed. At some point, my dog started barking, not atypical when he's annoyed at being left alone in the living room now that he's used to us being around all the time. I dashed out to see what was going on — and promptly smelled something burning. Maybe he wasn't barking about being lonely, after all.

My sinking feeling was greeted with smoke and an acrid smell when I yanked out the pot, lifted the lid and promptly slammed it back down. Fire + a sudden burst of oxygen = bad combination in your kitchen. I grabbed my key, opened the



Lesson: Keep track of how long, and where, you place your dough or starter. Wikipedia

kitchen door to the patio and put the pot down on the concrete stoop. Thankfully, it was cool and drizzly and whatever conflagration I was in danger of starting immediately fizzled out. The result? Singed newspaper with a strong aroma of campfire, and a melted knife handle fused to my treasured Le Creuset.

At less than \$10, the knife could easily be replaced. The ½ quart Dutch oven I bought on a steep discount well over a decade ago? Not so much. A combination of scrubbing, scraping (thank goodness for Bar Keepers Friend), boiling water and cursing to myself, however, salvaged the pot.

Lessons: Always look inside your cookware before you put it in the oven. Also, dogs are the best.

I like to maximize the amount of food I get out of each ingredient. Do I really need to peel that carrot? Aren't the cilantro stems as good as the leaves? (Yes, better, actually.) That's where I got myself into trouble a few years ago while making a stir-fry.

I was so fixated on using as much of the scallion as I could that I took the knife right up to and then into my fingertip,

shaving off the top layer of skin. It's the kind of thing home cooks do all the time. Unfortunately, I realized that there was no way I was going to get the wound to stop bleeding on its own, so off my husband and I went to the emergency room. A few hours later, I emerged bandaged up and defiant — I would finish that recipe. And I did, and a good thing, too, as we desperately needed food at that point.

As inconsequential as the injury seemed, I was sent to a few weeks of physical therapy. I joked this may be the smallest part of your body to ever require a trip to the physical therapist. Thus commenced hot wax dips to relax the healing skin enough that I could stretch it, exercises to keep the finger nimble and instructions on various types of surfaces to touch to stimulate the nerve endings (let me tell you, touching things and feeling nothing is a strange, unsettling experience) damaged by the cut and lack of use.

It was at physical therapy that I met a fellow patient with a much more traumatic injury, thanks to a horrendous hand wound that I won't even describe, incurred by a knife intended to pit an avocado. You can believe I never tried that again, either.

Lessons: Knife safety is no joke, and once you're almost

to the end of a vegetable, stop. Save your fingers by saving the scrap for broth or consign it to the compost.

Grilling has never been one of my areas of expertise. Simple, quick-cooking things I can usually manage. Pizza, once in a while; vegetables, sure. But at some point — more than a decade ago, I believe — I decided I'd take on a grill-roasted whole chicken. The recipe was from a tried-and-true source, even if I was not a tried-and-true griller. I figured I could do this. I made the barbecue sauce, fired up the grill and got cooking. Briefly.

My chicken went up in flames, literally. It was probably caused by a flare-up from rendering fat, though I'm still not totally sure what went wrong. I followed the recipe! I distinctly remember that my husband was upstairs taking a shower with the window open, and I quickly calculated the chances of him hearing if I yelled for help. Not likely. I shoved on my oven mitts, jabbed my tongs at the bird and managed to move it onto my rimmed baking sheet.

It was time to regroup. I painstakingly removed the charred chicken skin, under which was still almost entirely raw meat. What do you fight fire with? Water. I dropped the bird into a pot of water and poached it. After cooking, I shredded the meat and tossed with the sauce, and dinner, belatedly, was served.

Lessons: Mind the grill flare-ups. Don't be too far away from your grill while cooking. Keep a baking sheet handy in case of emergency. You can often salvage food you're sure you've ruined.

There are a lot of firsts in any relationship. First date, first time meeting the parents, etc. In mine, there was one particular milestone I wanted to do right: The first birthday cake made for my boyfriend.

If I had a love language, it would probably be desserts. (Thankfully, I found someone who feels the same way.) So in my first apartment during my first job out of college, which was not at all food-related, I decided I would pull out all the stops and bake a cake.

Sadly, pulling in what I had to do remove the chocolate cake from the pans. You see,

as a baking novice, I assumed a nonstick pan meant just that — nothing would stick! Big mistake. Not greasing or flouring the pans nicely bonded the cake to the metal, leaving me tugging and scraping out pieces as best I could.

To salvage this outright disaster, I pressed the chunks back together, like a restorer reassembling a shattered antique, used frosting as glue and shoved the layers into the freezer to get them to stay together.

It was homely, no doubt, but my now-husband relished it nonetheless. And almost every year since, I've made a cake using the same combination of chocolate cake and vanilla buttercream, often spiked with cinnamon, for his birthday. If only all mistakes were so sweet.

Lessons: No matter what you're using, always grease your cake pans; or ideally grease, flour and line them with parchment. Also, frosting can hide a lot of flaws. Plus, anyone who doesn't bat an eye at a wonky cake is a keeper.

There's nothing like a totally new kitchen endeavor to keep you humble. Like many others, I joined the sourdough bandwagon in 2020, though I did it months after a lot of other newbies seemed to have already lost interest.

To say I started not knowing anything about the process would be an understatement. My doughs didn't rise, my boules baked up like pitas. While I have come a long, long way, enough to confidently churn out attractive loaves, I am not so overconfident as to say I've mastered sourdough.

Even recently, I was reminded of that. On a chilly winter day, I popped my dough in the oven with the light on to create a nice, warm spot for it to proof. And then promptly forgot about it. News flash: Your oven light makes the oven hotter than you probably realize. My dough overheated and collapsed, and that was that.

That was almost, but not quite, as demoralizing as an earlier time when I was looking for the best place for my young sourdough starter to flourish. I knew the top of the refrigerator was pretty warm, so I set the glass jar up there to hang out. Needless to say, the jar took a dive straight onto

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