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Attempted kidnapping added to charges

By Bill Williams
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HALCOTT — A former Prattsville man who police say now lives in Columbia County and was recently extradited back to New York State from Pennsylvania has been charged in connection with a reported kidnapping March 25 in Halcott.

Bahji Green, 29, of Hudson, was charged by state police with second-degree kidnapping, a class B felony, second-degree burglary, a class C felony, and

second-degree criminal contempt, a class A misdemeanor, said Steven Nevel, public information officer for state police Troop F.

When police were looking for Green in April 2021, they listed his possible addresses as Prattsville, Hudson and New York City.

The alleged attempted kidnapping occurred March 25 at about 4:59 a.m., during a domestic dispute.

Police were unable to provide details of the alleged incident on Friday.

The morning of the incident, while police were searching for Green, troopers who were working in Delaware County spotted Green in the vehicle on Route 28, and attempted to pull the minivan over. Green failed to comply and a chase was initiated. The pursuit was later terminated.

After the pursuit was called off, other area law enforcement agencies from the villages of Delhi and Walton set up a roadblock at the intersections of county Route 2 and Route 10 in the town of Hamden.

Police said Green drove around the roadblock and at a police officer from the

village of Walton, who fired a shot at the minivan. There were no injuries reported in the incident.

Green and Daphney Seide, 34, were brought back to Greene County this week after they were recently located in Pennsylvania with the assistance of U.S. Marshals.

Seide and Green are accused of fleeing New York State after they were charged with child abuse.

The two were arrested on a warrant following their indictment accusing them of

first-degree assault, second-degree assault, first-degree reckless endangerment, unlawful imprisonment and several other misdemeanor offenses, Capt. Tracey Quinn of the Greene County Sheriff's Office said.

The charges, all related to child abuse, occurred in December of 2019. Green and Seide are accused of neglecting and abusing three children over a period of several months, Quinn said.

Police said all the alleged

Bahji Green

Daphney Seide

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The Central Hudson substation in Catskill. The power company increased its delivery rates on Friday as part of a plan approved by the state Public Service Commission in November.

By Ted Remsnyder
Columbia-Greene Media

ALBANY — Central Hudson delivery charge increases took effect Friday. Customers can expect to see an increase of \$1.72 per bill each month beginning July 1.

The increases are part of a three-year rate plan approved by the state Public Service Commission in November.

In May, state Sen. Michelle Hinchey sent a letter to the PSC requesting that the agency restrict any planned rate increases until the state's investigation into Central Hudson's billing issues had been resolved.

"Central Hudson should not be rewarded for its own failures, and I am completely opposed to this rate increase," Hinchey, D-Saugerties, said Friday. "I've been calling on the PSC for months to block this unacceptable rate increase and require Central Hudson to remediate all of the financial catastrophes they've caused. We need our public utilities to

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Dismay follows 6-3 ruling on EPA limits

By Maura Rosner
Columbia-Greene Media

The Supreme Court's decision Thursday to restrict the ability of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to limit carbon emissions from power plants will make it much more difficult for Gov. Kathy Hochul to reach New York State's goal of reducing greenhouse gas levels by 50% by the year 2050 angered environmentalists who said Friday the EPA was stripped of its power to meet the urgent challenge of climate change.

The decision came in a 6-3 vote, with the dissenting opinion written by the three liberal justices.

"This ruling flies in the face of New York State's efforts to combat climate change," Catskill Center spokeswoman Allison Dunne said Friday. "It is particularly jarring on the eve of the state's comment period coming to a close on an ambitious draft climate plan to cut carbon emissions and steer away from fossil fuels. Although New York State is a leader in environmental quality, the



Supreme Court ruling limits the EPA's power to fight climate change. issue of greenhouse gas emissions is a national one, as pollution knows no boundaries." The Catskill Center in Arkville

promotes and protects the natural resources and ecosystems of the upper Hudson Valley and Catskill Mountains.

"Here in the Catskills, we are surrounded by the pristine beauty and entirety of the Catskills ecosystems that are now in danger, once again, from pollution — acid rain and air contamination — that will result from coal-fueled power plants," Dunne said.

"Our region's ecosystems are also in danger from ongoing, and now likely worsening, climate change impacts, which have already had direct, negative impacts on our region, such as flooding and the burdens placed on marginalized communities," she added.

New York State Attorney General Letitia James, who is considered a leader in the national effort to head off the impacts of air and water pollution and climate change, also weighed in on the high court's decision Friday.

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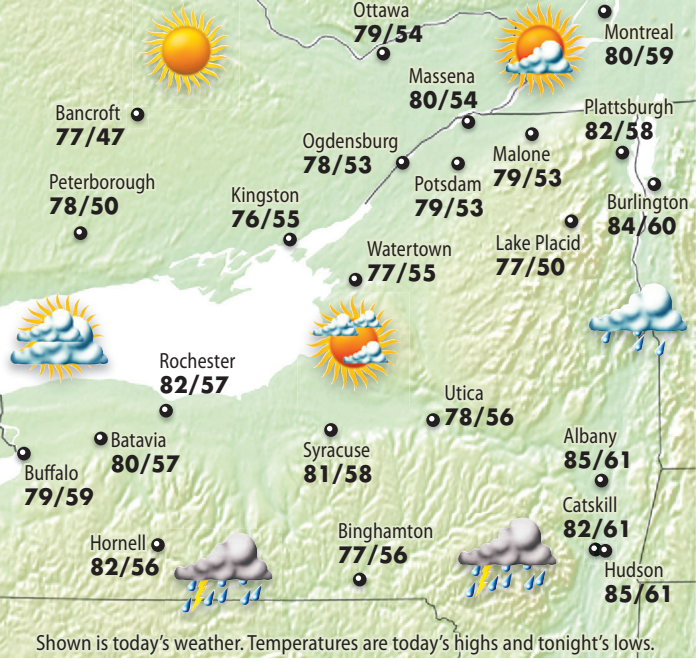
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Deadbolts, door stops and detours

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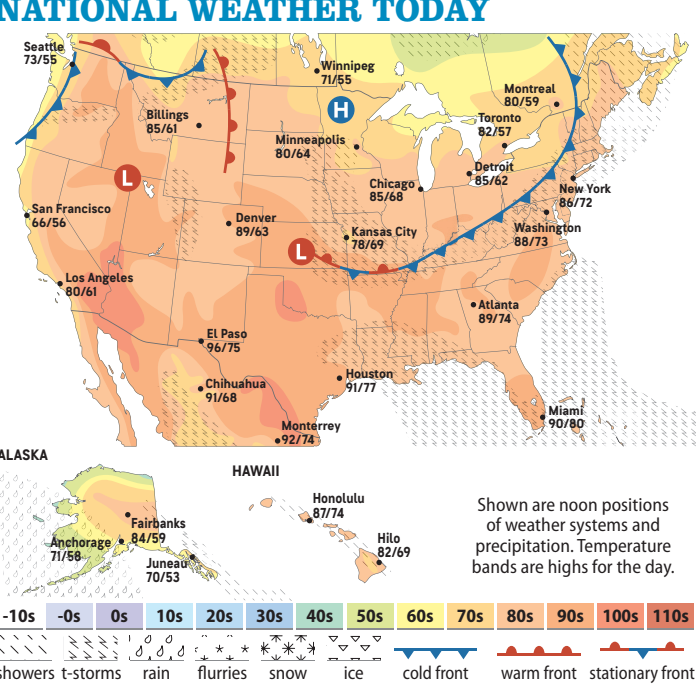
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Anchorage	71/58 c	67/57 pc		Los Angeles	80/61 pc	76/60 pc	
Atlanta	89/74 t	89/74 t		Miami	90/80 t	90/79 t	
Atlantic City	81/71 t	82/70 pc		Milwaukee	82/66 pc	80/66 s	
Baltimore	89/70 t	88/68 pc		Minneapolis	80/64 pc	85/70 pc	
Billings	85/61 pc	77/60 t		Nashville	90/75 t	90/75 t	
Birmingham	89/73 t	89/73 t		New Orleans	87/78 t	88/78 t	
Boise	95/64 s	89/62 s		New York City	86/72 t	85/69 pc	
Boston	82/68 t	83/64 s		Norfolk	89/73 pc	84/73 t	
Charleston, SC	84/74 t	88/74 t		Oklahoma City	94/72 pc	95/74 pc	
Charleston, WV	84/66 t	82/65 pc		Omaha	80/67 t	87/73 pc	
Charlotte	91/73 t	92/74 t		Orlando	90/76 t	90/76 t	
Cheyenne	85/58 t	84/60 t		Philadelphia	89/72 t	89/70 pc	
Chicago	85/68 s	88/70 s		Phoenix	106/85 pc	105/85 pc	
Cincinnati	88/71 pc	84/70 pc		Pittsburgh	84/62 t	82/59 pc	
Cleveland	84/65 c	82/65 s		Portland	80/61 t	82/57 s	
Columbus, OH	88/65 c	89/65 s		Portland	75/59 pc	73/57 c	
Dallas	96/79 t	97/79 pc		Providence	80/65 t	86/63 s	
Denver	89/63 pc	89/64 t		Raleigh	90/74 t	90/72 t	
Des Moines	81/66 pc	85/73 pc		Richmond	90/72 s	88/69 t	
Detroit	85/62 pc	82/65 s		Sacramento	81/55 s	80/54 pc	
Hartford	83/63 t	87/58 s		St. Louis	85/73 t	89/76 pc	
Honolulu	87/74 t	87/75 pc		Salt Lake City	99/77 s	97/74 s	
Houston	91/77 t	96/77 t		San Francisco	66/56 pc	67/56 pc	
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Kansas City	78/69 t	87/76 c		Seattle	73/55 pc	66/55 sh	
Knoxville	88/73 t	89/72 t		Tampa	91/79 t	93/79 t	
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Pressure builds on President Biden to turn to executive action despite its limits and risks

Courtney Subramanian
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — He is facing high inflation, a potential recession and a domestic agenda languishing in the Senate. Last week the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, the landmark abortion ruling, and this week upended his climate plans. A looming midterm elections look dire for his party, and his base is frustrated. Pressure is mounting on President Joe Biden to take action.

“The White House needs to move faster and do more on at least the executive actions that we’ve already outlined for them, that we’ve been in discussion with them on,” Democratic Rep. Pramila Jayapal, chair of the Congressional Progressive Caucus, said in an interview. “It feels like the delays overwhelm the actual action.”

If only it were so easy, say those close to Biden, pointing to serious problems facing the president if he were to issue a flurry of executive orders in coming months. While such actions might satisfy his base, for a time, they are also likely to leave portions of it disappointed and won’t bring about the dramatic change some Democrats are seeking.

Executive orders are at best temporary measures — easily reversed by the next president or overturned in court — and frequently ineffectual. As a creature of the Senate, in which he served for more than three decades, Biden prefers legislating to governing by executive fiat.

If history is a guide, Biden is likely to follow in the footsteps of previous presidents who issued a raft of executive orders ahead of midterm elections. With Congress gridlocked, Democrats and experts say, the president has to be seen as doing something — especially after the Supreme Court jettisoned nearly 50 years of legal protection for those seeking an abortion, something most Democrats view as a fundamental right.

“This is an all-hands-on-deck moment,” said Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., who said she’s urging Biden to “really push the envelope” with what he can do to protect abortion access.

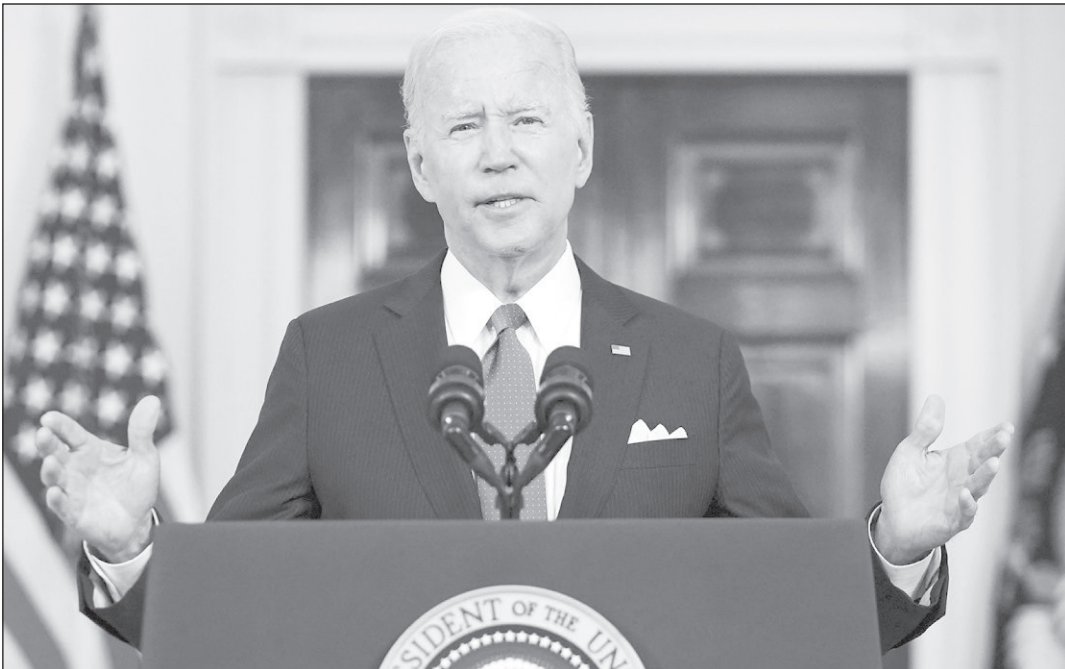
The abortion case crystallizes the conundrum facing Biden and Democrats. While Biden has taken some action — he directed his administration to ensure abortion drugs are available and to help women seeking out-of-state abortions — he has resisted calls to take more aggressive steps pushed by progressives.

“I believe we have to codify Roe v. Wade into law. And the way to do that is to make sure that Congress votes to do that,” Biden said during a press conference on Thursday at the end of a NATO summit in Madrid, echoing comments he made the day the ruling came down.

The president added that he felt “extremely strongly that I’m going to do everything in my power which I legally can do in terms of executive orders, as well as push the Congress and the public” to protect abortion rights.

Some Democrats argue Biden’s hesitation to take a bolder approach on abortion rights is emblematic of an overly cautious approach to addressing several issues he promised to tackle as president.

They noted the



President Joe Biden addresses the nation in the Cross Hall of the White House in Washington, D.C., on June 24, 2022, following the Supreme Court’s decision to overturn Roe vs. Wade.

administration had weeks to prepare for the Supreme Court ruling, a draft of which had been leaked and published in the press, and should have been ready to mount a more robust response.

“We knew this was coming, and so it should’ve been possible within 24 or 48 hours to roll out a set of things that the president could do,” Jayapal said.

Jayapal and other progressives say Biden has balked on moving forward on other Democratic priorities. He has not yet forgiven student debt, for example. The proposal under consideration would waive debt of \$10,000 per borrower, an amount that is certain to irk progressives for not going far enough and opponents for potentially exacerbating inflation.

Before addressing other topics on Biden’s agenda, the White House appears to be waiting to see whether it can strike a deal with Democratic Sen. Joe Manchin III, D-W.Va., who torpedoed Biden’s social spending plan in December. White House officials hope to revive a bill to address climate change and prescription drug prices — two other priorities Democrats hope to deliver on before November.

A Senate deal addressing climate change gained urgency on Friday after the Supreme Court sharply restricted the Environmental Protection Agency’s power to regulate carbon emissions. It said Congress had to delegate such authority.

Democrats’ frustration with Biden over his hesitation to act also highlights the president’s paradoxical approach to executive orders -- he frequently wields the pen. Having issued 91 executive orders to date, the president is on pace to surpass his predecessor in the number of executive orders issued in a four-year term. President Trump issued 220 such orders.

In historical terms, Biden could also surpass other recent presidents. Obama used the pen 276 times over his two terms. George W. Bush signed 291 executive orders over his eight years in office and Bill Clinton issued 364 orders during his tenure.

Most of Biden’s orders came in the first few months of his presidency. He issued 42 executive orders in his first 100 days in office and a total of 77 during 2021, the most by one president in a given calendar year since Jimmy Carter in 1979.

In those early days in office, Biden issued a raft of orders, presidential memorandums and proclamations that focused on tackling the

coronavirus pandemic and unwinding his predecessor’s actions, including ending a travel ban on predominantly Muslim countries. Biden also rejoined the Paris climate accords and recommitted funding to the World Health Organization.

“I’m not making new law. I’m eliminating bad policy,” Biden said in February 2021, remarks that also highlighted the limits of executive action.

Mark Bennett, a strategist and founder of the Democratic centrist think tank Third Way, said the president appears to be guided by his keen awareness that Trump wiped out many of Obama’s orders — a practice Biden has also pursued.

“His reluctance is both his innate sense that this isn’t a way to run a railroad but also his sense that executive actions are very flimsy and not a sturdy way of making policy,” Bennett said. “When the next administration comes along, they can do what he did — which is sign a bunch of executive actions undoing them.”

Biden has used the pen in more targeted ways this year. He marked the second anniversary of George Floyd’s murder by a Minneapolis police officer in May by signing an order designed to hold police officers accountable for misconduct and strengthen public safety. Biden acknowledged the limits of the order, which was the result of a more sweeping police reform effort in Congress that collapsed last year.

Biden last month issued an order to combat a spate of anti-LGBTQ bills that have cropped up in conservative state legislatures, including Florida’s law that prohibits teaching on sexual orientation and gender identity. He also launched a task force to combat online harassment.

Overall, Biden’s directives have generally been a mix of actual execution and “planning to make plans,” according to Andrew Rudalevige, a professor at Bowdoin College who studies the effectiveness of presidential executive orders.

The majority of his orders fall into a “review and report” category, which direct departments and agencies to consider issuing updates to existing policies and rules. Some of those orders have resulted in

HUDSON RIVER TIDES

High Tide: 5:19 a.m. 4.19 feet
Low Tide: 12:28 p.m. 0.34 feet
High Tide: 6:26 p.m. 3.46 feet

new regulations, Rudalevige said, while others have stalled or are facing court challenges.

And though Biden has expressed disdain with his predecessor’s penchant for bypassing Congress, he’s continued Trump’s use of “flowery” wording at the outset of his orders compared with previous presidents’ more legalistic tone, according to Rudalevige’s research.

Biden’s orders, which boast the longest word count in the last 60 years, often include press release-style language.

Comparing executive orders is only part of the picture, Rudalevige said, given that presidents also use proclamations and memoranda to achieve policy goals. Some of Obama’s and Trump’s boldest unilateral actions were not carried out through executive orders.

Political scientists are surprised the White House hasn’t used executive action to try to tamp down inflation and soaring gas prices, an area where Biden could take unilateral steps that may face court challenges but could relieve some of the short-term, economic pain.

Earlier this month, Biden called on Congress to lift the federal gas tax for three months — a move Obama previously called a “gimmick” — but stopped short of issuing any executive orders. He also called on states to suspend their own fuel taxes and for oil companies to lower costs.

Such reluctance may not last much longer, said Norman Ornstein, a political scientist at the American Enterprise Institute.

“The temptation to use executive action naturally goes up,” he said, “as the ability to get things done in Congress goes down.”

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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.

Monday, July 4

- Catskill Town Offices closed in observance of Independence Day
- Catskill Village Offices closed in observance of Independence Day
- Coxsackie Village Hall closed in observance of Independence Day
- Greene County Office Building closed in observance of Independence Day

Tuesday, July 5

- Athens Town Board 7 p.m. Athens Volunteer Firehouse, 39 Third St., Athens 518-945-1052 Changes will be on the Town of Athens web page
- Catskill Town Board 6:30 p.m. Town Hall, 439 Main St., Catskill
- Durham Town Board workshop meeting 7:30 p.m. Town Hall, 7309 Route 81, East Durham

Wednesday, July 6

- Greene County Legislature special EC Development & Tourism 5:55 p.m. Special finance 5:58 p.m. public hearing sale of property 6:02 p.m. special legislative meeting No. 3 6:02 p.m. health services; county resources and public safety 6:04 p.m. Greene County Office Building, 411 Main St., Catskill

Thursday, July 7

- Ashland Town Planning Board 6 p.m. Town Hall, 12094 Route 23, Ashland
- Coxsackie Village Workshop 6 p.m. Village Hall, 119 Mansion St., Coxsackie 518-943-2718

Monday, July 11

- Ashland Town Board 7:30 p.m. Town Hall, 12094 Route 23, Ashland
- Catskill Village Planning Board 6:30 p.m. Robert C. Antonelli Senior Center, 15 Academy St., Catskill 518-943-3830
- Coxsackie Village Board 7 p.m. Village Hall, 119 Mansion St., Coxsackie 518-943-2718
- Greene County Board of Electrical Examiners 1 p.m. Greene County Office Building, 411 Main St., 4th Floor, Room 469, Catskill
- Greene County Legislature county services and public works 6 p.m. Greene County Office Building, 411 Main St., Catskill
- Greenville CSD Organization & Business Meeting: Public Hearing on BOE use of Videoconferencing 6 p.m. MS/HS Library, 4976 Route 81, Greenville

Tuesday, July 12

- Catskill Town Planning Board 6:30 p.m. Town Hall, 439 Main St., Catskill
- Coxsackie Village Historic Preservation Committee 6 p.m. Village Hall, 119 Mansion St., Coxsackie 518-943-2718

Wednesday, July 13

- Athens Town Zoning Board of Appeals 7 p.m. Athens Town Hall, 2 First St., Athens
- Athens Village Board 6:30 p.m. Athens Fire Department, 39 Third St., Athens Consult the village website for updates the day of the meeting
- Catskill Village Board of Trustees 6:30 p.m. Robert C. Antonelli Senior Center, 15 Academy St., Catskill 518-943-3830
- Coxsackie Village Board 7 p.m. Village Hall, 119 Mansion St., Coxsackie 518-731-2718
- Jewett Town Board 7 p.m. Jewett Municipal Building, 3547 County Route 23C, Jewett

Thursday, July 14

- Greene County Legislature finance audit 4 p.m.

Saturday, July 16

- Coxsackie Village Wide Yard Sale 9 a.m.-3 p.m. July 16-17

Governor Hochul announces free electric vehicle fast charging at EVolve NY sites for July 4 weekend

ALBANY — Governor Kathy Hochul announced that the New York Power Authority will offer free charging at all EVolve NY Direct Current Fast Chargers across the state from July 1 through July 5 to encourage emissions-free electric vehicle driving over the high-travel Independence Day holiday weekend. The EVolve NY network hosts nearly 100 chargers along key travel corridors throughout the state. The holiday weekend promotion's goal is to inspire more New Yorkers to adopt electric

vehicle driving and drive cleaner. Free fast charging will begin at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, July 1, and end on 11:59 p.m., Tuesday, July 5.

"My administration remains laser-focused on making continuous investments in green energy to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and this free charging holiday is a celebration of that commitment," Governor Hochul said. "By making it easier for more New Yorkers to charge their electric vehicles and drive cleaner, we can inspire

more electric vehicle adoption across the state, ushering in a cleaner, greener future for New York."

"These free fast charging electric vehicle stations offered at EVolve NY sites across the state over the holiday week will help lower the cost of travel for New Yorkers on one of the busiest weekends of the year," Lieutenant Governor Antonio Delgado said. "We are hopeful that these free charging stations will help encourage more New Yorkers, and travelers from other

states, to turn to energy efficient, emission-free vehicles and provide a cleaner environment for our children."

To charge free this holiday weekend, New Yorkers and travelers can drive up to an EVolve NY fast charger, plug in, and just hit the start button on the charger screen.

Through its EVolve NY program, New York Power Authority has installed nearly 100 high speed chargers along New York State's major travel corridors, from Buffalo to Albany and from the

Adirondacks to Long Island. The program's goal is to make it significantly easier for New Yorkers to drive in any direction across the state and find fast chargers so they can power up and get back on the road quickly. Any battery-powered EV equipped with fast charging capability can charge up at an EVolve NY fast charger in as little as 20 minutes, including Tesla cars with an adapter. More information on EVolve NY fast chargers can be found on the program's webpage.

New York State joins Operation Dry Water to deter boating under the influence July 4 weekend

ALBANY — As boaters look forward to the 4th of July holiday, thousands of law enforcement officers across the United States will be on heightened alert for those violating boating under the influence (BUI) laws. From July 2-4, New York State Park Police, the State Department of Environmental Conservation, New York State Police, the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA), the U.S. Coast Guard, along with other state and local agencies will participate in Operation Dry Water. Operation Dry Water is a year-round boating under the influence awareness and enforcement campaign with a national weekend intended for law enforcement agencies across the country to intensify efforts on preventing incidents related to impaired boating and to educate boaters about safe boating practices, including sober boating.

Alcohol use is the leading contributing factor in recreational boater deaths. Over the course of the July 4th holiday, law enforcement agencies will work to increase public awareness of the dangers of boating under the influence for both operators and passengers, and

will be making arrests under a zero tolerance approach.

"As we kick-off the summer season, we expect increased boating traffic on the waterways during the holiday weekend. While boating is a great recreational activity, boating under the influence is both dangerous and illegal and can lead to serious consequences including arrest, injuries and even death," said Park Police Acting Assistant Director of Law Enforcement Michael Pavelock. "New York State Park Police wants to ensure that boaters and anyone enjoying the waterways have a safe place to spend their time. Park Police is proud to join hundreds of agencies nationwide in Operation Dry Water to prevent incidents and fatalities related to boating under the influence and help keep boaters safe."

"For the fourteenth year, officers will be on the water providing heightened enforcement against boating while impaired," said Paul Littman, New York's Boating Law Administrator. "This year's Operation Dry Water campaign is intended to heighten public awareness and education over the Fourth of July weekend,

July 2 - 4 - a holiday known for drinking and boating, and deadly incidents."

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos said, "The July fourth holiday is especially busy on New York waterways and while we want everyone to have an enjoyable time with family and friends this weekend, safety is paramount. To ensure everyone makes it off the water safely, it's absolutely critical that boaters remember that it's against the law to operate a vessel under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Our Environmental Conservation Police Officers (ECO) will be out in force alongside their law enforcement partners to ensure boaters are following the law for their own protection and for all others recreating on or by the water."

New York State Police Superintendent Kevin P. Bruen said, "While celebrating the July 4th weekend, we want to remind recreational boaters to navigate our state's lakes, rivers, and canals safely and responsibly. Boaters are encouraged to wear their life jackets, follow posted speed limits, and to not operate vessels

while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Together, with our law enforcement partners, and by boaters making the right choices, we can prevent needless tragedies on our waterways."

Boating while intoxicated or impaired by drugs is equally dangerous for the boat operator and for the boat passenger. Operating a vessel under the influence of alcohol or drugs is illegal on all bodies of water and can lead to serious injuries, death and legal consequences. Penalties for BUI include fines, jail, the impoundment of your boat and the loss of boating privileges. In New York, it is illegal to operate a vessel with a blood alcohol content (BAC) of 0.08 percent or higher. New York State Park Police remind boaters to always boat sober and to wear a life jacket when on or around the water.

Launched in 2009, Operation Dry Water is an awareness and enforcement campaign with the mission of reducing the number of alcohol and drug related incidents and fatalities through increased recreational boater awareness and by fostering a stronger and more visible deterrent to

alcohol and drug use on the water. Last year, the effort involved more than 7,500 officers across the country, resulting in about 115,000 vessel stops and more than 42,000 citations and warnings, including 638 BUI arrests.

New York also continues to phase in Brianna's Law, which requires all operators of motorized watercraft to complete a state-approved boating safety course. Adopted in 2019, the law currently requires all motorboat operators born on or after Jan. 1, 1993 to have a boating safety certificate. Failure to comply carries a potential fine of between \$100 to \$250.

Beginning in 2022, that requirement extends to all boaters born on or after Jan. 1, 1988. In 2023, the requirement extends to those born on or after Jan. 1, 1983, and in 2024, extends to Jan. 1, 1978. The law will apply to all operators regardless of age beginning in 2025.

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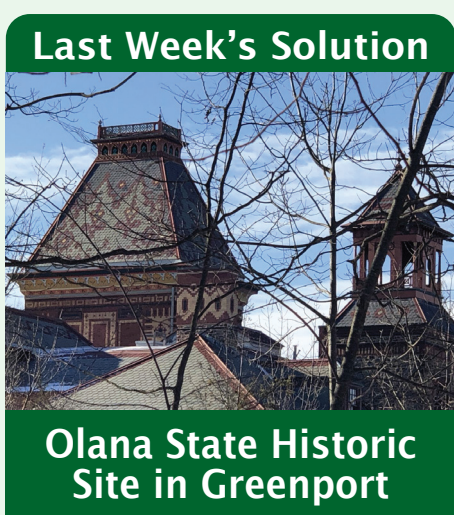
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OUR VIEW

Independence still rules

Six months ago, who could have predicted that the greatest threat to American democracy in more than a century would be our own commander-in-chief and his fanatical loyalists.

It was a cold, dreary afternoon Jan. 6, 2021, when President Donald Trump egged on a mob to invade the Capitol Building in Washington in an attempt to regain power by overturning the results of a duly certified, legal presidential election won by Democrat Joe Biden.

Eighteen months after this shameful and clumsy political insurrection, it has fallen to us to reassert the principles of democracy we hold dear, even as our sense of independence took another hit when Roe v. Wade was overturned and robbed women of their freedom of choice, reducing them to second-class citizens.

It is as if we are living through a recreation of the suspense film “Seven Days in May,” in which a fanatical army general and his cadre of officers plot to overthrow the sitting president and his administration in order to take over the government for their own ends.

We’re learning today that a declaration of independence means nothing without an accompanying demand for independence. Our “land of the free, home of the brave” is reeling from intolerance, oppression of women and outright hate. Civility is eroded and the United States is a deeply divided nation.

We are awakening each day to a world we couldn’t have envisioned even five years ago. We have become strangers in our own strange land. Yet we can still sustain our faith in the basic freedoms that America stood for on the Fourth of July 246 years ago.

We are resilient enough as a society to celebrate and guard, in our own ways, the values that make us truly independent.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Public Common on ‘Climate Act’

To the editor:

This letter explains not only my poison but the information I used to determine my position in the ‘Climate Act.’

There are two primary factors required for my support, a) does this process achieve the goal of lowering CO2 as a way of lowering or maintaining global temperature?, and b) is it worth the expense?

So to start with CO2 is less than 4 one-hundredth of one percent of the atmosphere and it is both naturally occurring and by human actions. A historical record of CO2 has been determined through ice cores taken from both the North and South Poles. These records go back 500 million years. When I compare graphs of temperatures and CO2 over 500 million years there are NO clear correlations, lead/lag, or cause and effect patterns. In the up/down of global temperature, the earth has been year round without ice remaining anywhere for 2/3 of the past 500 million years, and there have been periods where the entire planet was covered in ice for millions of years. At this time, on the temperature graph we are about half way between being frozen over and the point there is no ice year round. There are two previous patterns in the temperature graph which show a similar pattern going from all ice to peak temperature both of which happened long before humans existed. In fact humans are not much more than the dot at the end of a 500 million year graph.

So let’s say we spend money on solar and wind sources of electricity as a way of reducing CO2 and we drive EV’s. The first problem is NOT having a vast supply of electricity, then the cost of infrastructure (charging stations). Then we’re going to buy solar panels from China which produces 32% of the global CO2 emissions and are building 350 more coal power plants. So we can eliminate New York’s contribution to America’s 12% of global emission. Next we’re building solar fields to stop CO2 emissions and reduce global warming, but if you look at infra-ray photos of solar fields they are hotter than the surrounding forest or grass fields. Furthermore the land now occupied by solar fields is now dead earth. So solar fields heat the earth by convection and are killing the grass which no longer absorbs CO2.

The all EV part of the plan will end upstate New York winter tourism. The “Climate Act” is paying for charging stations will not be adequate for parking cars in outdoor lots. Because of the cold each EV will need to be plugged in just to keep from losing charge. Who’s going to pay for the 500 charging stations at each Bel-Air, Gore and White Face ski areas and can the private sector ski areas compete? Of course each school district will need EV buses and municipalities will need EV snowplows (which don’t exist), at taxpayer expense. Yes, the same taxpayers that are paying more for electricity and delivery charges today, because of improvements being made to the down state electrical grid. The end of the line for an EV is when they no longer take and hold a charge and then, “tada,” they turn into a rolling brick full of acid.

I have seen another scenario like this before, when the concept was not the people demanding this of the government, but rather the government imposing a scenario upon the people. The good people were told they can keep their doctor, health insurance cost would be lower and it was legal because it was a fee. Turned out, you had no say in keeping your doctor, health insurance was more expensive and it was legal because it’s a tax, then modified by Supreme Court, and left partly legal, and also left 27 states with only one health insurance provider. Now we’re getting another government program forced upon us. We’re going to pay for an infrastructure that has no source of electricity, buy EVs we don’t like and can’t afford. We should all be so proud if this goes through, as China will continue to be the world’s largest CO2 emitter on the earth. Actually they are increasing their CO2 emissions to make EV batteries and solar panels. China is going to laugh all the way to the bank.

You can count this letter in complete opposition to the “Climate Act,” as it is bad for the environment and New York’s economy.

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MY VIEW

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“If you don’t turn onto politics, politics will turn on you.” It’s a good saying, and it’s not just for the young. Ralph Nader said it before the turning got real hard.

There’s two kinds of politics. The kind that goes on within the country pitting Democrats against Republicans — for practical purposes the only two parties we have — and the kind that goes on between America and other countries, the area of geopolitics.

We’ve grown accustomed to the ways and the lengths to which both parties will go in consolidating their power. Money is predominate but it’s mentioned here only to get it out of the way and go on to the ideology of what’s referred to as “identity issues.” These are cultural. It’s the way we see ourselves and, by extension, the way we would like to see society shaped.

Putting it in rough form, one party caters to religious fundamentalism, the other trends a little more secular. One is fiercely anti-abortion, the other just as fiercely pro-abortion. One has a devoted NRA constituency, the other not so much. One sees immigration as highly dangerous, the other not so much. One sees multiculturalism and racial dilution as a serious problem, the other not so much. One views the LGBTQ-IA+ community as a break-down in society, the other is okay with it.

These inexact differences, and others, can be seen through the lenses of conservatism and liberalism. They can be, but it’s gone a little further than that. The conservative side has reactionary elements to it, and the liberal side sees it as an opening.

For example, since the Republican side has a strong white nationalist element to it, the Democratic side combats it with a narrative of American, and even pre-American independence, black racism. These couldn’t be more opposed, explaining why as soon as the Black Lives Matter movement gained steam, it was confronted with Blue Lives Matter and even the confused All Lives Matter (no compromise, it).

The point is both sides have advantaged the identities of their constituencies into an open clash, and this clash is taken so seriously that it’s hard to see beyond it. If everything is politics, and these parties are all the politics we have, then they get to say, through their disagreements, what we should be concerned about.

Where it gets interesting is in what this tells us about what we needn’t be concerned about. We seem to enjoy bipartisanship. Anyway, it’s what the media take especial note of. Gee, a bipartisan agreement! Nice to see our parties come together when it’s important enough.

It’s important for us to know that there are no poor people in America. No lower class. Just a large middle class with a few people above and below. We know this because our parties never speak in terms of class. It’s un-American. The illusion that we are all in this together is salve to an increasingly insecure working population. Appearances must be kept up.

In the wider geopolitical context, it’s crucial for us to know that America only uses its military strength when forced. We know this because both parties always agree on its use. Neither can afford the slander of being labeled unpatriotic by the other. The flag always comes first. Appearances again.

You see, if both political parties are involved in a business — for clarity, politics is a business, prostitution is a profession — that is inherently undemocratic, where the needs of the majority of the population come second to the wants of elites, then their agreement can be an especially bad sign.

The “interests” that America fights for have little to do with defending the interests of ordinary people that do the fighting. There’s a long history, but just keeping to the modern “war on terror” timeline, we have Afghanistan and Iraq.

We bombed Afghanistan until there were no more good targets left, but Afghanistan had only a slight tangential relation with 9/11. Afghanistan was said to be a training ground for Al-Qaeda terrorists, but that’s not the country. We have plenty of training grounds ourselves. They’re known as military bases and they stretch across the globe.

By our State Department’s definition, states cannot be terrorists. Terrorists are defined as non-state actors, like Al-Qaeda. Does this mean that the CIA, mandated to carry out actions only in

foreign lands, and with practically unchecked independence, can be terrorist?

Iraq had absolutely nothing to do with 9/11 but it was served shock and awe on live television. Our invasion was illegal according to both international and U.S. law. This was known then, and it’s known now. This continues a practice maybe unique to our democracy, that our highest officials — particularly our presidents — are put above the law. Worth contemplating the next time you hear a politician say that nobody is above the law.

Along with war come all the evils associated with it. There are always attempts to hide them under the fog of war, but something new came out of the war on terror. Torture was legalized. It was made legal by the lawyers on the winning side. Lawyers on the losing side lack this prerogative.

So what were the consequences back home when Afghani and Iraqi bodies were being blown into pieces, when people were snatched up, blindfolded and sent off to oblivion and torture, when not even wedding parties and funerals were safe?

Flag flying. That was the consequence. A dramatic, huge display of American flags along public spaces, houses, boats and cars. This choice may seem to be freely made, but how much is informed by outside influence? By the only political messages we receive from two parties subordinating themselves to the foreign policy establishment?

Currently the message is that as part of our fight for freedom and democracy the world over, we must protect Ukraine in its fight for freedom and democracy. This propaganda theme, no matter how frayed at the edges, is all that can be dragged out for official cover. You’re supposed to be unaware of the U.S. backed coup in 2014 that removed a democratically elected president.

Would Russia have attacked Ukraine if we had provided it with the security assurances it asked for? Could it all have been avoided? Not only are we denied an answer, but it opens the possibility that the answer would not have mattered. This would mean that we allowed the invasion to proceed on cue. The home consequences? More flags. Two countries this time.

James Rothenberg, of North Chatham, writes on U.S. social and foreign policy.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Do not include SHOP SAFE in Bipartisan Innovation Act

To the editor:

As negotiations for the Bipartisan Innovation Act advance, Senate and House Leadership should be choosing to endorse provisions that support America’s small businesses.

Unfortunately, the legislative package currently includes the SHOP SAFE Act, a provision that would give global brands control over the sale of their goods online by forcing regulatory restrictions on small online businesses; ultimately creating operational obstacles for America’s vibrant small business community.

I am calling on Sen. Chuck Schumer, a staunch small business advocate and one of the most prominent leaders in the U.S. Senate, to ensure that SHOP SAFE is not included in the final Bipartisan Innovation Act. This

legislative package has the potential to grow a stronger American economy that benefits homegrown businesses. Sen. Schumer, please make certain that this hallmark policy package lives up to its potential by confirming that the SHOP SAFE Act doesn’t endanger our entrepreneurs.

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

‘Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.’

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When to mow

By Bob Beyfuss
For Columbia-Greene Media

I was pleased to hear from some readers who did not mow all, or (usually) part of their lawns this past May. The pictures you sent were much appreciated as well. I know that some of you are continuing this practice. I think it is great to watch the natural progression of what happens to a mowed area when it no longer gets routinely cut. I must admit that I did not follow my own advice to leave a section of my lawn un-mowed. I am much better at offering advice than actually doing what I advise.

The reason I did not do so is because I like the way my small lawn looks and smells after I mow it. There is a certain sort of “neatness” that appeals to my German nature and I do indulge it now and then. I am surrounded by literally hundreds of acres of mostly forested land with a few large hayfields interspaced and some fields that only get brush hogged every few years. I really don’t feel much of a need to protect the pollinators on my tiny landscape. Perhaps if I lived in an urban or suburban landscape, I would feel differently.

After the lawn grasses grew very tall and flowered, most of you reported an almost immediate abundance of flowering plants appearing that are normally considered as common lawn “weeds.” If you want to identify them, I suggest you look at the label of lawn herbicides, under “plants controlled” and you will see them pictured. Dandelions, chickweed, ground ivy, violets, white clover, plantain, Shepard’s purse all showed up in your pictures. By the way, “control” is a clever term used to mean “kill.” We don’t “control” pests or weeds so much as we kill

GARDENING TIPS



BOB BEYFUSS

them and then we say “control.” It sounds much nicer that way.

My “so called” lawn already has an abundance of these, so I really don’t need to see more of them. All of these plants are indeed food for pollinators, so you have done your job well. From this point on, plant succession really gets interesting. In an un-mowed field the broad leaved herbs will eventually replace the thin leaved grasses and within a few seasons, woody brush will show up. Sadly, not all the woody shrubs that appear are native, desirable, plants.

In our area, abandoned hay fields and un-mowed pastures will soon be inhabited by light loving invasive shrubs, such as autumn olive, Asiatic barberry, alder and multiflora rose as well as some “pioneer” native tree species such as aspen, birch and ash. In 40 years or so there will be little evidence that a hayfield ever existed. It will have been replaced by a young forest, of not necessarily native, or desired tree species.

I believe that maintaining open fields is important, not only for the esthetic appeal they provide by breaking up the monotony of forest (think most of rural Vermont) but also by supporting a diversity of wildlife. The best way to maintain that diversity and

limit the take-over by invasive plants, is by mowing, periodically. The questions are when is the best time to do this, how often and what equipment is required. For fields of an acre or more, the best tool is a tractor pulled, rotary type of brush-hog. I generally advise people to look for good quality used equipment whenever possible. In the case of brush-hogs however, you might consider buying new. Few farm implements are subject to as much routine abuse as these are. Depending on the mower width, they can cost from a few thousand dollars to more than 10K.

As for when to brush hog, I suggest you wait until the end of July to avoid disturbing nesting birds and other wildlife. Most farmers who mow hayfields in late May to mid-June have killed baby fawns inadvertently. The best time to cut hay is when it flowers and delaying this task until August results in very poor quality feed. Ideally, you would mow in winter, if conditions allow. It is not necessary to do this every year, but the fields should be mowed at least every two or three years. After four years, your brush hog will be seriously tested by woody plants with two-inch or thicker stems and their root systems will regrow new top growth even faster.

Periodic mowing/brush hogging, will probably not prevent invasive trees and shrubs from becoming established in abandoned hay and crop fields, but it can slow their progress. If timed properly, it can maintain a diversity of both desirable plant and bird species. So, let your lawn grow for a while, but keep your fields, if you have or manage any, cut every couple of years!

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Finding a simple and easy way to lose weight

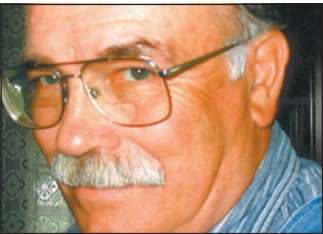
By Dick Brooks
For Columbia-Greene Media

It seems that everywhere one looks these days the main topic is that of weight loss. It is one of the perennial subjects of talk shows and news programs. I guess it’s one of the signs of the times we live in that we’re going to have to put up with. There was a time in our past where a few extra pounds were looked on with favor, it was considered a buffer against hard times. In ancient China, the more corpulent you were, the higher your rank. A glance in the mirror tells me I would probably be the Emperor. I’ve always admired Buddha, but not necessarily for his girth, so maybe it’s time to do something about it myself.

I don’t intend to model myself after the current group of painfully thin young female starlets that are so often in the news because unlike the current crop of teenagers, I really do listen to the news reports and one can only hear the words “anorexic and bulimic” so many times before one gets the idea that this might not be the proper path to follow. It’s the other catch words from the weight shows like, “Diabetes and High Blood Pressure” that have caught my attention and have made me decide to alter my rather bulbous appearance although I have considered getting a Goodyear T-shirt and renting myself out for football games.

Most of the authorities on the subject suggest simply cutting back on the amount of food eaten and increasing your exercise level—yeah right, like whose going to do that? I’ve tried most of the major diets and they all have worked, unfortunately for them to continue to work, one would have to have one’s mouth sewn shut. So I’ve decided to give it a little

WHITTling AWAY



DICK BROOKS

thought and develop my own diet/weight loss program. If it works as well as I think it will, I could market it and make a fortune, if you’re rich, nobody cares what kind of shape you have.

I will forgo the exercise part, having fallen victim to the slick ads for several of the exercise machines touted in early morning infomercials. They seem like a great idea at the time but quickly become boring and worst of all, they make you all sweaty! I’m sure if a study was made that it would be discovered that there is at least one exercise machine hidden and dust covered in every attic and garage in America. You have one, don’t you? It would have been cheaper to join a gym although the idea of driving to a gym and then spending my time walking on a treadmill or using a stair climbing machine when I have stairs at home that I don’t enjoy climbing just seems kind of silly. In my case at least, it all comes down to the diet.

Mentally reviewing the history of recent diet trends, it was first the push against calories, you had to keep track of the calories consumed daily. This fluctuated wildly because it varied due to the size of the portion and how it was prepared. Mainly you lost weight only because you had to lug around a calorie counting book listing

the calories in common food. This book was the size of the average unabridged dictionary. Then it was the carbohydrates that were bad, I liked that one because you could eat a cow at a sitting as long as you passed up the lima beans. Then fats had their turn at the plate, so to speak. Turns out there are good fats and bad fats, the problem is knowing which to swallow and which to spit out.

I’ve developed my diet with the thoughts that it would be simple and easy to follow. Tree bark will be a mainstay. I can’t find it listed in my calorie book, it has no known fats and is very low in carbs. It would certainly meet your body’s need for fiber, regularity is important to one of my age. Three or four pails of water a day will take care hydration. You are allowed a snack, I would recommend eating a cup of dry oatmeal, followed by a pail of warm water, I guarantee you will have no hunger pangs afterward. I think I’ll recommend a daily box of Twinkies also, they contain more preservatives per serving than any other food known to mankind, again at my age, this is an important consideration. Following this diet should result losing weight faster than the National Debt rises!

If you try it, let me know how you made out. After thinking it over, I think I’ll wait awhile. Does anybody know where I can get a Goodyear T-shirt?

Thought for the week — Everything is funny as long as it is happening to somebody else. — Will Rogers

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

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GRAVESTONES CLEANED AT CEMETERY



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The American Legion Athens Post 187, Catskill Post 110, the Home Depot in Catskill and members of the Catskill DPW joined together on June 20 to clean old gravestones at the Thompson Street Cemetery in Catskill.
Pictured are post members Tom Andreassen, Jimmy Stalker, Leo and Becky Van Valkenburg, Gordon Mosher, Larry Overbaugh; Home Depot employees Eleanor Diller, Stuart Osborn, John White, Darin Coppage, Shannon Sutton, Yjaira Nunez, Jefferson Glord, Gabby Moore, Darlene Gotkids. Not pictured are Angelo DiCaprio, Bob Young, Pat McCulloch and Stephen Pavlak.

NFPA encourages swimmers and boaters to know the risks of electric shock drowning in pools and at marinas

QUINCY, Mass. — With summer here and the July 4th holiday weekend just around the corner, the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) is reminding people about potential electrical hazards that exist in swimming pools and hot tubs, onboard boats, on docks and piers, and in waters surrounding boats, marinas, and launch ramps.

While most people are unaware of electrical dangers posed in water environments such as electric shock drowning (ESD), each year people are injured or killed from these hazards. ESD can occur when improperly installed or maintained electrical systems within marinas or boat electrical systems result in electrical current in the water, which can then pass through a person’s body, causing a level of paralysis that can ultimately cause serious injury or drowning.

“Continued education about the presence of electrical hazards in water can help reduce the risk of electric shock drowning from happening in pools and waterways,” said Lorraine Carli, NFPA’s vice president of Outreach & Advocacy. “Have a qualified electrician inspect your boat, swimming pool equipment, hot tub, and spa before engaging in any water activities, and make sure they are regularly maintained to ensure all life-saving measures and protection systems are functioning properly.”

Following are tips for swimmers, and pool and boat owners:

SWIMMERS

Never swim near a marina, dock, or boatyard.

While in a pool or hot tub look out for underwater lights that are not working properly, flicker, or work intermittently.

If you feel a tingling sensation while in a pool, immediately stop swimming in the direction you are heading. Try and swim in a direction where you had not felt the tingling. Exit the water as quickly as possible; avoid using metal ladders or rails. Touching metal may increase the risk of shock.

POOL OWNERS

If you are putting in a new pool or hot tub, be sure the wiring is performed by an electrician experienced in the special safety requirements for these types of installations and that the completed work is inspected by the authority having jurisdiction (AHJ).

Have a qualified electrician periodically inspect and — where necessary — replace or upgrade the electrical devices or equipment that keep your pool or hot tub electrically safe. Have the electrician show you how to turn off all power in case of an emergency.

If there are overhead electrical lines, make sure they have proper clearance over the pool and other structures, such as a diving board. If you have any doubts, contact a qualified electrician or your local utility company to make sure power lines are a safe distance away.

BOAT OWNERS

Avoid entering the water when launching or loading a boat. These areas can contain stray electrical currents in the

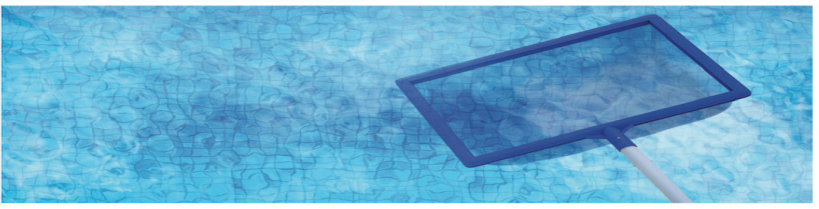
water, possibly leading to electric shock drowning or injury from shock, including death.

Each year, have the boat’s electrical system inspected by a qualified marine electrician to be sure it meets the required codes of your area, including those set by the American Boat & Yacht Council. Make the necessary repairs, if recommended. Follow the same steps after any major storm that affects the boat.

Check with the marina owner to let you know if the marina’s electrical system has recently been inspected to meet the required codes of your area, including the National Electrical Code® (NEC®). Have ground fault circuit protection (GFCI and GFPE) installed on circuits supplying the boat; use only portable GFCIs or shore power cords (including “Y” adapters) that bear the proper listing mark for marine applications when using electricity near water. Test GFCIs monthly.

NEVER modify the electrical system on a boat or shore power to make something work. The code-required safety mechanisms in place are intended to alert people if something is wrong with the boat and with shore power. Find a licensed, qualified professional to help determine the cause of the problem.

NFPA has resources for swimmers, boat and pool owners, including videos, tip sheets, and checklists, that can be downloaded and shared. Please visit www.nfpa.org/watersafety.



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Hugh David Stuart

June 25, 2022

Hugh David Stuart, 90, of Germantown passed away peacefully at Columbia Memorial Hospital on June 25, 2022 after many years of battling Parkinson's and a final brief illness.

He was born in Manhattan to David and Mary (McCaig) Stuart and raised in the Bronx and Baldwin, New York. He was a member of both the Boy Scouts and the Sea Scouts.

After graduating from Baldwin High School on Long Island, he volunteered for service in the U.S. Navy in 1951, where he served aboard the Escort Destroyer U.S.S. Walker (DDE-517) during the Korean War. Among his medals and ribbons, he received the Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, the Korean Service Medal with three stars and the China Service Medal (Extended).

After being honorably discharged, he received an Associate's Degree in Applied Science in 1957 from the State University of New York at Farmingdale. He was employed by IBM, retiring in 1990 after 35 years of service as a Field Engineer course developer. He originally worked in Manhattan and then transferred to Kingston in 1976.

Upon retirement, he enjoyed golfing, volunteered with the Columbia Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and was a Life Member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, where he held various positions, including Post Commander of Southern Columbia Memorial Post 6398 (1994-95), Commander of the Rip Van Winkle County Council (1998-1999) and National Aide-De-Camp, (2001-2002).

He is survived by Doris (Martens), his wife of 65 years, his sister, Sheila Ivey, his children Mark, Timothy, Steven (Hope) Stuart and Amy (Edward) Brock; grandchildren Matthew (Emma) Schiller, Daniel Schiller, Melissa Stuart, Sean Stuart, Kathleen Brock and Hunter Stuart; great-grandson Hudson Schiller, and nephews Robert, Donald and Paul Ivey. He was predeceased by his daughter Cynthia Schiller in February 2020.

A private memorial service will be held for family members. In lieu of flowers, donations in Hugh's memory may be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation, P.O. Box 5014 Hagerstown, MD 21741-5014 or www.michaeljfox.org.

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

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



Richard A. Wengenroth

June 15, 2022

Richard A. Wengenroth, artist, teacher and adventurer in New York City and Acra, NY died June 15 after complications from a fall. He was 93. A Brooklyn native, he circuitously became a widely exhibited artist and professor of art at Ohio Wesleyan University and Baruch College. He began drawing cartoons at age 5 and wrote comics for his high school paper. Skipping his graduation to hitchhike cross-country he considered a job at Walt Disney but joined the Army instead. On the GI Bill he attended Wittenburg University where he met and then married Esther Lou Weiford, won a Fulbright in Germany, got an MFA degree and teaching job at Ohio Wesleyan University. He established the Great Lakes Colleges Association (GLCA) Arts Program in New York for students across disciplines from 12 midwestern colleges. He later joined CUNY's Baruch faculty from which he retired in 1991 as Chairman of the Art Department. In recent years, he created naturalist paintings and portraits of Abraham Lincoln and published a retrospective "Richard Wengenroth - The View at 90." Predeceased by his wife Lou of 68 years in 2019, survivors include two daughters, Gretchen Wengenroth of Pacifica, CA., Raychel Wengenroth of Saugerties, NY, and grandson Miles Wittig of CA. Services will be private. Contributions can be made to hospice organizations across the world most in need. Arrangements were under the direction of the Seamon-Wilsey Funeral Home, Inc. Cor. of John & Lafayette Sts., Saugerties. Expressions of condolence may be shared with the Tribute Wall at SeamonWilseyFuneralHome.com.



Maureen Jean Biegel

March 22, 1954 - June 30, 2022

Maureen Jean (Ferraro) Biegel 68, of Athens, NY died peacefully on Thursday, June 30, 2022 in her home. She was born on March 22, 1954 to the late Angela and Louis Ferraro. She spent most of her early life in Hudson, NY and graduated from Hudson High School in 1972. On November 4, 1979 she married Wayne K. Biegel and went on to work as a teacher's aide for the Catskill Central School district for over 25 years, a job she immensely enjoyed. Maureen's kindness, generosity, endless love and support will always be remembered by her family and friends.

Maureen is survived by her husband Wayne Biegel, her son Jason Biegel (and wife Jackie Bamme), her step-son David (and wife Samantha) Biegel, her grandchildren Drew, Olivia, Colin, Conner, and Lilah Nora Biegel, her brother-in-law Glen Biegel, niece and god-daughter Sara (Biegel) Campbell, and several brothers- and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Maureen is predeceased by her mother and father Angela V. (Carlucci) and Louis Ferraro, her brother, Louis V. Ferraro, and her sister-in-law Linda (Lambert) Biegel.

Viewing hours are 12:00 to 3:00 pm Sunday July 3 at the Bates & Ander son - Redmond & Keeler Funeral Home. Burial will be in Cedar Park Cemetery in Hudson, NY.

In lieu of flowers, donations either to Matthew 25 Food Pantry or to the charity of your choice.



Texas migrant tragedy brings grief to families back home

By Kevin Sieff, Paulina Villegas, Arelis R. Hernández
The Washington Post

MEXICO CITY — Days after they said goodbye to their sons and daughters, they started receiving the calls: Their loved ones had arrived in Texas, but perished in the back of an abandoned, sweltering tractor-trailer.

In northwestern Honduras, Karen Caballero learned her two sons' ID cards had been found in the trailer in San Antonio in which the lifeless bodies of dozens of migrants were found Monday in the deadliest smuggling incident yet on U.S. soil.

The two men, Fernando Jose Redondo Caballero, 20, and Alejandro Miguel Andino Caballero, 24, had left home in early June and paid a smuggler to make the journey north. They traveled with Margie Tamara Paz Grajeda, 25, Alejandro Miguel's girlfriend.

Caballero described her sons as "healthy, studious." She told journalists they loved soccer and dancing and left "in search of a better future."

"For me they were the sweetest boys in my world," she said, through tears.

As medical examiners continued the painstaking process of identifying victims, families across Mexico and Central America began learning that loved ones who left in search of a future in the United States are among the 53 dead.

A portrait of those who were inside the tractor-trailer is slowly coming together. The migrants hailed from as far away as the remote Mayan village of Nahuala, high in the mountains of Guatemala. Some had been in the United States before. Others had plans to reunite with relatives. Most were young and pursuing simple dreams, such as earning enough to build a home.

Two of the youngest were 13. Pascual Melvin Guachiac Sipac left Sololá, Guatemala, 15 days ago to live with his dad in Houston. On Wednesday morning, the teen's mother, Maria Sipac Coj, received a call from a local congressman telling her that her son's body had been found in the trailer.

"He was so excited to be with his father again," she said, weeping.

She still has his last message to her on her phone: "Mom, today they are taking me in a trailer."

Pascual's cousin, Juan Wilmer Tulul Tepaz, also 13, died as well.

Four people — the alleged driver of the trailer and three others allegedly associated with the human-smuggling ring — were charged late Wednesday as more details about those behind the operation, the path of the truck and who was inside it came to light.



PHOTO FOR THE WASHINGTON POST BY FELIX MARQUEZ

A friend of Misael Olivares JimÁñez, shown in the photograph on the car hood, laments his death in a sweltering trailer of migrants found in San Antonio, while waiting for news of young Jair Valencia Olivares, another migrant, in San Marcos Atexquilapan, Mexico.

The head of Mexico's immigration agency, Francisco Garduño Yáñez, said the trailer originated in Texas and "did not pass through Mexico, through any of its checkpoints in the country." He said Homero Zamorano Jr., 45, was captured on security footage driving the vehicle through a U.S. Customs and Border Protection checkpoint in Encinal, Texas, shortly before 3 p.m. on Monday. The vehicle continued north, Yáñez said, before stopping in San Antonio, where it was discovered on a desolate stretch of road.

Yáñez said the truck had been packed with 67 people. He said the dead included 27 from Mexico, 14 from Honduras, seven from Guatemala and two from El Salvador.

U.S. authorities said Zamorano was found hiding in brush nearby. Yáñez said he attempted to pass himself off as a surviving migrant.

He was charged with one count of "alien smuggling resulting in death." If convicted, he could be sentenced to death.

Authorities said investigators found cellphone communications between Zamorano and Christian Martinez, 28, who has been charged with "conspiracy to transport illegal aliens resulting in death." Two other men, Juan Claudio D'Luna-Mendez, 23, and Juan Francisco D'Luna Bilbao, 48, face weapons charges.

The tragedy has resonated across Mexico and Central America, a region where rising numbers are looking to flee violence, corruption and poverty for a life in the United States.

In the small village of San Marcos, in the Mexican state of Veracruz, Yolanda Olivares Ruiz was desperate after losing contact with her sons Yovani Valencia Olivares, 16, and Jair Valencia Olivares, 19. The brothers departed for the United States last week with their 16-year-old cousin, Misael Olivares.

The family last heard from the brothers on Monday morning,

when they sent a text message saying they were waiting to be "picked up" from a warehouse in Laredo, Texas, Olivares Ruiz said. They were elated that they had made it to the United States after wading across the Rio Grande.

"They were so happy and hopeful that by next morning, they would be joining a relative who was waiting for them in Austin and start working," Olivares Ruiz said.

Since that last message, they have not replied to the family's increasingly desperate calls and texts.

"We don't know anything about them. The uncertainty is killing us," Olivares Ruiz said. "I have no tears left."

The brothers, like many others in this town, dreamed of finding a job in the United States and making enough money to build a house and buy a car, she said. They promised to return to Mexico.

"I couldn't say no to them because there is nothing here for them," she said.

Olivares Ruiz sold her house to raise \$10,000 for each of her sons to pay the smuggler. She said he had helped other relatives cross to the United States earlier this year, and seemed to be a kind man.

"I am sure they were inside that trailer," said Teofilo Antonio Valencia Olivares, father of the two missing boys.

Olivares Ruiz wanted news. "I just want to know if they are OK, and if they are lying in a hospital bed, to tell them, 'My son, I am here with you,'" she said.

The Bexar County Medical Examiner's office said it had made tentative identifications for 37 of the 53 bodies. Staff were combing through personal effects, documenting distinctive features and other evidence.

The medical examiner's office is coordinating with the consulates of El Salvador, Mexico, Guatemala and Honduras.

The consulates have publicized a phone number for

families to call if they suspect a loved one might be among the victims. The consulates can help find and contact families once an individual is identified.

For some families, the news arriving from Texas has brought both hope and anguish.

Alejandro López said his cousin, José Luis Vásquez Guzmán, 32, survived. But another cousin, Javier Flores López, was still unaccounted for.

Marcelo Ebrard, Mexico's foreign minister, posted a photo of Guzmán's identification online Tuesday, saying he was one of about a dozen migrants still hospitalized.

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FOOD PANTRY

STOTTVILLE — The Church of St. Joseph, 2824 Atlantic Ave., Stottville, will hold their monthly food pantry 3-5 p.m. July 8.

SUMMERTAG SALE

STUYVESANT — St. John’s Lutheran Church, 159 Route 26A, Stuyvesant, will hold the annual Summer Tag Sale 9 a.m.-2 p.m. July 8 and July 9, inside and outside. As always the tables will be full with a wide variety of items for you to choose from. We will not be serving lunch and no food sale. Due to the high numbers of COVID in the county we are asking that you please wear a mask inside.

CHICKEN BARBECUES

ANCRAM — St. John’s church, 1273 County Route 7, Ancram, annual chicken barbecue will be held July 9, take out only. Pick up 4:30-6 p.m. Menu includes barbecue chicken, corn, coleslaw, potato salad, rolls and watermelon. Take outs, \$17. Tickets are limited and must be ordered by July 4. To reserve tickets, call Jim at 518-755-8978 (cell); Cindy, 518-329-0038; Andrea, 518-789-4769; Debby at 518-329-7594.

COPAKE — Parish of Our Lady of Hope, 8074 Route 22, Copake, will serve a chicken barbecue 6:30-7:30 p.m. July 9 after 5 p.m. Mass. Take out only. Adult menu includes chicken, cole slaw, baked potato, roll, dessert and water. Children’s menu includes chicken, potato, applesauce and juice box. Adults, \$15; children, \$8. Pre-sale tickets only limited to 150. For ticket reservations, call or email tom at 518-821-6932 or taalvare21972@gmail.com.

HUDSON — Trinity United Methodist Church UMW, 555 Joslen Blvd., Hudson, will be hosting a chicken barbecue prepared by Barbecue Delights 4-6:30 p.m. July 14 take-out only. The menu includes half chicken, baked potato, home-made coleslaw, dinner roll and homemade brownie. Tickets

for the complete dinner are \$14; chicken only is \$8. For tickets and information, call 518-828-0226.

COXSACKIE — The Bethel AME Church, 123 Mansion St., Cocksackie, will serve barbecue beginning at noon July 16. Dinners include ribs or chicken, green beans, macaroni salad, corn on the cob and cake. Dinners are \$15. Pre-order by July 14. To pre-order, call 518-731-8887.

HOPE HAPPENS HERE

CHATHAM — God Belongs In Our County presents “Hope Happens Here” live gospel music 5-8 p.m. July 9 at the Columbia County Fair Grounds, Route 66, Chatham. Youth Showcase at 5 p.m. Special Musical Guests at 6 p.m. Admission is free. There will be food and T-shirts while supply lasts. Registration encouraged. Reserve your seats via email: GBIOCNTY@gmail.com.

CHARISMATIC MASS & HEALING SERVICE

LOUDONVILLE — A Charismatic Mass & Healing Service, a Monthly Liturgy will be held July 13, presented by Catholic Charismatic Renewal of the Diocese of Albany, Christ Our Light, 1 Maria Drive, Loudonville. Prayer and Praise at 7 p.m. followed by Mass and Healing Service at 7:30 p.m. with music by Joyful Heart. All are welcome, bring a friend. For information, WWW.AlbanyCCR.org.

TRASH AND TREASURE SALE

HUDSON — The Christian Service Committee at St. Mary’s Holy Trinity Parish will be having a “Final” Trash & Treasure Sale 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. July 23 and 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. July 24 at the Academy, 301 Allen St., Hudson, in the air conditioned gym. The final sale offers a chance for treasures amid a selection of one-of-a-kind antiques, jewelry, small electrics, linens, crystal, fine china, crafts, tapes, books, artwork and Christmas and other seasonal decorations. For the safety of everyone, please wear a mask.

SOUP KITCHEN OPEN

CATSKILL — The Camp Grace Inc. Soup Kitchen, located at the First Reformed Church of Catskill, 310 Main St., Catskill,

is open noon-1 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. For information, call Director Lamont Taylor at 518-249-7009.

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF ATHENS

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

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF COXSACKIE

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

LIVING FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH

MAPLECREST — Living Faith Community Church, 54 Route 56, Maplecrest, welcomes locals and visitors to worship together at 10:30 a.m. Sunday. Adult Bible Study meets before service at 9:30 a.m. Children’s church is at 11 a.m. Fellowship meal follows service on the second Sunday of each month. Prayer meeting is at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. For information, call 518-734-4275.

Young Men of the Mountaintop Youth Group meets at 6:30 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at Living Faith Church. All boys age 11-17 are welcome.

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 SECONDEVANGELICAL 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.

TRI COUNTY LUTHERAN PARISH

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

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

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

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

LUTHERAN PARISH OF SOUTHERN COLUMBIA COUNTY

GERMANTOWN — Lutheran Parish of Southern Columbia County has updated its worship schedule. St. Thomas Lutheran Church, Churchtown worships at 11 a.m. in July and August. Christ Lutheran Church, Germantown (Viewmont) worships at 9 a.m. in July. St. John

Lutheran Church, Elizaville (Manorton) worships at 9 a.m. in August. On the first Sunday AFTER Labor Day, Sept. 11, the times above will reverse.

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

SAINT PAUL’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

KINDERHOOK REFORMED CHURCH

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

CLAVERACK REFORMED DUTCH CHURCH

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

GHENT REFORMED CHURCH

WEST GHENT — The Ghent Reformed Church, 1039 County Route 22, West Ghent, worships at 9 a.m. Sundays. Sunday School begins at 10:15 a.m. Sunday for pre-school to middle school aged children. In accordance with the New York state mandate, masks will be required. Cleaning is as diligent as always. Coffee time follows worship.

REFORMED CHURCH OF GERMANTOWN/MT. PLEASANT REFORMED CHURCH

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

ST. JOHN’S REFORMED CHURCH

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

GRACE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

RHINEBECK — Grace Bible Fellowship Church, 6959 Route 9, Rhinebeck, worships at 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. Sunday School for all ages meets at 9:30 a.m. Women’s bible study and Grace Bible Institute meets at 7 p.m. Mondays. Mid-week prayer meeting is at 7 p.m. Wednesdays. For information, call 845-876-6923 or cdcfirone@aol.com.



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Netflix crashes after ‘Stranger Things 4’ finale release

Martine Paris and Burhan Yuksekkas
Bloomberg

As fans anxiously awaited the release of the season finale of the Netflix thriller “Stranger Things,” the network went down for a brief period on Friday as a vast number of

users logged on to stream new episodes, overwhelming the service. More than 14,000 outages were reported across the global monitoring service Downdetector at the stroke of midnight, Pacific Time. Netflix declined to comment, but

the issue appears to be resolved. Fans of the popular series immediately took to Twitter to express their dismay. “I did not just count down the seconds like it’s New Years for Netflix to crash #StrangerThings,” tweeted one fan showing

the error message. “Stranger Things 4” has become Netflix’s most popular English-language TV series with 781.04 million hours viewed in its first three weeks. The network, most known for

dropping full seasons at a time, has been experimenting with releasing episodes in “volumes” to keep subscribers engaged over longer periods. The first seven episodes of the series dropped on May 27.

Tropical Storm Bonnie forms on path toward Nicaragua and Costa Rica

Jason Samenow
The Washington Post

The disturbance that forecasters have tracked for more than a week crossing the Atlantic and Caribbean has finally earned a name. The National Hurricane Center declared that Tropical Storm Bonnie formed at 11 a.m. Friday about 195 miles east-southeast of Nicaragua. The storm was bolting westward at 20 mph and was forecast to make landfall near the border of Nicaragua and Costa Rica on Friday night, where tropical storm warnings were in effect. “Heavy rainfall is likely across portions of Nicaragua and Costa Rica today into Saturday. Areas of life-threatening flash flooding and mudslides are expected,” the

National Hurricane Center wrote. Bonnie is one of three tropical systems forecasters have been monitoring. One disturbance, which formed in the western Gulf of Mexico, has already moved over the upper Texas coast and southwest Louisiana. Although it did not organize sufficiently to become a named storm, it has unloaded torrential rain north of Houston. A third disturbance, on the heels of Bonnie, was given a 10% chance to become a tropical depression or storm through the weekend. But it was expected to bring gusty showers Friday into Saturday in the Windward Islands, which bridge the Atlantic and Caribbean. Bonnie, the second named

storm of the Atlantic hurricane season, formed 16 days ahead of average. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration projects a busier-than-normal season, with 14 to 21 named storms, including six to 10 hurricanes and three to six major (Category 3 or higher) hurricanes. The Atlantic season typically peaks in late August and September. --- Bonnie was a minimal tropical storm on Friday, packing winds of 40 mph. The Hurricane Center forecast modest strengthening before landfall, when peak winds could hit 50 mph. While such winds will be rather gusty and could cause downed trees and power outages, the primary hazard is heavy rainfall as the storm

transits Central America. The Hurricane Center projects 4 to 8 inches of rain and localized amounts up to a foot in Nicaragua and Costa Rica. Bonnie could also generate a minor ocean surge - or rise in water of 1 to 3 feet above normally dry land near and just north of where its center makes landfall. After sweeping across Central America, Bonnie is expected to emerge in the Pacific Ocean, where it is predicted to gain strength and potentially become a hurricane early next week. However, it is not expected to threaten land. According to tropical weather researcher Phil Klotzbach, Bonnie is somewhat of a rarity - among one of six named storms on record to form in the Caribbean during

July. --- Meanwhile, the disturbance that formed over the western gulf was bringing a flood threat from around Galveston, Texas, to Lake Charles, La., on Friday. Flood watches covered this entire zone through the afternoon or evening. As of midday, the heaviest rain had moved north of Houston and Galveston but was drenching the Golden Triangle area, which includes Beaumont and Port Arthur, where flash-flood warnings were in effect until 3:45 p.m. “Between 4 and 8 inches of rain have fallen,” the Weather Service wrote. “Additional rainfall amounts of 1 to 3 inches are possible in the warned area. Flash flooding is already

occurring with several reports of street flooding received from Port Arthur and surrounding areas.” The Weather Service issued a special bulletin warning that rainfall rates could exceed three inches per hour at times. Radar showed torrential rain between Beaumont and Lake Charles at midday Friday, but forecast models projected downpours to gradually subside by evening. While as much as 8 inches had fallen in the Golden Triangle region, most areas of Houston had seen about one-tenth of an inch. The rainfall skirted much of interior Texas, which is enduring extreme drought and relentless heat.

Central

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operate with full transparency and trust.” As part of the three-year plan approved by the PSC, electric rates decreased approximately 33 cents per month for Central Hudson customers for the first year of the plan, which ran retroactively from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. Delivery rates increased Friday and will rise again by an additional \$1.82 per bill starting July 1, 2023. Department of Public Service spokesman James Denn said the state could not reverse the planned Central Hudson delivery rate increase. “The rate increase that took

effect July 1 could not be rescinded,” Denn said Friday. “Given the seriousness of the utility billing problems at Central Hudson, the department is conducting separate investigations — including a deep-dive, third-party management audit — to determine what went wrong and how it should be fixed. Ensuring that customer bills are sent out timely and accurately is the singular responsibility of the utility, and the department will hold Central Hudson accountable for any billing errors while ensuring customers are held harmless.” Greene County sent a letter in March to the PSC explaining that the Legislature had received a significant number of complaints from residents about the power company’s new software billing system. Greene County

Administrator Shaun Groden said Friday that he personally was still experiencing issues with Central Hudson’s billing practices. “I just realized the other day that I haven’t gotten a bill since January,” he said. “I was balancing my checkbook the other day and I had to go back to January to find the last bill. So I’m probably going to get one heck of a bill one of these days.” Central Hudson spokesman Joe Jenkins said Friday the company is continuing to address issues with its billing system. “We continue to put a large number of resources into our billing system,” he said. “Many of the known issues have been fixed, but we do know that there are outliers. So as we move toward system stabilization, we’re identifying

areas where we do need to implement fixes. We are moving towards that and the vast majority of our customers are receiving bills on time that are accurate. So it’s small subsets and oftentimes one-offs that are experiencing some issues. So we’re continuing to divert as many resources as possible to answer that.” Jenkins said Central Hudson will reinvest the money it receives from the delivery-rate increases. “The rate increases that are going into effect right now will be on the delivery portion of customer’s bills,” he said.

“That is the money that is basically used to run our business. These are funds that are used to help upgrade the system and prepare it for the clean-energy transition. These rates that we agreed upon with the PSC started in December because of a delay, but actually runs from July 2021 to June 30, 2022. With July 1 being the start of the new rate, we negotiated these rates with the PSC, and multiple stakeholders who were involved in this, with the economic recovery in mind. So the increases that our customers are going to see are going to be very modest, at

about 1.3% on the typical bill for electric and 1.6 percent for gas customers. So we’re talking about modest increases that will go a long way in helping us prepare the grid for a cleaner future.” Groden said he would have liked to have seen the rate increases halted. “I would love to see that, but once the PSC approves it, I don’t really think there’s anything that will stop it,” he said Friday. “That’s the job of the PSC to evaluate the requests. I don’t think Sen. Hinchey has any sway over the PSC. But her point is well taken.”

Charges

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victims were under 11 years old. In the Dec. 23, 2019, arrest, Green and Seide were charged with felony assault, two counts of endangering

the welfare of a child, assault and unlawful imprisonment, all misdemeanors. After the 2019 arrest, the two were initially arraigned in Town of Prattsville Court and ordered held in the Greene County Jail with bail for Seide set at \$5,000 and \$10,000 for Green. In March of 2021, Green and Seide were free on bail

and fled the area, Quinn said. Green and Seide are being held in the Greene County Jail pending arraignment, Quinn said. The Greene County Sheriff’s Office was assisted in the child abuse case by U.S. Marshals, state police and the Greene County District Attorney’s Office.

Dismay

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“This ruling is a dangerous and irresponsible restriction on the ability of federal agencies to do their jobs,” James said. “Climate change is an imminent and indisputable threat and the EPA must be able to regulate the energy industry so that the worst consequences can be avoided.” Along with a coalition of 30 states and local governments, James filed a brief with the Supreme Court on the case. “This statement provided a concise legal defense of EPA and states to set

significant limits on climate change pollution, specifically from power plants under the Clear Air Act,” James said. Hudson Mayor Kamal Johnson pledged Thursday the city would stand firm in its commitment to fight climate change and not waver on protecting the environment. “We have to think about the future in terms of our kids, housing and transportation,” Johnson said. “Columbia County is united in combating climate change. Decisions made on behalf of the community are climate-smart.” The attorney general overstepped her bounds by criticizing the court’s decision and offered only opinion and not

fact, Greene County Legislature Chairman Patrick Linger, R-New Baltimore, said Thursday. “Attorney James doesn’t have legislative or executive power,” Linger said. “What is her point? This is her opinion. Her only power is to enforce the law.” In 2021, the Trump administration repealed the Affordable Clean Energy Act. The legislation established emission guidelines so that individual states could develop plans to address greenhouse gas emissions from existing coal-fired power plants. Managing editor Raymond Pignone contributed to this story.

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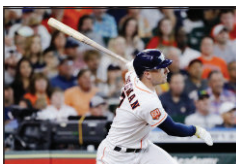
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Astros clip Yanks

Yankees' struggles against Astros continue in 2-1 loss. **Sports, B2**



LOCAL ROUNDUP: Simmons, Briscoe lead Hudson All-Stars to victory

Tim Martin
Columbia-Greene Media

HUDSON — Joseph Simmons went 3 for 3 with a home run, two singles and two RBI and Mason Briscoe struck out 10 in 4 1/3 innings as Hudson defeated Northern Columbia, 8-2, in Thursday's District 15 10-12 year-old Little League Baseball International Tournament game.

Briscoe allowed just four hits and two runs before giving way to Amari Perry, who struck out two in 12/3 innings.

Briscoe helped his own cause with a double and an RBI for Hudson. Gavin Frederick had a double and an RBI, Evan Conte collected two singles and two RBI, Perry had two singles and an RBI and D.J. Barry singled and drove in a run.

Evan Shull singled and drove in two runs for Northern Columbia. Sam Berlin, Andrew Knightes and Rocco Pelizza all singled.

Pelizza (9k,1bb,4r,3h) and Knightes (2k,1bb,4r,4h) shared mound duties for Northern Columbia.

Hudson will play at Chatham on Wednesday at 5:45 p.m. with the winner moving on to play Saugerties for the District 15 title. Northern Columbia will go on to play in the District 15 AAA Tournament.

Saugerties 7, Chatham 6
SAUGERTIES — Saugerties is the only unbeaten team in the District

15 10-12 year-old Little League Baseball International Tournament after beating Chatham, 17-6, on Thursday.

The game was tied 4-4 after three innings, but Saugerties went on to score three in the fourth, seven in the fifth and three in the sixth to lock up the victory.

Ethan Brennan, Braeden Barnes and Jayden Brantley all pitched for Chatham, striking out three, walking three and allowing 17 runs and 17 hits.

Chatham hosts Hudson in an elimination game on Wednesday at 5:45 p.m.

TRAVEL BASEBALL
Blackhawks 15U 13, Sorensco 14U 1

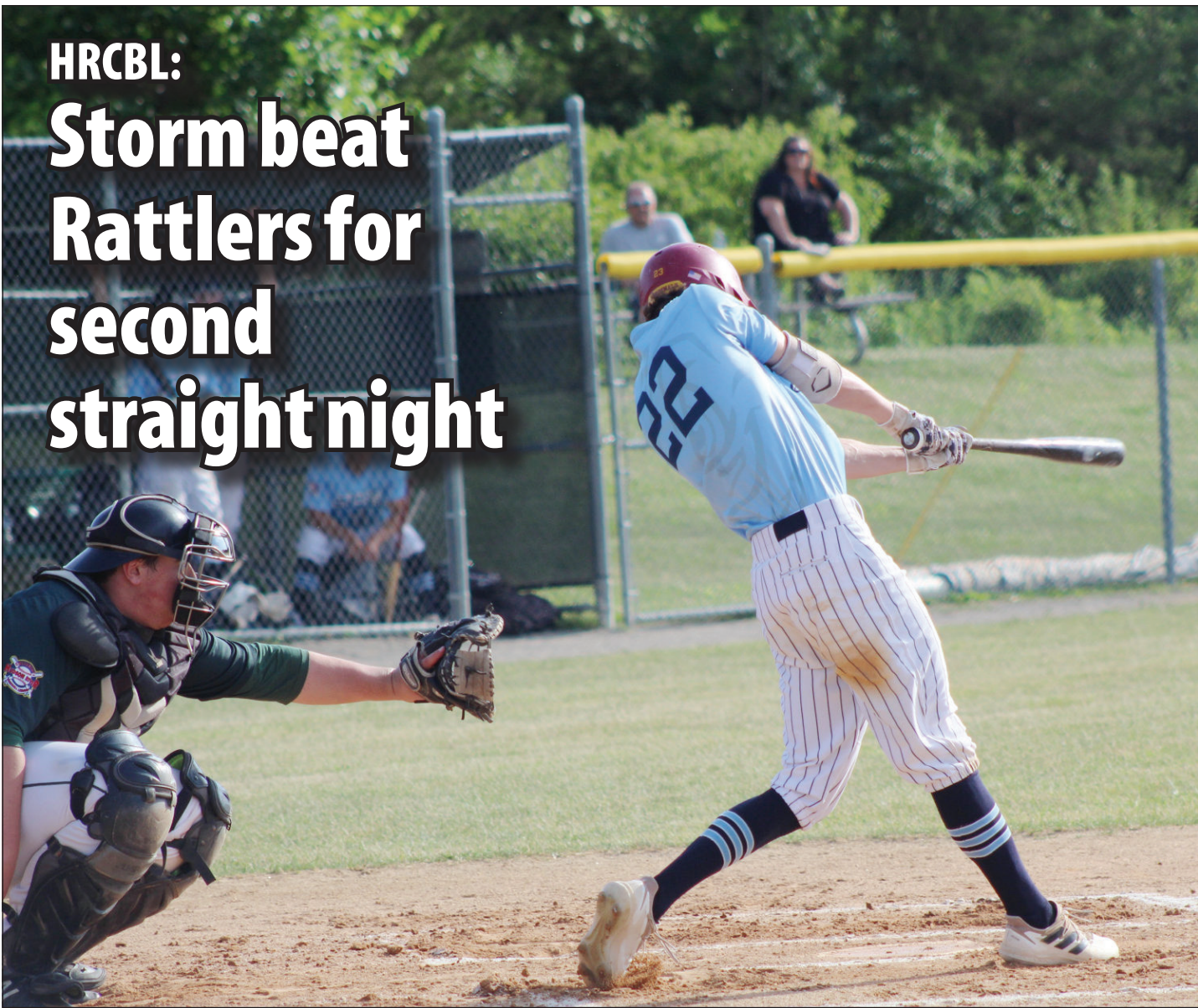
Dom Pelizza had a double and two singles with two RBI as the ENY Blackhawks 15U defeated the Sorensco Falcons 14U, 13-1, in Thursday's travel baseball game.

The game was stopped in the fifth inning because of the 10-run rule.

Max Frering tripled and drove in a run for the Blackhawks (8-3). Jacob Macfarlane singled and drove in three runs, Scott Sleurs and Gavin Hartka both singled and drove in a run, Jameson Balich, Devin Scali and Brandon Rossano all singled and Kyle Danforth drove in a run.

Danforth was the winning pitcher, striking out five, walking three and allowing one run and four hits.

HRCBL: Storm beat Rattlers for second straight night



MATT FORTUNATO/COLUMBIA-GREENE MEDIA

The Storm's Luke Duffy slips a double to left field during Thursday's Hudson River Collegiate Baseball League game against the Rattlers at Greenport Town Park.

Matt Fortunato
Columbia-Greene Media

GREENPORT — The Storm defeated the Rattlers for the second night in a row Thursday evening in the Hudson River Collegiate Baseball League, this time by a 6-5 final score at Greenport Town Park.

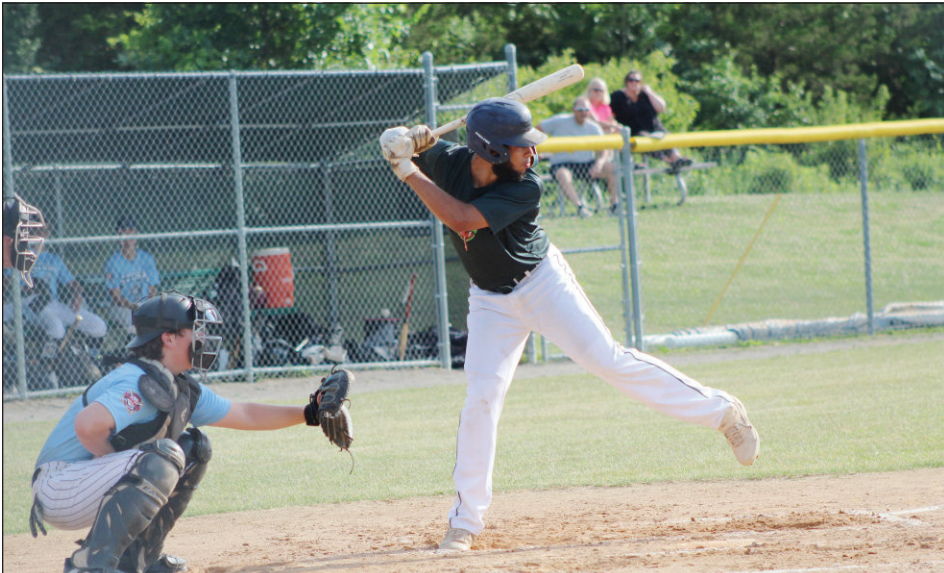
Austin Walsh earned a win for the Storm in a relief appearance that lasted one inning, with two hits and one run allowed, with two strikeouts.

Rattlers' starter Matthew Denatale got the loss after going 4 1/3, giving up three runs on four hits, walking two, and striking out nine.

Sean Berry was 3-for-3 for the Rattlers at the plate, drove in three and scored once. Nathan Toms was the other big bat and went 2-for-4 with two RBIs for the Rattlers.

Jason Sosa led the way on offense for the Storm with three RBIs on a 2-for-3 night.

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MATT FORTUNATO/COLUMBIA-GREENE MEDIA

The Rattlers' Donovan Rhoden loads up and drives a pitch into the gap for a double during Thursday's Hudson River Collegiate Baseball League game against the Storm at Greenport Town Park.

Durant wants out of Brooklyn, asks Nets for trade

Kristian Winfield
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — The Seven-Eleven Era has come to an end.

Superstar forward Kevin Durant has requested a trade from the Brooklyn Nets, the New York Daily News has confirmed, which means Brooklyn's championship window has come to a close. The Nets are also continuing to work to trade Kyrie Irving, the News can also confirm, which means the Durant-Irving era will end with one playoff victory and one first-round sweep in their three seasons in Brooklyn.

Durant's official trade request was first

reported by ESPN on Thursday.

The News was first to report of this potential eventuality--Durant requesting a trade from Brooklyn--if the Nets chose not to give his co-star Irving a long-term deal. The Nets were "outright unwilling" to do so, as the News reported in May, and Irving ultimately opted into the final year of his contract worth \$37M. Durant requested a trade on Thursday after Irving and the Nets failed to reach an amicable solution. The Daily News can confirm the Phoenix Suns as Durant's preferred destination and the Los Angeles Lakers as Irving's.

The Nets will be able to recoup draft assets and young players in deals for Irving and Durant and will be able to re-tool in the coming years. They are reportedly looking to recoup an All-Star caliber player and a significant haul of draft compensation in a deal for Durant. Irving's trade market remains unclear, and sources maintain the Nets have no interest in recouping Russell Westbrook and his \$47M contract in a deal with the Lakers.

Durant's trade request sets the table for a seismic power shift the likes of which

See DURANT B3



MICHELLE FARSI/GETTY IMAGES

Brooklyn Nets' Kevin Durant (7) reacts during action against the Miami Heat at Barclays Center on March 3 in New York.

Chuck Culpepper and Glynn A. Hill
The Washington Post

The ground beneath college sports - convulsing since last July when the Southeastern Conference poached Oklahoma and Texas from the Big 12 - took its most disfiguring shake to date Thursday as Southern California and UCLA announced they are leaving the Pac-12 for the Big Ten.

This funky reshaping will start in 2024, creating a 16-team conference stretching from the middle of New Jersey not far from the Atlantic to the western edge of Los Angeles blocks from the Pacific. It would fatten the Big Ten to the same size as the eventual SEC at 16 teams and set up the two Los Angeles schools 1,740 miles from their conference office in Chicago.

The news came 11 months after the Oklahoma-Texas jolt made the SEC the first 16-team behemoth, set to happen no later than 2025, and 10 months after three other conferences responded to that by forming an alliance, the better to compete in the capitalism. Those three were the Atlantic Coast Conference, the Big Ten and the Pac-12, which has included Southern California for 100 years and UCLA for 94.

"Ultimately, the Big Ten is the best home for USC and Trojan athletics as we move into



JUSTIN CASTERLINE/GETTY IMAGES

TJ Guy of the Michigan Wolverines celebrates winning the Big Ten Football Championship game against the Iowa Hawkeyes at Lucas Oil Stadium on Dec. 4 in Indianapolis, Indiana.

the new world of collegiate sports," USC Athletic Director Mike Bohn said in a statement.

"We are excited that our values align with the league's member institutions. We also will

benefit from the stability and strength of the conference; the athletic caliber of Big Ten institutions; the increased visibility, exposure, and resources the conference will bring our student-athletes and programs; and the ability to expand engagement with our passionate alumni nationwide."

UCLA Chancellor Gene Block and Director of Athletics Martin Jarmond echoed a similar sentiment in a joint statement, adding that "seismic changes in collegiate athletics have made us evaluate how best to support our student-athletes as we move forward."

Later Thursday, the Pac-12 issued a statement of its own, saying it was "extremely surprised and disappointed" by the defections of USC and UCLA. "We have a long and storied history in athletics, academics and leadership in supporting student-athletes that we're confident will continue to thrive and grow into the future," it read.

The Big Ten also released a statement, welcoming its new members after its council of presidents and chancellors voted unanimously to admit USC and UCLA.

In a video news conference last August, ACC Commissioner Jim Phillips told of a "groundbreaking alliance," while Big Ten

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ML Baseball				
AMERICAN LEAGUE				
	East			
	W	L	Pct	GB
NY Yankees	56	21	.727	—
Toronto	43	33	.566	12.5
Boston	43	33	.566	12.5
Tampa Bay	40	35	.533	15.0
Baltimore	35	42	.455	21.0
Central				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	43	36	.544	—
Cleveland	39	34	.534	1.0
Chi. White Sox	35	39	.473	5.5
Detroit	29	45	.392	11.5
Kansas City	27	47	.365	13.5
West				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	48	27	.640	—
Texas	36	38	.486	11.5
LA Angels	37	41	.474	12.5
Seattle	36	41	.468	13.0
Oakland	25	52	.325	24.0
Wednesday's games				
NY Yankees 5, Oakland 3				
Kansas City 2, Texas 1				
Seattle 9, Baltimore 3				
Boston 6, Toronto 5, 10 innings				
Cleveland 7, Minnesota 6, 10 innings				
LA Angels 4, Chi. White Sox 1				
Thursday's games				
Cleveland 5, Minnesota 3				
Houston 2, NY Yankees 1				
Toronto 4, Tampa Bay 1				
Oakland at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.				
Friday's games				
Tampa Bay (Kluber 3-4) at Toronto (Berrios 5-4), 3:07 p.m.				
Kansas City (Keller 2-9) at Detroit (TBD), 7:10 p.m.				
NY Yankees (Cole 6-2) at Cleveland (Civale 2-4), 7:10 p.m.				
Baltimore (Watkins 1-1) at Minnesota (Ryan 6-3), 8:10 p.m.				
LA Angels (Lorenzen 6-5) at Houston (Javier 5-3), 8:10 p.m.				
Oakland (Kaprielian 0-5) at Seattle (Gonzales 4-8), 10:10 p.m.				
NATIONAL LEAGUE				
	East			
	W	L	Pct	GB
NY Mets	47	29	.618	—
Atlanta	44	33	.571	3.5
Philadelphia	44	37	.519	7.5
Miami	34	40	.459	12.0
Washington	29	49	.372	19.0
Central				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	44	34	.564	—
St. Louis	43	35	.551	1.0
Pittsburgh	31	45	.408	12.0
Chi. Cubs	29	46	.387	13.5
Cincinnati	26	48	.351	16.0
West				
	W	L	Pct	GB
LA Dodgers	46	28	.622	—
San Diego	46	31	.597	1.5
San Francisco	40	34	.541	6.0
Arizona	34	42	.447	13.0
Colorado	33	43	.434	14.0
Wednesday's games				
Pittsburgh 8, Washington 7				
San Diego 4, Arizona 0				
Atlanta 4, Philadelphia 1				
Miami 4, St. Louis 3				
Chi. Cubs 8, Cincinnati 3				
LA Dodgers 8, Colorado 4				
Thursday's games				
Philadelphia 14, Atlanta 4				
Pittsburgh 8, Milwaukee 7				
Cincinnati at Chi. Cubs, 8:05 p.m.				
San Diego at LA Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.				
Friday's games				
St. Louis (Moliks 5-5) at Philadelphia (Falter 0-2), 6:05 p.m.				
Miami (Rogers 3-6) at Washington (Gray 6-4), 6:05 p.m.				
Atlanta (Fried 7-2) at Cincinnati (Minor 1-4), 6:40 p.m.				
Milwaukee (Burnes 6-4) at Pittsburgh (Contreras 2-1), 7:05 p.m.				
Arizona (Kelly 6-5) at Colorado (Senzatela 3-4), 8:10 p.m.				
San Diego (Snell 0-5) at LA Dodgers (Gonsolin 9-0), 10:10 p.m.				
Interleague				
Wednesday's games				
Milwaukee 5, Tampa Bay 3				
Houston 2, NY Mets 0				
Detroit 3, San Francisco 2				
Friday's games				
Boston (Hill 4-4) at Chi. Cubs (Sampson 0-0), 2:20 p.m.				
Texas (Otto 4-3) at NY Mets (Bassitt 6-5), 7:10 p.m.				
Chi. White Sox (Lynn 1-1) at San Francisco (Cobb 3-3), 10:15 p.m.				
Pro basketball				
WNBA				
Wednesday's games				
Chicago 91, Connecticut 83				
Phoenix 99, Indiana 78				
Seattle 88, Las Vegas 78				
Thursday's games				
Atlanta 92, New York 81, OT				
Friday's games				
Los Angeles at Dallas, 8 p.m.				
Las Vegas at Minnesota, 8 p.m.				
Indiana at Seattle, 10 p.m.				
Saturday's game				
Phoenix at Chicago, 1 p.m.				
Tennis				
WIMBLEDON				
At All England Lawn Tennis Club				
London				
Purse: eur 14,496,000				
Surface: Grass				
Gentlemen				
Singles				
Second Round				
Rafael Nadal (2), Spain, def. Ricardas Berankis, Lithuania, 6-4, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3.				
Stefanos Tsitsipas (4), Greece, def. Jordan Thompson, Australia, 6-2, 6-3, 7-5.				
Taylor Harry Fritz (11), United States, def. Alastair Gray, England, 6-3, 7-6 (3), 6-3.				
Liam Broady, England, def. Diego Sebastian Schwartzman (12), Argentina, 6-2, 4-6, 0-6, 7-6 (6), 6-1.				
Brandon Nakashima, United States, def. Denis Shapovalov (13), Canada, 6-2, 4-6, 6-1, 7-6 (6).				
Daniel Elahi Galan, Colombia, def. Roberto Bautista-Agut (17), Spain, walkover.				
Alex De Minaur (19), Australia, def. Jack Draper, England, 5-7, 7-6 (6), 6-2, 6-3.				
Botic Van de Zandschulp (21), Netherlands, def. Emil Ruusuvuori, Finland, 3-6, 6-1, 6-4, 6-4.				
Nick Kyrgios, Australia, def. Filip Krajinovic (26), Serbia, 6-2, 6-3, 6-1.				
Lorenzo Sonego (27), Italy, def. Hugo Gaston, France, 7-6 (4), 6-4, 6-4.				
Jenson Brooksby (29), United States, def. Benjamin Bonzi, France, 7-6 (3), 7-5, 6-3.				
Cristian Garin, Chile, def. Hugo Grenier, France, 6-3, 6-1, 6-1.				
Richard Gasquet, France, def. Mackenzie McDonald, United States, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4, 6-3.				
Alex Molcan, Slovakia, def. Marcos Giron, United States, 6-3, 6-2, 6-4.				
Ladies				
Singles				
Second Round				
Iga Swiatek (1), Poland, def. Lesley Pattinama Kerkhove, Netherlands, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3.				
Paula Badosa (4), Spain, def. Irina Bara, Romania, 6-3, 6-2.				
Katie Boulter, United Kingdom, def. Karolina Pliskova (6), Czechia, 3-6, 7-6 (4), 6-4.				
Jessica Pegula (8), United States, def. Harriet Dart, United Kingdom, 4-6, 6-3, 6-1.				
Coco Gauff (11), United States, def. Mihaela Buzarnescu, Romania, 6-2, 6-3.				
Barbora Krejickova (13), Czechia, def. Viktorija Golubic, Switzerland, 6-3, 6-4.				
Simona Halep (16), Romania, def. Kirsten Flipkens, Belgium, 7-5, 6-4.				
Elena Rybakina (17), Kazakhstan, def. Bianca Andreescu, Canada, 6-4, 7-6 (5).				
Amanda Anisimova (20), United States, def. Lauren Davis, United States, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4.				
Elise Mertens (24), Belgium, def. Panna Udvardy, Hungary, 3-6, 7-6 (5), 7-5.				
Petra Kvitova (25), Czechia, def. Ana Bogdan, Romania, 6-1, 7-6 (5).				
Harmony Tan, France, def. Sara Sorribes Tormo (32), Spain, 6-3, 6-4.				
Magdalena Frech, Poland, def. Anna Karolina Schmiedlova, Slovakia, 6-4, 6-4.				
Petra Martic, Croatia, def. Kristina Kucova, Slovakia, 7-6 (4), 6-3.				
Qinwen Zheng, China, def. Greet Minnen, Belgium, 6-4, 6-1.				
Heather Watson, United Kingdom, def. Qiang Wang, China, 7-5, 6-4.				
Ajla Tomljanovic, Australia, def. Catherine Harrison, United States, 6-2, 6-2.				
Alize Cornet, France, def. Claire Liu, United States, 6-3, 6-3.				
Transactions				
BASEBALL				
AMERICAN LEAGUE				

Cleveland Guardians - Optioned LHP Konnor Pilkington to Columbus (IL). Outrighted LHP Tanner Tully to Columbus (IL).

Houston Astros - Sent RHP Jake Odorizzi on a rehab assignment to Corpus Christi (TL).

Minnesota Twins - Optioned RHP Josh Winder to St. Paul (IL).

New York Yankees - Selected the contract of RHP Ryan Weber from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL).

Seattle Mariners - Optioned 3B Kevin Padlo to Tacoma (PCL). Placed LF Taylor Trammell on the 10-day IL. Recalled 2B Sam Haggerty from Tacoma (PCL). Selected the contract of CF Marcus Wilson from Tacoma (PCL). Transferred C Tom Murphy from the 10-day IL to the 60-day IL.

Toronto Blue Jays - Activated RHP Sergio Romo. Optioned RHP Shaun Anderson to Buffalo (IL). Placed LHP Tayler Saeed on the 60-day IL.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Atlanta Braves - Sent SP Tyler Matzek on a rehab assignment to Gwinnett (IL).

Cincinnati Reds - Activated RHP Jeff Hoffman from the 15-day IL. Optioned RHP Jared Solomon to Louisville (IL). Outrighted 3B Colin Moran to Louisville (IL).

Miami Marlins - Outrighted C Williams Astudillo to Jacksonville (IL). Placed SS Jazz Chisholm Jr. on the 10-day IL. Recalled 3B Luke Williams from Jacksonville (IL).

Philadelphia Phillies - Placed 3B Johan Camargo on the 10-day IL, retroactive to June 26. Placed RHP James McArthur on the 60-day IL. Selected the contract of 1B Darick Hall from Lehigh Valley (IL).

San Francisco Giants - Activated LF LaMonte Wade Jr.. Optioned C Yermir Mercedes to Sacramento (PCL).

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Atlanta Hawks - Acquired PG Dejounte Murray and C Jock Landale from the San Antonio Spurs for SG Danilo Gallinari, a 2023 first-round draft pick, a 2025 first-round draft pick, a 2027 first-round draft pick and a 2026 first-round draft pick swap.

Brooklyn Nets - Acquired SF Royce O'Neale from the Utah Jazz for a 2023 first-round draft pick. Signed PG Patty Mills to a two-year, \$14.5 million contract extension. (Reported) Signed PF Nic Claxton to a two-year, \$20 million contract extension. (Reported)

Dallas Mavericks - Signed C Javale McGee to a three-year, \$20.1 million contract. (Reported)

Denver Nuggets - Signed C Nikola Jokic to a five-year, \$254 million contract extension. (Reported) Signed SG Davon Reed to a two-year contract extension. (Reported) Signed C DeAndre Jordan. (Reported)

Detroit Pistons - Signed PF Marvin Bagley III to a three-year, \$37.5 million contract extension. (Reported)

Houston Rockets - Signed SF Jae'Sean Tate to a three-year, \$21 million contract extension. (Reported)

Los Angeles Clippers - Signed SG Nicolas Batum to a two-year, \$22 million contract extension. (Reported)

Los Angeles Lakers - Signed SF Troy Brown Jr. to a one-year contract. (Reported) Signed SG Lonnie Walker IV to a one-year, \$6.5 million contract. (Reported) Signed SF Juan Toscano-Anderson. (Reported)

Miami Heat - Signed SG Victor Oladipo to a one-year, \$11 million contract extension. (Reported) Signed C Dewayne Dedmon to a two-year, \$9 million contract extension. (Reported)

Milwaukee Bucks - Signed PF Bobby Portis to a four-year, \$49 million contract extension. (Reported) Signed SF Joe Ingles to a one-year, \$6.5 million contract. (Reported)

Minnesota Timberwolves - Signed SF Taurean Prince to a two-year, \$16 million contract extension. (Reported)

New York Knicks - Signed PG Jalen Brunson to a four-year, \$110 million contract. (Reported) Signed C Isaiah Hartenstein to a two-year, \$16.7 million contract. (Reported)

Oklahoma City Thunder - Signed PG Luguentz Dort to a five-year, \$87.5 million contract extension. (Reported)

Philadelphia 76ers - Signed PF P.J. Tucker to a three-year, \$33.2 million contract. (Reported) Signed SF Daniel House Jr. to a two-year, \$8.5 million contract. (Reported)

Phoenix Suns - Signed SG Devin Booker to a four-year, \$214 million contract extension. (Reported)

Portland Trail Blazers - Signed SG Anfernee Simons to a four-year, \$100 million contract extension. (Reported)

Sacramento Kings - Named Brett Brown assistant coach. Signed SG Malik Monk to a two-year, \$19 million contract. (Reported)

Toronto Raptors - Signed PF Thaddeus Young to a two-year, \$16 million contract extension. (Reported)

Utah Jazz - Waived PF Juancho Hernangomez. Washington Wizards - Acquired PG Monte Morris and SG Will Barton from the Denver Nuggets for SG Kentavious Caldwell-Pope and PG Ish Smith. (Reported) Signed SG Bradley Beal to a five-year, \$251 million contract extension. (Reported) Signed PF Anthony Gill to a two-year contract extension. (Reported)

NCAA BASKETBALL

LIU - Named Rod Strickland head coach.

Memphis - Announced F Emoni Bates has left the program and will transfer to Eastern Michigan.

HOCKEY

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

Buffalo Sabres - Signed G Craig Anderson to a one-year, \$1.5 million contract extension.

Dallas Stars - Signed LW Riley Tufte to a one-year, two-way contract. Signed G Scott Wedgewood to a two-year, \$2 million contract extension.

Detroit Red Wings - Named Derek Lalonde head coach.

Los Angeles Kings - Signed LW Kevin Fiala to a seven-year, \$55.13 million contract.

Tampa Bay Lightning - Signed D Darren Raddysh to a two-year, two-way contract.

Yankees' struggles against Astros continue in 2-1 loss

Matthew Roberson
New York Daily News

The past week hasn't been good to the idea that the Yankees are an unbeatable machine, one that's destined for a long-awaited return to the mountaintop.

Thursday's 2-1 loss to the Astros is the Yankees' third in their five games against Houston this week. The two wins both came on walk-offs in which they were losing in the eighth inning, too. If not for those two late-inning comebacks (or, if you prefer the blame game, meltdowns from the Astros' bullpen), we'd be talking about a Yankees team that could set the franchise record for wins without ever beating the team most likely to block their path to the World Series.

It's the Astros' starting pitching that has specifically doomed the Yankees. The most runs the Yankees have scored against a Houston starting pitcher is three, which came off Framber Valdez in the first game of the two teams' recent meetings.

On Thursday, it was Luis Garcia, who did not have an economical night but did have an effective one. Garcia needed 101 pitches to get through 5 1/3 innings, but he kept the Yankees off the scoreboard until his final hitter of the night. Anthony Rizzo sent Garcia to the showers in the sixth inning with a line drive into the right-field seats. That was one of just three hits Garcia gave up, with the other two going for measly singles.

Luis Severino was good for the Yankees, but as the team has been drastically confronted with over the past week, most of the time you have to be great to beat the Astros. Severino got through six full innings, taking advantage of the extra day of rest that JP Sears' spot start on Tuesday provided. The third inning proved to be his downfall. Severino allowed two walks and two doubles in that frame, giving Houston two runs that potentially could have been more if not for Kyle Tucker's ill-advised attempt to steal home.

After Alex Bregman knocked the second double of the inning, bringing in two runners and putting two more at second and third, Severino had an issue with his Pitch-Com device. As he stood on the mound trying to correct it, Tucker made a mad dash for home, despite the fact that a simple toss to the plate would beat him easily. That's exactly what happened, and the Yankees got a huge third out as Tucker took the bat -- and an RBI opportunity -- out of Yuli Gurriel's hands.

It's hard to say if the Astros are a true problem for the Yankees, because it's hard to say if any five-game sample constitutes a problem in the sport of baseball. Five games is certainly enough to win a playoff series, though, which is likely all that the Yankees' front office is worried about. To give



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Alex Bregman (2) of the Houston Astros hits a two-run double in the third inning against the New York Yankees at Minute Maid Park on Thursday in Houston, Texas.

themselves the best chance at postseason glory, this already-stacked team could definitely improve by bringing in an outfielder.

Joey Gallo just simply does not have it right now. It's definitely not through a lack of effort or lack of caring, but the fact of the matter is, when Gallo wakes up on Friday it will be July 1, and he will not have a hit since June 17. Even in acknowledging that he's well above average in the field and his five walks during this span are essentially the same thing as singles, Gallo is about as unplayable as a hitter can be right now.

The right now element is crucial, because Gallo has shown himself to be a good hitter before. Those days just haven't come as a Yankee, and it's easy to speculate that playing in New York is not really his vibe. Also, with power hitters, sometimes one good swing is all they need to start hitting home runs in bunches again. We'll see how long the Yankees are willing to wait for that day to come. But if they're serious about winning it all, they'd likely stand a much better chance by swinging a trade for an impending free

agent like Andrew Benintendi, David Peralta or Ben Gamel to replace Gallo.

On the other side of that, another



MATT FORTUNATO/COLUMBIA-GREENE MEDIA

The Storm's Cole Vida delivers a pitch during Thursday's Hudson River Collegiate Baseball League game against the Rattlers at Greenport Town Park.

Storm

From B1

Luke Duffy went 2-for-4 with an RBI and a run scored, and Jacob Crantz had a hit, an RBI, and a run as well.

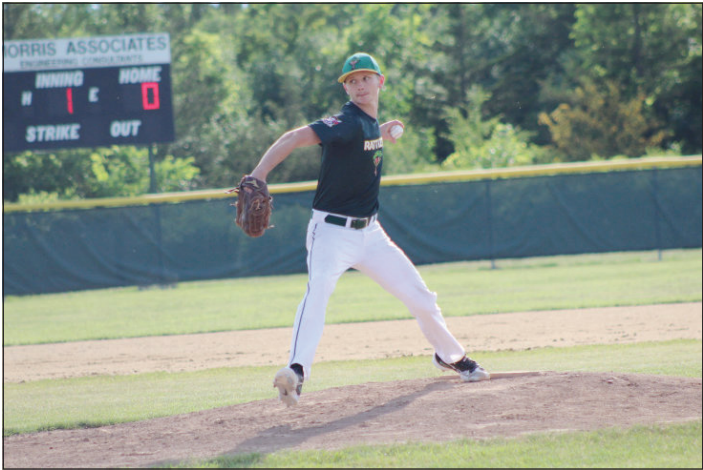
Cole Vida started off strong and struck out John Laporte, Joe Harwood, and Nathan Toms in order in the top of the first. Denatale answered in the bottom half with a scoreless inning, including two strikeouts that helped strand Duffy on second after a double.

Josh Bissaillon led off the top of the second with a base hit past the shortstop. However he was thrown out trying to advance to third on a Donovan

Rhoden double that dropped into left field. Vida struck out Noah Joly and William Newcomb to get out of the inning. Denatale stayed sharp on the mound and struck out the side in the bottom half.

Vida was in a bit of trouble in the third after walking Berry, Lachlan Rees, and Lorenzo Gannon to load the bases with nobody out for the Rattlers. Then Laporte and Harwood both popped out to second base and Vida was almost out of the jam. Toms would not allow the game to remain scoreless however, and roped a two-run double into the gap to give the Rattlers a 2-0 lead.

Ryan Ash led off the bottom of the third with a triple for the Storm and Matt Depolito worked a one out walk.



MATT FORTUNATO/COLUMBIA-GREENE MEDIA

The Rattlers' Matthew Denatale throws during Thursday's Hudson River Collegiate Baseball League game against the Storm at Greenport Town Park.

Then the Storm got a run back on a fielder's choice by Jacob Crantz and they cut the lead to 2-1.

The Rattlers had runners on the corners in the fourth and Berry drove in Joly with an RBI base hit to extend the lead to 3-1. They got the bases loaded again with two outs, but Laporte grounded out to third to end the inning before another runner crossed the plate.

In the bottom of the fifth Jacob Yager and Depolito hit a pair of one out singles for the Storm as they looked to climb back on the scoreboard. The Rattlers made a pitching

change and brought in Gabriel Sterart out of the bullpen to relieve Denatale.

Crantz was the first batter Sterart faced and he gave up an RBI single that got the Storm within a run of the lead, 3-2. Duffy stepped into the box and made a productive out as he hit a ground ball to second and the tying run scored from third to knot the game at 3-3. The Storm then took a 4-3 lead on an RBI single from Sosa that scored Crantz as the fifth inning came to a close.

With one out in the sixth, Newcomb hit a ground rule double to get the tying run



MATT FORTUNATO/COLUMBIA-GREENE MEDIA

The Rattlers' Josh Bissaillon gets tagged out at third base during Thursday's Hudson River Collegiate Baseball League game against the Storm at Greenport Town Park.

aboard for the Rattlers. Berry came up and hit an RBI single to bring Newcomb around and tie the game 4-4. Despite getting runners on in the bottom half with two outs, Yager struck out to end the threat for the Storm in the sixth.

Depolito led off the bottom of the seventh with a single, and moved to third base on a one out ground rule double off the bat of Duffy. Sosa had a turn at the dish next, and brought home both baserunners with a base hit to give the Storm a 6-4 lead.

With two outs in the top of the eighth, Newcomb worked

a walk to keep the inning going. Berry came through again for the Rattlers, and hit an RBI triple to drive in Newcomb all the way from first and the lead was cut to 6-5.

Riley Nagle was called on to pinch hit but struck out to end the eighth and strand the tying run on third base 90 feet away. Unfortunately for the Rattlers, they were retired 1-2-3 in the top of the ninth as Ryan Bilka closed it out for the Storm again.

The Storm held on to secure the victory 6-5 and beat the Rattlers for the second consecutive night this week.

Durant

From B1

the league has not seen. There is a precedent with which a superstar has requested a trade only to stay and win later: the late great Kobe Bryant, who requested a trade on Los Angeles radio and said he'd "rather play on Pluto" than return to play for the Lakers. The Lakers did not trade him and Bryant went on to win a championship the following season.

This, however, is not that. Durant never spoke to the Nets front office until requesting a trade directly through Nets owner/governor Joe Tsai. The organization's refusal to give Irving a long term deal crippled Durant's belief that it would do what it takes to win a championship. Durant said he and Irving's friendship goes far beyond basketball, and the two remain open to playing together if the Nets can find a trade to make it happen, according to a source.

Blame for this failed situation also falls squarely on Irving's shoulders. Had he not taken two weeks off due to the Jan. 6 2021 insurrection at the nation's capital, and had he not shown blatant disregard for the NBA's COVID-19 health and safety protocols by not wearing masks to public gatherings, his decision not to get vaccinated amid a once-in-a-lifetime global pandemic may have been viewed in a vacuum.

Instead, the Nets became fed up with Irving's lack of availability and perceived commitment to team success.

They leaked to ESPN's Brian Windhorst that they were willing to part ways with both Durant and Irving if it meant re-instilling that once vaunted Nets culture.

And now, we're here. The Nets valued that culture more than the actual championships teams pursue. They will likely find a trade soon for Durant, and then for Irving, that returns young players -- possibly even an All-Star level player -- but not a team nearly in position to compete for a championship.

Three years after the "clean sweep" that landed Irving and Durant in Brooklyn, the Nets only have Ben Simmons to show -- and Simmons is coming off back surgery and has not played a basketball game in longer than an entire calendar year. Quite frankly, the Nets went from being perpetual championship contenders with Irving, Durant and James Harden to developing young players and hoping they will contend for the playoffs next season.

And now the playing field is truly set. Free agency has begun and the league's best players have already found new homes. And after this debacle, it's unclear if any of the league's best players will ever re-sign in Brooklyn given management couldn't keep the best players in franchise history content.

They can, however, sell that good 'ole Nets culture that is sure to help fill the seats at Barclays Center for season ticket holders who purchased season-tickets after seeing promotional material with Irving and Durant on the cover.

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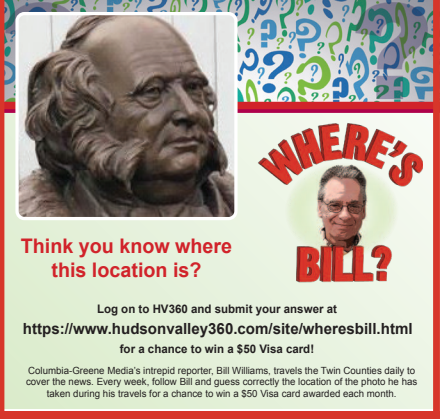


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Ten

From B1

Commissioner Kevin Warren found “a proud moment” and Pac-12 Commissioner George Kliavkoff saw “once-in-a-generation opportunities” as the leagues strove to reap fresh coast-to-coast matchups to counterbalance the SEC might.

Now, two of the biggest names from one of those conferences will go to one of those other conferences, which will scuttle an alliance built upon a word used last August: “trust.”

Just as the moves of Oklahoma and Texas put deep dents in the Big 12, which in September replenished itself by adding four extra schools

- Brigham Young, Houston, Cincinnati and Central Florida - the moves of the two widely familiar Los Angeles schools will bludgeon a Pac-12 already limping into the 2020s. It has had a TV contract long seen as insufficient next to other conferences such as the Big Ten, which already had begun negotiating new media rights projected to garner more than \$1 billion even before adding two big doses of Los Angeles.

The Pac-12 perfected its storm through parity and fate by reaching none of the past five College Football Playoffs while appearing in just two of the first eight in the four-team playoff concept. In 2021, the conference brought in Kliavkoff and his considerable experience in the workings of television to try to raise its profile, especially in football, and

brought in former NFL player Merton Hanks as a special coordinator of the football-upgrade effort.

Now, at least before any further poaching, the Pac-12 will have 10 programs left: Washington, Washington State, Oregon, Oregon State, California, Stanford, Arizona, Arizona State, Utah and Colorado. With marginalization already a threat last summer even before the Oklahoma-Texas move, Utah Athletic Director Mark Harlan said, “I’m bullish, but we have to continually be focused on [football], and it has to be our main thing going forward, if we’re going to have a chance.”

The Los Angeles Times reported that USC and UCLA will remain in the Pac-12 in beach volleyball, men’s volleyball and water polo.

In their appeal football-wise, USC and UCLA resemble Texas, with their limited recent competitive relevance in national football offset by their large alumni bases and visibility. USC has had an upswing of energy since last December after it snared football coach Lincoln Riley from Oklahoma, meaning Riley has gone from a Big 12 school planning to play in the SEC to a Pac-12 school planning to play in the Big Ten.

It all makes a reality unforeseen last August when Phillips of the ACC, Warren of the Big Ten and Kliavkoff of the Pac-12 appeared in front of logos of all three conferences.

“In the history of college athletics,” Phillips said at the time, “one expansion of a conference has usually led to another and another and

another. We’re better together than we are separate.”

“There’s no signed contract,” Kliavkoff said. “There’s an agreement among three gentlemen, there’s a commitment from 41 presidents and 41 chancellors and athletic directors to do what we say we’re going to do.”

“It’s about trust,” Phillips said. “It’s about, We’ve looked each other in the eye.”

Warren offered that one of his law professors at Notre Dame used to say, “If you have to go back and look at a contract that you signed, you’re probably dealing with the wrong party,” and said, “I wouldn’t say this is a reaction to Texas and Oklahoma going to the SEC, but to be totally candid, you have to evaluate what’s going on in the landscape of college athletics.”

He spoke of “doing something that is right [in college athletics], for once.”

Earlier in June, Kliavkoff told the Oregonian he had no fear of losing programs and no interest in gaining programs.

The three leagues of the alliance also bonded in their misgivings about College Football Playoff expansion, just when the playoff seemed primed to expand after a four-man panel recommended a 12-team playoff in June 2021. The three conferences, standing with the SEC and Big 12 among a long-familiar “Power Five,” a phrase tilting toward obsolescence, ultimately blocked the expansion, which may yet happen once the 12-year playoff TV contract expires in 2026. The Pac-12’s concerns included the preservation of the stature of the Rose Bowl.

Iga Swiatek survives scare, wins 37th straight match

Field Level Media

World No. 1 Iga Swiatek overcame a scare from Dutch lucky loser Lesley Pattinama Kerkhove to advance to the third round of Wimbledon on Thursday.

Swiatek captured her 37th consecutive match victory with a 6-4, 4-6, 6-3 triumph over Pattinama Kerkhove. The 21-year-old native of Poland needed just over two hours to dispatch the World’s No. 138th-ranked player and boost her winning streak, which is the longest on the WTA Tour since Martina Hingis won 37 straight in 1997.

Swiatek recorded 31 winners to advance to the third round to face France’s Alize Cornet, who posted a 6-3, 6-3 victory over Claire Liu earlier on Thursday.

Harmony Tan of France and British wildcard entry Katie Boulter continued to advance at Wimbledon following a pair of upset victories. Tan and Boulter, however, will square off against each other in the third round.

Tan, who is ranked No. 115 in the world, followed up her three-set victory over seven-time Wimbledon champion Serena Williams on Tuesday with a 6-3, 6-4 triumph over 32nd-seeded Sara Sorribes Tormo of Spain.

Boulter overcame dropping the first set to notch a 3-6, 7-6 (4), 6-4

win over sixth-seeded Karolina Pliskova of the Czech Republic.

“It’s easy to say I believe I can win this match. But to have actually gone out and done it a week before, it does make the difference,” Boulter said. “I think that’s also why when I played an OK first set (and) she picked up her game a lot, I felt like I went through that last week. I just needed to stay with her and stay on serve especially in the second set. I did that again in Eastbourne. I managed to get a chance.

“I feel like I got that chance again today.”

Two-time Wimbledon champion Petra Kvitova, also of the Czech Republic, posted a 6-1, 7-6 (5) victory over Ana Bogdan of Romania.

The 25th-ranked Kvitova advances to face No. 4 Paula Badosa. The Spaniard breezed to a 6-3, 6-2 win over Irina Bara of Belgium.

Other seeded winners included No. 8 Jessica Pegula, No. 11 Coco Gauff and No. 20 Amanda Anisimova of the United States; No. 13 Barbora Krejickova of the Czech Republic; No. 16 Simona Halep of Romania; No. 17 Elena Rybakina of Kazakhstan and No. 24 Elise Mertens of Belgium.

Pegula, Anisimova and Mertens each overcame dropping the first set to emerge victorious.

Rafael Nadal, Stefanos Tsitsipas reach third round of Wimbledon

Field Level Media

Second-seeded Rafael Nadal lost a set Thursday but continued on to a 6-4, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3 win over Ricardas Berankis of Lithuania to reach the third round of Wimbledon in London.

Nadal delivered 13 aces while dispatching Berankis in three hours and two minutes.

“Every day is a challenge, that’s the truth,” Nadal said. “All the opponents are difficult. We are playing against the best players of the world and especially even in these conditions, it will be more (difficult). I didn’t play much on grass for the past three years.

“Every day is an opportunity to improve and today I’m through, so that gives me the chance to keep going. Very happy for that.”

Nadal had 35 winners but committed more unforced errors (39) while winning a Grand Slam singles match for the 307th time. He had been tied with Martina Navratilova for fourth all-time.

Roger Federer (369), Serena Williams (365) and Novak Djokovic (330) make up the top three.

Berankis had 35 winners and 35 unforced errors.

Nadal will next face 27th-seeded Lorenzo Sonego of Italy. Sonego beat Frenchman Hugo Gaston 7-6 (4), 6-4, 6-4.

Fourth-seeded Stefanos Tsitsipas of Greece advanced with a 6-2, 6-3, 7-5 win over Jordan Thompson of Australia.

Tsitsipas has a 29-13 edge



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Rafael Nadal serves the ball to Ricardas Berankis during the second round of the Wimbledon Championships at The All England Tennis Club on Thursday in London.

in winners while dispatching Thompson.

“I feel grass suits my game perfectly,” Tsitsipas said. “I am happy when I see the level of tennis I played today. As long as everything works, I am happy to see where that will lead me.”

Tsitsipas will next face controversial Australian Nick Kyrgios, who knocked off No. 26 seed Filip Krajinovic 6-2, 6-3, 6-1.

Kyrgios ripped off 24 aces while dismantling Krajinovic. He had 50 winners against just 10 unforced errors.

“I want to remind people that

I’m pretty good,” Kyrgios said in a deadpanned mode during his on-court interview. “This is the tournament I circle on my calendar, which I look forward to all year. It’s the Grand Slam where I have the best opportunity.”

No. 11 seed Taylor Fritz moved on with a 6-3, 7-6 (3), 6-3 triumph over Alastair Gray of Great Britain. Liam Broady, another Brit, eliminated 12th-seeded Diego Schwartzman of Argentina with a 6-2, 4-6, 0-6, 7-6 (6), 6-1 victory.

Brandon Nakashima upset Canadian Denis Shapovalov,

the 13th seed, 6-2 4-6, 6-1, 7-6 (6).

Colombia’s Daniel Elahi Galan won in a walkover when 17th-seeded Roberto Bautista Agut of Spain withdrew after testing positive for COVID-19. He joins Matteo Berrettini and Marin Cilic as players who pulled out after positive tests.

Australian Alex de Minaur, seeded 19th, posted a 5-7, 7-6 (0), 6-2, 6-3 win over Brit Jack Draper.

Other winners include No. 21 seed Botic van de Zandschulp of the Netherlands and No. 29 Jensen Brooksby.

Freddie Freeman’s agent accuses Braves of fostering ‘false’ narrative

Justin Toscano
The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

PHILADELPHIA — Casey Close of Excel Sports Management, who represented Freddie Freeman in negotiations with the Braves, released a statement Thursday in which he said the Braves “have fostered a narrative about the negotiations which, stated plainly, is false.”

“Part of that false narrative is the suggestion that I did not communicate a contract offer to the Freemans,” Close said in a statement that was emailed to The Atlanta Journal-Constitution. “To be clear, we communicated every offer that was made, as well as every communication Excel had with the Braves organization throughout the entire process.

“I have a 30-year reputation in this business for integrity and honesty, and I have always operated with the utmost character. At Excel, we are privileged to represent many exemplary athletes, some of whom have chosen to spend their entire careers with one franchise. We always put the player’s goals and best interests first and will always continue to do so.”

Reached in a text message, Braves president of baseball operations Alex Anthopoulos declined to comment.

Doug Gottlieb, who hosts a show for Fox Sports Radio, reported Wednesday that

Close never told Freeman about the Braves’ final offer. In a statement released hours after the tweet, Close refuted the report.

The Braves, however, never have appeared to start -- or continue -- the narrative that Close didn’t communicate an offer to Freeman. That information first appeared in Gottlieb’s tweet.

On Tuesday, ESPN reported Freeman fired Close and Excel. That same day, Freeman released a statement to MLB.com that said his representation situation was “fluid.” As of then, he still was listed as being represented by Victor Menocal of Excel in the Major League Baseball Players Association’s system.

According to a person with knowledge of the situation, the negotiations between Freeman and the Braves reached a head March 12, when Close went to Anthopoulos with an ultimatum. He told the Braves that there were two different contracts the club could choose to offer Freeman. The Braves, the agency said, had one hour to decide which one they would offer.

Those two proposals: five years for \$165 million or six years for \$175 million. Excel told the Braves that it wanted to resolve Freeman’s free agency by the end of that day.

The Braves declined to offer Freeman either of those two structures. The sides, a

person with knowledge of the situation said, agreed to go their separate ways.

Two days later, the Braves traded for Matt Olson. Freeman eventually signed a six-year, \$162 million deal with the Dodgers. But that deal actually is valued at six years and \$144 million because of the deferrals. It is worth even less when the difference in Georgia and California state taxes is factored into the equation.

When the lockout ended, the Braves were waiting on Freeman before they began rounding out the rest of their roster as their club was set to report to spring training. They had offered him a five-year, \$135 million deal in August. They upped it to five years and \$140 million in March, according to multiple people with knowledge of the situation.

During Freeman’s introductory news conference, he said he was “blindsided” by the Braves trading for Olson. However, Excel and the Braves had agreed to move on after the team decided not to take either contract proposal.

Excel represents Braves shortstop Dansby Swanson. Swanson on Tuesday told the AJC that he will never leave Excel. He is a free agent at season’s end.

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COLUMBIA COUNTY LEGAL NOTICE

CITY OF HUDSON, NEW YORK PLANNING BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Board of the City of Hudson, New York will continue public hearings July 12, 2022 at 6 p.m. on a site plan application from Galvan Initiatives Foundation to convert 402-406 Warren Street and 10-12 North Fourth Street, Tax ID #s 109.52-3-1, 109.52-3-2 and 109.52-3-3, into a hotel, retail space and restaurant, and a revised site plan from the Galvan Initiatives Foundation for the Depot District located at 75 N. 7th Street and 602 Washington Street, (Tax ID#s 110.53-2-2 and 110.9-1-54). The public hearings shall be conducted via video/teleconference. Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88698024789?pwd=dWdNY1RsWCs0bEpvSHZOVU0xSUNWUT09> 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.

Greene County Legal Notice

NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF FINAL ASSESSMENT ROLL

(Pursuant to Sections

516 of the Real

Property Tax Law)

Notice is hereby given

that the Final

Assessment Roll for

the Town of

Greenville, Greene

County, N.Y., for the

year 2022, has been

completed and

verified by the

undersigned assessor

and a certified copy

thereof was filed in

the office of the Town

Clerk at 11159 SR 32,

Greenville, New York,

on the 1st day of July,

2022, there to remain

for public inspection.

Gordon W.

Bennett, IAO Sole

Assessor

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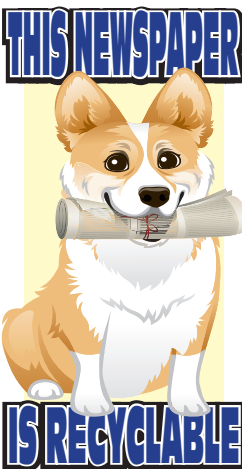
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NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF FINAL ASSESSMENT ROLL

(Pursuant to Section 516 of the Real Property Tax Law) Notice is hereby given that the Final Assessment Roll for the Town of Jewett, Greene County, N.Y., for the year 2022 has been completed and verified by the undersigned assessor and a certified copy thereof was filed in the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Jewett at 3547 Route 23C, Jewett, N. Y. on the first day of July, 2022, there to remain for public inspection.

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REQUIREMENTS

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Early Childhood Learning Center of Greene County

Attention: HR Department ~ PO Box 399, South Cairo, NY 12482

Deshaun Watson saga nears end, but no one wins here

Greg Cote
Miami Herald

MIAMI—Nobody wins when this is over. No ties. Everybody loses.

When the NFL finally resolves this miserable, embarrassing Deshaun Watson saga, there will be no satisfaction to be found, not anywhere. The mess will have ended, but not really.

Watson could be suspended indefinitely, for at least a full season, over accusations by 25 women of sexual improprieties during massage sessions. Or he might also be suspended for just several games, part of a season, in what would be outrageous leniency but lessen the chance of an appeal and this mess going on.

No matter what, nobody will win in this.

The women will lose.

His accusers who stepped forward -- the only ones in this mess who deserve to win -- might get some closure from his suspension but will have been denied seeing Watson criminally prosecuted. Instead they will have seen themselves called liars and gold diggers. Instead

Deshaun Watson (4) of the Cleveland Browns throws a pass during the Cleveland Browns' mandatory minicamp at CrossCountry Mortgage Campus on June 14 in Berea, Ohio.

NICK CAMMETT/GETTY IMAGES

they will see Watson slither through this with his NFL future and \$230 million guaranteed contract protected and intact.

The NFL and football fans will lose.

If unsullied by this tawdry scandal, Watson would be one of the league's brightest young quarterbacks and biggest, most exciting stars embarking on a new chapter in his career. He would be the talk of football for the right reasons. The NFL would be enthused to have him high on its marquee. Instead he wears a permanent stain and is an image liability to the sport.

Houston will lose.

The Texans could boast one of the NFL's best quarterbacks for the next 10 years in Watson. Instead it all unraveled first by their own mismanagement that caused Watson to become estranged from the club and demand a trade. And then by Watson's own unseemly sexual deviance -- at least if you believe the women. And now the Texans are implicated in enabling and abetting his serial creepiness in massage sessions.

Cleveland will lose.

Roger Goodell will lose

The punishment of Watson, when it finally is determined by Robinson, a retired federal judge and now the NFL's chief disciplinary officer, will not please everybody and could anger many. The NFL will be seen as having been either too lenient or too harsh by almost everybody.

Deshaun Watson will lose -- him most of all.

It seems strange to say, because, even if the hammer comes down hard, a waiting \$230 million guaranteed contract is quite the solace.

But Watson will lose here. He already has lost seven figures paying hush money to the 20 women who agreed to settle their civil cases against him.

Now, he still faces going to trial, under oath, in the four lawsuits not settled (the 25th accuser dropped out before settling or taking it to court). The player could lose those civil suits. The plaintiffs could be rewarded huge amounts of money, be declared courtroom winners and have that vindication.

But it would not undo any of

what Watson has dragged them through.

And now, If the pending league punishment is an indefinite suspension of at least one season, the quarterback will have lost a chunk of his prime and serve his sentence in shame.

But even if the punishment is light, say, six or eight games, or even if the remote possibility of no punishment at all happens, he still will lose.

His reputation won't ever shake this; well, except to those who believe two dozen women all lied. Watson has lost his good name, and it is irretrievable.

He is sentenced to a career of boorish opposing fans shouting "What, no happy ending?!" taunts as he leaves the field after losing.

His only hope of beginning to mend all of this is a combination of admission, truth and remorse. An apology to the two dozen women he has steadfastly accused of lying as he maintains his innocence against repeated and detailed accusations.

Young mother careening through stressful life

Dear Abby,
My stepdaughter, “Crystal,” has a toxic relationship with her mother. Both have battled alcoholism. The mother did some extreme damage that has ended the possibility of Crystal regaining custody of her 6-year-old son. My husband and I hired a lawyer to help her fight for her rights, and we have brought her to our home twice. The last time was right out of the hospital after she nearly killed herself with alcohol poisoning. Fast-forward: Crystal is trying to mend her relationship with her mother, and now we have become second fiddle. What used to be a daily phone conversation happens now only when I call. When we try to visit them, they make excuses, and they have visited us only twice in the last six months. Her latest plan is to stay overnight with us and spend the following day with her mom.

We are swallowing our pride so we can see our 6-month-old granddaughter, but our feelings are so hurt. Please help me take the high road. Do we talk to her or just feel crushed?

Wounded in Michigan
Your troubled stepdaughter is trying to mend fences with her mother. Try not to take personally that she has tunnel vision right now. I do not think you should address this with her at this time. Let more time elapse, and if her distancing continues, talk to her about it then.

Dear Abby,
My husband and I live in southern Florida. My problem is our children, grandchildren and their spouses. When they come to visit, they only eat certain foods and need “healthy this” and “healthy that.” I feel like we’re being used as a hotel and restaurant. I want to see them, but it is becoming exhausting. What should I do?
Rolling Back the Welcome Mat
Roll back that welcome mat. Talk to your children, grandchildren and their spouses. They may not realize the extent to which

they have been imposing on you. Tell them that if they have special dietary requirements, they should buy their own foods, and you will make room in the refrigerator to accommodate them. If their presence in your home is becoming too taxing, provide a list of affordable hotels or rentals in the area they might consider.

Dear Abby,
I am a 91-year-old, 4-foot-8 woman who still drives and goes alone to shop and conduct business. My problem is I am frequently approached by strangers who want to “help” me. This frightens me because I cannot defend myself. While someone holding a door open for me is appreciated, I have no way to identify a purse snatcher who may intend to knock me down. How can I communicate that I’m capable of caring for myself without offending the person?

Great-grandmother in the Midwest
You are not the only senior who has expressed these feelings. Look the person in the eye and say firmly, “I know you mean well and thank you, but NO THANK YOU. I prefer to do this myself.”

Dear Abby,
The season of pleasant weather and outdoor concerts is here. Invariably, we end up sitting by the chatterboxes. These folks seem oblivious to anyone else, including the performers and the rest of us who want to enjoy the performance. I realize these are free concerts, but I don’t want to have to listen to these rude people. Any suggestions for silencing them so we can hear what the rest of us came for?
Disgusted In South Carolina

Keep your tone civil. You might ask, “Would you please talk more quietly? We are trying to enjoy the performance.” However, if they aren’t receptive to your suggestion, consider moving as far away from them as possible.

Horoscopes

By Stella Wilder
Born today, you know how to wrap your head around all kinds of “big” ideas, and the more complicated they are, the more likely you will be to benefit from them. You are able to visualize in great detail the kinds of things you think should be commonplace in the world around you and are not — things you know how to do, create or secure to make the world a better place.
Among a great many “firsts” you’re likely to score, those that involve working closely with others will prove most valuable to you, both in the short term and over the long haul. What you do on your own may be enjoyable to you, but what you do in collaboration with valued teammates is sure to make a difference to you and others for a long time to come.
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, JULY 3
CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You benefit from a surge of energy that is not easily explained today. You don’t have to understand it in order to make it pay off — handsomely!
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You may have been expecting things to be rather difficult in some respect today, but that fear isn’t realized. You can make a lot of progress.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Once you decide on a course of action, you must see it through today,

as there will be little time to stop, assess and pick a viable alternative.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — You are far more vulnerable today than you had hoped, so for at least the first part of the day, you are better off avoiding any direct confrontation.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — You are no stranger to criticism, but today something you hear through the grapevine is likely to affect you in a surprising way.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Now is no time to act on rumors; you must be sure that what comes to you is factual before moving in a new direction.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — An aggressive stance will send the wrong signals today. You must be willing to work with others, and they with you.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — You may realize you’ve been slowly taking on the qualities and habits of someone you admire, but who is no longer in the picture.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Are you sure that what you have in mind will actually help others deal with a tricky situation? Or is this just a vanity project for you?
ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You’re not about to take “no” for an answer today! Get in there and do what you know how to do; you’ll shape many of the days to come.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — What you want to do is likely to have a good deal of shock value today, but is there really any genuine value in that? Re-think these plans.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Are you trying to do too much at one time today? Take a step back and see if you can’t delegate some responsibilities to helpful friends.

Goren bridge

WITH BOB JONES

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WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q 1 - Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ J 7 5 ♥ K 3 ♦ A Q 10 7 6 ♣ A 9 7

As dealer, what call would you make?

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

♠ Void ♥ A Q 10 8 ♦ A J 7 ♣ Q J 10 7 6 4

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	?	

What call would you make?

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

♠ A J ♥ J 7 6 4 ♦ A K 5 2 ♣ 10 8 7

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♦	1♠	Nbl*	2♠
?			

*Negative

What call would you make?

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

♠ Q J 10 5 ♥ Q ♦ K 5 2 ♣ Q J 9 8 5

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

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

♠ A K 10 9 8 6 4 ♥ K 9 ♦ K J 7 ♣ A

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	2NT*	4♥	5♦
?			

*Both minors, at least 5-5

What call would you make?

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

♠ A Q 5 ♥ 10 9 7 5 ♦ A 8 7 5 ♣ A K

As dealer, what call would you make?

Look for answers on Monday.

Pickles



Pearls Before Swine



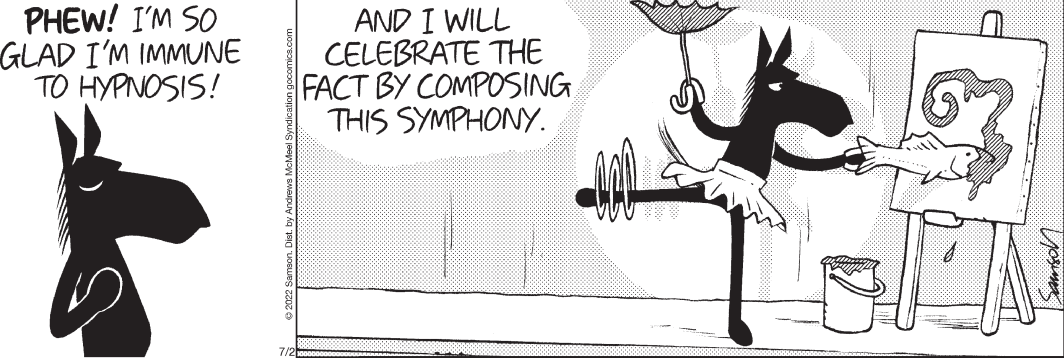
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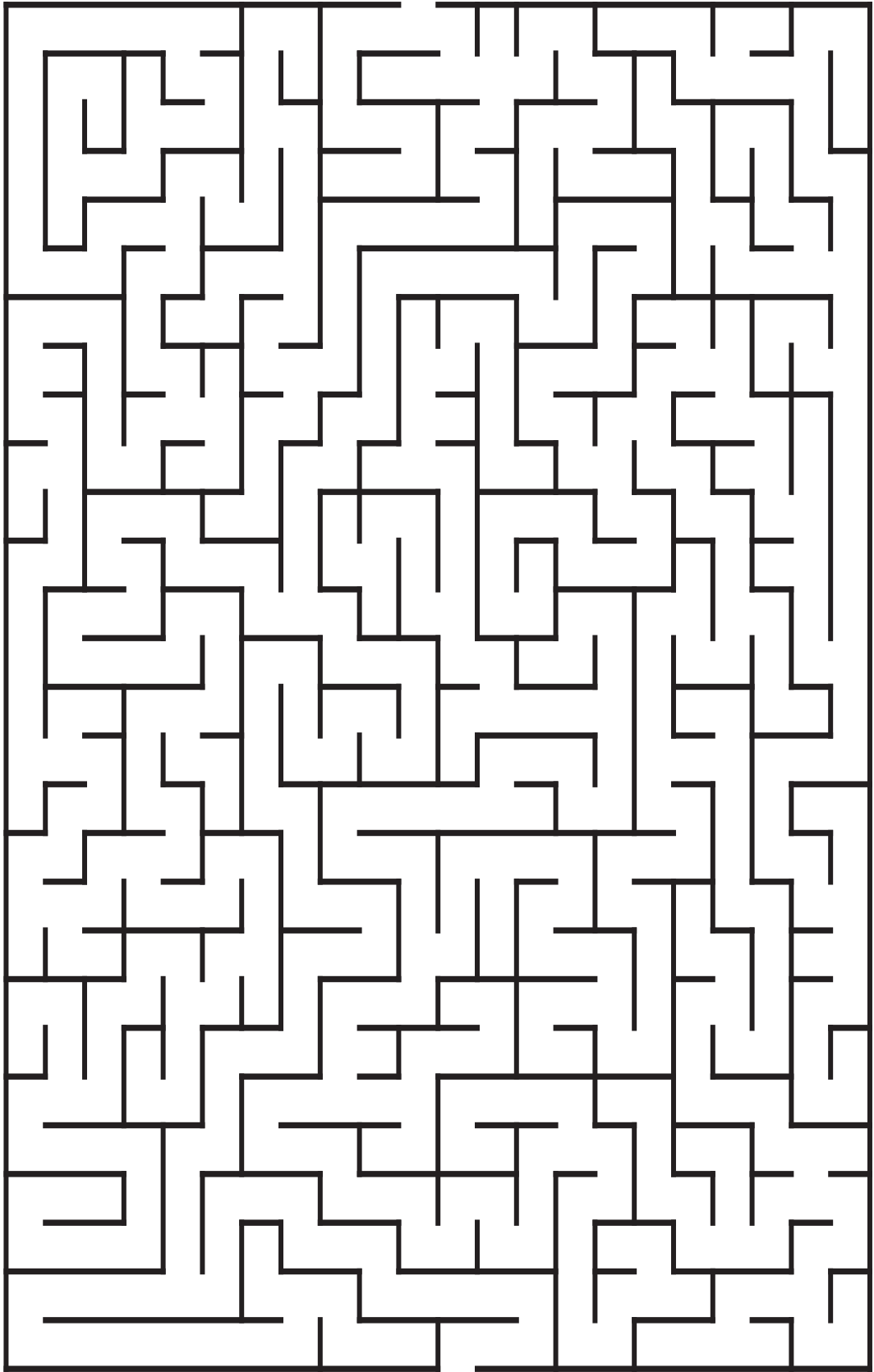
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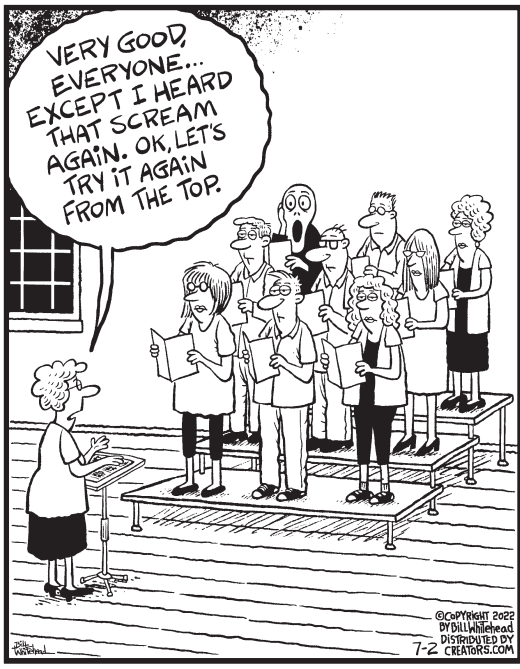


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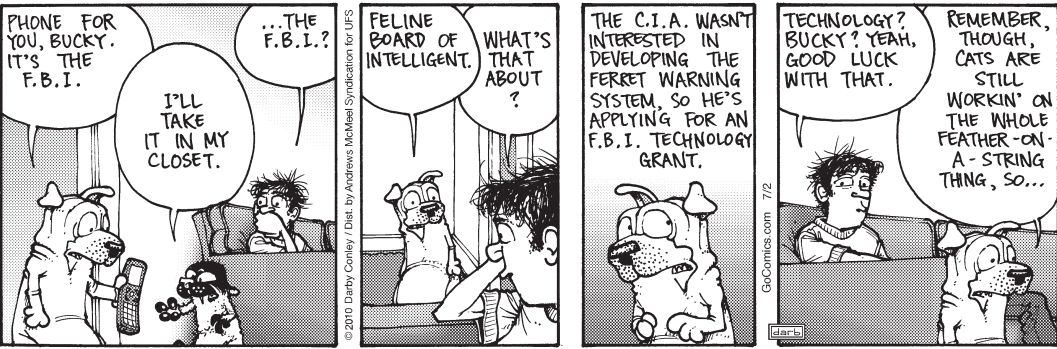


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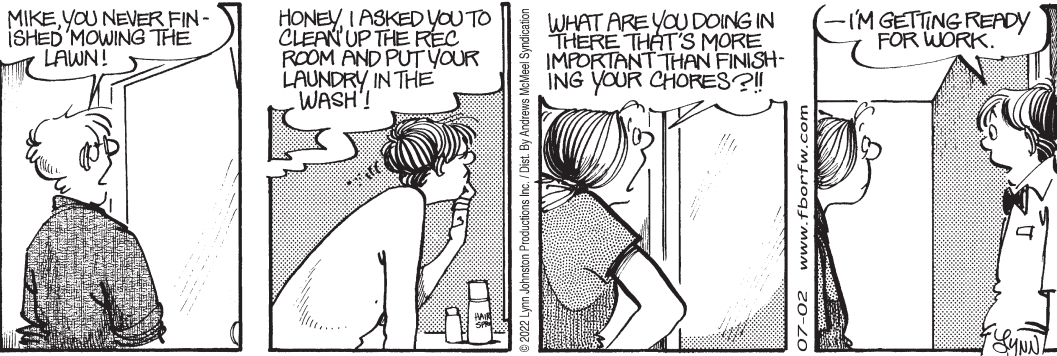
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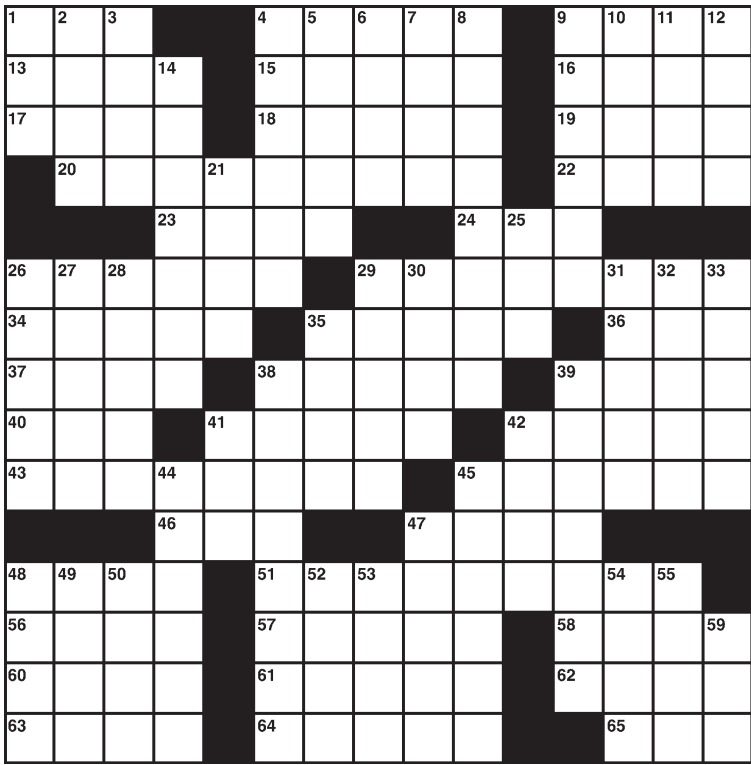
For Better or For Worse



Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- 1 Mayo container
 - 4 Wide
 - 9 Lunch spot
 - 13 Lincoln & others
 - 15 Bird of prey
 - 16 Mind
 - 17 Strong inclination
 - 18 Michelin products
 - 19 Cornflower's color
 - 20 Unquestionably
 - 22 Takes a bride
 - 23 "That ___ it!"; cry of frustration
 - 24 Ram's mate
 - 26 Embrace
 - 29 Pedigreed dog
 - 34 Oscar-winner Jeremy
 - 35 Proverbial waste maker
 - 36 "Roses ___ red..."
 - 37 Paper shredder?
 - 38 Hemorrhoids
 - 39 Brisk pace
 - 40 Beast of burden
 - 41 Taxi offerings
 - 42 Elvis' "Blue ___ Shoes"
 - 43 Hired, as a lawyer
 - 45 Mel or Miguel
 - 46 Word of disgust
 - 47 Good wood for boats
 - 48 Come to shore
 - 51 Repugnant
 - 56 Smell
 - 57 Purple ___; NH's state flower
 - 58 Ditty
 - 60 Unclothed
 - 61 Clear the slate
 - 62 Honey factory
 - 63 Award for "Frasier"
 - 64 Septic tank alternative
 - 65 Change hair color

- DOWN**
- 1 Poke sharply
 - 2 Under the covers
 - 3 City near Lake Tahoe



Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

7/2/22

Friday's Puzzle Solved



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- 39 Istanbul's language
- 41 Big ___; semi
- 42 Black & Baltic
- 44 Hepburn or Meadows
- 45 Sword fighter
- 47 Razz
- 48 Part of the ear
- 49 Eden evictee
- 50 Accepted standard
- 52 Blaze
- 53 Imperfection
- 54 Empty space
- 55 Jealous feeling
- 59 Word of mild surprise

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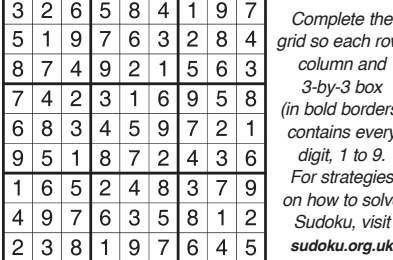
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Level 1 2 3 4



Solution to Friday's puzzle

7/2/22



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

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

AHSEM

NLDEB

KMREEA

SEYFIT

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Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: SLASH GRUNT Answer: The movie "The Big Lebowski" featured bowling, and the lead actors had — STARRING "ROLLS"

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



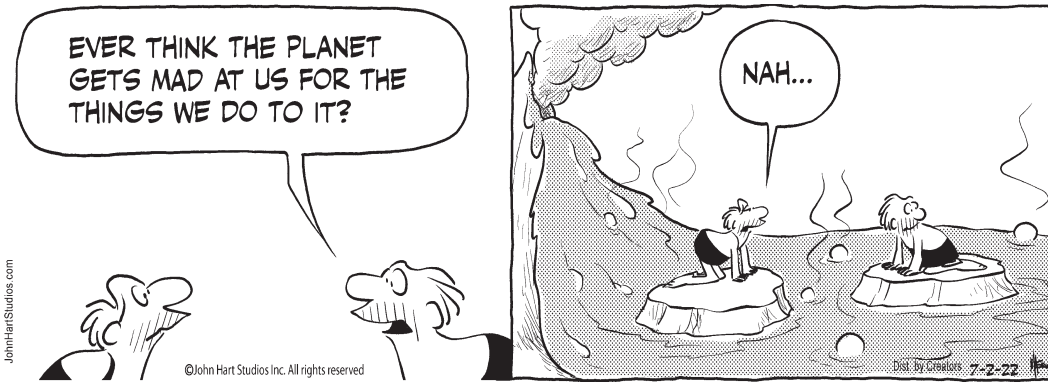
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answers Monday)

Heart of the City



B.C.



Wizard of Id



Andy Capp



Bound & Gagged



Non Sequitur



Rubes



... all you need to know for the upcoming week and beyond ...

R-E-L-A-X

Exhibit featuring the work of Norman Rockwell
on display through Sept. 18 in Utica



This glass plate image preserved by the Library of Congress is of Norman Rockwell, taken sometime between 1920 and 1925 at an unknown location. During that time, he spent time at Louisville Landing on the St. Lawrence River. Library of Congress

‘Right show for the right time’

By CHRIS BROCK
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UTICA — Optimism, with a dose of social commentary, is on display at the Munson Williams Proctor Arts Institute with the facility’s landmark exhibition, “Norman Rockwell.”

“I think this is the right show for the right time,” said Stephen G. Harrison, deputy director and chief curator at the MWPAI, 310 Genesee St.

Over the course of his six-decade career, Mr. Rockwell (1894-1978) illustrated the everyday moments in America, featuring diverse races, nationalities, economic backgrounds and creeds. Through two world wars, the Great Depression, the wars in Korea and Vietnam and the Civil Rights struggles, he promoted an optimistic world in the face of hardship and struggle.

His view of the world was partially influenced by his experiences in Northern New York and its people.

“He was an artist who tried to capture the American spirit, from all ages and all ethnicities and backgrounds and I love the opportunity to be able to show an artist who people think of in one way and leave realizing there was a lot more depth to the artist,” Mr. Harrison said.

In 1916, Mr. Rockwell, a native of New York City and where he received his training, wed Watertown native and then-Potsdam

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THE DETAILS

- **WHAT:** Exhibit on the art of Norman Rockwell.
- **WHERE:** The Munson Williams Proctor Arts Institute, 310 W. Genesee St., Utica.
- **WHEN:** The exhibit opened June 11 and concludes Sept. 18.
- **COST:** Entry fee is \$10 and free for MWPAI members. Admission is also free for active duty military members and their families and for children age 12 and under. The fee is \$5 for full-time students.
- **OF NOTE:** The exhibit has been organized by the Norman Rockwell Museum in Stockbridge, Mass.
- **MORE INFO:** mwpai.org



Norman Rockwell, born and raised in New York City, created a city slicker character, Cousin Reginald, whom he loved to put in all sorts of predicaments when visiting his rural relatives. This painting, titled, “Cousin Reginald Spells Peloponnesus,” appeared on the cover of The Country Gentleman magazine, published Feb. 9, 1918. Courtesy MWPAI

People are heading outside with thrift in mind

The resale market for used outdoor gear is booming, online and in stores

By JOHN MEYER
The Denver Post

DENVER — In a 138-year-old building in Denver’s LoHi neighborhood, Wilderness Exchange Unlimited long ago carved out a reputation as a place where budget-conscious outdoors enthusiasts could find good deals on used gear.

Founded 22 years ago, it evolved into a full-service outdoor specialty shop. But consignment sales continue to represent about 20% of its business, and the market for used outdoor gear is booming. “Our mission was to break down the financial barriers to access the outdoors,” said owner Don Bushey. “The whole idea of Wilderness Exchange initially was a community-based store where people could come in and outfit themselves.”

That’s how used gear sales used to be done, and it still works for Wilderness Exchange. But not far away, there’s a new player in the growing “re-commerce” industry that is utilizing the internet to reach a national audience of buyers and sellers.

A little over a mile downriver in the trendy RiNo district is the headquarters of Out&Back



John Norvell shops for items in the consignment section of Wilderness Exchange Unlimited on June 1 in Denver, Colo. Novell came from Fraser just to shop for consignment items at the store. Wilderness Exchange has been selling gear on consignment since 2000. Helen H. Richardson/The Denver Post

Outdoor, an online site launched 16 months ago as a marketplace for used outdoor equipment. Sellers tap into the site and fill out an online questionnaire describing the gear they want to sell. If the price Out&Back offers satisfies the seller — prices are set based on current resale market value — they ship it to Out&Back in exchange for cash.

Last week, Out&Back expanded its model with a “pilot” program in partnership with Dick’s Sporting Goods. At two Dick’s locations in Colorado — one in Lakewood’s Belmar shopping district, the other in Pittsburgh, where Dick’s corporate offices are located — sellers can walk in with used gear and Out&Back will buy it on the spot. From there the

gear goes to Out&Back’s Denver warehouse, where it is held for online purchase.

The outdoor resale business has grown significantly in recent years. Industry insiders say sales are being driven by the desire for affordability and concerns over the environmental impact of manufacturing. Re-commerce has expanded to the point where well-known brands such as Patagonia and Arc’teryx have launched their own buy-back programs to get in on the action. When they buy used gear, they offer the seller sales credit for purchases within the brand.

According to research conducted by thredUP, an online consignment sales site that specializes in women’s

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JIMMY FUNKHOUSER
Owner of Feral Mountain Gear

clothing, the re-commerce industry overall is expected to grow to \$75 billion by 2025. Outdoor gear figures to be part of that growth.

“The (outdoor) market is massive, primarily because it’s a category that is really expensive,” said Jimmy Funkhouser, owner of Feral Mountain Gear, where about 50% of his sales are used goods.

“If somebody wants to go backpacking this weekend for the first time, if they were to buy everything new, they’re going to spend over \$1,000. You could take a small family to Disney World for that, so people are definitely looking for opportunities to carve up that cost. Buying used, or renting, is the best way to cut into that cost and get started into a

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6 tips for traveling abroad with young children

By NATALIE PREDDIE
Washington Post

As soon as my children were able to fly, I strapped them into a baby carrier and hopped on a plane. Whether it was a short city break by ourselves or a long-haul overseas trips with grandparents, we have always bonded as a family by getting away from the distractions of day-to-day life. Exploring new places, meeting new people and taking on new experiences together provides us with unique opportunities to connect.

Now that countries are easing entry restrictions, we are ready to start exploring again. We are finally booking international family getaways — and we are not the only ones. “Families have desperately missed out on quality vacation time together, and they are making up for it now,” says Christie Hudson, senior PR manager at Expedia Group.

From 2019 to this year, online searches rose for properties with cribs (65%), child care (45%) and connecting rooms (20%), according to data Hotels.com shared in March. In terms of where parents are taking their children, Expedia international flight

demand shows that Americans are booking flights to Mexico; major European cities such as London, Paris, Rome; and Toronto or Vancouver in Canada.

This month, Food and Drug Administration scientists said Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines are safe and effective for infants and young children. Once the agency’s independent experts approve those shots for emergency use, more families can be expected to start planning their postponed trips.

Whether vacationing with toddlers and babies is new, or you’ve been grounded so long that you’ve forgotten how, traveling with little ones isn’t as hard as it sounds. Here are a few tips for keeping your cool while traveling internationally with kids under 5:

When choosing where to visit with the children, I always consult the map of COVID-19 risk levels from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Some insurers will not protect your trip when visiting countries listed as Level 3 — “high” risk — or above. And for me, the benefits do not outweigh the risks when it comes

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Rockwell

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resident Irene O'Connor. They were married for 14 years.

Miss O'Connor had moved with her family to St. Lawrence County as a girl and graduated from Norwood High School and Potsdam Normal School, the predecessor to SUNY Potsdam. She began her teaching career in New Rochelle, Westchester County, where she met Mr. Rockwell. They married the same year the Saturday Evening Post first published his work — two covers for \$75 each. Mr. Rockwell called the magazine “the greatest show window in America.” His first cover, “Boy With Baby Carriage,” was for the May 20, 1916 issue. His second, published for the June 3 issue, was “Circus Barker and Strongman.”

Mr. Rockwell’s social life thrived in New Rochelle’s artist community as his fame escalated in the 1920s. He needed an escape each year from the hustle and bustle of downstate. The three-room Louisville Landing cabin that Mrs. O’Connor’s family had maintained since she was a girl



Norman Rockwell’s painting “The Problem We All Live With,” for the Jan. 14, 1964 issue of Look magazine, ushered in a new era in his career. It was not a cover image.

provided renewal and inspiration. The hamlet where Mr. Rockwell spent his summers, Louisville Landing, was destroyed and submerged during the 1950s construction of the St. Lawrence Seaway. The couple also often visited Fishers Landing near Alexandria Bay.

A July, 1928 Watertown Daily Times article heralding Mr. Rockwell’s return to the north country references Louisville

scenes appearing in the Saturday Evening Post.

“Many of Mr. Rockwell’s best-known illustrations have been painted at the summer home at Louisville Landing. Scenes near Louisville and farm house interiors have become familiar to readers of the Saturday Evening Post through Rockwell’s drawings,” the Times reported. “He has painted many pictures of homesteads in this section and one of the most appealing pictures is of an old stone house with its quaint and homely details ... the old Gibson homestead.”

A November 2011 Saturday Evening Post article also reported on that connection. A Santa Claus image Mr. Rockwell painted for a Christmas 1927 issue of the magazine was based on Louisville resident John Malone. In Louisville, Mr. Rockwell “retrieved drinking water from stone wells, carried firewood and swam and fished in the river,” the Post noted.

During his Louisville summers, Mr. Rockwell also rented an art studio with a skylight in Massena. The art studio was on North Main Street and owned by local photographer Fred Hopson, according to a 1927 Massena Observer article. Mr. Rockwell spent several weeks in it during the summer of 1926.

Mr. Rockwell’s Louisville days ended when the couple divorced in 1930.

COVER STORIES

Mr. Rockwell did 323 covers for the Saturday Evening Post, ending in December of 1963, the year he ended his 47-year

association with the magazine, with a painting of John F. Kennedy, who was assassinated a month earlier. Included in the Munson Williams Proctor Arts Institute exhibit is all 323 covers.

“Luckily, the Norman Rockwell Museum (in Stockbridge, Mass.) has two full sets at stock, so they lent us one of the sets,” Mr. Harrison said. “They came in five large crates.”

In 1943, inspired by President Franklin Roosevelt’s address to Congress, Mr. Rockwell painted the “Four Freedoms” paintings, representing Freedom of Speech, Freedom to Worship, Freedom From Want and Freedom from Fear. They were reproduced in four consecutive issues of The Saturday Evening Post with essays by contemporary writers. The works, according to the Rockwell Museum, toured the United States in an exhibition that was jointly sponsored by the Post and the U.S. Treasury Department and through the sale of war bonds raised more than \$130 million for the war effort.

Most people associate Mr. Rockwell with those Saturday Evening Post covers, Mr. Harrison said, but there was so much more to the artist.

“The Saturday Evening Post had a lot of editorial restrictions on what could be shown and depicted,” Mr. Harrison said. As the civil rights movement became more and more prominent, Rockwell wanted to show African-Americans in normal situations, like white



Norman Rockwell created this image, “The Peace Corps (J.F.K.’s Bold Legacy),” in 1966 for Look magazine. Courtesy MWPAW

people. But they wouldn’t allow that. They would only allow black people to be on the cover if they were in a servile roll. So, he left, famously, in 1963.”

Mr. Rockwell began painting for Look magazine.

His painting in the Jan. 14, 1964 issue of “Look” magazine, “The Problem We All Live With,” ushered in a new era, theme-wise, in his career. The image features a young African-American girl being escorted to school amidst signs of protest and fearful ignorance.

“He had a whole other career for Look magazine, in which he was able to express progressive ideas, like the war on poverty, refugees, the civil rights movement and all sorts of causes,” Mr. Harrison said. “That’s an aspect of his career that most people don’t realize. Look didn’t have the same circulation that Saturday Evening Post did. People don’t necessarily know him for those works, but they are incredibly powerful. He was also very much enamored by the Peace Corps and depicted Americans hard at work trying to bring the ideas of American generosity to the rest of the world.”

LIFE AS HE SAW IT

Time magazine once called

Rockwell “probably the best-loved U.S. artist alive,” while the New York Times compared his paintings to the novels of Mark Twain.

The artist once said, “The view of life I communicate in my pictures excludes the sordid and ugly. I paint life as I would like it to be.”

“I think he painted an idealized version of America,” Mr. Harrison said. “The Saturday Evening Post, and to a lesser degree, Rockwell himself, wanted to encourage optimism and hope. The Great Depression is a major element going on during his career.”

His works, Mr. Harrison said, uplifted the human spirit.

“I think that was key to getting through those Depression years, and the same with the second World War when so many people lost loved ones. He was trying to bolster the American spirit.”

Mr. Rockwell’s creations, Mr. Harrison said, have “resonance” with an echo in today’s world.

“His paintings are, in many ways, products of their time because he was painting for a commercial publication in a serialized manor, but they address issues that are still with us today,” Mr. Harrison said. “Therefore, his paintings still have relevance for us today.”

Resale

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new hobby.”

When Funkhouser moved from a small shop on Tennyson Street to a much larger space just down the street in 2018, he added a used gear section to his inventory. He also rents gear. Manufacturers have gotten into the second-hand market because they’ve seen how successful independent retailers like Funkhouser have been.

“The market broadly has shifted,” Funkhouser said. “If you’re a retailer or a brand, and you don’t have a strategy for capturing some of that resale business, you’re falling behind. The whole industry is transitioning in that direction.”

Wilderness Exchange started in a tiny 600-square-foot shop near the current location in 2000. Bushey, then 33, lived in an apartment above the shop.

“It took off so fast, my upstairs apartment became part of the store with backpacks in the living room,” Bushey said. “The spare bedroom became the sleeping bag room.”

In those days his customers were mostly looking for ways to save money on their outdoor gear purchases, but in recent years environmental concerns have become another motivator. Manufacturers are touting environmental responsibility to promote their re-sale programs.

“There’s been a lot of messaging making people aware of the true impact of producing the gear and trying to get more usable life out of equipment to keep it from landfills so we don’t have to over-produce and over-consume new gear and new products,” Bushey said. “That’s the main difference between when we started and now. People are becoming much more mindful of the environmental impacts of their recreational equipment.”

Ben-Zekry declined to offer sales figures for Out&Back but said his sales have doubled each month since March,

and that on any given day the site has 10,000 to 15,000 items in its inventory. He expects customers will welcome the convenience of being able to drop off gear at Dick’s Sporting Goods — Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, only at the Belmar location — instead of having to ship their items to Out&Back. He’s hoping dozens more Dick’s Sporting Goods locations will be added over the next two years.

When Out&Back takes in soft goods such as apparel and sleeping bags, they are cleaned by Tersus Solutions, a Denver company that also cleans gear for Patagonia’s Worn Wear program and The North Face Renewed. Out&Back tests tent poles, replacing the elastic strings in them if necessary, and will re-waterproof older tents. They accept used skis, but bindings are removed before resale for liability reasons. They do not deal in footwear.

While the big brands do have buy-back programs, Ben-Zekry believes most customers would much rather receive cash than credit.

“A lot of people say, ‘I don’t want a gift card,’” Ben-Zekry said. “People who have a lot of this gear just sit on the sideline. We have the capacity for you to turn your skis and your backpack and your Carhartt pants into cash, all at once. Maybe you want to turn your skis into beer. This gives you the ability to do that. You can liquidate your whole closet.”

Many outdoors gear buyers prefer to see and touch what they’re thinking about purchasing, though. And outdoors gear shops typically are staffed by experienced outdoors enthusiasts who are good sources of information.

“I can’t tell if the weight of a jacket is going to be appropriate for me for all season just by looking at a picture of it online,” Bushey said.

“Backpacks have to be fitted, and there’s an art to fitting backpacks. There is an art to fitting ski boots. Your skis need to be tuned. We’re less sales people than sales consultants. We’re helping people in, not just the gear they need to do these adventures, but (answering) ‘Where do you go?’”

Traveling

From C1

to my children’s health.

As soon as it was possible, I vaccinated my 5-year-old son against the coronavirus. As a family that travels regularly, it made sense. In addition to being vaccinated, my son wears his mask in public places (including on planes), sanitizes his hands often and knows to give people physical space. As a parent, I try to avoid destinations that I know will be packed with tourists or require a lot of time indoors.

The thought of treating your kids to an adventure on the other side of the world may sound exciting, but it might not be the best choice for your family right now. Long flights that cross time zones can be tough for toddlers, and managing multiple meltdowns will not be the best start to your holiday.

Connecting flights should also be a consideration when planning your family getaway. You’ll want to avoid the struggle of juggling bags and pushing strollers full of exhausted children while rushing between busy gates and terminals. The panic and the tears — from you and your kids — aren’t worth it. Wherever possible, opt for the direct flight.

You should also be thinking about getting around once you’ve reached your destination. Is public transportation easy and safe? Will you have to jump in and out of taxis, installing and uninstalling your car seat? Will there be a good mix of inside and outside activity, a space for your toddler to burn some energy and a comfortable place to get some rest?

Choose a destination that will offer fun and relaxation for both you and your child. Accommodation with dedicated children’s activities will ensure your little ones

are entertained, and kids club or babysitting options will give you the opportunity for some adult-only time.

With a bit of preparation, you and your children can have a smooth, stress-free flight. Give your child a pacifier or sippy cup during takeoff and landing. The sucking action will help equalize their ears to the change in pressure and reduce the possibility of pain.

A hungry toddler is an angry toddler, so always have snacks on hand. Fruit squeeze packs, granola bars and other easy-to-carry, mess-free snacks are a great idea. Ensure that you order your in-flight food ahead of time, so it arrives right at mealtime. This will help to avoid tantrums while you wait for the couple three rows ahead to choose between chicken and fish. Finally, for bottle-fed babies, kids under 2 can bring full bottles and sippy cups through security and onto the plane.

Entertainment is key: A tablet loaded with children’s programs, interactive apps or read-aloud books will hold their attention. Try gift-wrapping a small, inexpensive toy for them to open every hour in the air. This will offer a distraction and give them an activity to look forward to.

Pack an extra set of clothes for you and your little one. Spills happen, diapers explode, and food will inevitably find its way onto fingers, faces and your shirt.

Avoid a panicked rush by allowing yourself more time than usual to navigate the airport. Not only do you have more people to manage, but services such as parking, passport control and security may be strained with the sudden increase in travel and shortage of staff.

Try to plan activities around normal napping and bedtimes. If you have sleep routines at home, stick to them as much as possible. Invest in a portable noise machine and a travel blackout blind. Pack a

comforting crib sheet that smells like home. The more familiar the space feels, the better.

Take turns nap-sitting in your room, or plan activities that you know your baby will sleep through (perhaps a drive or walk) at their regular nap times. Some babies will sleep soundly in the stroller or in a carrier, so use this sleeping superpower to your advantage.

If you’ve decided to cross time zones, remember that this change will affect toddler and baby sleep, too. Depending on the length of your stay, you may or may not want to slowly adjust their naps to the new time.

Your baby needs less gear than you think, and you don’t want to carry their nursery through the airport. Find out what you can rent or borrow at your destination. Many hotels and resorts will offer cribs, formula and distilled water, and some car rental services also offer car seat rentals. Many international destinations have independent rental companies that can supply you with anything from car seats to highchairs to beach balls. Just make sure that all rentals adhere to U.S. safety standards.

Travel with a light travel stroller, sling or baby carrier. Many travel strollers fold up into overhead storage size for easy transport both en route and when you arrive. Carriers or slings can be helpful for navigating busy crowds, leaving your hands free for handling luggage or taking a quick selfie.

Although easier said than done, try to relax and go with the flow. Little ones will mirror your anxieties, so the more you relax, the more they will relax, too. Whether it is a missed nap or a late meal, remember that you are on vacation, and the day-to-day rules don’t need to apply. Embrace the uninterrupted time with your kids, get to know them a little more and focus on making memories.

Food

Alton Brown on returning to ‘Iron Chef’

Cooking competition is now on Netflix

By **RODNEY HO**
Atlanta Journal-Constitution

ATLANTA — Atlanta’s ever quirky culinary maestro Alton Brown has been a Food Network fixture for more than two decades going back to his one-of-a-kind “Good Eats” program through shows like “Food Network Star,” “Iron Chef America” and “Cut-throat Kitchen.”

But all good eats must come to an end and with “Iron Chef” jumping to streaming service Netflix, Brown has come along for the ride.

Brown maintains a busy calendar, juggling a live touring show and a new cookbook with this new TV gig. He is co-hosting “Iron Chef: Quest for an Iron Legend” with “Top Chef” winner Kristen Kish.

The new season, which premiered Wednesday, features longer episodes and big-name iron chefs Marcus Samuelsson, Gabriela Camara, Curtis Stone, Dominique Crenn and Ming Tsai facing off against other chefs trying to knock them off their thrones.

The durable franchise, which began in Japan, has been around in different incarnations for nearly 30 years. “Good ones tend to lend themselves to evolution, which is certainly the case with ‘Iron Chef,’” Brown said. “The new one is another leap forward.”

Here are highlights from a recent interview with Brown with the Atlanta Journal-Constitution:

— Joining the Netflix version of “Iron Chef”: “When I heard the show was moving to Netflix, I expected them to retool from ground zero. They did that with ‘Queer Eye.’ They cleared the deck. So I was honored when they asked me. I was a little surprised they wanted that continuity.”

— Adding a co-host: “We’ve had a floor reporter to feed me information. Here’s the big difference. We’re not having to spend time



Alton Brown

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“Netflix made it very clear early on that this is about the cooks and their stories and culture and people. That to me is a very refreshing new take on the format.”

ALTON BROWN

Food expert and show host

‘IRON CHEF: QUEST FOR AN IRON LEGEND’

Rating: TV-G
How to watch: Premiered Wednesday on Netflix.



Pork tenderloin and pork sirloin roast both meet the American Heart Association’s criteria for a food that is low in fat, saturated fat and sodium.
Dreamstime/TNS

On nutrition: More about pork

By **BARBARA INTERMILL**
Monterey Herald

Talk about personal. A handwritten letter on lined tablet paper came to me from a “nearing 90 year-old widower just past six years and a month” who signed his note “CJS.”

“This is my observation on your recent article (Lima Ohio News) on the Pros and Cons of Pork,” he began. He then described in intricate detail his medical history including “58 years of

diet-managed Type 2 diabetes,” heart valve surgery and hip replacement .

“All of this information is to convince you that I am deeply motivated to know all I need to know to take care of myself. You mention pork tenderloin can be lower in saturated fat than chicken breast but I believe you are assuming both are prepared fresh. In Ohio, a processed slice of pork

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Mushroom Bolognese. Linda Gassenheimer/TNS

Mushroom Bolognese features rich flavors

By **LINDA GASSENHEIMER**
Tribune News Service

Here’s a light version of the Italian classic Bolognese sauce that’s quick, easy and won’t break the calorie bank. A mixture of different sliced mushrooms creates the base for this vegetarian dinner. I use portobello and shitake mushrooms. If your market sells other wild mushrooms such as oyster, morels or chanterelle, you can use them to add other texture and flavor. One secret to the rich flavor is to thinly slice the onions and cook them until they are sweet. Another hint is to add orange zest to the sauce. This adds a little sweetness and an intriguing flavor.

HELPFUL HINTS:

— For maximum flavor, zest the

orange holding it over the sauce. This will capture more of the orange flavor.

COUNTDOWN:

- Place water for the spaghetti on to boil.
- Start Bolognese sauce.
- Boil spaghetti.
- Finish the sauce.

SHOPPING LIST:

To buy: 1 bunch celery, 1 bottle dry white wine, ½ pound portobello mushrooms, ½ pound shiitake mushrooms, or mixed wild mushrooms, 1 bottle olive oil spray, 1 bottle reduced-sodium marinara sauce, 1 orange, 1 package spaghetti, 1 piece Parmesan cheese, 1 bunch fresh oregano (or 1 bottle dried), 1 bunch fresh rosemary (or

1 bottle dried), 1 bunch parsley (optional garnish).

Staples: onion, garlic, salt and black peppercorns.

MUSHROOM BOLOGNESE

- ½ pound portobello
- ½ pound shitake mushrooms or mixed wild mushrooms
- Olive oil spray
- 1 cup thinly sliced onion
- ½ cup thinly sliced celery
- 3 garlic cloves, crushed
- 2 tablespoons fresh oregano leaves or 2 teaspoons dried
- 2 tablespoons fresh rosemary leaves or 2 teaspoons dried
- ¼ cup dry white wine
- 2 cups reduced-sodium marinara sauce
- Orange zest from 1 orange (about 1

- tablespoon)
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- ¼ pound spaghetti
- 2 tablespoons chopped parsley (optional garnish)
- ½ cup grated Parmesan cheese
- Place a large pot with 3 to 4 quarts water on to boil for spaghetti. Slice all of the mushrooms to ¼- to ½-inch thick. Heat a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat and spray with olive oil spray. Add onion and celery. Saute 5 minutes, without browning. Add garlic, oregano, rosemary and mushrooms. Saute 5 minutes, stirring mushrooms to cook evenly. Add white wine and cook until the liquid is absorbed, about 1 minute. Add the marinara

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Strawberry pretzel salad is a salty-sweet retro dessert



Strawberry Pretzel Salad. Rey Lopez/Washington Post

By **AARON HUTCHERSON**
Washington Post

I didn’t grow up eating strawberry pretzel salad. I first encountered it at a friend-of-a-friend’s house some years ago while home in Chicago.

Initially, I was perplexed: This “salad” consisted of a pretzel crust, cream cheese filling, strawberries and Jell-O. Then I tasted it — and I was hooked after one bite. It’s salty, creamy and fruity, all at once. The dish has remained implanted in my memory ever since, and now I’m elated to share it with you.

The aspect that throws people off is the incongruity between the dish and what many consider a salad. But food historians and people above a certain age can recall the prominence that

congealed salads had in America, particularly in the mid 20th century — and some of them, such as this one, are still enjoyed today.

According to Farmers’ Almanac, the strawberry pretzel salad was introduced to the world in “The Joys of Jell-O,” first published by General Foods in 1963. While congealed salads have largely fallen out of the limelight since then, strawberry pretzel salad remains an iconic dish, particularly in the South and Midwest where, because of the low-effort it requires and the large number of servings recipes typically produce, it is popular at potlucks, holidays and other large gatherings.

I consider it a dessert, but others disagree: “It’s a sweet, but it’s not a dessert,” Andrew Spena

wrote in Epicurious. “As my Me-maw might explain, it’s just ‘a little bit of sugar on your plate at dinner.’ It sits right there on your Thanksgiving plate next to your mains, your collards, your mac & cheese, your mashed potatoes.”

Regardless of the categorization, this light, salty-sweet confection is a delight.

Strawberry pretzel salad is essentially a pretzel crust with a no-bake cheesecake filling topped with strawberries and fruit-flavored gelatin. More traditional recipes call for store-bought whipped topping to be mixed with the cream cheese for the filling, but whipping heavy cream in the same food processor used to crush the pretzels

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10 Stoker who wrote *Dracula*

14 Hypnotist's directive

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20 Middle name of Elvis

21 Short on manners

22 *Elle* rival, for short

23 Get-well program

24 "Sure"

25 Mr. Musk

26 Major concern for 25 Across

27 Desktop systems

31 Small photo processors

34 Originally named

35 Keen vision

36 Sean Lennon's mom

37 Pitch ___-hitter

38 Major concern for 25 Across

40 "___ the fields we go . . ."

41 Unique arrangement for the Green Bay Packers

46 Enforcement power, so to speak

50 Pop singer Billie

51 State further

52 "That's ___ haven't heard"

54 Press your luck

55 Educational subjects acronym

56 Aboveground railroads

57 Marsh plants

60 Up to, for short

61 Spoke (up)

64 *Casablanca* character

65 Reduction in tension

67 Wheeling once, Charleston now

73 Completely redesigned

74 Skier's vehicle

75 Badge of a sort

76 Mauna ___

77 First Family of France

80 DC auditing agency

81 Support for a scarf

85 Ancient potato farmer

87 Tugboat sound

88 Demographic cohort, for short

89 Look ready to topple

91 Has a hunch

93 Deter

97 ABA member

99 Serbian tennis great

100 Confused one's question

101 Shoo-___ (sure things)

102 Apprehension admission

107 Knock orally

108 Stuck in one type of role

110 What the four other long answers all exhibit

113 Heads-up

114 Sainly sign

115 Singer Del Rey

116 Flower girl, at times

120 Lessen in tension

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122 Home services site

123 What "hilarity" may do

124 Had a heart

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126 Trial period

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1 On behalf of

2 Practical application

3 Retro cheer

4 Giraffe cousin

5 Creator of Gargantua

6 Speaks even slightly

7 110th Birthday snacks for 2022

8 Loud lamentation

9 Better than ever

10 They make draft choices

11 Run things

12 Maker of Acrobat software

13 Smart society

14 Color associated with Sherlock

15 Having window shutters

16 Lauder of makeup

17 Atlanta campus

18 Rapper's retainers

28 Sort of dressing

29 Shakespearean monarch

30 Collaboration obstacle

31 Has the blues

32 Language we got "kayak" from

33 Of high morals

38 Finish lines

39 Took a ___ (tried)

42 Get to the finish line with an injury

43 Emerson's middle name

44 What filled old wells

45 Canada's most densely populated prov.

47 Bring back burgers

48 Port-of-Spain resident, informally

49 Andrew Wyeth model

53 Nonreactive

56 Long fish

57 Music symbols

58 Admin. ___

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66 Contract principal

67 Mt. Whitney's locale

68 With no rivals

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70 Mrs. Biden, at present

71 Article of food

72 Swear words

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79 Aussie beast

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Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

Born Sunday, you are destined to be known far and wide as someone with great integrity and tenacity, and who wants nothing but the best — both for yourself and for others as well. Like all true Cancer natives, you are concerned with your own development and well-being, and you will rarely put anyone else before you on your daily list of concerns. It's important to others, however, that they be second, third, fourth and so on — because it means you're going to do all you can for them, once you've tended to your own business.

You may on more than one occasion run afoul of the law in some way — but if you play your cards right, you can certainly come out of such situations stronger. You must take care that you don't make a habit of breaking the rules.

Also born on this date are: Tom Cruise, actor; Thomas Gibson, actor; Sandra Lee, celebrity chef; Kurtwood Smith, actor; Montel Williams, TV personality; Moises Alou, baseball player; Hunter Tylo, model and actress.

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, JULY 4

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You may be reading the signs all wrong today — but there will be time to undo any damage this might cause. Let another take charge for a while.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Safety is a prime concern today, but you can't ensure that everyone will escape danger without discussing key matters openly and honestly.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — The contentment you seek will be available to you only after you acknowledge what everyone around you already knows. Get with the program!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — You don't want to put others off today simply by putting your considerable knowledge on display. Avoid showing off; let others speak.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — The social scene is likely to prove both frustrating and satisfying, in turns. Remember, you don't have to accept every invitation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — You can work far more efficiently today than you have in the past, but it won't happen by ac-

cident. You must make a concerted effort.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Take care today that you don't become overly concerned with money matters. You have a solid plan in motion, and you must await the results.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Whether a habit is good or bad will be determined by factors out of your control today — and you may have confused one for another recently.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — You may not know it, but you've reduced your margin for error almost to a dangerous point. It's a good time to refine your methods if you can.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Those around you may overreact to what happens today, but you understand that this is only the beginning. The big moment comes later.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Someone may be working against you for reasons that you can't quite fathom, but your natural responses enable you to avoid any real threat.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You must be willing to adjust your schedule to accommodate the unexpected needs of someone who you thought was just along for the ride.

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Last week's puzzle answers

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SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mephram Group

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Solution to Last Week's puzzle

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9.

For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit sudoku.org.uk

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JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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

LLEWYO

BNOYOD

HRGEIH

RUGIFE

SAWELE

CITSTH

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Answers on C8

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Will you light this? Is this fireworks? Is this bad?

You are too young! Those can burn you.

Your mom is right. You should listen.

HER DAUGHTER WAS ASKING LOTS OF QUESTIONS, AND MOM WAS HAPPY TO PROVIDE ---

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

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RACK 1

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PAR SCORE 215-225

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FIVE RACK TOTAL

TIME LIMIT: 25 MIN

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Answers on C8

QUOTE CRYPTOGRAM by Rebecca Kornbluh

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Last Week's Quote Cryptogram: Fun gives you a forcible hug, and shakes laughter out of you, whether you will or no — David Garrick

Books & authors

Werner Herzog's first novel revisits fanaticism, human folly

By KRISTEN MILLARES YOUNG
Washington Post

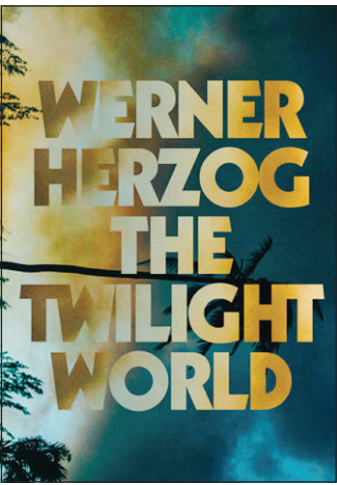
By Werner Herzog
Penguin Press. 144 pp. \$25

Werner Herzog has portrayed the poetic excesses of human drama as the brilliant director, producer and screenwriter of more than 60 feature and documentary films, the author of more than 12 books and the director of more than a dozen operas.

His debut novel, “The Twilight World,” is a spare and lyric tale about Hiroo Onoda, a real Japanese lieutenant who terrorized the Philippine villagers of Lubang Island with guerrilla tactics for 29 years after World War II’s conclusion.

Much like Herzog’s documentaries, which distill their central inquiries by reenacting fact as fiction beneath his signature philosophical narration, “The Twilight World” begins with the writer himself. In Tokyo in 1997 to direct the feudal opera “Chushingura,” Herzog insults his hosts by declining an invitation from Japan’s emperor. Shocked, someone asks Herzog whom he’d rather meet.

“Onoda,” he replies. “And a week later, I met him.”



Herzog’s hallucinatory account jump cuts to Onoda’s 1974 encounter with Norio Suzuki, a college dropout who traveled to Lubang Island, having made a bucket list for global adventures: Onoda, yeti, panda. Herzog briefly positions himself as narrator — of insects, he writes, “I start to hear with Onoda’s ears that their humming is not aggressive, is not troubled.” — before slipping into the third person.

Did Onoda long for his family, or sex, or safety, as he navigated the jungle, changing camps nightly, sometimes walking backward to evade trackers? “The Twilight World” largely

eschews psychology and self-reflection, both of which Herzog has called “the major catastrophes of the 20th century,” to chronicle how Onoda and fellow soldiers Shimada and Kozuka cached ammunition in homemade palm oil and misread (as evidence of World War II’s expansion) the planes flying toward subsequent American wars in Korea and Vietnam.

Declining to pass explicit judgment on his subject’s devastating refusal to accept that World War II was over, Herzog nonetheless tightens the lens on who he thinks is important: Onoda. Such foregrounding of one man evokes Herzog’s 1982 film “Fitzcarraldo.” The infamous climax of that story recapitulated the depraved ambitions of a would-be rubber baron who conscripts Indigenous villagers to drag a ship through a steep jungle denuded for that purpose.

In “Conquest of the Useless: Reflections From The Making of Fitzcarraldo,” Herzog wrote, “the feeling crept over me that my work, my vision, is going to destroy me, and for a fleeting moment I let myself take a long, hard look at myself, something I would not otherwise do — out

of instinct, on principal, out of self-preservation — look at myself with objective curiosity to see whether my vision has not destroyed me already.”

Onoda died in 2014 at the age of 91. Public fascination with his story hearkens to a corrupted nostalgia for codes of conduct that demand loyalty to chain of command, no matter what. But where is the honor in ambushing farmers who, recovering from an imposed war, harvest rice?

Left with orders to destroy Lubang Island’s transportation infrastructure but never to surrender or kill himself, Onoda is reported to have killed up to 30 residents, wounding many more, for which he was later pardoned. Readers of “The Twilight World” would not learn the human cost of Onoda’s steadfast ignorance because the narrative adheres to his ingenious survival.

Beautifully translated from German into English by Michael Hofmann, “The Twilight World” reveals the companionship of soldiers with nature and each other but concludes without examining the collective damage wrought by their imperialist fantasy. Mimicking

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nesting dolls with an architecture of time from 1997 to 1974 to 1944, where it lingers before boomeranging back, the novel’s construction could have made it possible to see into and around Onoda more.

Herzog’s Onoda is not an ahistorical lunatic, but rather a man with admirable focus who clings to life and refuses to cede a fight. Onoda was weaponized into an instrument of war,

a stoic intent that compels Herzog. “ ‘Sometimes,’ says Onoda, ‘it feels to me that there is something about these weapons that takes them out of human control. Do they have a life of their own, as soon as they’re devised? And doesn’t War seem to have a life of its own too? Does War dream of War?’ ”

Having lost his men to surrender and gunfire, Onoda “goes around alertly, sees everything, hears everything. He is always prepared. But he is not allowed to merely be jungle, be a part of nature. He is apart and a part.” Ignoring found newspapers, dropped leaflets and recordings of his brother’s voice delivered via loudspeaker, he leaves the jungle only in 1974, after Suzuki brings Onoda’s prior commanding officer, age 88, to deliver official orders announcing the end of the war and relieving him of duty.

In his feverish search for ecstatic truths, Herzog has given readers a portal into human folly, self-discipline and domination — surely his life’s work.

Kristen Millares Young is a prizewinning journalist, essayist and author of the novel “Subduction.”

In the 1920s, reporters who warned the world of the coming war

By RICK KOGAN
Chicago Tribune

There is no immortality for newspaper reporters.

One of them, Ben Hecht, addressed this matter in a short poem written long ago: “We know each other’s daydreams / And the hopes that come to grief / For we write each other’s obits / And they’re Godalmighty brief.”

There is no immortality for newspaper reporters but Deborah Cohen has done a remarkably powerful, enlightening and entertaining job of bringing back to life a quartet of long gone reporters along with dozens of other interesting sorts, in her new book, “Last Call at the Hotel Imperial: The Reporters Who Took on a World at War” (Random House).

It is a journey, she writes, into the “1920s and 1930s, (when) millions of Americans got their news from a very small number of international reporters. ... In the interwar years, American foreign correspondents became the kings of the hill. ... Armed with a peculiarly American obsession with personalities, they sounded an early warning about the rise of the dictators.”

She focuses on four of them, each a vessel of immense curiosity and energy.

There was Chicago-born John Gunther, who was a student at the University of Chicago before becoming a reporter for the Chicago Daily News, where he struck his colleagues as “a young man going somewhere.” Did he ever, taking off for Europe with no job (he had quit the News) and \$150 in his pocket but with big ambitions. He would report prolifically and marry another writer named Frances. He would become a best-selling author with what was known as the “Inside” books,

a series that included the best-seller “Inside U.S.A” in 1947. He basically invented the grief memoir with the heart-wrenching 1949 book about his young son’s death, “Death Be Not Proud,” which is sadly the only one of his many books still in print.

H.R. Knickerbocker, “Knick” to his friends, was Texas-born and won the Pulitzer Prize in 1931 for his newspaper series on Stalin.

Vincent (Jimmy) Sheean came to the University of Chicago from tiny downstate Pana, Ill., and was soon reporting from far, far away, from Spain and elsewhere. His 1935 political memoir “Personal History” became the inspiration for Alfred Hitchcock’s 1940 film “Foreign Correspondent.”

Dorothy Thompson, perhaps the most famous of the gang, was a native New Yorker. As she wrote to a friend in 1921, when she was in her late 20s, “I have been a ‘wild cat walking by my wild lone self’ most of my life since 16.” What she did — becoming the first female syndicated political columnist and a radio broadcaster, made her so prominent that, as Cohen tells us, “On the eve of the Second World War, Time magazine described Thompson and Eleanor Roosevelt as the most influential women in the United States.” She was also married for a helter-skelter time to novelist Sinclair Lewis. Her life became the inspiration for the Spencer Tracy and Katharine Hepburn 1942 film “Woman of the Year.”

Cohen informs us of so much, bringing the characters of this era to vivid and raucous life. She makes them all unforgettable, and allows us to understand what made them tick and work as they visited European capitals and traveled

to Asia, the Middle East and Africa.

“Their Midwestern roots were crucial,” she says. “They understood their readers. They were able to speak to Americans. They were as famous in their time as famous could be and they were also pioneers in new journalism. They were subjective, intimate, emotional, powerful.”

They also had active social and drinking lives. “They were in and out of each others’ lives, sharing late nights, talking, sharing beds,” Cohen says.

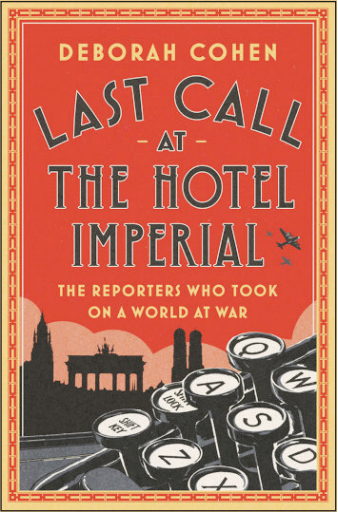
As she writes, “Even when they were far apart, even after they fell out, they kept right on talking and arguing, long after the conversations had ended.”

The eight years Cohen devoted to researching and writing this splendid book was time well spent. We encounter in fresh ways such figures as Hitler, Mussolini, Gandhi, Nehru and Stalin. We also meet such now-forgotten people as Polly Adler, the proprietor of Manhattan’s most famous brothel and a friend of Gunther’s: “It was difficult to find girls to work because they were all doing war service, she told John. The sexual peculiarities these days! The higher the tensions got in Europe, the stranger the perversions.”

So prolific and active were the reporters that they make the most famous writer of the period, a fellow named Hemingway, seem a slacker by comparison.

The maps detailing the travels of these reporters are admirable and dizzying. As Gunther would put it later, “We were scavengers, buzzards, out to get the news, no matter whose wings got clipped.”

Cohen was born and raised in Louisville and at a tender age flirted with a career as a newspaper reporter. She started and



edited a paper in high school but, admitting to being “hijacked by archives,” earned a degree in history and women’s studies at Harvard-Radcliffe and then a master’s and doctorate at the University of California at Berkeley. She taught at American University and Brown University before coming to Northwestern in 2010, where she now academically resides, living in the Lakeview neighborhood with her husband and teenage daughter.

“I love teaching, first year students to graduate level,” she says.

She is also a writer of palpable power and deep understanding.

After WWII, her quartet, more or less, she says, “moved off stage. Their moment was the moment of warning, so once the conflict started, what was there for them to say, ‘I told you so?’ ”

In their time they told us more than enough and they came at us in an intimate fashion. Cohen writes with easy authority and a powerful narrative drive. This is a great book about great and flawed people caught up in a world going mad.

She credits the voluminous archives that she poured through for making it “possible to capture the texture and the course of (her subjects’) thoughts at very close hand ... My aim as an author has been to follow their own lead as journalists — to convey how it felt to lie so exposed to history in the making.”

For what it’s worth, Cohen would have made one hell of a reporter.

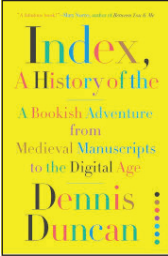
A breezy survey of the kinds and uses of indexes

By CHRIS HEWITT
Star Tribune Books in brief

“Index, a History of the” by Dennis Duncan; Norton (352 pages, \$30)

Readers — even those who think the subject of this witty book could be filed under “Books, duller parts of” — will be delighted by Duncan’s breezy survey of the kinds and uses of indexes (a term he prefers to “indices,” incidentally).

There are stories about books, including Vladimir Nabokov’s “Pale Fire,” that come alive in the index, and even some that are nothing



but indexes. There’s a history of the development of the sorting system, which goes back at least as far as the Library of Alexandria in Egypt, where somebody had to figure out a way to organize the info in those

scrolls lying all over the place.

There’s a look at how search engines have revolutionized the meaning of an index. And there’s Duncan’s insistence that all of us who love or respect or even just occasionally use words are participants in the vast, worldwide index that’s being compiled even as you read this.

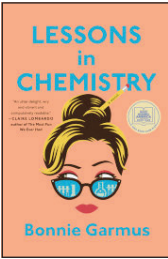
‘Lessons in Chemistry’ has a winning formula

By MARCI SCHMITT
Star Tribune Books in brief

“Lessons in Chemistry” by Bonnie Garmus; Doubleday (400 pages, \$29)

Beautiful, unconventional intellectual Elizabeth Zott and lonely, athletic genius Calvin Evans have survived childhood trauma and loneliness and found happiness. The talented young mid-century scientists have “actual chemistry” — and the toxic envy of their colleagues at the Hastings Research Institute in Commons, Calif. Despite her love for Calvin, Elizabeth doesn’t want to get married, and after Calvin’s untimely death she finds herself pregnant and unemployed.

A few years later, now a single mother to precocious Madeline, Elizabeth scrapes by charging scientists at Hastings to solve their problems in



her home lab. When she learns a girl at Madeline’s school is eating her daughter’s lunch, Elizabeth confronts the young thief’s TV producer father and gets a job offer: hosting a cooking show during the

“Afternoon Depression Zone.” Elizabeth insists on respecting her audience’s intelligence, and “Supper at Six” becomes a hit. Yet Elizabeth can’t shake her profound sadness, and Madeline’s relentless search for the truth about her family tree threatens to reveal long-held secrets.

Debut novelist Bonnie Garmus, a copywriter and creative director and rower now living in London, presents a rollicking feminist tale full of humor and hope even as she doesn’t shy away from life’s ugliness. Clever and sharp, “Lessons in Chemistry” has a winning formula.

Tribune News Service

Here are the bestsellers for the week that ended Saturday, June 4, 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. **Sparring Partners.** John Grisham. Doubleday
2. **Meant to Be.** Emily Giffin. Ballantine
3. **Nightwork.** Nora Roberts. St. Martin's
4. **22 Seconds.** Patterson/Paetro. Little, Brown
5. **Run, Rose, Run.** Parton/Patterson. Little, Brown
6. **Dream Town.** David Baldacci. Grand Central

7. **Clive Cussler's Dark Vector.** Graham Brown. Putnam
8. **The Summer Place.** Jennifer Weiner. Atria
9. **One Italian Summer.** Rebecca Serle. Atria
10. **The Homewreckers.** Mary Kay Andrews. St. Martin's

HARDCOVER NONFICTION

1. **The Power of One More.** Ed Mylett. Wiley
2. **Happy-Go-Lucky.** David Sedaris. Little, Brown
3. **Killing the Killers.** O'Reilly/Dugard. St. Martin's

4. **Finding Me.** Viola Davis. HarperOne
5. **Here's the Deal.** Kellyanne Conway. Threshold
6. **Atlas of the Heart.** Brene Brown. Random House
7. **The Bodies of Others.** Naomi Wolf. All Seasons
8. **Fighting Words Devotional.** Ellie Holcomb. B&H
9. **Half Baked Harvest Every Day.** Tieghan Gerard. Clarkson Potter
10. **Mordenkainen Presents.** Wizards of the Coast

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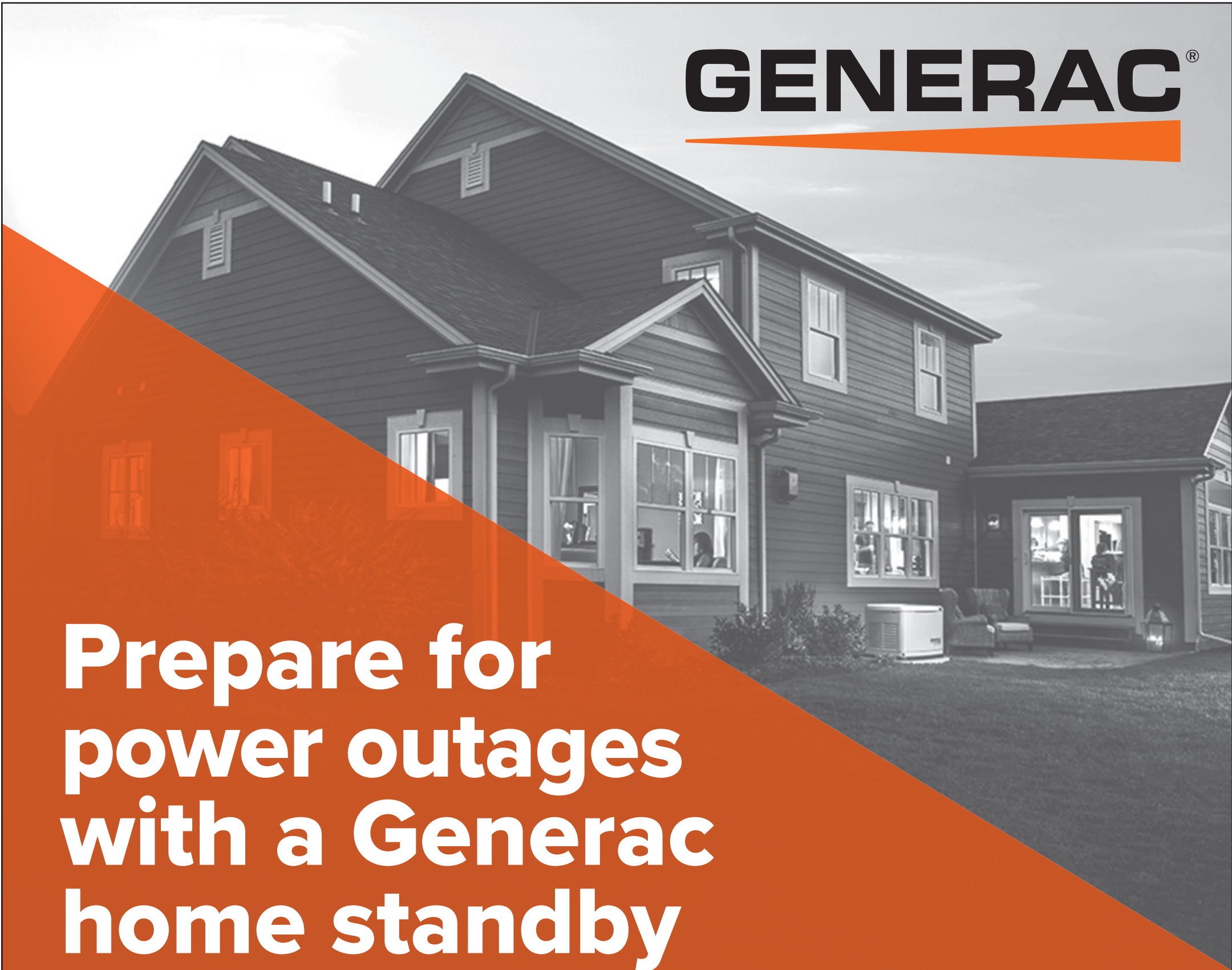
1. **Complications.** Danielle Steel. Dell

2. **When the Shooting Starts.** Johnstone/Johnstone. Pinnacle
3. **Better Off Dead.** Child/Child. Dell
4. **No Way Out.** Fern Michaels. Zebra
5. **The Return.** Nicholas Sparks. Grand Central
6. **Deadly Cross.** James Patterson. Grand Central
7. **Summer Shadows.** Nora Roberts. St. Martin's
8. **Taylor Callahan, Circuit Rider.** Johnstone/Johnstone. Pinnacle
9. **Autopsy.** Patricia Cornwell. Morrow
10. **Hiding in Montana.** Laura Scott. Love Inspired

Suspense

TRADE PAPERBACK

1. **Verity.** Colleen Hoover. Grand Central
2. **Book Lovers.** Emily Henry. Berkley
3. **Reminders of Him.** Colleen Hoover. Montlake
4. **The Boardwalk Bookshop.** Susan Mallery. Mira
5. **Malibu Rising.** Taylor Jenkins. Reid Ballantine
6. **The Love Hypothesis.** Ali Hazelwood. Berkley
7. **A Game of Retribution.** Scarlett St. Clair. Bloom
8. **Every Summer After.** Carley Fortune. Berkley
9. **The Paper Palace.** Miranda Cowley Heller. Riverhead
10. **A Haunted Road Atlas.** Christine Schiefer. Andrews McMeel



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Experts: U.S. beef and pork price relief probably won’t last

By ZIJIA SONG
Bloomberg

Producer prices of beef and pork fell in May, but the reprieve isn’t expected to last long. Prices paid to beef and veal producers fell 9.5% last month from April levels and about 14% year on year, with pork prices posting their own decline, Labor Department data showed Tuesday. The falling prices are in sharp contrast to poultry, which continues to soar as bird flu slams the country’s chicken and turkey supply.



Pork chops are for sale at a Whole Foods Market in Burbank, Calif., on June 20, 2018. Dania Maxwell/Bloomberg

Pork

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tenderloin is heavily breaded and sold breaded to restaurants. That changes the comparison. Next you mention lean pork but you don’t give other examples besides pork tenderloin.” Dear CJS, I commend you for your ongoing attention to your health. And yes, the comparisons all refer to fresh as opposed to processed or prepared items. Here are the leanest cuts of pork, according to the National Pork Board (www.pork.org), starting from the most lean: pork tenderloin, sirloin pork chop, sirloin pork roast, New York pork chop, 96% lean ground pork. Notice the key words in these cuts are “loin” and “chop.” Pork tenderloin and pork sirloin roast both meet the American Heart Association’s criteria for a food that is low in fat, saturated fat and sodium. And don’t forget that pork is packed with high-quality protein to maintain precious muscle mass as we grow in years. You might also be interested to know the difference between ham and Canadian bacon, which are considered processed meats because they are “cured” — preserved with

combinations of salt, sugar and other ingredients. Canadian bacon is usually leaner than ham because it is a loin cut, while ham is not. Yet a three-ounce serving of either can easily contain half the sodium one needs in a whole day. So eat these and other processed meats less often and in smaller portions. Thanks for writing! Lastly, I enjoyed this letter from KT in Lincoln, Neb: “Your column in this morning’s paper reminded me of my seventh grade foods teacher, Mrs. Bevacqua. She instilled in us the importance of nutrition, and she was big on a balanced diet. She was very wise. Also very strict, direct, proper and classy. I would have to say the overarching concept of her class, although she did not verbalize this, was to do a right thing in a right way. I don’t think we really appreciated her as much as we should have at the time. But I sure do appreciate her now. Diet trends come and go, but common sense is always common sense.” Amen to that!

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Bolognese

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sauce and orange zest and simmer, uncovered, 5 minutes. Add salt and pepper to taste.

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Her daughter was asking lots of questions, and mom was happy to provide —

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Slow down those sweet drinks

One sugary drink a day increases chance of liver cancer in women

By NANCY CLANTON
Atlanta Journal-Constitution

Consuming just one sugary drink a day can increase a woman’s chance of developing liver cancer, according to research by various institutions that was presented at the annual meeting of the American Society for Nutrition. Researchers, including those from the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and the University of South Carolina in Columbia, analyzed data from 90,504 postmenopausal women, ages 50-79, for nearly 19 years. According to the data, women who had one sweetened drink each day were 73% more likely to develop liver cancer than women who had three or fewer such drinks in

a month. Women who drank one or more sweet beverages daily had a 78% higher risk, the data showed. Although soft drink consumption in the United States dipped again for the 13th straight year in 2018, we still drank 38.87 gallons per person. Consuming sugary drinks has previously been linked to developing cardiovascular and heart diseases. The U.S. has some of the highest consumption rates in the world, with over 50% of respondents of a recent international survey stating that they consumed soft drinks at least multiple times in a week, if not every day, according to Statista. “If our findings are

confirmed, reducing sugar-sweetened beverage consumption might serve as a public health strategy to reduce liver cancer burden,” Longgang Zhao, lead author of the study and doctoral candidate at the University of South Carolina, said in a press release. “Replacing sugar-sweetened beverages with water, and non-sugar-sweetened coffee or tea could significantly lower liver cancer risk.” According to the World Cancer Research Fund International, liver cancer is the sixth most commonly diagnosed cancer in the world, with both diagnosed cases and related deaths on the rise in the U.S. Subjects in the study were part of the Women’s Health

Consuming sugary drinks has previously been linked to developing cardiovascular and heart diseases. Dreamstime/TNS

Initiative observational study and clinical trials excluding Dietary Modification Trial participants.

Use this trick to help stop peaches turning brown

By EBONY WILLIAMS
Atlanta Journal-Constitution

It’s peach season, and we’re gearing up to make some amazing dishes with Georgia’s signature fruit. There’s nothing worse than having a piece of fruit turn brown. Browning doesn’t necessarily mean the food is spoiled, but it can certainly ruin the look of a dish you’ve worked hard on. With that in mind, here’s a great trick to keep your peaches from turning brown. Nicole Modic, a foodie, cookbook author and content creator, dished on what she does to help store her peaches for up to

five days in the fridge while also making a tasty soda. “No one likes brown soggy peaches!” Modic says at the beginning on her Instagram video. The trick is quick and easy: Simply submerge the peaches in club soda and let them soak for five minutes. Once that’s done, pour out the club soda — or drink it as a delightful peach flavored fizz — then store the peaches in the fridge for up to five days. The trick works with lemon juice too, but can leave your peaches tasting a bit sour. Modic insists on using club soda as it helps keeps the original flavor and helps the peaches stay crisp.

Here’s a great trick to keep your peaches from turning brown. Dreamstime/TNS

Salad

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requires minimal additional effort. Vanilla extract is traditional for flavoring the filling, but my recipe developer brain couldn’t help but think about all of the other flavoring possibilities, a few of which I’ve listed below. Fresh strawberries are great in this recipe — making it particularly suited for spring and summer — but you can use frozen, thawed and drained fruit, if necessary, or even try different fruit and gelatin combinations to make this your own. STRAWBERRY PRETZEL SALAD Active time: 20 minutes | Total time: 20 minutes, plus at least 5 hours’ cooling and chilling 12 to 16 servings While calling this a salad might be a bit confusing, this retro dessert is a crowd favorite. It’s essentially a pretzel crust with a no-bake cheesecake filling topped with strawberries and fruit-flavored gelatin. This light, salty-sweet confection is

perfect for summer gatherings. The recipe calls for fresh strawberries, but you can use frozen, thawed and drained fruit, if necessary, or even try a different fruit to make this your own. Make Ahead: The pretzel crust can be baked up to 1 day in advance. Let cool completely, cover and store at room temperature. Storage Notes: Refrigerate leftovers for up to 3 days. FOR THE PRETZEL CRUST 8 ounces (227 grams) pretzel sticks ¼ cup (50 grams) granulated sugar 12 tablespoons (1 ½ sticks/170 grams) unsalted butter, melted and cooled FOR THE CREAM CHEESE FILLING 8 ounces (227 grams) cream cheese, preferably Philadelphia brand, at room temperature ½ cup (100 grams) granulated sugar 1 teaspoon vanilla extract (may substitute with almond extract, Grand Marnier, kirschwasser or balsamic vinegar) 2 cups (480 milliliters) cold heavy cream FOR THE STRAWBERRY TOPPING 2 (3-ounce/85-gram) boxes

strawberry flavored gelatin, such as Jell-O brand 2 cups (480 milliliters) boiling water 1 pound (454 grams) fresh strawberries, hulled and thinly sliced Make the crust: Position a rack in the middle of the oven and preheat to 400 degrees. In a food processor, pulse the pretzels and sugar until coarsely ground. Add the melted butter and pulse until combined. Transfer the pretzel mixture to a 9-by-13-inch baking pan and, using the bottom of a measuring cup, press into an even layer. Bake for about 10 minutes, until the crust is fragrant and just beginning to brown around the edges. Transfer to a wire rack and let cool slightly, about 20 minutes. Make the cream cheese filling: Clean out the food processor. Add the cream cheese, sugar and vanilla and process until smooth, about 5 seconds. Add the heavy cream, pulse a few times and then process until thickened, about 30 seconds. Do not over process. Spread the cream cheese mixture evenly over the cooled crust, making sure to go all the way to the edges

of the pan to completely cover the pretzels. Refrigerate until set, 30 minutes to 1 hour. Make the strawberry topping: While the cream cheese is setting, place the strawberry gelatin in a large liquid measuring cup or a medium bowl. Add the boiling water and whisk until the gelatin is dissolved. Refrigerate, uncovered, until it cools to at least 70 degrees, about 30 minutes. (It may start to thicken slightly, but do not let it fully set.) Assemble the dessert: Scatter the sliced strawberries over the cream cheese filling and pour the strawberry gelatin over them. Refrigerate uncovered until firmly set, at least 4 hours and up to overnight. Cut into rectangles and serve chilled. Nutrition information per serving (one 2-by-3-inch slice), based on 16 | Calories: 333; Total Fat: 25 g; Saturated Fat: 15 g; Cholesterol: 79 mg; Sodium: 257 mg; Carbohydrates: 26 g; Dietary Fiber: 1 g; Sugar: 13 g; Protein: 3 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. Recipe from staff writer Aaron Hutcherson.

Show

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wrapping up before commercials and bringing people back and recapping after commercials. Plus, we have a full hour, not 41 or 42 minutes. The wonderful Kristen is the real thing. She competed and won ‘Top Chef.’ She knows exactly what goes out on the floor. I’ve always focused on the food and the technique. She gets down and talks to the chefs and have conversations. We didn’t have time for that before.” — How do they get along? “We hit it off immediately. It could have gone so many ways. Fortunately, when we showed up on the first day for rehearsals, we realized we were the team we needed.” — Storytelling is now key: “Netflix made it very clear early on that this is about the cooks and their stories and culture and people. That to me

is a very refreshing new take on the format.” — Bringing back the Chairman Mark Dacascos: “He brings so much to the party. He had the audacity to play the comedy in the role right to the edge of believability. He has such a physical presence. Have you seen ‘John Wick 3’? He’s basically an assassin. To be able to make fun of that is what makes him a great actor.” — The massive new set: “Oh my gosh! It’s huge! It’s the reality of shooting in Los Angeles instead of New York. In New York, every studio is tiny. We were always hemmed in by Studio One at Chelsea Market for Food Network. Now we are using a real soundstage. The kitchen is immense. It fits everything a chef could want.” — Joining the judges’ table: “That was an interesting decision. We aren’t there to judge but we get to sample the food. Kristen and I can also steer the conversation and refocus if need be (with the three actual

judges.) The way it’s edited, it works. But it’s tough. Even if you only eat a little of everything, it isn’t easy on my body. I’m not getting any younger. There wasn’t a night I didn’t go home feeling a little uncomfortable.” — His diet at age 59: “I try to eat as little as possible but I eat whatever I want. It’s quality over quantity. As I get older, calories are not my friend. Plus, I still haven’t turned myself into an elite athlete.” — The future of “Good Eats,” a name owned by Food Network: “I’m trying to decide if there is a new iteration in me, an evolution of ‘Good Eats.’ I can use ‘good’ and I can use ‘eats.’ Now I can’t use them together. Frankly, I’m fine with that. ‘Good Eats’ is me. And I still have the rights to my name!” — Possible travel show: “To me, a travel show would be a very attractive thing to look at a post-COVID planet or at least what an endemic planet looks like. I had a program

in the planning stages that was travel related when it was shelved by COVID. As we come out of this, we’ll reexamine that. I still want to do it.” — His most recent cookbook “Good Eats: The Final Years”: It encompasses both of the seasons of ‘Good Eats: The Return’ and both seasons of ‘Good Eats: Reloaded.’ The third season of reloaded didn’t get made because it ran afoul of budgets, but I have all the recipes from that season in there. I’m really proud of those recipes ... The book does literally close the book on ‘Good Eats.’” — His love for doing the live shows: “I adore them. It’s not the most profitable thing I do, but it works for me. We are on our third tour. I am proud of being able to pull off a culinary variety show. The audiences do crave being together in a big room. I’ve enjoyed the format as much as television. Being in front of a live audience is so wonderful. They take and they give. Cameras only take.”