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Tax credits help area get more low-income housing projects

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Two El Paso apartment developers and the El Paso housing authority recently received millions of dollars in federal tax credits to help finance construction of three low-income housing projects in the next three years in El Paso, Socorro and the Clint area in El Paso

County’s Lower Valley.

Tropicana Building; Investment Builders Inc., or IBI; and HOME, formerly known as the Housing Authority of the City of El Paso, were awarded \$29.34 million in federal tax credits in late July from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to help finance the projects with a combined cost of more than \$37 million.

HOME’s planned single-family, rent-

al housing project on the edge of Clint is its first project outside El Paso city limits as part of a new partnership with El Paso County as the city housing agency expands its jurisdiction, according to a HOME statement.

Tropicana, IBI and HOME also received \$4.2 million in supplemental tax credits in July for three other housing

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A rendering of Investment Builders Inc.'s planned Sunset Vista Seniors low-income apartment complex at 1333 Pullman Drive, in far East El Paso. The 44-unit apartment complex will be for low-income seniors, ages 55 and older. Construction is to begin January 2023 and be completed by December 2025. COURTESY OF INVESTMENT BUILDERS INC.

One dead, several hurt after SUV falls into ditch



One person died and several others were injured after an SUV fell into the waters of a ditch Monday morning in El Paso’s Upper Valley, authorities said. The crash occurred shortly after 5:30 a.m. near the intersection of Artcraft Road and Upper Valley Road. OMAR ORNELAS/EL PASO TIMES

Incident occurred in the Upper Valley near the Texas-New Mexico state line

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One person died and several others were injured after an SUV suspected of smuggling undocumented migrants fell into the waters of an irrigation ditch Monday morning in El Paso’s Upper Valley, authorities said.

El Paso police spokesman Sgt. Enrique Carrillo said that a passenger in the SUV died at the scene. It is the latest crash in a trend of human smuggling attempts in vehicles in the Upper Valley near the Texas-New Mexico state line.

An El Paso Fire Department Water Rescue Team pulled eight people from a vehicle partially submerged in water, including one person with life-threatening injuries and seven with minor injuries, the department said in a tweet.

The crash occurred shortly after 5:30 a.m. Monday near the intersection of Artcraft Road and Upper Valley Road, according to the city’s online incident notification system.



Members of the El Paso Fire Department Water Rescue team save people from an SUV that crashed into an irrigation ditch during a suspected migrant smuggling attempt Monday morning next to Upper Valley Road.

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The U.S. Border Patrol had another vehicle stopped near the intersection

when the SUV came speeding down the street and struck a Border Patrol vehicle before continuing on Upper Valley Road. Border agents lost sight of the SUV before finding it had crashed and dropped into the ditch, Carrillo said.

The crash is under investigation by the police Special Traffic Investigations Unit. Names, countries of origin and other information about the driver and passengers were not immediately available as a smuggling investigation continued.

“As you know, we’ve recently had a string of these type of crashes — some involved (law enforcement) pursuits, others there haven’t been pursuits,” Carrillo said.

“The crashes may have started with some kind of law enforcement action with an attempt to stop a vehicle (when) the driver fled,” Carrillo said. “The thing about that is a lot of organizations and some in the media want to

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The El Paso International Airport as seen Feb. 8.

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Federal spending package will benefit El Paso

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A community kitchen for El Paso, a new fire station at Fort Bliss, a solar panel-covered parking facility at El Paso International Airport and an animal wellness clinic are just a few of the projects included in a federal community funding package.

U.S. Rep. Veronica Escobar, D-El Paso, included a number of Borderland projects in a \$563 billion appropriations package approved by the U.S. House of Representatives late last month.

“I’m excited to begin the process to secure funding for our projects,” Escobar said in a news release. “These funding investments are transformative and taken together this package supports families by lowering the cost of living, creating good-paying jobs, and supporting small businesses.”

While details are scant regarding the construction of a new fire station at Fort Bliss — the news release only stated that \$15 million would be allocated for the project — the other projects lend a wealth of opportunity to the region.

The bill, H.R. 8294, was recently sent to the Senate, where it was read twice and sent to the Senate Committee on Appropriations — if it clears committee, the bill will advance to the Senate floor for a full vote before being sent to U.S. President Joe Biden’s desk to be signed into law.

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Grant postpones fall tour to recover from accident

Amy Grant postponed her fall tour Friday as the best-selling Christian artist continues to recover from a bicycling accident that resulted in a hospital stay last month.



Tour dates previously slated for September and October now plan to take place in early 2023, according to a statement from Grant’s management team. She hopes to return to the road in November for a holiday tour with Michael W. Smith.

Her Christmas concert residency at the Ryman with husband Vince Gill – a Nashville holiday tradition – remains planned for this December.



Rock icon Melissa Etheridge announces solo off-Broadway show

Rocker Melissa Etheridge has found a new stage: The Grammy- and Oscar-winner will unveil a solo show mixing her music and stories off-Broadway.

“Melissa Etheridge: My Window – A Journey Through Life” will play 12 performances only starting Oct. 13 at the midtown multi-stage venue New World Stages.

“While I’ve been telling my life stories through my lyrics and concert tours for many years, this is going to be something new for me,” Etheridge said in a statement.

“I cannot wait to feel the exchange of energy and deep connection that’s provided by an intimate theater experience. That’s going to rock.”

‘90210’ actress dies following meningitis battle



Denise Dowse, the actress known for playing Mrs. Yvonne Teasley on the teen drama “Beverly Hills, 90210,” died following a battle with severe meningitis. She was 64.

“It is with a very heavy heart that I inform everyone that my sister, Denise Dowse has gone forward to meet our family in eternal life,” her sister, Tracey Dowse, shared in an Instagram post Saturday night. She wrote: “Denise Yvonne Dowse was the most amazing sister, a consummate, illustrious actress, mentor and director. She was my very best friend and final family member.”

A week before Dowse’s death, her sister revealed that the actress went into a coma after being hospitalized for meningitis. “Her doctors do not know when she will come out of the coma as it was not medically induced,” Tracey shared on Aug. 7.



Heche

Anne Heche dies of crash injuries after life support removed

Anne Heche, the Emmy-winning film and television actor whose dramatic Hollywood rise in the 1990s and accomplished career contrasted with personal chapters of turmoil, died of injuries from a fiery car crash. She was 53. ● Heche was “peacefully taken off life support,” spokeswoman Holly Baird said in a statement Sunday night. ● Heche had been on life support at a Los Angeles burn center after suffering a “severe anoxic brain injury,” caused by a lack of oxygen, when her car crashed into a home Aug. 5, according to a statement released Thursday by a representative on behalf of her family and friends. ● She was declared brain-dead Friday, but was kept on life support in case her organs could be donated, an assessment that took nine days. In the U.S., most organ transplants are done after such a determination. ● A native of Ohio whose family moved around the country, Heche endured an abusive and tragic childhood, one that helped push her into acting as a way of escaping her own life. She showed enough early promise to be offered professional work in high school and first came to prominence on the NBC soap opera “Another World” from 1987 to 1991, winning a Daytime Emmy Award for the role of twins Marley and Vicky Hudson, who on the show sustained injuries that anticipated Heche’s: Vicky falls into a coma for months after a car crash. ● By the late 1990s Heche was one of the hottest actors in Hollywood, a constant on magazine covers and in big-budget films. In 1997 alone, she played opposite Johnny Depp as his wife in “Donnie Brasco” and Tommy Lee Jones in “Volcano” and was part of the ensemble cast in the original “I Know What You Did Last Summer.”

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 16, the 228th day of 2022. There are 137 days left in the year. On this date in:

1777: American forces won the Battle of Bennington in what was considered a turning point of the Revolutionary War.

1812: Detroit fell to British and Native American

forces in the War of 1812.

1861: President Abraham Lincoln issued Proclamation 86, which prohibited the states of the Union from engaging in commercial trade with states that were in rebellion – i.e., the Confederacy.

1948: Baseball legend Babe Ruth died in New York at age 53.

1962: The Beatles fired their original drummer, Pete Best, replacing him

with Ringo Starr.

1977: Elvis Presley died at his Graceland estate in Memphis, Tennessee, at age 42.

1978: James Earl Ray, convicted assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., told a Capitol Hill hearing he did not commit the crime, saying he’d been set up by a mysterious man called “Raoul.”

1987: People worldwide began a two-day cele-

bration of the “harmonic convergence,” which heralded what believers called the start of a new, purer age of humankind.

2002: Terrorist mastermind Abu Nidal reportedly was found shot to death in Baghdad, Iraq; he was 65.

2018: Aretha Franklin, the undisputed “Queen of Soul,” died of pancreatic cancer at the age of 76.

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assign blame to law enforcement, but I want to remind everybody that the blame should be assigned to only one group and that is the persons that are doing the smuggling of illegal immigrants.”

The Texas Department of Public Safe-

ty reported that 23 human smuggling suspects, ranging in age from 18 to 43, were arrested during a three-day surge operation Aug. 9-11 in El Paso last week.

The operation included the Texas DPS, the Border Patrol, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement’s Homeland Security Investigations and El Paso police.

One of the arrests was the driver of an SUV that crashed into the side of the longtime Como’s Italian Restaurant on

North Mesa Street while fleeing from police while transporting undocumented migrants in West El Paso. Five migrants were treated for injuries, but there were no deaths.

On July 27, a 19-year-old driver was arrested on vehicular homicide charges after two Mexican men died when they were ejected from a Chevrolet Tahoe carrying 12 passengers when it rolled while running from Border Patrol during a smuggling attempt in Santa Teresa,

New Mexico, just outside El Paso.

“The people to blame here are the coyotes that are smuggling these people and then doing everything they can by any and all means to evade and elude law enforcement,” Carrillo said.

“The coyotes and organizations doing the human trafficking are endangering not only the persons that they’re smuggling but the public in general. This (Monday’s crash) could have very easily involved persons heading to work.”

Housing projects

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projects, in El Paso and Clint, which were awarded \$33.6 million in tax credits in 2020. Tropicana’s 2020 project was recently completed and IBI’s is to be completed this year. The supplemental awards are to help developers with unexpected costs tied to COVID-19 pandemic-related construction delays and other problems, an agency official said.

The projects come as the El Paso area’s rental market continues to be tight with low vacancies and record-high rents, a fallout from the pandemic.

The state agency allocates millions of dollars annually to companies and agencies in Texas to help finance low-income housing projects. The developers sell the tax credits to companies that use them to decrease federal tax bills. That money helps finance housing projects that must rent a certain number of housing units to low-income tenants based on family incomes.

Tropicana, IBI and HOME have built dozens of low-income housing projects with federal tax credits over many years.

“Without the tax credits, we wouldn’t be able to do the projects,” said Bobby Bowling IV, president of Tropicana Building, which specializes in building low-income apartments. The tax credits help finance about 70% of project costs, with the rest coming from conventional loans and company money, he said.

Tropicana has 40 low-income apartment projects in the El Paso area, including a 48-unit complex starting construction in Vinton in September. Thirty-seven of those were financed mostly with low-income tax credits, Bowling said. It plans to build its 41st low-income apartment complex with its latest tax-credits award for Fiesta Palms.

New projects include seniors’ apartments, Clint rental homes’ complex

Tropicana’s Fiesta Palms apartment complex with 60 low-income units and 20 market-rate units will be at 1080 Horizon Blvd., in Socorro, in El Paso County’s Lower Valley. It will look similar to other Tropicana apartment complexes, including the recently completed Artcraft Palms in far West El Paso. Construction is set to begin in 2023 and be completed in 2024,

Project cost: \$16 million, including \$11.5 million for construction, \$400,000 land acquisition, and \$4.5 million in other development costs. Tropicana was awarded \$11 million in tax credits for the project.

Tropicana Homes, another company owned by Bobby Bowling and his brother, Randy Bowling, plans to build 220 single-family homes surrounding the apartment complex on the 50-acre site. It’s done similar single-family developments around other low-income apartment complexes, including Artcraft Palms in far West El Paso, where 65 single-family homes are being built on surrounding acreage, Bowling said.

Tropicana sells about 20 homes a year to people who live in Tropicana apartments, Bowling said. It has a program to encourage renters to become homeowners, Bowling said.

IBI’s Sunset Vista Seniors, a 44-unit apartment complex for low-income seniors, ages 55 and older, will be at 1333 Pullman Drive, in far East El Paso. It will be located between two other IBI apartment complexes – Casitas Del Este, a 78-unit, market-rate apartment complex, and Keystone Place, a 52-unit, low-income apartment complex. Construction is set to begin January 2023 and be completed by December 2025.

Project cost: \$9.75 million, including \$6.24 million in construction costs, \$424,490 land acquisition, and \$3.1 million in other costs. IBI was awarded \$9.34 million in tax credits for the project.

One of IBI’s specialties is building low-income senior apartments, said Roy Lopez, IBI senior vice president. It currently operates three low-income senior apartments, with a total of 267 units, that it built. It sold seven other senior complexes, also with a total of 267 units, that it built over the years, he said.

HOME’s Kinship Community, 44 single-family, rental homes will be on 6.5 acres of former farmland at



Tropicana Building's planned, 80-unit Fiesta Palms low-income apartment complex in Socorro will look similar to Artcraft Palms, a recently completed apartment complex, shown July 10, with 100 low-income units and 24 market-rate apartments at 6137 Will Jordan Place in far West El Paso. One of 65 Tropicana Homes being built around the apartment complex is at the far left.

COURTESY TROPICANA BUILDING CORP.



A portion of Tropicana Building's Artcraft Palms, a recently completed apartment complex with 100 low-income units and 24 market-rate apartments, as seen July 10, at 6137 Will Jordan Place in far West El Paso. One of 65 Tropicana Homes being built around the low-income apartment complex is shown at far left.

COURTESY OF TROPICANA BUILDING

Alameda and Alamito Creek avenues on the edge of Clint, about 23 miles east of Downtown El Paso. It’s near Clint High School. El Paso County commissioners preferred this concept for Clint, according to a HOME statement. Construction is set to begin in late 2022 and be completed by December 2024.

Project cost: \$11.6 million, including \$7.12 million for construction, \$1.13 million land acquisition, and \$3.4 million in other costs. The housing authority was awarded \$9 million in tax credits for the project.

This is the El Paso housing agency’s first project outside city limits.

“The reason for this (El Paso County) partnership is to bring additional resources – HOME’s financing and capacity – to develop in the areas of the county that are currently underserved and would benefit from high quality new affordable housing,” according to a HOME statement.

Older projects include planned apartments in Uptown El Paso

Older projects that were awarded supplemental tax credits in July are:

Tropicana’s Artcraft Palms, at 6137 Will Jordan Place in far West El Paso, was recently completed and is expected to open in September. It has 100 low-income apartments and 24 market-rate units. More than half the units had been rented by early August, Bowling said.

Project cost: \$22.3 million, including \$15.7 million construction, \$1.6 million land acquisition, and \$5 million in other costs. Awarded \$12.3 million in tax credits in 2020 and \$1.85 million in supplemental tax credits in July.

IBI’s Inkwood Estates, at 107 San Elizario Road in Clint in El Paso County’s Lower Valley, is under construction and is expected to be completed by the end of 2022. The complex features 40 separate rental homes on 7.9 acres of former farmland. Clint town officials preferred this concept over an apartment complex, Lopez said. HOME’s planned Kinship Community in the Clint area is a similar concept.



Rendering of the El Paso housing authority's, or HOME, 80-unit Nuestra Senora low-income apartments planned for 415 Montana Ave., in El Paso's so-called Uptown. Construction date not set yet but completion projected for end of 2024. This shows a mural concept, but the final mural not chosen yet.

COURTESY OF HOME



Investment Builders Inc.'s Inkwood Estates low-income housing project in Clint, shown here Aug. 10, has 40 single homes. It's expected to be completed by the end of 2022.

COURTESY OF INVESTMENT BUILDERS INC.

Project cost: \$11.5 million, including \$7.8 million construction cost, \$481,774 land acquisition, and \$3.2 million in other costs. Was awarded \$9 million in tax credits in 2020 and \$517,500 in supplemental tax credits in July.

HOME’s Nuestra Senora, 80 units at 415 Montana Ave., is in El Paso’s so-called Uptown, near the new El Paso Independent School District headquarters. The project was delayed by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s regulatory review of the project and by pandemic-related supply chain issues, according to a HOME statement. Its construction date has not been set yet, but completion is projected for the end of 2024.

Project cost: \$16.1 million, including \$10.2 million for construction, \$1.06 million property acquisition, and \$4.8 million in other costs. It was awarded \$12.3 million in tax credits in 2020 and \$1.85 million in supplemental tax credits in July.


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TODAY'S BONUS CODE

Border protest blocks international bridge, raises tempers

Daniel Borunda
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A group of retired Mexican railroad workers protesting a lack of pension payments on Monday morning blocked the northbound lanes of the international Bridge of the Americas at the El Paso-Juárez border.

The blockade began shortly after 7 a.m., but some traffic began flowing again at 7:45 a.m. The protest ended just before 11 a.m., with traffic returning to normal, a U.S. Customs and Border Protection spokesman said.

The protest on the Mexican side raised tempers while stopping morning commuters as CBP officers in riot gear with shields and rifles stood guard on the U.S. side of the border line at the top of the bridge.



U.S. Customs and Border Protection mobile field force training exercise at a border port of entry. File art. COURTESY U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION

A video by a TV Azteca news reporter showed a confrontation as a biker trying to get to work attempted to force his way past protesters before a CBP officer or-

ders him to stop. "There are rules here. You're not in your house. Pay attention," the CBP officers yells in Spanish.

Spending

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Now we're cooking in new kitchen at El Paso food bank

The appropriations package sets aside \$4 million for the El Pasoans Fighting Hunger Food Bank to construct a full-scale community kitchen, which will serve as a place to prepare meals for vulnerable residents and eventually teach residents to cook healthy meals.

"The congresswoman has been incredibly wonderful to put in funding for our community kitchen and teaching kitchen," said Susan Goodell, food bank. "She has been such a champion for the food bank and low-income people in our community. I could not be more grateful for her support."

Goodell noted that the El Paso food bank, which became an independent entity in July 2016, is the second youngest food bank in the nation — while they are taking on the task of feeding the area's most needy residents, food bank workers are simultaneously working to build a food bank.

The new release states that the new kitchen, which will be constructed in a designated space adjacent to the food bank's emergency food supply in its 177,000-

square-foot facility, will allow for more than 10,000 meals to be prepared daily to feed the disabled, elderly and homebound residents.

"These are the type of people who need to have meals made for them," Goodell said. "It's really the most vulnerable people in our community."

Beyond being a food preparation site, the new kitchen will also teach residents, especially young parents, how to prepare nutritious meals for their families and themselves.

Goodell said the food bank will use ingredients it has on hand, both the familiar and those not commonly used by working parents.

"A lot of people know what to do with corn or rice or beans, but we get a lot of 'unusual' foods for our clients, too, like eggplant or squash," Goodell said. "A lot of older people know how to use an eggplant, but a lot of our younger people do not."

Goodell said the teaching kitchen will focus on teaching home cooks how to use healthy ingredients and make them delicious.

Goodell expects for the project to get underway in Spring 2023 but noted that, "if everything goes perfectly," it could begin as early as Fall 2022.

Going solar at El Paso airport

The El Paso International Airport could receive \$1.75 million in funding to design and construct a solar

panel-covered parking facility, which is expected to generate 1.5MW of solar energy to offset the 2.1MW of energy used by the airport each year.

Airport spokeswoman Tammy Fonce said the new parking facility will stretch across 2.5 acres and be located "directly in front of the terminal in short term parking," though plans are not yet in place for managing airport parking needs while the new area is under construction.

"Such a system would generate solar energy to offset some of (the) energy consumed annually by the airport terminal," Fonce said in an email. "Other benefits include reduced greenhouse gas emissions, improved air quality for El Paso, increased access to renewable energy credits, (a) reduction in utility costs, and improvements to the airport's resilience."

While Fonce noted that "details are still being considered" for the project, she added that the influx of federal funding would go a long way toward making the effort a reality and bolster the airport's mission of creating "a future that is both environmentally conscious and fiscally responsible, while also incorporating amenities for the travelers of our region that we so proudly serve."

Along with the funding approved in the appropriations package, the airport is set to benefit from two additional funding streams — the airport received \$5 million from the Airport Terminal Program, part of the infrastructure bill signed into law last year, to upgrade lighting, install new seating and more; last week, the city announced that airport would receive an additional \$13 million - \$5.1 million in Airport Improvement Program Entitlement funds and \$7.9 million in Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) discretionary funds to upgrade Runway 8R/26L and its four connecting taxiways.

El Paso County animal wellness center updates

El Paso County could receive \$1.3 million to renovate an existing property in an animal wellness center, which will provide "high-volume spay and neuter programs, as well as vaccinations and microchips to track responsible ownership," the news release stated.

"In El Paso County there are few organizations that offer low to no-cost versions of these procedures and this project would directly address this issue," the release continued.

Representatives from the county's Animal Welfare department did not respond to a request for comment.

Other projects under consideration

Here are other Borderland projects Escobar is seeking to fund:

- \$100,000 to conduct an appraisal of a one-mile section of the Franklin Canal in Central El Paso
- \$1 million to construct a 34-acre-foot desilting basin to detain peak flows and sediment affecting the RV Channel, street crossings, residential, commercial and agricultural land
- \$500,000 to launch a business retention and expansion effort for businesses along El Paso County's Mission Trail, which stretches from the eastern edge of El Paso and includes Socorro, the San Elizario Historic District and Tornillo
- \$750,000 to fund a planning study to improve land border crossing transit and pedestrian connectivity to business districts in El Paso
- More than \$2.4 million to construct a new Casa de Los Abuelitos facility as a permanent home for the city's elderly and frail male homeless population, complete with 31 beds, office space, a kitchen and dining area, laundry room and more
- The town of Anthony could receive more than \$1.9 million to construct a new police station, courthouse and emergency community shelter facility — currently, the police department and courthouse are located in the same building and the construction of a new facility "will allow Anthony to keep up with the community's growth, safety, and tourism"
- The Village of Vinton could receive \$4 million to expand water and sewer systems, including the installation of 21,600 linear feet of waterline and 44 fire hydrants, as well as 13,900 linear feet of sewer line and 59 onsite sewage facilities
- Horizon City could receive more than \$1.7 million to fund a design and environmental study for a Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) to provide increased access to educational facilities in east El Paso County, as well as the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) campus and El Paso Community College's Rio Grande campus.

Obituaries

TODAY'S OBITUARIES AND DEATH NOTICES				
Name	Age	Town, State	Death Date	Arrangements
Narvaez, Josefina	89	El Paso	06-Aug	Funeraria Del Angel Central
*Rogers, Mildred Kathleen "Kathy"	97	-	23-Jul	-
Rosado-Rodriguez, Jose F.	85	El Paso	12-Aug	Sunset Funeral Homes- Northeast
Vasquez, Alberto	83	El Paso	11-Aug	Sunset Funeral Home- Americas
* Additional information in display obituaries				
Obituaries appear in print and online at www.elpasotimes.com/obituaries				



Mildred Kathleen "Kathy" Rogers

Kathy Rogers, loving wife of the late John W. "Bill" Rogers, died Saturday, July 23, 2022 in El Paso. Born October 1, 1924 to Lawrence and Carrie Rinehart, Kathy was the beloved Mother of Billy Wayne Rogers, the late Donna Kay Blake, Grandmother of Jennifer Swinford, Joseph Blake and Patricia McKenzie, and Great-Grandmother of seven.

The family wishes to thank the Staff at Good Samaritan - White Acres Memory Unit for their loving care.

A private ceremony will be held at a later date.

Please honor her memory by living your life well.

A raindrop
landing on
your cheek
is a kiss
from
someone
that lives in
Heaven
and is
watching
over you



In Memoriam

In Loving Memory of
Irma Raquel Galindo Nieto
August 16, 1938 - May 16, 2022

I do not know what lies ahead, but I do know that I am not afraid. I will meet this transition with courage in my heart and serenity in my countenance.

As ancient tales now find their way to my daughters and grandchildren, it is my hope they will embrace their inner strength with grace, and be brave and truthful about who they are, as they have been blessed with hope and verve.

So, it is with these words that I remind all of my loved ones, to never throw away your treasures, nourish your creativity, learn to navigate in the dark, and, be gentle and kind to yourself. For now is the time to manifest your most ardent dreams.

May you find the courage to face tomorrow
in the love that surrounds you today.

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Drought can destabilize foundations

As the ground shrinks, it leaves gaps underneath the home

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Austin American-Statesman
USA TODAY NETWORK – TEXAS

Longtime Central Texas residents are familiar with the perils of flash flooding, but the past year has reminded homeowners of the opposite but equally worrisome natural hazard: extended drought

Ongoing drought conditions in Texas can affect home foundations and form cracks throughout homes. Much of Texas soil is made of clay, which expands and supports homes when water and moisture is plentiful. But without enough rainfall, the clay contracts and could make the foundations of homes less stable.

Paul White, production manager at Foundation Support Specialists, said that as the ground shrinks, it leaves gaps underneath the home. The home then shifts to fill the gaps, which creates unevenness and an unlevel foundation.

White said homeowners can find foundational instability by looking for visual signs, which include:

- Cracks above doorways
- Cracks in drywall that widen over a short period of time
- Cracking on tile floors or laminate
- Tiles separating
- Trouble opening or closing doors or windows

For homeowners seeing these issues in their homes, White recommends reaching out to home foundation experts for an inspection and estimate.

“It’s the precaution to take because the thing we don’t want to do is let these issues go,” White said. “Because all that does is make the problem worse over time and creates an environment where the cost of repair just keeps going up and



During a drought, soils contract and the ground shrinks, leaving gaps underneath homes. Cracks and other visual signs of foundational instability can appear when the home shifts to fill the gaps, creating unevenness and an unlevel foundation. PROVIDED BY FOUNDATION SUPPORT SPECIALISTS

up. Especially with building materials increasing in price, it gets more expensive and it doesn’t fix itself.”

Compared to last year, when Austin had higher than normal levels of rainfall, this summer’s issues are the opposite, said Chris Maxton, an assistant sales manager at Foundation Support Specialists. Because of the soil that expands or shrinks, he said it’s common for Texas home foundations to move or settle, but he has seen more extreme movement this year because of the drought.

“We’ve had extremely extreme drought conditions,” said Maxton, who has inspected more than 1,500 Central Texas homes in the past five years. “It is really hard on homes because they’re up one year and then extremely down the next.”

After getting their home assessed by a foundation specialist, Maxton said owners should get a plan for repair

where the owner would discuss their options for stabilizing or lifting their structure. He recommends taking care of the issues right away so it doesn’t get worse.

If they choose to get their homes fixed, Maxton said owners should know that providers in Texas are not regulated to use permanent methods, so some products and methods are temporary. Maxton said he uses a hydraulic ram to push steel piers to the depths of a home’s foundation to permanently stabilize the home. He urges people to research the products and solutions and choose a more permanent option because this method isn’t required.

“What you end up seeing is a lot of customers and having to do re-dos,” he said. “They did it once with one company because it was a little bit cheaper. And then that didn’t work and then

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Paul White, production manager at Foundation Support Specialist

they ended up having to do a second fix or even sometimes a third fix.”

Isaac Benavides, a partner and manager with CenTex Foundation Repair said installing soaker hoses around the perimeter of the home may help to re-moisten the ground and stabilize it. However, with the city of Austin under stage 1 watering restrictions, soaker hoses can only be used on the foundation on the homeowner’s allotted watering day.

Soaker hoses also can also cause more harm if you overwater, Benavides said. Overwatering could create a bowl effect where the perimeter of the foundation lifts, but the middle remains depressed.

Instead of using soaker hoses, White recommends watering the lawn to keep the surrounding areas of your home wet.

“If you use a sprinkler system, or sprinklers in your yard to keep your grass nice and healthy, I would just continue doing that,” White said. “That’s probably the best thing you can do.”

He added: “Putting hoses out next to your foundation and just dumping water on it might not be the best thing for your home in the long run, but I would just continue, you know, a normal watering schedule with keeping your lawn healthy.”

Some rioters try to profit from crimes

Justice Dept. looks to claw back some gains

Michael Kunzelman
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Facing prison time and dire personal consequences for storming the U.S. Capitol, some Jan. 6 defendants are trying to profit from their participation in the deadly riot, using it as a platform to drum up cash, promote business endeavors and boost social media profiles.

A Nevada man jailed on riot charges asked his mother to contact publishers for a book he was writing about “the Capitol incident.” A rioter from Washington state helped his father hawk clothes and other merchandise bearing slogans such as “Our House” and images of the Capitol building. A Virginia man released a rap album with riot-themed songs and a cover photograph of him sitting on a police vehicle outside the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021.

Those actions are sometimes complicating matters for defendants when they face judges at sentencing as prosecutors point to the profit-chasing activities in seeking tougher punishments. The Justice Department, in some instances, is trying to claw back money that rioters have made off the insurrection.

In one case, federal authorities have seized tens of thousands of dollars from a defendant who sold his footage from Jan. 6. In another case, a Florida man’s plea deal allows the U.S. government to collect profits from any book he gets published over the next five years. And prosecutors want a Maine man who raised more than \$20,000 from supporters to surrender some of the money because a taxpayer-funded public defender is representing him.

Many rioters have paid a steep personal price for their actions on Jan. 6. At sentencing, rioters often ask for leniency on the grounds that they already have experienced severe consequences for their crimes.

They lost jobs or entire careers. Marriages fell apart. Friends and relatives shunned them or even reported them to the FBI. Strangers have sent them hate



Simone Gold, who pleaded guilty to illegally entering the Capitol, founded a nonprofit that raised more than \$430,000. JOHN CLANTON/TULSA WORLD VIA AP FILE

mail and online threats. And they have racked up expensive legal bills to defend themselves against federal charges ranging from misdemeanors to serious felonies.

Websites and crowdfunding platforms set up to collect donations for Capitol riot defendants try to portray them as mistreated patriots or even political prisoners.

An anti-vaccine medical doctor who pleaded guilty to illegally entering the Capitol founded a nonprofit that raised more than \$430,000 for her legal expenses. The fundraising appeal by Dr. Simone Gold’s group, America’s Frontline Doctors, didn’t mention her guilty plea, prosecutors noted.

Before sentencing Gold to two months behind bars, U.S. District Judge Christopher Cooper called it “unseemly” that her nonprofit invoked the Capitol riot to raise money that also paid for her salary. Prosecutors said in court papers that it “beggars belief” that she incurred anywhere close to \$430,000 in legal costs for her misdemeanor case.

Another rioter, a New Jersey gym owner who punched a police officer during the siege, raised more than \$30,000 in online donations for a “Patriot Relief Fund” to cover his mortgage payments

and other monthly bills. Prosecutors cited the fund in recommending a fine for Scott Fairlamb, who is serving a prison sentence of more than three years.

“Fairlamb should not be able to ‘capitalize’ on his participation in the Capitol breach in this way,” Justice Department lawyers wrote.

Robert Palmer, a Florida man who attacked police officers at the Capitol, asked a friend to create a crowdfunding campaign for him online after he pleaded guilty. After seeing the campaign to “Help Patriot Rob,” a probation officer calculating a sentencing recommendation for Palmer didn’t give him credit for accepting responsibility for his conduct. Palmer conceded that a post for the campaign falsely portrayed his conduct on Jan. 6. Acceptance of responsibility can help shave months or even years off a sentence.

“When you threw the fire extinguisher and the plank at the police officers, were you acting in self-defense?” asked U.S. District Judge Tanya Chutkan.

“No, ma’am, I was not,” Palmer said before the judge sentenced him to more than five years in prison.

A group calling itself the Patriot Freedom Project says it has raised more than \$1 million in contributions and paid

more than \$665,000 in grants and legal fees for families of Capitol riot defendants.

In April, a New Jersey-based foundation associated with the group filed an IRS application for tax-exempt status. As of early August, an IRS database doesn’t list the foundation as a tax-exempt organization. The Hughes Foundation’s IRS application says its funds “principally” will benefit families of Jan. 6 defendants, with about 60% of the donated money going to foundation activities. The rest will cover management and fundraising expenses, including salaries, it adds.

Rioters have found other ways to enrich or promote themselves.

Jeremy Grace, who was sentenced to three weeks in jail for entering the Capitol, tried to profit off his participation by helping his dad sell T-shirts, baseball caps, water bottles, decals and other gear with phrases such as “Our House” and “Back the Blue” and images of the Capitol, prosecutors said.

Prosecutors said Grace’s “audacity” to sell “Back the Blue” paraphernalia is “especially disturbing” because he watched other rioters confront police officers on Jan. 6.

A defense lawyer, however, said Grace didn’t break any laws or earn any profits by helping his father sell the merchandise.

Federal authorities seized more than \$62,000 from a bank account belonging to riot defendant John Earle Sullivan, a Utah man who earned more than \$90,000 from selling his Jan. 6 video footage to at least six companies. Sullivan’s lawyer argued authorities had no right to seize the money.

Richard “Bigo” Barnett, an Arkansas man photographed propping his feet up on a desk in the office of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., has charged donors \$100 for photos of him with his feet on a desk while under house arrest. Defense lawyer Joseph McBride said prosecutors have “zero grounds” to prevent Barnett from raising money for his defense before a December trial date.

“Unlike the government, Mr. Barnett does not have the American Taxpayer footing the bill for his legal case,” McBride wrote in a court filing.

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Severe drought hurting Northeastern farmers

Occasional bursts of heavy rain not soaking in

Jennifer McDermott
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PROVIDENCE, R.I. – Vermont farmer Brian Kemp is used to seeing the pastures at Mountain Meadows Farm grow more slowly in the hot, late summer, but this year the grass is at a standstill.

That’s “very nerve-wracking” for someone grazing 600 to 700 cattle, said Kemp, who manages an organic beef farm in Sudbury. He described the weather lately as inconsistent and impactful, which he attributed to a changing climate.

“I don’t think there is any normal anymore,” Kemp said.

The impacts of climate change have been felt throughout the northeastern U.S., with rising sea levels, heavy precipitation and storm surges causing flooding and coastal erosion. But this summer has brought another extreme: a severe drought that is making lawns crispy and has farmers begging for steady rain. The heavy, short rainfall brought by the occasional thunderstorm tends to run off, not soak into the ground.

Water supplies are low or dry, and many communities are restricting non-essential outdoor water use.

Fire departments are combating more brush fires, and crops are growing poorly.

Providence, Rhode Island, had less than half an inch of rainfall in the third-driest July on record, and Boston had six-tenths of an inch in the fourth-driest July on record, according to the National Weather Service office in Norton, Massachusetts. Rhode Island’s gover-



A brown lawn in Norwell, Mass., is evidence of the drought plaguing the Northeast. Communities are restricting outdoor water use. MICHAEL DWYER/AP

nor issued a statewide drought advisory Aug. 9 with recommendations to reduce water use. The north end of the Hoppin Hill Reservoir in Massachusetts is dry, forcing local water restrictions.

Officials in Maine said drought conditions really began there in 2020, with occasional improvements in areas since. In Auburn, Maine, local firefighters helped a dairy farmer fill a water tank for his cows when his well went too low in late July as temperatures hit 90. About 50 dry wells have been reported to the state since 2021, according to the state’s dry well survey.

The continuing trend toward drier summers in the Northeast can certainly be attributed to the impact of climate change, since warmer temperatures lead to greater evaporation and drying of soils, climate scientist Michael Mann said. But he said the dry weather can be punctuated by extreme rainfall events since a warmer atmosphere holds more

moisture – when conditions are conducive to rainfall, there’s more of it in short bursts.

Mann said there’s evidence shown by his research at Penn State University that climate change is leading to a “stuck jet stream” pattern. That means huge meanders of the jet stream, or air current, get stuck in place, locking in extreme weather events that can alternately be associated with extreme heat and drought in one location and extreme rainfall in another – a pattern that has played out this summer with the heat and drought in the Northeast and extreme flooding in parts of the Midwest, Mann added.

Most of New England is experiencing drought. The U.S. Drought Monitor issued a new map Thursday that shows areas of eastern Massachusetts outside Cape Cod and much of southern and eastern Rhode Island now in extreme, instead of severe, drought.

Britain: Signs of outbreak slowing

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LONDON – British health officials say that the monkeypox outbreak across the country “shows signs of slowing” but that it’s still too soon to know if the decline will be maintained.

In a statement Monday, the Health Security Agency said authorities are reporting about 29 new monkeypox infections every day, compared to about 52 cases a day during the last week in June. In July, officials estimated the outbreak was doubling in size about every two weeks. To date, the United Kingdom has recorded more than 3,000 cases of monkeypox, with more than 70% of cases in London.

The agency also said more than 27,000 people were immunized with a vaccine designed against smallpox, a related disease.

“These thousands of vaccines, administered by the (National Health Service) to those at highest risk of exposure, should have a significant impact on the transmission of the virus,” the agency said. It said that the vast majority of cases had been in men who are gay, bisexual or have sex with other men and that vaccines are being prioritized for them and for their closest contacts and health workers.

Last month, Britain downgraded its assessment of the monkeypox outbreak after seeing no signs of sustained monkeypox transmission beyond the sexual networks of men who have sex with men; 99% of infections in the U.K. are in men.

Globally, more than 31,000 cases of monkeypox have been reported.

Prosecutor: Giuliani is target of probe

Kate Brumback and Jill Colvin
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA – Prosecutors in Atlanta on Monday told lawyers for Rudy Giuliani that he’s a target of their criminal investigation into possible illegal attempts by then-President Donald Trump and others to interfere in the 2020 general election in Georgia.

Special prosecutor Nathan Wade alerted Giuliani’s local attorney in Atlanta that the former New York City mayor could face criminal charges, another Giuliani attorney, Robert Costello, said. News of the disclosure was first reported by The New York Times.

The revelation that Giuliani, a lawyer for Trump, is a target of the investigation by Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis edges the probe closer to the former president. Willis has said she is considering calling Trump himself to testify before the special grand jury, and the former president has hired a criminal defense attorney in Atlanta.

Giuliani, who spread false claims of election fraud in Atlanta’s Fulton County as he led efforts to overturn the state’s election results, is to testify Wednesday before a special grand jury that was impaneled at Willis’s request.

Also Monday, a federal judge said U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham must testify before the special grand jury. Prosecutors have said they want to ask Graham



Former New York City mayor Rudy Giuliani, who spread false claims of election fraud in Atlanta’s Fulton County, is to testify Wednesday before a special grand jury. MARY ALTAFFER/AP FILE

about phone calls they say he made to Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger and his staff in the weeks following the election.

Willis’s investigation was spurred by a phone call between Trump and Raffensperger. During that January 2021 conversation, Trump suggested that Raffensperger “find” the votes needed to reverse his narrow loss in the state.

Willis last month filed petitions seeking to compel testimony from seven Trump associates and advisers.

In seeking Giuliani’s testimony, Willis identified him as both a personal attorney for Trump and a lead attorney for

his campaign. She wrote that he and others appeared at a state Senate committee meeting and presented a video that Giuliani said showed election workers producing “suitcases” of unlawful ballots from unknown sources, outside the view of election poll watchers.

Within 24 hours of that Dec. 3, 2020, hearing, Raffensperger’s office had debunked the video. But Giuliani continued to make statements to the public and in subsequent legislative hearings claiming widespread voter fraud using the debunked video, Willis wrote.

Evidence shows that Giuliani’s hearing appearance and testimony were “part of a multi-state, coordinated plan by the Trump Campaign to influence the results of the November 2020 election in Georgia and elsewhere,” her petition says.

Willis also wrote in a petition seeking the testimony of attorney Kenneth Chesebro that he worked with Giuliani to coordinate and carry out a plan to have Georgia Republicans serve as fake electors. Those 16 people signed a certificate declaring falsely that Trump had won the 2020 presidential election and declaring themselves the state’s “duly elected and qualified” electors even though Joe Biden had won the state and a slate of Democratic electors was certified.

Thao, Kueng reject deals in Floyd killing

Steve Karnowski
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MINNEAPOLIS – Two former Minneapolis police officers charged in George Floyd’s killing told a judge Monday that they have rejected plea deals that would have resulted in three-year prison sentences, setting the stage for trial in October.

Tou Thao and J. Alexander Kueng are charged with aiding and abetting both second-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter in Floyd’s death. They and Thomas Lane were working with Derek Chauvin when he pinned Floyd’s neck with his knee for more than nine minutes as the 46-year-old Black man said he couldn’t breathe and eventually grew still.

The killing, captured on bystander video, sparked protests worldwide and a reckoning on racial injustice.

Chauvin, who is white, was convicted of second-degree murder last year and sentenced to 2½ years on the state charge.

Thao, Kueng and Lane were convicted in federal court in February of violating Floyd’s civil rights. Lane was sentenced to 2½ years and Thao to 3½ years. Kueng, who pinned Floyd’s back, was sentenced to three years.

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Pfizer CEO tests positive for COVID-19, has mild symptoms

The top executive at Pfizer, a leading producer of COVID-19 vaccines, has tested positive for the virus and says he is experiencing very mild symptoms. Chairman and CEO Albert Bourla said Monday that he started taking Pfizer’s Paxlovid pill treatment and is isolating while he recovers. Bourla has received four shots of Comirnaty, the COVID-19 vaccine developed by the New York drugmaker along with BioNTech. He said in a brief statement issued by the company that he is confident of a quick recovery.

Senior Liberian officials hit with U.S. financial sanctions

WASHINGTON – The U.S. imposed sanctions Monday on three high-ranking Liberian government officials for engaging in alleged public corruption. President George Weah’s chief of staff, the nation’s chief prosecutor and the current managing director of the national port authority have been designated by the Treasury Department’s Office of Foreign Assets Control for sanctions. Public corruption has been a persistent problem, which has prevented economic development in an otherwise resourceful country.

Fire damages Mississippi church where Faulkner was married

OXFORD, Miss. – The Mississippi church where William Faulkner was married nearly a century ago has been heavily damaged in a fire. College Hill Presbyterian Church, northwest of Oxford, caught fire Saturday night and burned for more than three hours, the Oxford Eagle reported. The church was built in 1844. Faulkner and his wife, Estelle, married there in 1929 – two decades before the novelist received the Nobel Prize in literature. The pulpit and most of the church’s red-brick exterior and white columns survived the fire.

French military: Last group of soldiers has left Mali

NICE, France – The last French army unit left Mali on Monday, according to the French military, nine years after Paris sent troops to the West African country to help drive Islamic extremists from power. Six months ago, French President Emmanuel Macron announced his plan to pull out of the country following tensions with the ruling junta. Tensions also grew between Mali, its African neighbors and the European Union after Mali’s transitional government allowed Russian mercenaries to deploy on its territory.

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‘I didn’t really learn anything’

COVID-19 grads face college unprepared for the demands of college-level work

Collin Binkley ASSOCIATED PRESS

Angel Hope looked at the math test and felt lost. He had just graduated near the top of his high school class, winning scholarships from prestigious colleges. But on this test – a University of Wisconsin exam that measures what new students learned in high school – all he could do was guess. • It was like the disruption of the pandemic was catching up to him all at once. • Nearly a third of Hope’s high school career was spent at home, in virtual classes that were hard to follow and easy to brush aside. Some days he skipped school to work extra hours at his job. Some days he played games with his brother and sister. Other days he just stayed in bed. • Algebra got little of his attention, but his teachers kept giving him good grades amid a school-wide push for leniency. • “It was like school was optional. It wasn’t a mandatory thing,” said Hope, 18, of Milwaukee. “I feel like I didn’t really learn anything.” • Across the country, there are countless others like him. Hundreds of thousands of recent graduates are heading to college this fall after spending more than half their high school careers dealing with the upheaval of a pandemic. They endured a jarring transition to online learning, the strains from teacher shortages and profound disruptions to their home lives. And many are believed to be significantly behind academically.

Colleges could see a surge in students unprepared for the demands of college-level work, education experts say. Starting a step behind can raise the risk of dropping out. And that can hurt everything from a person’s long-term earnings to the health of the country’s workforce.

The extent of the problem became apparent to Allison Wagner as she reviewed applications for All-In Milwaukee, a scholarship program that provides financial aid and college counseling to low-income students, including Hope.

Wagner, the group’s executive director, saw startling numbers of students who were granted permission to spend half the school day working part-time jobs their senior year, often at fast food chains or groceries. And she saw more students than ever who didn’t take math or science classes their senior year, often as a result of teacher shortages.

“We have so many students who are going on to college academically malnourished,” Wagner said. “There is no way they are going to be academically prepared for the rigor of college.”

Her group is boosting its tutoring budget and covering tuition for students in the program who take summer classes in math or science. Still, she fears the setbacks will force some students to

take more than four years to graduate or, worse, drop out.

“The stakes are tremendously high,” she said.

Researchers say it’s clear that remote instruction caused learning setbacks, most sharply among Black and Hispanic students. For younger students, there’s still hope that America’s schools can accelerate the pace of instruction and close learning gaps. But for those who graduated in the last two years, experts fear many will struggle.

In anticipation of higher needs, colleges from New Jersey to California have been expanding “bridge” programs that provide summer classes, often for students from lower incomes or those who are the first in their families to attend college. Programs previously treated as orientation are taking on a harder academic edge, with a focus on math, science and study skills.

In Hanceville, Alabama, Wallace State Community College this year tapped state money to create its first summer bridge program as it braces for an influx of underprepared students. Students could take three weeks of accelerated lessons in math and English in a bid to avoid remedial classes.

The school hoped to bring up to 140 students to campus, but just 10 signed up.

Other states have used federal pan-

demid relief to help colleges build summer programs. In Kentucky, which gave colleges \$3.5 million for the effort this year, officials called it a “moral imperative.”

“We need these people to be our future workforce, and we need them to be successful,” said Amanda Ellis, a vice president of Kentucky’s Council on Postsecondary Education.

After the pandemic hit, Angel Hope worked up to 20 hours a week at his job with a local nonprofit aid group. He felt the time away from school was worth it for the money, especially when nobody was paying attention in the online classes. With his parents away at work, he often felt alone, shunning social media for days and eating ramen noodles for dinner.

“I think isolating myself was a little bit of my coping mechanism,” he said. “I was kind of like, ‘Keep it in a little bit and you’ll get through it eventually.’”

The pandemic led many high schoolers to disengage at a time when they would usually be preparing for college or careers, said Rey Saldaña, president and CEO of Communities in Schools, a nonprofit group that places counselors in public schools in 26 states.

His group worked in some districts where hundreds of students simply didn’t return after classrooms reopened.

In Charlotte, North Carolina, the allure of steady paychecks kept many students away from school even after in-person classes resumed, said Shakaka Perry, a reengagement coordinator for Communities in Schools.

Perry and her colleagues spent last school year bringing students back to school and getting them ready for graduation. But when she thinks about whether they’re ready for college, she has doubts: “It’s going to be an awakening.”

A couple months after struggling through his math placement test, Hope headed to the University of Wisconsin-Madison, for six weeks of intense classes at a summer bridge program.

He took a math class that covered the ground he missed in high school, and he’s signed up to take calculus in the fall.

He also revived basic study skills that went dormant in high school. He started studying at the library. He got used to the rhythms of school, with assignments every day and tests every other week. He rediscovered what it’s like to enjoy school.

Most importantly, he says it changed his mindset: Now he feels like he’s there to learn, not just to get by.

“After this, I definitely feel prepared for college,” he said. “If I didn’t have this, I would be in a very bad place.”

Cheney, Murkowski on ballots Tuesday

Trump critics facing divergent futures

Becky Bohrer
ASSOCIATED PRESS

JUNEAU, Alaska – They hail from their states’ most prominent Republican families. They have been among the GOP’s sharpest critics of former President Donald Trump. And after the Jan. 6 riot at the U.S. Capitol, they supported his impeachment.

But for all their similarities, the political fortunes of U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski of Alaska and U.S. Rep. Liz Cheney of Wyoming are poised to diverge on Tuesday when they’re each on the ballot in closely watched primary elections.

Cheney faces daunting prospects in her effort to fend off Trump-backed Harriet Hageman, increasingly looking at a life beyond Capitol Hill that could include a possible presidential campaign. Murkowski, however, is expected to advance from her primary and is planning to compete in the November general election.

The anticipated outcomes at least partially stem from the nuanced politics of each state. Wyoming is a Republican stronghold, delivering Trump his strongest victory of any state in the 2020 campaign. Alaska, meanwhile, has a history of rewarding candidates with an independent streak.

But Murkowski enjoys an additional advantage in the way elections are being conducted in Alaska this year. Winner-take-all party primaries, such as the one Cheney is facing, have been replaced by a voter-approved process in which all candidates are listed together. The four who get the most votes, regardless of party affiliation, advance to the general election in which ranked voting will be used.

Murkowski benefits from avoiding a Republican primary, “which she would have had a zero percent – I mean zero percent – chance of winning,” said Alaska pollster Ivan Moore.

Murkowski has 18 challengers in her primary, the most prominent being Republican Kelly Tshibaka, whom Trump has endorsed. The Alaska Democratic



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U.S. Rep. Liz Cheney, R-Wyo., left, faces daunting prospects in her effort to fend off Trump-backed Harriet Hageman. U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, faces 18 opponents, the most prominent of which is Republican Kelly Tshibaka, who has been endorsed by former President Donald Trump.

Party, meanwhile, has endorsed Pat Chesbro, a retired educator.

In an interview, Murkowski insisted she would be among the candidates advancing from the primary and said her success requires, in part, coalition-building.

“That’s kind of my strong suit, that’s what I do,” she said.

For his part, Trump has been harsh in his assessment of Murkowski. At a rally in Anchorage last month with Tshibaka and Sarah Palin, whom he has endorsed for Alaska’s only House seat, he called Murkowski “the worst. I rate her No. 1 bad.”

Murkowski was censured by Alaska Republican Party leaders last year over numerous grievances, including the impeachment vote and speaking critically of Trump and her support of Interior Secretary Deb Haaland’s nomination.

Tuckerman Babcock, a former state Republican Party chair who is running for state Senate, said Murkowski has lost the support of many Alaska Republicans, which he called a “political reality over a record of many years.”

Republicans in Alaska are “almost unanimous in their opposition to Lisa Murkowski,” he said. “Are they divided on other issues? Of course.”

Babcock said the new elections system lets candidates “self-identify” with a party and is not an improvement over the old party primary process.

Chuck Kopp, a Republican former state legislator, is hopeful about the new system. Kopp lost his 2020 Republican primary after being part of a bipartisan state House majority composed largely of Democrats.

“It’s only the fringe that is clinging like a death grip on a failed paradigm, and that paradigm is extreme partisanship at all costs,” he said. “I think Alaska is going to take a leadership role in moving away from that. That’s what I’m hoping for.”

Kopp said he has not always supported Murkowski, but she has been “fearless when it counts for this country.”

“I think she has shown that personalty cults aren’t conservative, conspiracy theories aren’t conservative and treating politics like a religion is not conservative,” Kopp said.

He said he thinks Murkowski has more support throughout Alaska than what party activists give her credit.

The Senate seat has been held by a Murkowski since 1981; before Lisa, it was her father, Republican Frank. He appointed his daughter to succeed him

in 2002 after he became governor. Murkowski won the seat in her own right in 2004.

Murkowski has not cracked 50% of the vote in a Senate general election, and needing to build a coalition of support is nothing new to her. She won a write-in campaign in 2010 after losing that year’s Republican primary to tea party favorite Joe Miller.

Murkowski overwhelmingly won her Republican primary against seldom-known opponents in 2016, the year Trump was elected.

Rosita Worl, an Alaska Native leader, referred to the 2010 primary as “the debacle” and said Alaska Natives rallied around Murkowski and her write-in bid. Worl, who attended Murkowski’s Juneau campaign event, said she is not a Republican but sees Murkowski as an Alaskan and said the senator has “always supported our issues.”

Cheney is the vice chair of the House select committee investigating the Capitol riot. The riot was a big issue during a June debate between Cheney and Republican challengers, including Hageman. Hageman said the committee was “not focused on things that are important to the people of Wyoming.”

Entering the final stretch of her primary campaign, Cheney hasn’t backed down. She released a video on Thursday with a closing message reinforcing her criticism of Trump.

“The lie that the 2020 presidential election was stolen is insidious,” Cheney said. “It preys on those who love their country. It is a door Donald Trump opened to manipulate Americans to abandon their principles, to sacrifice their freedom, to justify violence, to ignore the rulings of our courts and the rule of law.”

She added, “This is Donald Trump’s legacy, but it cannot be the future of our nation.”

In the interview, Murkowski said Cheney has shown courage.

“I think she has looked at this and said, this is not about Liz Cheney,” Murkowski said. “This is about ... the difference between right and wrong. And she is doing her job under very challenging circumstances. But I think she’s doing it because she believes she has to.”

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TODAY

88°
69°

A couple of t-storms
this afternoon

WEDNESDAY

85°
69°

Breezy with a t-storm
in the afternoon

THURSDAY

87°
72°

Clouds and sun with a
stray t-storm

FRIDAY

88°
69°

Partly sunny with a
t-shower in spots

SATURDAY

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Mostly cloudy with a
t-shower

REGIONAL OUTLOOK

HOW TO READ THIS MAP

City name Today's High/low forecast Monday's High/low/precipitation *Estimated

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NATIONAL FORECAST

Fronts: Cold, Warm, Stationary. High pressure (H), Low pressure (L).
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Temperature bands: -10s to 110s.

CITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wednesday Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wednesday Hi/Lo/W
Anchorage	61/53/sh	59/52/r	Los Angeles	92/68/s	92/67/s
Atlanta	88/70/pc	80/68/r	Louisville	81/66/pc	81/64/pc
Baltimore	83/64/pc	84/66/pc	Miami	91/78/t	91/79/pc
Billings	95/65/pc	95/63/s	Milwaukee	77/65/pc	76/62/s
Bismarck	86/61/pc	87/60/c	Minneapolis	79/63/pc	80/64/t
Boise	101/67/s	103/71/s	Nashville	81/64/t	80/65/c
Boston	76/63/pc	74/61/r	New Orleans	92/77/t	90/76/pc
Burlington	81/60/pc	75/60/r	New York City	82/66/c	80/65/pc
Charlotte	77/65/t	77/65/c	Oklahoma City	102/70/s	84/63/pc
Chicago	80/65/pc	81/63/s	Omaha	76/59/t	80/62/s
Cincinnati	79/64/pc	80/61/s	Orlando	93/76/t	93/75/t
Cleveland	77/61/sh	79/61/pc	Philadelphia	83/65/pc	83/66/pc
Dallas	102/81/s	99/74/t	Phoenix	103/85/t	104/84/t
Denver	81/58/t	87/60/s	Pittsburgh	72/60/sh	74/60/pc
Des Moines	76/61/r	81/60/s	Portland, ME	77/61/pc	74/58/r
Detroit	81/63/s	81/62/s	Portland, OR	89/64/s	98/70/pc
El Paso	88/69/t	85/69/t	St. Louis	74/64/t	81/65/pc
Honolulu	87/74/pc	89/75/sh	Salt Lake City	97/73/t	97/74/s
Houston	98/76/s	98/78/s	San Diego	80/70/pc	82/71/pc
Indianapolis	80/62/pc	80/62/s	San Francisco	78/58/s	77/60/pc
Kansas City	70/62/r	82/60/s	Seattle	81/61/s	86/64/s
Las Vegas	98/84/t	99/84/t	Washington, DC	82/67/pc	82/66/pc

ALLERGY REPORT

Monday's pollen reading: 201

Main pollens: trees, grasses, weeds, mold

Source: Western Sky Medical Research

AIR QUALITY FORECAST

City Today's air quality

Albuquerque	Moderate
Farmington	Good
Las Cruces	Good
El Paso	Good
Midland	Good

What it means: 0-50: Good; 51-100: Moderate; 101-150: Unhealthy for sensitive people; 151+: Unhealthy for all. Source: EPA and TCEQ

TODAY'S UV INDEX

7

(The higher the number, the faster skin damage will occur.)

11+: Extreme
8-10: Very high
6-7: High
3-5: Moderate
<2: Low

SUN SETTINGS, MOON PHASES

Sunrise 6:31 a.m. Moonrise 10:56 p.m.
Sunset 7:48 p.m. Moonset 11:20 a.m.

Hours of sunlight 13 hr., 17 min.

WINDS

Carlsbad	SE 6-12 mph
El Paso	E 8-16 mph
Ruidoso	ESE 7-14 mph
Silver City	SE 7-14 mph
Truth or Consequences	SE 4-8 mph

24-HOUR PRECIPITATION

El Paso

24 hours through 3 p.m. Monday	0.00"
Month to date	0.19"
Normal month to date	0.87"
Year to date	2.25"
Normal year to date	4.81"

Las Cruces

24 hours through 3 p.m. Monday	0.00"
Month to date	0.68"
Normal month to date	1.07"
Year to date	1.57"
Normal year to date	5.91"

MONDAY'S EXTREMES

National extremes are for the 48 contiguous states.

Texas high	100 at Henderson
Texas low	60 at Dalhart
New Mexico high	95 at Tucumcari
New Mexico low	36 at Angel Fire
National high	104 at Hays, KS
National low	32 at Truckee, CA

14-DAY TREND

Actual forecast Normal Record

Monday's high 97 94 106 (2020)
Monday's low 73 72 58 (1880)

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wednesday Hi/Lo/W
Austin	99/73/s	102/75/s
Brownsville	95/79/pc	96/77/s
Chihuahua	74/67/t	80/66/t
Corpus Christi	93/77/pc	94/76/s
Dallas	102/81/s	99/74/t
Houston	98/76/s	98/78/s
Los Alamos	78/58/t	72/54/t
San Antonio	96/76/pc	97/78/s

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SPORTS

Rangers fire Woodward short of his 500th game

Stephen Hawkins
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ARLINGTON – The Texas Rangers fired manager Chris Woodward on Monday, with the team on pace for its sixth consecutive losing season and fourth since he took over the team.

The move came with Woodward only two games shy of managing his 500th

game with the Rangers. He finished with a 211-287 record.

Woodward, who was the third base coach for the Los Angeles Dodgers before landing his first managerial job, was under contract through next season. The team held an option for the 2024 season.

“We have had extensive discussions over the last several weeks and while the team’s current performance is certainly a big part of this decision, we are also looking at the future,” said Jon Daniels, the team’s president of baseball operations. “As the Rangers continue to develop a winning culture and put the pieces together to compete for the postseason year in and year out, we felt a change in leadership was necessary at this time.”

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Chris Woodward, seen during a game against the Athletics on July 23, was fired Monday as manager of the Rangers. JEFF CHIU/AP

EL PASO HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL COUNTDOWN: NO. 10 ANDRESS

‘I’m excited to get on the field’

Andress has the talent to fulfill title aspirations

Felix F. Chavez
El Paso Times
USA TODAY NETWORK – TEXAS

Editor’s Note: *The El Paso Times continues its high school football countdown with No. 10 Andress.*

Outlook for 2022 season

The Eagles are one of El Paso’s most consistent winners and that isn’t likely to change this season. The program is closing in on 400 wins in school history with 23 more to go to reach that milestone and since 1998, Andress has missed the playoffs once and that was in 2002.

Second-year head coach Chris Taylor had a strong first season and while the squad lost several strong seniors, this year’s team has plenty of talent to battle for a district championship in a district that includes Canutillo and Chapin.

A challenging non-district schedule includes Eastlake, Franklin, Del Valle, Horizon and Midland High.

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Andress’ Elias Duncan during the 2021 game against Burges at Burges High School in El Paso. BRIANA SANCHEZ/EL PASO TIMES

COLLEGE FOOTBALL | UTEP



UTEP guard Justin Mayers hits a sled during practice on Monday at Glory Field. BRET BLOOMQUIST/EL PASO TIMES

‘The chemistry is crazy’

UTEP will rely on continuity on offense line

Bret Bloomquist
El Paso Times
USA TODAY NETWORK – TEXAS

The UTEP offensive line looks the part. This group is big, athletic and veteran, mostly the same group that helped drive the Miners’ offensive success last season and the expectations are that the unit can be even better this year.

This has been a strength of the team through its turnaround and should be again.

Who are they?

Jeremiah Byers sophomore, 6-foot-5, 315 pounds. Byers started every game last season at

right tackle, his second season in the program.

Justin Mayers sophomore 6-3, 305. Mayers is the new starter on the line but he was a regular with the first team last season at right guard in practices and played in five games.

Andrew Meyer junior, 6-5, 295. This will be his third season as the starting center.

Elijah Klein junior 6-5, 295. He won the starting left guard job halfway through the 2019 season and has been a mainstay ever since.

Zuri Henry senior 6-5, 300. Henry started at left tackle in 2019 and 2020, then was the top sub last season.

See UTEP, Page 5B

Worster, All-American powering the Wishbone at UT, dies at 73

Brian Davis
Austin American-Statesman
USA TODAY NETWORK

Steve Worster, a two-time All-American fullback at Texas and a central figure in coach Darrell Royal’s thunderous, innovative Wishbone offense from 1968-70, died on Saturday, according to the UT sports information department. He was 73.

Funeral arrangements are still pending with the Claybar Funeral Home in Orange.

Known to Texas fans as “Woo-Woo” Worster, the hard-charging fullback from Bridge City helped the Longhorns win the 1969 and 1970 national titles

with a 30-2-1 combined record. UT won three Southwest Conference titles during his three seasons on the varsity squad, and Worster finished with 2,353 career yards and 36 touchdowns.

Royal used a formation that included three running backs who lined up in a formation that looked like a wishbone. With three runners and the quarterback, the Horns had four running threats going all sorts of directions.

Worster averaged an eye-popping 5.1 yards per carry and bulldozed his way into the Texas Athletics Hall of Honor and the Texas Sports and Texas High School Halls of Fame.

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Former Texas fullback Steve Worster stands in front of a painting of him while talking with reporters during induction ceremonies at the 2009 Texas Sports Hall of Fame in Waco. Worster passed away Saturday at the age of 73. DUANE A. LAVERTY/ASSOCIATED PRESS

ON THE AIR

**ON TELEVISION
TUESDAY'S LISTINGS
BASEBALL**

5 p.m. — American Legion World Series, ESPN
 5 p.m. — MLB: Rays at Yankees, TBS
 6 p.m. — MLB: Athletics at Rangers, BSSW
 6 p.m. — MLB: Astros at White Sox, ATT
 SW
 7:30 p.m. — MLB: Mariners at Angels, MLB

SOCCEER

10 a.m. — Amos Women's French Cup:
FC Bayern Munich vs. FC Barcelona,
CBSSN
1 p.m. — UEFA Champions Playoff, Leg
1: Rangers FC vs. PSC Eindhoven, TUDN,
PARA+
1 p.m. — UEFA Champions Playoff, Leg
1: FC Copenhagen vs. Trabzonspor AS,
GALA, PARA+
1 p.m. — Amos Women's French Cup:
Paris Saint Germain vs. Manchester

United, CBSSN
5 p.m. — FIFA Women's U20 World Cup:
Mexico vs. Germany, FS1, TELE DE-
PORTES EN VIVO
5 p.m. — FIFA Women's U20 World Cup:
Colombia vs. New Zealand, FS2, TELE
DEPORTES EN VIVO
5:30 p.m. — Liga MX: Atlas vs. Juarez,
TUDN
8 p.m. — Liga MX: Puebla vs. Necaxa,
TUDN
8 p.m. — FIFA Women's U20 World Cup:

Brazil vs. Costa Rica, FS1, TELE DE-
PORTES EN VIVO
8 p.m. — FIFA Women's U20 World Cup:
Australia vs. Spain, FS2, TELE DE-
PORTES EN VIVO
TENNIS
9 a.m. — ATP and WTA Tours, TENNIS
11 a.m. — ATP and WTA Tours, TENNIS
3 p.m. — ATP and WTA Tours, TENNIS

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A look back at 2021

The Eagles finished 9-3, beat Ysleta in bi-district and had its moments in the area round before falling to Wichita Falls Rider.

How the offense rates

Army commit Malcolm Anderson, who can hurt opponents in multiple ways, will help lead the way. Quarterback Elias Duncan proved he's one of the city's best last year and he should be better this year. Offensive lineman Craig Wydra will anchor the line and Taylor believes he is a Division I prospect. Twins Shawn and Isaiah Owens will help lead the receiving corps.

How the defense rates

Jaden Patton-Carter at defensive end, Andrew Carbajal at defensive back, Eric Romero on the defensive line, Matthew Armendariz at linebacker and Marcus Wilson at defensive

back will help lead the defense.

What the coach is saying

“We learned from last year’s loss to Rider in the playoffs and we went right to work after that game,” Taylor said. “We lost some key seniors from last year’s team, but I like our team and the newcomers we have coming in. We’ll work hard, we’ll keep working to improve each week and look to do even better than last year.”

What the players are saying

"I'm excited to get on the field and compete against top teams," Patton-Carter said. "We're going to be more of a physical team this year and we've built a strong chemistry. We have high hopes for this season."

Added Duncan: "I believe we can be better than last season because of the discipline we've showed, the hard work we put in this offseason and the belief we have in one another."

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World Series could see latest end ever

ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK – The World Series is scheduled to start on a Friday for the first time since 1915 and could end on Nov. 5 – its latest ever – because of the lockout that delayed opening day.

Major League Baseball said Monday its expanded postseason will begin with all four games in the new wild-card series on Oct. 7. The other games are Oct. 8 and 9, if necessary.

As part of this year's schedule, off days will be skipped between Games 4 and 5 of the Division Series and Games 5 and 6 of the Championship Series, potentially taxing bullpens. The AL Division Series will have an unusual off day between Games 1 and 2.

The new format has 12 teams making

the playoffs, up from the 10 in place from 2012-21, except the 16 used in the 2020 playoffs that followed a regular-season shortened to 60 games because of the coronavirus pandemic. The top two teams in each league get first-round byes, while the No. 3 seed faces No. 6 and No. 4 plays No. 5. The higher seed will be home in each best-of-three series. In the best-of-five Division Series, the top seed plays the 3-vs.-6 winner and the No. 2 seed plays the 4-vs.-5 winner. The Division Series will have the familiar format of the higher seed home for Games 1 and 2, and, if necessary, Game 5. Both the AL Division Series and NL Division Series start Oct. 11.

The best-of-seven Championship Series starts Oct. 18 in the NL and Oct. 19 in the AL.

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Alabama tops preseason AP poll

Ralph D. Russo
ASSOCIATED PRESS

With two of the best players in the country leading the way – and a championship game loss as motivation – Alabama is No. 1 in The Associated Press preseason college football poll for the second straight season and ninth time overall.

Heisman Trophy winner Bryce Young, national defensive player of year Will Anderson Jr. and the Crimson Tide received 54 of 63 first-place votes and 1,566 points in the Top 25 presented by Regions Bank released on Monday.

Ohio State is No. 2 with six first-place votes (1,506 points) from the media panel and defending national champion Georgia is third with three first-place votes (1,455 points). Clemson is No. 4. Notre Dame rounds out the top five, setting up a tantalizing opener at Ohio State on Sept. 3.

The Tide’s preseason No. 1 ranking is the seventh in 15 years under coach Nick Saban. Since the preseason rankings started in 1950, only Oklahoma with 10 has been No. 1 in the initial poll more often than Alabama.

The Crimson Tide started last season No. 1 and finished ranked No. 2 after losing the national championship game to the Southeastern Conference rival Bulldogs.

Alabama coach Nick Saban recently called 2021 a rebuilding season for his Tide dynasty, which has won six national titles over the last 13 years. He has a point. Young was in his first season as a starter last year, playing behind an inexperienced offensive line. He was unfazed, throwing for 4,872 yards and 47 touchdowns.

Anderson was a force on the other side ball as Alabama broke in a back seven with mostly new starters. The sophomore led the nation in tackles for loss with 33 1/2, III/2 more than No. 2 on the list.

Ohio State brings back a Heisman Trophy finalist at quarterback in C.J. Stroud while at Georgia, most of the key players from one of the best college defenses of the last 25 years are now in NFL. Still, quarterback Stetson Bennett and All-America tight end Brock Bowers return to a Bulldogs offense that could be even more explosive in 2022.

Texas A&M, which finished last sea-



Quarterback Bryce Young and Alabama are ranked No. 1 in The Associated Press preseason college football poll, receiving 54 of 63 first-place votes. BUTCH DILL/AP

son unranked despite handing Alabama its only regular-season loss, starts this season No. 6.

Defending Pac-12 champion Utah is seventh, the best preseason ranking in school history. Defending Big Ten champion Michigan is No. 8 after making the playoff for the first time last season.

No. 9 Oklahoma is the highest-ranked Big 12 school, one spot ahead of defending league champion Baylor.

Poll points

Alabama has been in the preseason top five in each of last 14 seasons and in the preseason top three in 13 straight. The Tide’s 31st preseason top-five ranking this year matches Ohio State for the most in poll history.

Turning preseason No. 1 into a national championship has proved tricky throughout history, even for Alabama.

The Crimson Tide has gone on to win the national championship after starting No. 1 just once under Saban and twice overall.

Since the AP preseason began in 1950, there have been 11 preseason No. 1 teams that also finished the season top ranked. Alabama was the last to do it (2017).

Rarities and streaks

- No. 13 North Carolina State is ranked in the preseason for the first time since 2003. The Wolfpack matched their best preseason ranking. They were also 13th in 1975.
- No. 17 Pitt is in the preseason rankings for the first time since 2010.
- No. 20 Kentucky is making its first preseason poll appearance since 1978.
- No. 22 Wake Forest made the preseason rankings for the first time since 2008.
- Ohio State is ranked in the preseason for the 34th straight season, breaking a tie with Nebraska (1970-2002) and Penn State (1968-2000) for the longest such streak in poll history.
- Texas A&M has the second-best preseason ranking for a team that finished the previous season unranked.

Ohio State was No. 3 in the 1972 preseason poll after being unranked at the end of the 1971 season and Notre Dame also started No. 6 in 1983 after finishing unranked in 1982.

Notable unranked

- LSU with new coach Brian Kelly will start the season unranked for the first time 2000, Saban’s first of five seasons as coach of the Tigers.
- Florida and Florida State are both unranked to start the season, which has not happened since 1974.

Newbies

Five schools ranked in the preseason poll have head coaches starting their first full seasons leading their teams: Notre Dame (Marcus Freeman), Oklahoma (Brent Venables), No. 11 Oregon (Dan Lanning), No. 14 USC (Lincoln Riley) and No. 16 Miami (Mario Cristobal).

This is the second time in the last five seasons that five teams with new coaches were ranked in the preseason, according to research done by Sportradar. It also happened in 2018, but before that season that type of representation in the preseason poll for teams with new coaches was a rarity.

You have to go all the way back to 1990 when six schools with coaches entering their first full season appeared in the preseason Top 25, according to Sportradar. That list includes some notable names: Gary Moeller, Michigan; Ken Hatfield, Clemson; Gene Stallings, Alabama; Jack Crowe, Arkansas; Paul Hackett, Pittsburgh; and John Jenkins, Houston.

Conference call

For the fourth straight season, the Southeastern Conference has three teams in the top six.

The ACC matched its best showing in the preseason poll with five teams. The ACC has reached that number four previous times.

- SEC – 6 (Nos. 1, 3, 6, 19, 20, 21).
- ACC – 5 (Nos. 4, 13, 16, 17, 22).
- Big Ten – 4 (Nos. 2, 8, 15, 18).
- Big 12 – 3 (Nos. 9, 10, 12).
- Pac-12 – 3 (Nos. 7, 11, 14).
- American – 2 (Nos. 23, 24).
- Independents – 2 (Nos. 5, 25).

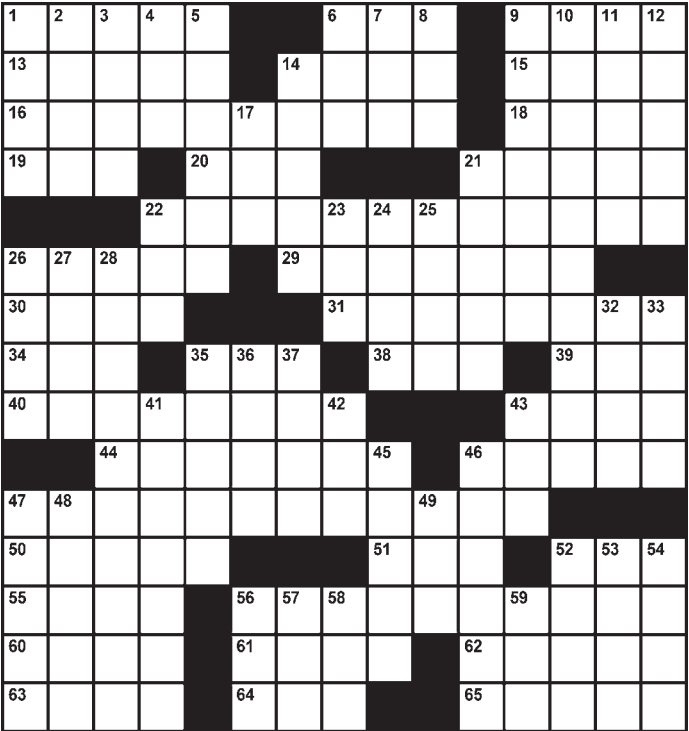
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HOME IN

ACROSS

- 1 Marinated Filipino dish
- 6 Tear
- 9 Repeated guitar sequence
- 13 Refill from partially full
- 14 Marathon or 5K
- 15 Love, in Portuguese
- 16 Taking feminizing hormones
- 18 Lively and active
- 19 Either M in MLM
- 20 Written promise to pay
- 21 Like a 45-degree angle
- 22 Non-lead actor with a memorable performance
- 26 Gradual film transitions
- 29 Pieces of information
- 30 Zone
- 31 Collections with colorful bricks
- 34 Basketball star
- 35 Pet doc
- 38 Sparty’s school, for short
- 39 “Is this a ___?” (“I can’t tell if you’re joking”)
- 40 Milk foam designs
- 43 Dance
- 44 Accompanied by an ipu
- 46 Coming up
- 47 Seven-___ dip
- 48 Shops that might offer discount codes
- 50 Rot
- 51 “As It ___” (Harry Styles hit)
- 52 “my dms are open”
- 55 October birthstone
- 56 Short loin beef cut
- 60 Hard to find
- 61 Some contraceptives, for short
- 62 Chicago airport
- 63 Slide down sand dunes



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DOWN

- 1 Small unit of matter
- 2 Taken care of
- 3 Keep an ___ mind
- 4 Freedom Riders’ transport
- 5 Study of light
- 6 Scrap of cloth
- 7 It clinks in a drink
- 8 Felt-tip or quill
- 9 Scamps
- 10 Spur-of-the-moment purchase
- 11 Strong suit
- 12 Appliance used to make tempura
- 14 Circular
- 17 Eggs in ikura don
- 21 Letters followed by “and sometimes Y”
- 22 Place for 23-Down
- 23 Animal with a mysterious reproductive process
- 24 Flower part
- 25 Puts a label on

- 26 Autumn
- 27 Opera solo
- 28 Flossing, brushing, etc.
- 32 Kitchen backsplash piece
- 33 “___ vs the Forces of Evil” (Disney show)
- 35 Like some bodybuilders’ arms
- 36 Difficulty’s opposite
- 37 Muscles worked by dips, for short
- 41 Tested
- 42 Palindromic explosive
- 43 Contains
- 45 Outfits for galas
- 46 “I’ve learned my ___”
- 47 Nasty smells
- 48 Country where Mount Everest is known as Sagarmatha

- 49 Folk punk musician
- 52 Beat the ___ (stay cool)
- 53 Female horse
- 54 Instruments played by mxmtoon, for short
- 56 56-56 or 0-0
- 57 A baazi is one
- 58 Peculiar
- 59 However, for short

YESTERDAY’S ANSWERS



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ASK CAROLYN | CAROLYN HAX

As life opens up for others, a grandparent feels more alone

Adapted from an online discussion.

Dear Carolyn: I’m fairly introverted and weathered the worst of the pandemic OK, other than missing my grandchildren desperately. Now I can see them again – they’re young, 4 and 9. But as life keeps opening up for others, there’s so little for me. I’m just not close to anyone, despite desperately wanting to be.

I have no siblings, thus no nieces or nephews, nor do I have a best friend. I have a few cousins but all are 3,000 miles away. I have a few friends but none who are really close confidants. All my friends are far more likely to plan activities with others than with me. My husband is low key and pleasant enough, but he is not loving physically or in any other way – just emotionally constricted.

As friends and cousins start posting travel or just socializing plans with each other, I am developing more and more FOMO anxiety and sadness. Not sure exactly what question I have, maybe more of a comment. Life returning to “normal” isn’t necessarily going to be a panacea for a lot of us.

Normal” Is Even More Lonely

“Normal” Is Even More Lonely: I think there is a question in your comment: What to do about this loneliness?

To which the answer is, as always, unsatisfyingly, that you either make peace with what you have or you make changes to what you do. You obviously can’t put “Get a best friend” on your to-do list, but you can change the ways you circulate among others. You can reach past your second-guessing and out to these friends. You can put new, communal, purpose-based things on your calendar and work your way toward emotional rewards regardless of who you meet.

Again, you can’t completely control what connections you make because they’re 50% dependent on the other person, but you can work the 50% you control toward feeling useful, present, open, vital. As long as the ways you use your time are productive or rewarding, you’ll need less from the people you’re productive or rewarding *with*.

Better connections are often a by-product of cultivating a sense of purpose, but they’re not guaranteed and, again, not (as) necessary if you actively feed your craving to matter.

Re: Loneliness: This advice seems really helpful.

Anonymous

Anonymous: I agree, thank you, it’s such a helpful way to frame the mechanics of connecting. And I especially appreciate the way he explained his qualifications for giving this advice.

Re: Loneliness: Have you thought about being the one to make a plan and invite the others? Maybe being a little more pro-active will help them remember that you, too, want to have fun. As a fellow introvert, I know this isn’t all that easy. But give yourself time to think. “I really want to do X, and these are the people I want to do it with.” Then make plans to do it.

Fellow Introvert

Fellow Introvert: Right, thanks. And don’t quit if you’re turned down on the first try. People actually are busy on any given day, so patterns are much more informative.

Email tellme@washpost.com.

Kubok 16 By Davide Coppo

Difficulty: EXPERT

36	46	15	39
44		8	
20		9	
29	10		
43			15

Solution to Monday’s puzzle

6	11	13	14
3	12	2	9
7	10	1	5
4	15	8	16

Enter the missing numbers from 1 to 16 without repetitions so that the sum of the four numbers in each row and column is the same as the corresponding circled number.

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LEXICO Start at the double hexagon. Spell solutions to the clues below by winding your way through the grid. You can backtrack to use letters more than once. Each new word starts with the last letter of the previous word.

1. Feel sorry about R _ _ _ _ _

2. Detroit ball club _ _ _ _ _

3. Extra car tire S _ _ _ _

4. Removes a mark _ _ _ _ _

5. Had in common S _ _ _ _

Previous Puzzle: MIMIC, CAMEL, LILACS, SCALE, EXAMINING

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TODAY’S PROBABLE PITCHERS

All times Eastern

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Tampa Bay (Springs 4-3) at N.Y. Yankees (Cortes 9-3), 7:05 p.m.

Baltimore (Kremer 4-4) at Toronto (Manoah 12-5), 7:07 p.m.

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INTERLEAGUE

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TODAY’S GAME TO WATCH

NEW YORK METS AT ATLANTA BRAVES

TAIJUAN WALKER VS. CHARLIE MORTON

Pitcher	W-L	ERA	WHIP	IP	H	K	BB	HR
Walker	10-3	3.43	1.20	110.1	101	85	31	9
Morton	5-5	4.26	1.21	122.2	104	141	44	18

TEAM STATS

BATTING							PITCHING			
TEAM	AVG	R	H	HR	OBP	SLG	ERA	WHIP	BB	K
NYM	.259	552	1011	116	.330	.409	3.45	1.18	313	1104
ATL	.251	557	994	177	.315	.444	3.63	1.23	374	1106

LAST FIVE GAMES

Mets			Braves		
DATE	OPP	SCORE	DATE	OPP	SCORE
8/14/22	vs PHI	W6-0	8/14/22	@ MIA	W3-1
8/13/22	vs PHI	W1-0	8/13/22	@ MIA	W6-2
8/12/22	vs PHI	L2-1 F/10	8/13/22	@ MIA	W5-2
8/10/22	vs CIN	W10-2	8/12/22	@ MIA	W4-3
8/9/22	vs CIN	W6-2	8/10/22	@ BOS	W8-4

NOTEBOOK

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Franco nearing return

Tampa Bay Rays shortstop Wander Franco took on-field batting practice Sunday for the first time since being sidelined last month by a right hamate bone injury that required surgery.

Franco said he will join Triple-A Durham on Tuesday to start a minor league rehab assignment.

The switch-hitting Franco hit from both sides of the plate.

“Right-handed I’m still not 100 percent but other than that I feel great,” Franco said through an interpreter. “The wrist is just a little weak because of the injury.”

The playoff-contending Rays have 15 players on the IL but should be getting reinforcements this month.

Outfielder Harold Ramirez, who is having a breakout season with a .329 batting average, is set to start a rehab assignment after going on the IL on July 21 with a broken thumb. Outfielder Manuel Margot, hitting .302 when he was sidelined by a right patellar tendon strain in June, joined Durham this weekend.

Franco has been out since July 10. He also missed 23 games earlier this season due to a right quadriceps strain.

Uvalde strong

The Astros chartered 10 buses to bring 500 family members and friends of the victims of the May 24 mass shooting at a Uvalde elementary school to Sunday’s game.

The group attended a pregame event where manager Dusty Baker, Jose Altuve, Alex Bregman and right-hander Lance McCullers spoke and answered questions.

A little girl who was at the school at the time of the shooting didn’t have a question for Altuve, but rather a request. Wearing a shirt that read “Team Altuve,” she asked the star second baseman to hit a home run for her.

The 500 people were part of a group

of about 3,000 from Uvalde who received free tickets from the Astros to attend the game. The team had several fundraising efforts at Sunday’s game with all the proceeds going to help those affected by the shooting.

Baker said he hoped the day could provide the families a small distraction as they continue to deal with the tragedy.

“This is what we’re here for,” he said. “We’re not only here to play ball for our town, for ourselves, for our teammates, we’re here to aid the healing of people.”

Trainer’s room

Cardinals: RHP Jack Flaherty will make a rehab start at Double-A Springfield on Tuesday. Flaherty, who was placed on the injured list on June 27 with a right shoulder strain, will throw 45-50 pitches in his second rehab start.

Blue Jays: SS Bo Bichette (rest) was held out of Sunday’s starting lineup. Bichette has played in 111 of Toronto’s 113 games. RHP Ross Stripling (right hip) is expected to come off the injured list to start against Baltimore on Wednesday, giving RHP José Berrios extra rest.

Giants: C Joey Bart played for the first time since last Monday after dealing with a sprained right ankle. “I don’t think there’s any restriction,” manager Gabe Kapler said.

“He’s ready to rock and roll.”... LF Joc Pederson left the game with a bruised right hand after being hit by a pitch in the fourth.

Yankees: OF/DH Giancarlo Stanton (Achilles tendon) will take batting practice on Monday at Yankee Stadium. If all goes well, he will begin a minor league rehab assignment.

Red Sox: Kiké Hernández (hip) and Rob Refsnyder (knee) are expected to be activated for the start of the series in Pittsburgh on Tuesday.

Diamondbacks: Arizona designated hitter Ketel Marte left the game in the ninth inning after rounding second base on a double by Walker. Lovullo said Marte has tightness in his left hamstring and is day-to-day.

SCOREBOARD



Odds available as of print deadline.

NFL				
Favorite	Spread	O/U	ML	Underdog
SEAHAWKS	3.5	39.5	-190	Bears
Friday				
Favorite	Spread	O/U	ML	Underdog
PATRIOTS	2.5	39.5	-150	Panthers
PACKERS	3.5	38.5	-175	Saints
RAMS	1.5	36.5	-120	Texans
Saturday				
Favorite	Spread	O/U	ML	Underdog
Lions	2.5	-	-130	COLTS
Raiders	2.5	-	-130	DOLPHINS
JAGUARS	3.5	-	-160	Steelers
TITANS	2.5	-	-140	Buccaneers
VIKINGS	3.5	-	-165	49ers
CHARGERS	0.5	-	-110	Cowboys

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MLB

American League Gance				
East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
New York	72	43	.626	-
Toronto	61	52	.540	10
Tampa Bay	60	53	.531	11
Baltimore	59	55	.518	12½
Boston	57	59	.491	15½
Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Cleveland	61	53	.535	-
Chicago	59	56	.513	2½
Minnesota	58	55	.513	2½
Kansas City	48	68	.414	14
Detroit	43	73	.371	19
West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Houston	75	41	.647	-
Seattle	62	54	.534	13
Texas	61	63	.447	23
Los Angeles	51	64	.443	23½
Oakland	41	74	.357	33½
Sunday's Games				
Tampa Bay 4, Baltimore 1				
Cleveland 7, Toronto 2				
Houston 6, Oakland 3				

Kansas City 4, L.A. Dodgers 0
Chicago White Sox 5, Detroit 3
Texas 5, Seattle 3
L.A. Angels 4, Minnesota 2
Boston 3, N.Y. Yankees 0

Monday's Games
Detroit at Cleveland (1st game), late
Detroit at Cleveland (2nd game), late
Tampa Bay at N.Y. Yankees, late
Baltimore at Toronto, late
Kansas City at Minnesota, late
Oakland at Texas, late
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National League Gance				
East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
New York	75	40	.652	-
Atlanta	70	46	.603	5½
Philadelphia	63	51	.553	11½
Miami	50	65	.435	25
Washington	38	78	.328	37½
Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
St. Louis	63	51	.553	-
Milwaukee	61	52	.540	1½
Chicago	47	66	.416	15½
Cincinnati	45	68	.398	17½
Pittsburgh	45	70	.391	18½
West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Los Angeles	79	34	.699	-
San Diego	65	52	.556	16
San Francisco	57	57	.500	22½
Arizona	53	61	.465	26½
Colorado	51	66	.436	30

Sunday's Games
San Diego 6, Washington 0
St. Louis 6, Milwaukee 3
Atlanta 3, Miami 1
Kansas City 4, L.A. Dodgers 0
N.Y. Mets 6, Philadelphia 0
Cincinnati 8, Chicago Cubs 5
Arizona 7, Colorado 4
San Francisco 8, Pittsburgh 7

Monday's Games
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L.A. Dodgers at Milwaukee, late
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NFL

Preseason Gance

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

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NATIONAL CONFERENCE

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Sunday's Games

Las Vegas 26, Minnesota 20

10 best non-conference football games

Paul Myerberg
USA TODAY

The 2022 college football season leaps into September with a run of non-conference games with major postseason implications involving nearly every team in the preseason USA TODAY Sports Coaches Poll.

Even during an era when unbeaten regular seasons have becoming less and less common, these non-league games promise to shake up the College Football Playoff race before the end of the year's opening month.

There are so many options that the games that just missed the cut for the best of non-conference play include some of the biggest matchups and rivalries in the Football Bowl Subdivision, including:

- **West Virginia at Pittsburgh, Sept. 1.**
- **Florida State vs. LSU, Sept. 4 (in New Orleans).**
- **Penn State at Auburn, Sept. 17.**
- **Notre Dame at Southern California, Nov. 26.**

In chronological order, these are the non-conference games you can't afford to miss during the 2022 season.

● **Oregon vs. Georgia, Sept. 3 (Atlanta):** It'll be a reunion along the sidelines for new Oregon coach Dan Lanning, the Georgia defensive coordinator during last year's championship run. That the Bulldogs will play close to home is one obvious edge, as is their nearly unmatched talent level – even if the depth chart has been reworked after an exodus of starters to the NFL. The Ducks will counter with former Auburn quarterback Bo Nix, a terrific front seven and what may be the best overall defense in the Pac-12.

● **Notre Dame at Ohio State, Sept. 3:** This may end up as one of the biggest games of the regular season inside and out of conference play. From Ohio State's perspective, a win could be a launching pad back to the top of the Big Ten and to the program's first national championship since 2014. For Notre Dame, a loss wouldn't deal a fatal blow to any College Football Playoff hopes but would leave the Fighting Irish with no room for error just one week into the year. The opener is doubly notable for being the first regular-season appearance of new Notre Dame coach Marcus Freeman.

● **Cincinnati at Arkansas, Sept. 3:**



Texas quarterback Quinn Ewers looks for an open receiver during the Longhorns' spring game April 23 in Austin, Texas. AARON E. MARTINEZ/AUSTIN AMERICAN-STATESMAN

Cincinnati is expected to take a step back after a memorable 2021 season; among other losses, the Bearcats need to replace quarterback Desmond Ridder and cornerback Ahmad Gardner. Upsetting the Razorbacks would erase any thought that the Bearcats will hand over the American and the top spot of the Group of Five to Houston, Central Florida or the best teams from the Mountain West.

● **Utah at Florida, Sept. 3:** This is a bellwether game for Utes, a legitimate playoff contender, and for the broader Pac-12, which more so than any other Power Five league could use the goodwill that would come from a road win deep in SEC country. While Utah may enter the opener favored by a field goal or more, the Gators could benefit from the element of surprise and heightened emotion in coach Billy Napier's debut.

● **Alabama at Texas, Sept. 10:** Fresh off a losing season under second-year coach Steve Sarkisian, the Longhorns and heralded quarterback Quinn Ewers will look to validate some predictable preseason hype – they're one of just four teams to earn a first-place vote in the preseason Top 25 – against the premier program in the country. How do you beat Alabama? It'll take a perfect performance to unseat the Tide from atop the Coaches Poll.

● **Houston at Texas Tech, Sept. 10:** Wins against Texas-San Antonio in the opener and at Texas Tech a week later could the Cougars on track for a magical regular season, given what comes next. Houston close snon-conference play at home against Kansas before embarking into an American schedule that misses fellow preseason favorites Cincinnati

and Central Florida. Don't forget that Houston lost only twice last season, to the Bearcats in the conference title game and to the Red Raiders in the opener.

● **Baylor at Brigham Young, Sept. 10:** This early preview of future Big 12 rivals – BYU is one of four teams joining the conference in 2023 – carries huge weight for Baylor, which is taking aim at the playoff and can't afford a slipup outside of the league play. After getting warmed up in the opener against Albany, this will be a major road test for the Bears and sophomore quarterback Blake Shapen, a first-year starter. A win for the Cougars could set them up for New Year's Six contention or more.

● **Oklahoma at Nebraska, Sept. 17:** This reunion of former Big 8 and Big 12 rivals could be a make-or-break moment for embattled Cornhuskers coach Scott Frost, especially if his team again fall flat in the season opener against Northwestern. With a nasty November ahead – Minnesota, Michigan, Wisconsin and Iowa – sitting at 2-2 at the end of September could make it very difficult for Nebraska to win enough games to ensure Frost's job security. For the Sooners, this old-school rivalry is the first marquee game for new coach Brent Venables. Games like this are important to establishing a winning atmosphere, especially for a program with a turbulent offseason.

● **Miami at Texas A&M, Sept. 17:** Projected romps against Bethune-Cookman and Southern Mississippi to open the regular season could help the Hurricanes get up to speed under new coach Mario Cristobal just in time for this major road test in College Station. Will momentum and superb sophomore quarterback Tyler Van Dyke be enough to lift the Hurricanes to a monumental upset? While a win would vault Miami deep into the Top 25, a loss could tarnish the Aggies' season even before getting into a merciless SEC slate.

● **Clemson at Notre Dame, Nov. 5:** After two memorable meetings in 2020, these two national powers reunite for a late-season matchup that could easily send the loser hurtling out of College Football Playoff contention and boost the winner into a permanent spot in the top four. One thing of note: While both teams will be coming off a game against Syracuse, the Tigers will have an extra week to prepare for the Irish. They'll also remember losing to the Fighting Irish in the same venue two years ago.

Worster

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"This is a sad time for a lot of us," former Texas running back Billy Dale, Worster's teammate, told the Houston Chronicle. "The wishbone was defined

by the Worster Bunch, and now our namesake is gone."

Worster was drafted by the Los Angeles Rams in the fourth round in 1971. He ultimately played one year in the Canadian Football League before retiring from football.

Worster is survived by his daughter, Erin, and son, Scott.

UTEP

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What's new?

Mayers counts as the new face here, but the chemistry that is so important to a line doesn't change much with him in. Mayers was behind then-senior Bobby DeHaro last year, but DeHaro was held out of practices as a health precaution and Mayers took the reps there.

Now his role increases in his fourth year in the program as he lines up between Byers and Meyer.

"I feel like these last years have humbled me but it made me very hungry also," Mayers said. "I've done a lot of preparation, focusing on my technique and skills. Now I can put it all on the table to help my team win this year.

"Andrew Klein, JB (Byers), Zuri, those are my brothers. Our camaraderie is second to none. There's times Zuri and I don't have to communicate, we know what each other are doing."

Dimel really doesn't consider Mayes as a new face.

"Justin took every rep through camp with the ones because we held out Bobby (DeHaro) and you could see it in his performance now," Dimel said. "He's had a lot of practice reps and played some games last year."

Next-level tackles

While Klein and Meyer are the longest-tenured starters and the bedrock of the line and its continuity, the tackles Byers and Henry could be next-level talents.

Byers, the son of two high school coaches, was honorable mention all-conference last season and was on the All-C-USA freshman team two years ago. This is his fourth year in the pro-

gram and he says the familiarity with all his teammates is a key to the unit.

"Everybody knows everybody, everybody knows how everybody is going to get into a block," he said. "It's all culture, it's brotherhood.

"Family. When it comes to the o-line its OLP: O-line pride. You have to have pride in what you do and we embrace that. We embrace our role being leaders on the team, being the most tight unit on the team."

Henry picked up on that theme. "The chemistry, the chemistry is crazy," Henry said. "We have guys who can play anywhere, left tackle, right tackle. We have guards who can play center, guard, tackle. We're all one this year. It's going to be a good year for us, I believe.

"I try to lead by example, I work as hard as I can in the runs and the lifts, I work as hard as I can in practice. I hope everyone follows that."

Building depth

Though reserve offensive linemen are typically among the least-used second-teamers, UTEP is working on building there. All five linemen on the second line of the depth chart are junior college transfers, and one to watch there is tackle Aluma Nkele, a sophomore from Long Beach City College.

He's listed as 6-8, 390 pounds and he's lost 20 pounds since coming to UTEP, which Dimel said he needed to do to compete to see the field. He is emerging as the top depth player on the line.

Add everything in and UTEP thinks the line will drive its offensive success.

"We feel like that front five has a chance to be pretty special for us," Dimel said.

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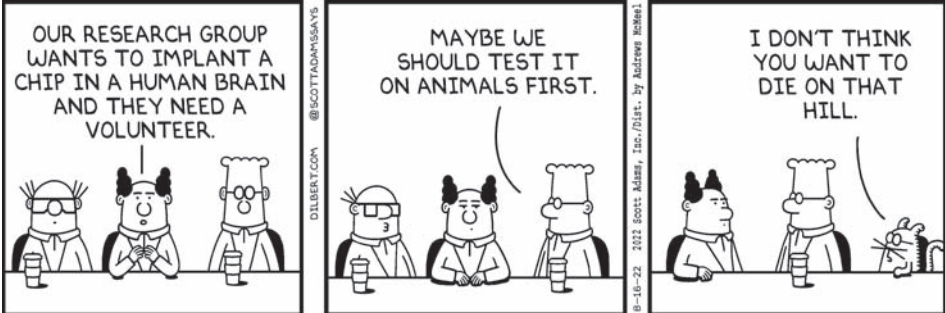
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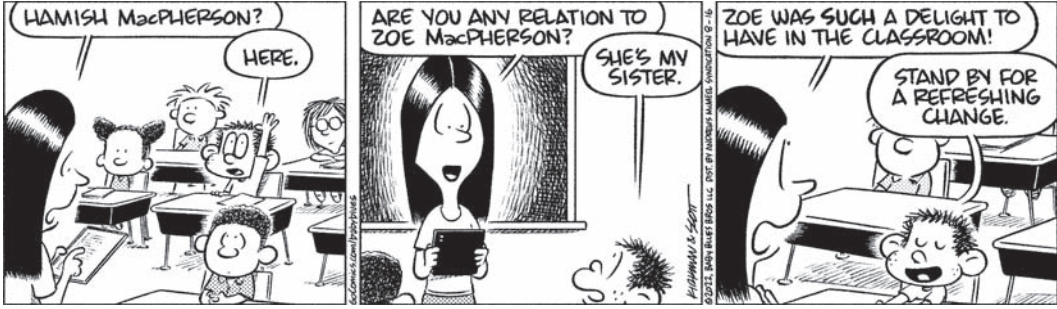
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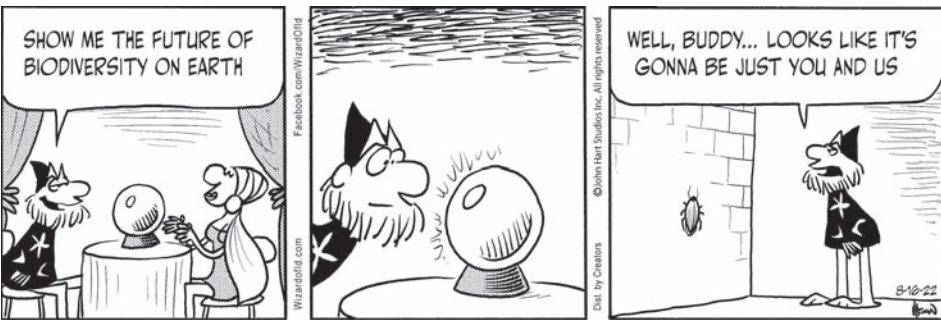
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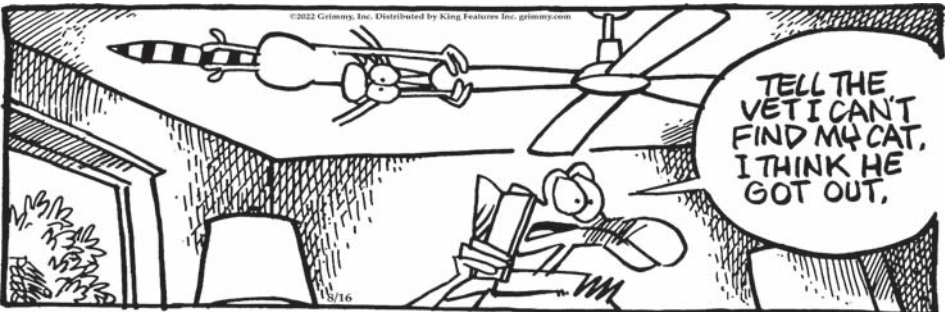
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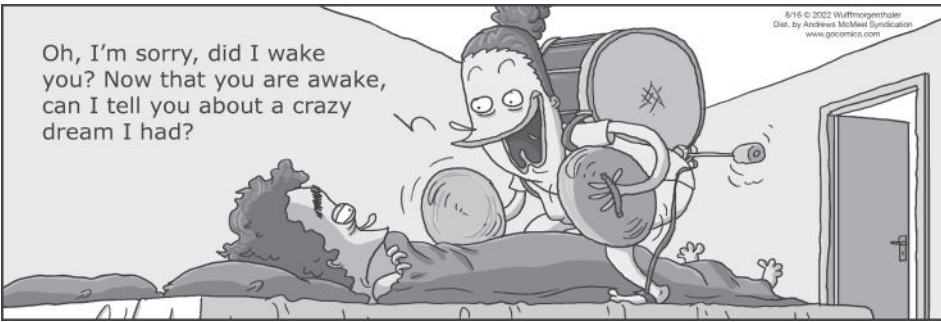
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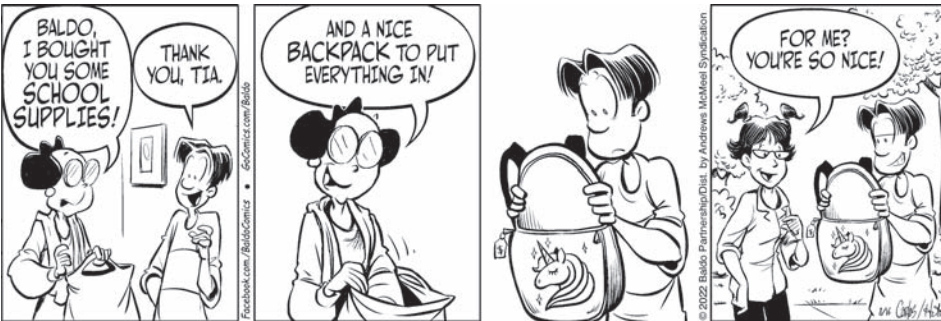
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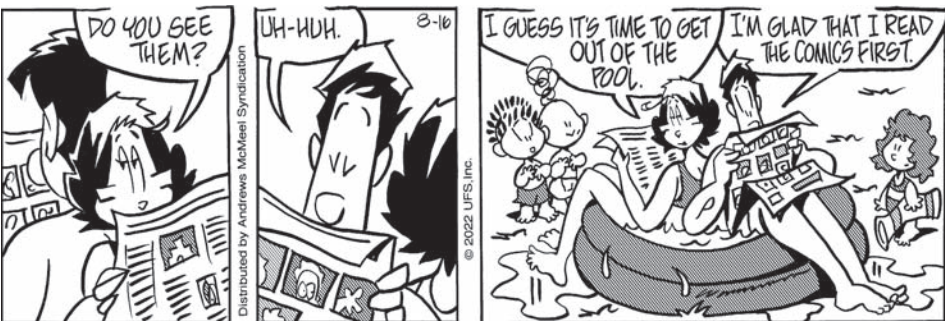
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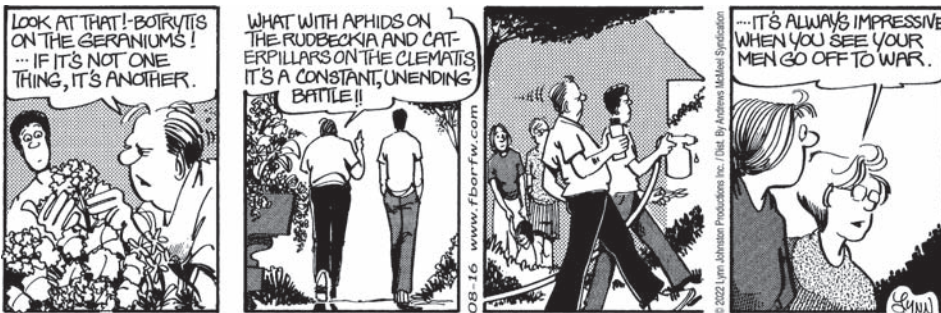
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ACROSS

1 Barton who wrote “A Story of the Red Cross”

6 TMI part, briefly

10 Tibetan priest

14 Refueling ship

15 Juice extractor extraction

16 Actor Bana

17 Playful but egocentric?

20 Egyptian boy king

21 “hehe”

22 Jot down

23 Blue cheese from England

26 Diagnostic test for epilepsy, for short

27 Hopeful but insubstantial?

33 Words in the title of some tribute poems

35 “___ your head!”: “Think!”

36 Start all over

37 Horseback game with a namesake shirt

38 Like pet birds, typically

40 ___ Millions lottery

41 Starting on

42 Heavenly sphere

43 Cheat

44 Terrible but legal?

48 Mucky stuff

49 Spot for a pingpong table

52 Pampers all the time

56 Links org.

57 Can. neighbor

58 Impolite but uptight?

62 Exude, as confidence

63 Human rights lawyer Clooney

64 Jeff’s wife on “Curb Your Enthusiasm”

65 “Terrible” time for tots (and their parents)

66 Solitary

67 Joyful shout

DOWN

1 Is priced at

2 Fire dept. rank

3 Coldest temperature on record, e.g.

4 NWSL official

5 Melber of MSNBC

6 Apple device featuring Siri

7 ___ and void

8 Travel by air

9 Carefully attentive

10 Skipped town

11 Opera solo

12 Fine spray

13 Dull pain

18 Uphill climb

19 Stadium section

24 Release, as steam

25 Chinese philosophical principle

26 “What ___ is new?”

28 Sport with scrums

29 Under ___: sports apparel brand

30 “Heavens to Betsy!”

31 Advantage

32 Speckled horse

33 Hot springs gemstone

34 Lentil pancake in Indian cuisine

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13

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By Gary Cee

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Monday’s Puzzle Solved

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38 Mammoth

39 Folk singer Guthrie

43 Ozone-depleting chemical, for short

45 Aptly named hybrid fruit

46 Diamond-shaped pattern

47 Have on

50 Davis of “Do the Right Thing”

51 HBO’s “Real Time With Bill ___”

52 Catch sight of

53 Ship’s front

54 Liqueur with a licorice taste

55 Mid-month day

56 Course of action

59 Managed care gp.

60 The Trojans of the NCAA

61 “I think we all know that!”

HOROSCOPE | HOLIDAY MATHIS

Aries (March 21-April 19). Quality lessons are often without charge, at least monetarily (emotional values notwithstanding).

Taurus (April 20-May 20). Some things just shouldn’t be delegated. Passion and intention count.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). You may go along with the group. Agreeing to one thing isn’t agreeing to everything. Exercise your options on a case-by-case basis. Ultimately, you’ll answer to your own values and conscience.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Wherever possible, do it now, new and novel. The fresh ingredient makes the dish come alive and has the same effect on you.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). You will make it through the first obstacle on the long path to flight. Take care and recuperate after each breakthrough.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Because of your rich inner life, you don’t have to seek thrills to have a good time, though they may seek you.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Defying peer pressure isn’t difficult so much as downright unnatural. That’s why it’s important to surround yourself with people who share your values.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You hold everyone to the same moral standard.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Being good at noticing what people are good at is a talent in itself.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Unfinished business causes stress.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). To seek advice from the outside would be a waste of your energy today. Conduct your own brainstorming session.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). You assume everyone knows as much as you do. Step back for a reframe. It’s helpful to see it how others do.

JUMBLE

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

CAHLT

MPRIC

LYDAGL

DOSETD

Answer “here: [] - []”

Yesterday’s Jumbles: LARVA SWIFT GROUCH SKINNY
Answer: The instructor who taught the job training course taught the — WORKING CLASS

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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THE EVERGLADES REPTILE THAT WAS FOLLOWING TOO CLOSE WAS A ---

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

(Answers tomorrow)

CRYPTOQUOTE

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In the sample above, A is used for the three Ls, X for the two Os, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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NOXX DPL PVE FX

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ERX SVOYL. — DZA BVXMYXO

Yesterday’s Cryptoquote: OH, THE SUMMER NIGHT/HAS A SMILE OF LIGHT/AND SHE SITS ON A SAPPHIRE THRONE. — BARRY CORNWALL

SUDOKU | CREATORS

Insert numbers 1-9 in each box with every row, column and 3x3 box containing the digits just once. Difficulty level ranges from Bronze (easiest) to Silver to Gold (hardest) **RATING: SILVER**

YESTERDAY’S ANSWER

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BRIDGE | FRANK STEWART

Battle of wits

My colleague Alfred Sheinwold (1912-1997), who founded this column, had a pithy sense of humor. He wrote that bridge is a battle of wits, but some players go into it unarmed. Freddy might have meant that declarers lose makeable contracts by missing easy inferences.

Against today’s four spades, West led the king of hearts. South took the ace, led a diamond to dummy and returned a trump to his king. West gathered in his ace, cashed a heart and exited with a diamond.

Declarer won and led a second trump to his queen. West discarded, and East got two trump tricks for down one.

Trump tricks

West’s opening bid marked him with the ace of trumps, so South’s lead of a trump to his king couldn’t gain. If West held, say, A-10 doubleton, South would lose two trumps.

The crucial case is when West has the singleton ace. At Trick Two South must lead a low trump. He loses two trumps and a heart. If West had the A-10, South would lead to the king later, holding his trump losers to two.

Daily question

You hold: ♠ 8 5 3 2 ♥ 10 8 ♦ A K Q ♣ A K Q 7. You open one club, and your partner bids one heart. The opponents pass. What do you say?

Answer: Bid one spade, hoping partner will bid again if you have a game. Your hand isn’t strong enough to jump to two spades, forcing to game opposite any old responding hand. Many experts would prefer a jump to 2NT to show a balanced 18 or 19 points. Their partnership might have a method to back into a 4-4 spade fit.

West dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH
♠ 8 5 3 2
♥ 10 8
♦ A K Q
♣ A K Q 7

WEST
♠ A
♥ K Q J 7 6 4
♦ J 10 7 2
♣ J 2

SOUTH
♠ K Q 6 4
♥ A 2
♦ 9 4 3
♣ 10 9 6 3

West 1 ♥
Pass

North Dbl
4 ♠

East Pass
All Pass

South 2 ♠

Opening lead – ♥ K

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BOGGLE BRAINBUSTERS

INSTRUCTIONS: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.

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DEAR ABBY | ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

Woman and her son endure boyfriend’s odd behavior

Dear Abby: My boyfriend of seven years is very competitive. There is constantly this underlying contest about whose kid is better, whose dog is better, etc. It’s silly. I suspect he likes to brag about his 11-year-old daughter just to publicize that she’s “great.”

He often criticizes my son. He also has “house rules” for us that he doesn’t hold himself or his daughter to, and becomes upset if I bring it up. I like doing things with him and with his daughter, but not when they’re together because it’s always them against us. She also hangs on him constantly and whines when I’m around.

I realize I can’t change how he acts, but I feel like I constantly need to prove myself to him and stick up for my son. Sometimes I’m a little jealous because he treats his daughter so differently than he treats us. I don’t want to feel this way. Can you help me come up with a different way of reacting to it?

Weary in Wisconsin

Dear Weary: Frankly, your question, “Can you come up with a different way of reacting to the way your boyfriend treats you and your son?” surprised me. The traits you have described are obnoxious. I find it hard to believe that for seven years you’ve tolerated the double standard he exhibits and his constant criticism of your son. Put your foot down (better late than never)! Insist he stop criticizing your boy and displaying the double standard. If he doesn’t comply, for both your sakes, end the relationship.

Dear Abby: Last year a friend of mine had a baby shower, which I attended, and I bought her an expensive gift. Shortly after, her baby was, unfortunately, stillborn. Rather than return the gifts or save them for a future child, my friend sold them on an online virtual yard sale. I was upset because I had spent a lot of money and, had she returned the item, I could’ve used it because I was pregnant.

Now, one year later, she’s pregnant again. Honestly, I’m happy for her, but she’s having another baby shower. What would be the rule of etiquette here? I want to go, but I don’t feel I should have to buy her another gift.

Upset in the East

Dear Upset: It’s regrettable that the gifts from the first pregnancy weren’t returned to the givers or kept for a future pregnancy, but chances are that your friend was an emotional wreck after having lost her baby, and she wasn’t thinking straight. If you plan to attend this shower, you should absolutely bring a gift.

A side note: While reading your letter, I recalled that although the practice is well-entrenched here, not all cultures have baby showers before a child is born. In China, Egypt and France, the celebration is held after the birth. And in Ireland, Russia and Japan, it’s considered bad luck to have a baby shower before the baby arrives.

Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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ORT YLOGMW.” — XYCTW LYCTMGV

Previous Solution: “To make a film is easy; to make a good film is war. To make a very good film is a miracle.” — Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu

TODAY’S CLUE: G equals A

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KEEPING KIDS SAFE

Social media parental controls help, but issues remain

Barbara Ortutay ASSOCIATED PRESS

As concerns about social media’s harmful effects on teens continue to rise, platforms from Snapchat to TikTok to Instagram are bolting on new features they say will make their services safer and more age appropriate. But the changes rarely address the elephant in the the room – the algorithms pushing endless content that can drag anyone, not just teens, into harmful rabbit holes.

● The tools do offer some help, such as blocking strangers from messaging kids. But they also share some deeper flaws, starting with the fact that teenagers can get around limits if they lie about their age. The platforms also place the burden of enforcement on parents. And they do little or nothing to screen for inappropriate and harmful material served up by algorithms that can affect teens’ mental and physical well-being.

“These platforms know that their algorithms can sometimes be amplifying harmful content, and they’re not taking steps to stop that,” said Irene Ly, privacy counsel at the nonprofit Common Sense Media. The more teens keep scrolling, the more engaged they get – and the more engaged they are, the more profitable they are to the platforms, she said. “I don’t think they have too much incentive to be changing that.”

Take, for instance, Snapchat, which recently introduced new parental controls in what it calls the “Family Center” – a tool that lets parents see who their teens are messaging, though not the content of the messages themselves. One catch: both parents and their children have to opt into to the service.

Nona Farahnik Yadegar, Snap’s director of platform policy and social impact, likens it to parents wanting to know who their kids are going out with.

If kids are headed out to a friend’s house or are meeting up at the mall, she said, parents will typically ask, “Hey, who are you going to meet up with? How do you know them?” The new tool, she said, aims to give parents “the insight they really want to have in order to have these conversations with their teen while preserving teen privacy and autonomy.”

These conversations, experts agree, are important. In an ideal world, parents would regularly sit down with their kids and have honest talks about social media and the dangers and pitfalls of the online world.

But many kids use a bewildering variety of platforms, all of which are constantly evolving – and that stacks the odds against parents expected to master and monitor the controls on multiple platforms, said Josh Golin, executive director of children’s digital advocacy group Fairplay.

“Far better to require platforms to make their platforms safer by design and default instead of increasing the workload on already overburdened parents,” he said.

The new controls, Golin said, also fail to address a myriad of existing problems with Snapchat. These range from kids misrepresenting their ages to “compulsive use” encouraged by the app’s Snapstreak feature to cyberbullying made easier by the disappearing messages that still serve as Snapchat’s claim to fame.

Farahnik Yadegar said Snapchat has “strong measures” to deter kids from falsely claiming to be over 13. Those caught lying about their age have their account immediately deleted, she said. Teens who are over 13 but pretend to be even older get one chance to correct their age.

Detecting such lies isn’t foolproof, but the platforms have several ways to get at the truth. For instance, if a user’s friends are mostly in their early teens, it’s likely that the user is also a teenager, even if they said they were born in 1968 when they signed up. Companies use artificial intelligence to look for age mismatches. A person’s interests might also reveal their real age. And, Farahnik Yadegar pointed out, parents might also find out their kids were fibbing about their birth date if they try to turn on parental controls but find their teens ineligible.

Child safety and teen mental health are front and center in both Democratic and Republican critiques of tech companies. States, which have been much more aggressive about regulating technology companies than the federal government, are also turning their attention to the matter. In March, several state attorneys general launched a nationwide investigation into TikTok and its possible harmful effects on young users’ mental health.

TikTok is the most popular social app U.S. teenagers use, according to a new report out Wednesday from the Pew Research Center, which found that 67% say they use the Chinese-owned video sharing platform. The company has said that it focuses on age-appropriate experiences, noting that some features, such as direct messaging, are not available to younger users. It says features such as a screen-time management tool help young people and parents moderate how long children spend on the app and what they see. But critics note such controls are leaky at best.

“It’s really easy for kids to try to get past these these features and just go off on their own,” said Ly of Common Sense Media.

Instagram, which is owned by Facebook parent Meta, is the second most popular app with teens, Pew found, with 62% saying they use it, followed by Snapchat with 59%. Not surprisingly, only 32% of teens reported ever having used Facebook, down from 71% in 2014 and 2015, according to the report.

Last fall, former Facebook employee-turned whistleblower Frances Haugen exposed internal research from the company concluding that the social network’s attention-seeking algorithms contributed to mental health and emotional problems among Instagram-using teens, especially girls. That revelation led to some changes; Meta, for instance, scrapped plans for an Instagram version aimed at kids under 13. The company has also introduced new parental control and teen well-being features, such as nudging teens to take a break if they scroll for too long.

Such solutions, Ly said, are “sort of getting at the problem, but basically going around it and not getting to the root cause of it.”



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Primary paths for GOP Trump critics: Murkowski (safe), Cheney (in trouble)

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Cheney

JUNEAU, Alaska – They hail from their states’ most prominent Republican families. They have been among the GOP’s sharpest critics of former President Donald Trump. And after the Jan. 6 insurrection, they supported his impeachment. • But for all their similarities, the political fortunes of U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski of Alaska and U.S. Rep. Liz Cheney of Wyoming are poised to diverge on Tuesday when they’re each on the ballot in closely watched primary elections. • Cheney faces daunting prospects in her effort to fend off the Trump-backed Harriet Hageman, increasingly looking at a life beyond Capitol Hill that could include a possible presidential campaign. Murkowski, however, is expected to advance from her primary and is already planning to compete in the November general election. **See ELECTION, Page 7NN**

“I think she has looked at this and said, this is not about Liz Cheney. This is about ... the difference between right and wrong.”

Lisa Murkowski, Republican senator from Alaska, on fellow Donald Trump critic and Wyoming U.S. Rep. Liz Cheney

Giuliani is target in Ga. probe of ’20 election

Ex-Trump attorney to testify before grand jury

Kate Brumback and Jill Colvin ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA – Rudy Giuliani is a target of the criminal investigation into possible illegal attempts by former President Donald Trump and others to interfere in the 2020 general election in Georgia, prosecutors informed attorneys for the former New York mayor on Monday.

The revelation that Giuliani, an outspoken Trump defender, could face criminal charges from the investigation by Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis edges the investigation closer to the former president. Willis has said she is considering calling Trump to testify before the special grand jury, and the former president has hired a criminal defense attorney in Atlanta.

Law enforcement scrutiny of Trump has escalated dramatically. Last week, the FBI searched his Florida home as part of its investigation into whether he took classified records from the White House to Mar-a-Lago. He is also facing a civil investigation in New York over allegations that his company, the Trump Organization, misled banks and tax authorities about the value of his assets. And the Justice Department is investigating the Jan. 6 riot at the U.S. Capitol by Trump supporters, as well efforts by him and his allies to overturn the election he claimed was stolen.

Giuliani, who spread claims of election fraud in Atlanta’s Fulton County as he led election-challenging efforts in Georgia, is to testify Wednesday before a special grand jury that was impaneled at Willis’s request. Giuliani’s attorney declined to say whether he would answer questions or decline.

Special prosecutor Nathan Wade alerted Giuliani’s team in Atlanta that he was an investigation target, Giuliani attorney Robert Costello said Monday. News of the disclosure was first reported by The New York Times.

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Rudy Giuliani urges Georgia Senate members to pick the state’s Electoral College electors on Dec. 3, 2020. PROVIDED BY GEORGIA SENATE VIDEO

Iran denies role in Rushdie stabbing

But Islamic Republic blames author for attack

Jon Gambrell ASSOCIATED PRESS

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates – An Iranian official Monday denied Tehran was involved in the stabbing of author Salman Rushdie, though he sought to justify the attack in the Islamic Republic’s first public comments on the bloodshed.

The remarks by Nasser Kanaani, the spokesman for Iran’s Foreign Ministry, came three days after Rushdie was wounded in New York state. The writer has been taken off a ventilator and is “on

the road to recovery,” according to his agent.

Rushdie, 75, has faced death threats for more than 30 years over his novel “The Satanic Verses,” whose depiction of the Prophet Muhammad was seen by some Muslims as blasphemous.

In 1989, Iran’s supreme leader, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, issued a fatwa, or Islamic edict, demanding the author’s death, and although Iran has not focused on Rushdie in recent years, the decree still stands.

Also, a semiofficial Iranian foundation had posted a bounty of more than \$3 million for the killing of the author. It has not commented on the attack.

“Regarding the attack against Salman Rushdie in America, we don’t con-

sider anyone deserving reproach, blame or even condemnation, except for (Rushdie) himself and his supporters,” Kanaani said.

“In this regard, no one can blame the Islamic Republic of Iran,” he added. “We believe that the insults made and the support he received was an insult against followers of all religions.”

Iran has denied carrying out other operations abroad against dissidents in the years since the country’s 1979 Islamic Revolution, though prosecutors and Western governments have attributed such attacks to Tehran.

Rushdie was attacked Friday as he was about to give a lecture in western New York. He suffered a damaged liver and severed nerves in an arm and an

eye, according to his agent, Andrew Wylie. Rushdie is likely to lose the eye, Wylie said.

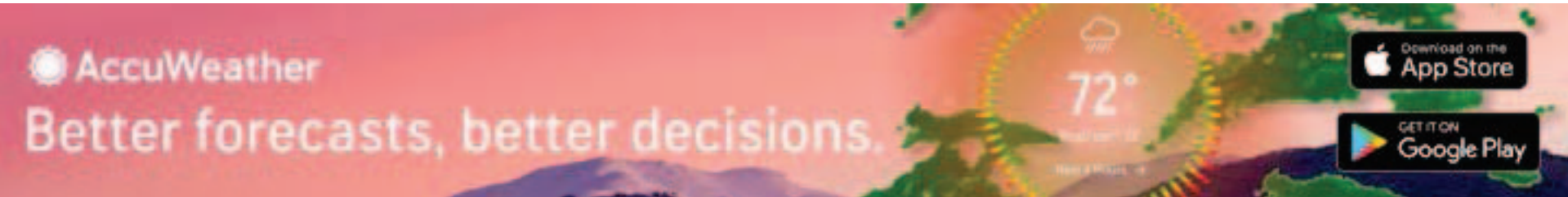
His alleged assailant, Hadi Matar, pleaded not guilty to attempted murder and assault.

Matar, 24, was born in the U.S. to parents who emigrated from Yaroun in southern Lebanon near the Israeli border, according to the village’s mayor.

Matar had lived in recent years in New Jersey with his mother, who told London’s Daily Mail that her son became moody and more religious after a monthlong trip to Lebanon in 2018.

“I was expecting him to come back motivated, to complete school, to get his

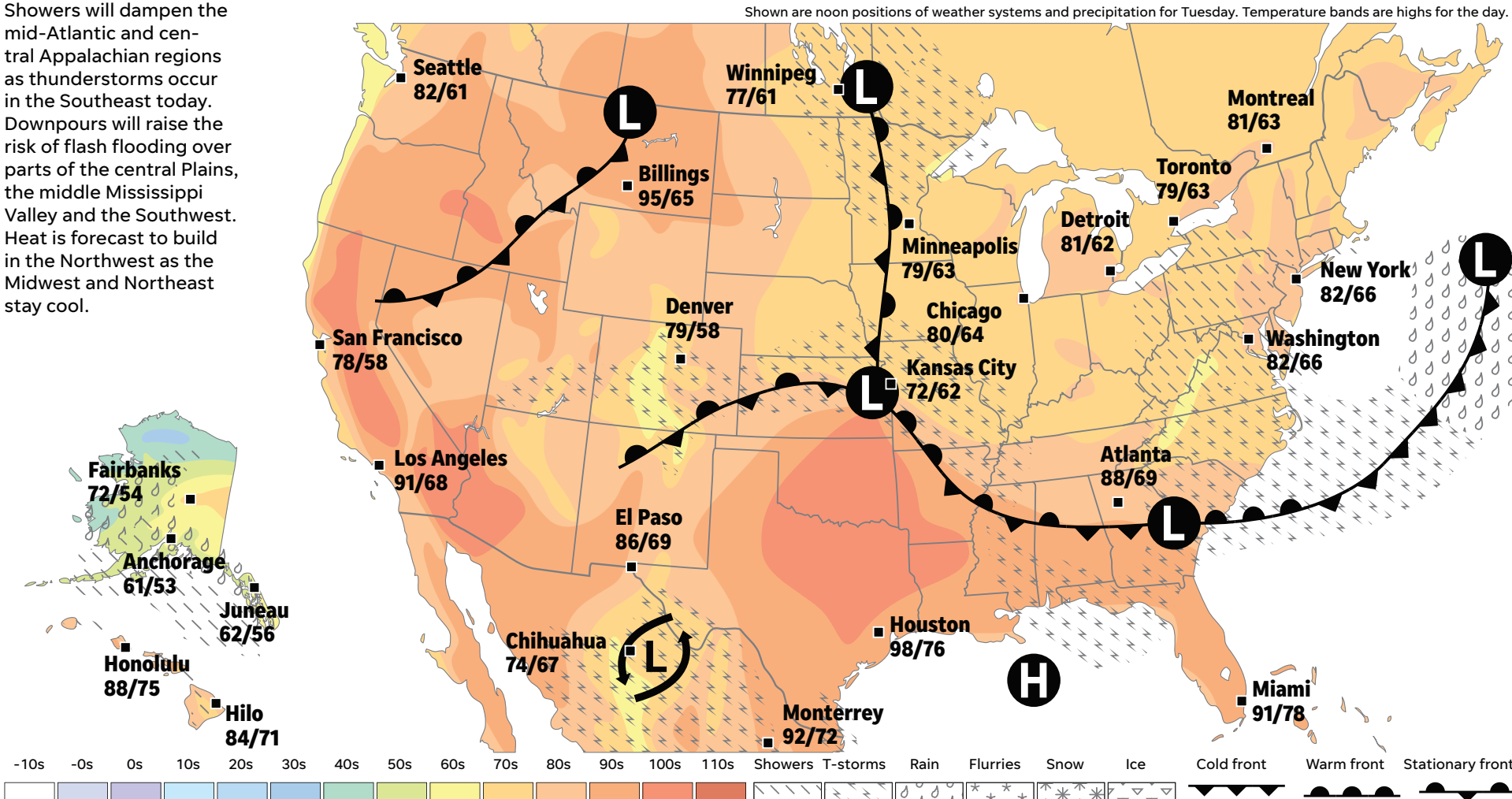
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NATIONAL SUMMARY

Showers will dampen the mid-Atlantic and central Appalachian regions as thunderstorms occur in the Southeast today. Downpours will raise the risk of flash flooding over parts of the central Plains, the middle Mississippi Valley and the Southwest. Heat is forecast to build in the Northwest as the Midwest and Northeast stay cool.

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Low: 18 at Sutherland, South Africa
Precip: 7.36" at Huichon, North Korea

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A: Australia. This practice started in 1975

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Alliance, OH	77/62/sh	25	Framingham, MA	81/61/pc	25	Marshfield, WI	78/56/pc	25	San Angelo, TX	97/72/pc	30
Amarillo, TX	92/65/pc	75	Freeport, IL	78/55/pc	25	Massillon, OH	79/62/sh	25	Sarasota, FL	89/79/pc	25
Ames, IA	76/57/r	25	Fremont, OH	75/63/pc	56	McLean, VA	80/62/pc	44	Savannah, GA	88/71/t	73
Anderson, SC	85/67/t	46	Fort Collins, CO	82/58/t	75	Melbourne, FL	92/76/t	25	Sheboygan, WI	75/63/s	25
Appleton, WI	77/57/s	25	Gadsden, AL	88/68/t	64	Memphis, TN	86/69/t	40	Shelby, NC	78/64/t	30
Asheville, NC	77/62/t	30	Gainesville, FL	92/75/t	25	Middletown, NY	82/58/c	40	Sherman, TX	103/78/s	40
Ashland, OH	73/59/sh	25	Galesburg, IL	77/55/pc	25	Milford, MA	78/59/pc	25	Shreveport, LA	101/78/pc	55
Athens, GA	87/68/t	80	Gastonia, NC	77/64/t	30	Milwaukee, WI	76/64/pc	25	Silver City, NM	88/66/t	48
Augusta, GA	89/69/t	43	Glen Rose, TX	99/77/s	29	Monroe, MI	77/60/s	25	Sioux Falls, SD	76/61/pc	35
Austin, TX	99/73/s	75	Gonzales, LA	92/76/t	55	Monroe, LA	99/75/t	53	Somerset, PA	72/57/pc	38
Bartlesville, OK	102/68/t	65	Great Falls, MT	96/56/s	47	Montgomery, AL	94/71/t	69	Somerville, NJ	85/59/c	45
Battle Creek, MI	81/58/s	25	Green Bay, WI	80/57/pc	25	Muncie, IN	80/60/pc	60	South Bend, IN	82/60/pc	25
Bedford, IN	81/61/pc	56	Greenville, SC	82/65/t	46	Murfreesboro, TN	82/62/c	46	Spartanburg, SC	81/65/t	46
Binghamton, NY	76/57/sh	42	Hackensack, NJ	83/66/c	42	Naples, FL	89/79/pc	25	Springfield, IL	79/58/r	25
Bluffton, SC	89/73/t	72	Hagerstown, MD	80/59/pc	38	Nashville, TN	81/64/t	46	Springfield, MO	81/64/t	53
Bremerton, WA	82/54/s	33	Hattiesburg, MS	97/73/t	63	Neptune, NJ	78/64/c	45	St. Augustine, FL	91/78/t	75
Brockton, MA	77/59/pc	25	Henderson, KY	76/61/t	25	New Bedford, MA	78/61/pc	25	St. Cloud, MN	77/61/t	40
Brownwood, TX	98/72/pc	21	Hendersonville, NC	78/64/t	30	New Bern, NC	75/67/t	30	St. George, UT	93/74/t	47
Burlington, IA	77/59/r	46	Herkimer, NY	81/60/sh	52	New Philadelphia, OH	76/61/sh	25	Staunton, VA	70/54/sh	44
Burlington, NC	72/63/t	30	Hillsdale, MI	78/56/s	57	Newark, OH	75/62/pc	44	Stevens Point, WI	79/55/pc	25
Burlington, VT	81/61/pc	35	Holland, MI	81/59/s	25	Newton, NJ	86/58/c	45	Stockton, CA	106/67/s	104
Cambridge, OH	73/60/sh	60	Hornell, NY	76/55/sh	63	New York, NY	82/66/c	42	Stroudsburg, PA	81/57/pc	45
Camdenton, MO	71/61/t	43	Houma, LA	91/76/t	53	Norwich, CT	80/61/c	35	Stuart, FL	94/76/t	25
Canandaigua, NY	77/61/sh	42	Howell, MI	81/58/s	25	Ocala, FL	92/76/t	25	Sturgis, MI	79/57/pc	25
Canton, OH	78/63/sh	25	Hutchinson, KS	84/63/t	57	Oklahoma City, OK	102/71/s	60	Tallahassee, FL	92/74/t	25
Carlsbad, NM	82/69/pc	34	Hyannis, MA	75/64/pc	25	Opelousas, LA	92/76/t	50	Thibodaux, LA	91/77/t	53
Chambersburg, PA	79/60/pc	38	Indianapolis, IN	81/62/pc	25	Oshkosh, WI	79/59/s	25	Topeka, KS	75/62/t	53
Cherry Hill, NJ	85/66/c	40	Iowa City, IA	79/58/pc	48	Palm Beach, FL	91/78/t	25	Tuscaloosa, AL	91/70/t	77
Cincinnati, OH	80/63/pc	45	Ithaca, NY	77/55/sh	42	Palm Springs, CA	109/87/s	100	Utica, NY	78/58/pc	50
Clarksville, TN	77/62/t	45	Jackson, MS	95/73/t	37	Panama City, FL	88/76/t	25	Ventura, CA	73/60/s	33
Coldwater, MI	80/56/s	25	Jackson, TN	79/64/t	63	Pekin, IL	81/61/pc	25	Victorville, CA	98/70/s	100
Columbus, OH	77/62/pc	44	Jacksonville, FL	93/74/t	75	Pensacola, FL	94/77/t	75	Vineland, NJ	82/60/c	40
Corning, NY	79/55/sh	65	Jacksonville, NC	75/67/t	30	Peoria, IL	81/60/pc	25	Visalia, CA	104/68/s	136
Corpus Christi, TX	92/77/pc	25	Kent, OH	78/64/sh	25	Petersburg, VA	75/61/pc	33	Washington, DC	82/66/pc	44
Daytona Beach, FL	94/76/t	25	Kewanee, IL	78/56/pc	25	Phoenix, AZ	103/84/t	108	Watertown, SD	77/60/pc	40
Deming, NM	92/68/t	47	Keyser, WV	74/59/pc	37	Port Huron, MI	78/59/s	41	Wausau, WI	79/57/pc	25
DeRidder, LA	97/75/s	53	Kinston, NC	75/65/t	30	Portsmouth, NH	76/61/pc	25	Waynesboro, PA	79/60/pc	38
Des Moines, IA	77/62/r	25	Knoxville, TN	82/66/t	51	Poughkeepsie, NY	85/58/pc	40	White Plains, NY	79/61/c	46
Detroit, MI	81/62/s	25	Lafayette, IN	82/58/pc	56	Providence, RI	81/63/pc	34	Wichita Falls, TX	102/75/s	50
Devils Lake, ND	79/62/pc	33	Lafayette, LA	93/77/t	50	Pueblo, CO	78/60/t	75	Wilmington, DE	83/64/c	42
Dover, NH	81/62/pc	25	Lakeland, FL	90/76/t	25	Quincy, MA	75/62/pc	25	Wilmington, NC	81/70/t	30
El Paso, TX	86/69/t	25	Lansing, MI	81/58/s	25	Redding, CA	110/70/pc	49	Wisconsin Rapids, WI	80/55/pc	25
Elmira, NY	78/55/sh	59	Las Cruces, NM	91/68/pc	48	Reno, NV	97/67/t	75	Wooster, OH	74/58/sh	25
Erie, PA	75/61/sh	37	Lebanon, PA	83/58/pc	39	Ravenna, OH	78/63/pc	25	Worcester, MA	77/60/pc	25
Eugene, OR	93/60/s	25	Leesburg, FL	91/76/t	25	Richmond, IN	77/57/pc	38	York, PA	83/59/pc	39

Air Quality Index: 0-50, Good; 51-100, Moderate; 101-150, Unhealthy for sensitive groups; 151-200, Unhealthy; 201-300, Very unhealthy; 301-500, Hazardous

INTERNATIONAL CITIES

	Tuesday High/low/W	Wednesday High/low/W		Tuesday High/low/W	Wednesday High/low/W		Tuesday High/low/W	Wednesday High/low/W		Tuesday High/low/W	Wednesday High/low/W
Acapulco	88/76/t	88/77/t	Cape Town	62/52/pc	59/51/sh	La Paz	62/29/pc	62/24/s	San Jose	79/66/t	83/66/t
Addis Ababa	69/58/sh	67/57/sh	Caracas	90/74/t	89/74/s	Lagos	83/72/c	85/73/pc	San Salvador	82/68/t	81/68/t
Algiers	93/71/c	89/69/pc	Casablanca	80/64/pc	80/61/s	Lima	63/58/pc	63/57/pc	Santiago	57/42/c	58/34/s
Amman	93/70/s	93/71/s	Colombo	87/79/pc	87/78/c	Lisbon	78/62/pc	76/62/s	Sao Paulo	82/62/pc	79/67/c
Amsterdam	79/65/pc	71/63/t	Copenhagen	77/63/t	78/64/t	London	77/62/t	72/60/t	Sarajevo	82/57/t	85/60/t
Ankara	87/61/s	90/62/s	Damascus	101/64/s	103/65/s	Madrid	87/59/s	83/57/s	Shanghai	99/86/t	95/83/t
Asuncion	79/65/pc	79/54/t	Dublin	65/52/c	64/53/pc	Manila	89/79/t	87/78/t	Singapore	87/78/t	88/79/r
Athens	91/76/s	93/78/s	Geneva	86/62/pc	80/61/t	Mexico City	74/57/sh	74/58/sh	Stockholm	79/63/pc	80/61/t
Auckland	63/59/c	63/59/r	Guatemala City	76/61/t	77/62/t	Milan	87/68/pc	84/67/t	Sydney	65/51/pc	67/52/s
Baghdad	111/83/pc	112/82/pc	Hanoi	93/79/t	93/79/t	Mombasa	82/70/pc	82/70/pc	Taipei	96/82/t	95/82/pc
Bangkok	92/78/sh	92/78/t	Harare	79/51/s	81/52/s	Montevideo	62/47/pc	57/44/sh	Tegucigalpa	83/66/t	79/67/t
Beijing	87/71/s	88/73/pc	Havana	89/73/t	90/72/t	Montreal	81/63/pc	76/62/c	Tehran	101/78/s	97/76/s
Beirut	87/78/s	86/77/s	Helsinki	80/66/pc	79/64/c	Moscow	83/63/c	83/63/c	Tokyo	92/81/pc	86/76/t
Belgrade	91/66/pc	92/67/pc	Hong Kong	91/81/t	89/81/t	Nairobi	74/57/c	71/53/c	Toronto	79/63/pc	77/61/pc
Berlin	86/66/pc	90/69/pc	Jakarta	90/76/t	91/76/t	New Delhi	90/79/t	91/80/pc	Tunis	102/82/pc	111/82/pc
Bogota	66/49/sh	66/47/pc	Jerusalem	88/67/s	88/65/s	Panama City	85/74/t	87/74/t	Vancouver	74/61/s	79/64/pc
Brussels	81/64/t	73/61/t	Johannesburg	63/44/s	70/51/s	Paris	81/64/pc	78/63/t	Vienna	87/64/t	92/66/s
Bucharest	92/66/t	93/68/pc	Kabul	81/68/c	81/69/pc	Port-au-Prince	93/74/t	93/74/t	Warsaw	81/65/t	82/65/s
Budapest	92/65/t	93/68/s	Khartoum	93/81/pc	97/80/pc	Rio de Janeiro	84/71/s	83/72/pc	Yerevan	97/72/s	97/72/s
Buenos Aires	64/51/s	58/43/c	Kyiv	75/64/c	77/66/t	Riyadh	108/87/pc	109/88/s	Zagreb	88/63/s	93/65/s
Cairo	95/76/s	95/75/t	Kingston	89/81/t	90/79/t	Rome	86/70/pc	89/76/s	Zurich	84/59/pc	84/59/t

Denotes possible travel delays Tuesday

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

Anne Heche dies of crash injuries after life support removed



Actress Anne Heche had been on life support at a Los Angeles burn center after suffering a “severe anoxic brain injury,” caused by a lack of oxygen. GABRIEL BOUYS/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

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LOS ANGELES – Anne Heche, the Emmy-winning film and television actor whose dramatic Hollywood rise in the 1990s and accomplished career contrasted with personal chapters of turmoil, died of injuries from a fiery car crash. She was 53.

Heche was “peacefully taken off life support,” spokeswoman Holly Baird said in a statement Sunday night.

Heche had been on life support at a Los Angeles burn center after suffering a “severe anoxic brain injury,” caused by a lack of oxygen, when her car crashed into a home Aug. 5, according to a statement released Thursday by a representative on behalf of her family and friends. She was declared brain-dead Friday, but was kept on life support in case her organs could be donated, an assessment that took nine days. In the U.S., most organ transplants are done after such a determination.

A native of Ohio whose family moved across the country, Heche endured an abusive and tragic childhood, one that helped push her into acting as a way of escaping her own life. She showed enough early promise to be offered professional work in high school and first came to prominence on the NBC soap opera “Another World” from 1987 to 1991, winning a Daytime Emmy Award for the role of twins Marley and Vicky Hudson.

By the late 1990s Heche was one of the hottest actors in Hollywood, a constant on magazine covers and in big-budget films. In 1997 alone, she played

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opposite Johnny Depp as his wife in “Donnie Brasco” and Tommy Lee Jones in “Volcano” and was part of the ensemble cast in the original “I Know What You Did Last Summer.”

The following year, she starred with Ford in “Six Days, Seven Nights” and appeared with Vince Vaughn and Joaquin Phoenix in “Return to Paradise.” She also played one of cinema’s most famous murder victims, Marion Crane of “Psycho,” in Gus Van Sant’s remake of the Alfred Hitchcock classic, and co-starred in the indie favorite “Walking and Talking.”

Around the same time, her personal life led to even greater fame, and both personal and professional upheaval. She met Ellen DeGeneres at a the 1997 Vanity Fair Oscar party, fell in love and began a 3-year relationship that made one of Hollywood’s first openly gay couples. But Heche later said her career was damaged by an industry wary of casting her in leading roles. She would remember advisers opposing her decision to have DeGeneres accompany her to the premiere of “Volcano.”

After she and DeGeneres parted, Heche had a public breakdown and

would speak candidly of her mental health struggles.

Heche’s delicately elfin look belied her strength on screen. When she won the National Board of Review’s 1997 best supporting actress award, the board cited the one-two punch of “Donnie Brasco” and the political satire “Wag the Dog,” in which Heche portrayed a cynical White House aide and held her own against film great Robert De Niro.

Heche also called effectively on her apparent fragility. In 2002 she starred on Broadway in the play “Proof” as a woman fearful of losing her sanity just like her father, a brilliant mathematics professor. An Associated Press review praised her “touching performance, vulnerable yet funny, particularly when Catherine mocks the suspicions about her mental stability.”

In a memoir released the following year, “Call Me Crazy,” Heche talked about her lifelong battles. During a 2001 interview with Barbara Walters, Heche recounted alleged sexual abuse by her father, Donald Heche, who professed to be devoutly religious and died in 1983 from complications of AIDS.

Heche dated Steve Martin in the 1990s, and is widely believed to have inspired the childlike, but ambitious aspiring actor played by Heather Graham in his Hollywood spoof “Bowfinger.” She later had a son with camera operator Coleman Laffoon, to whom she was married from 2001 to 2009. She had another son during a relationship with actor James Tupper, her co-star on the TV series “Men In Trees.”

Medical investigator rules set shooting an accident

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ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. – The fatal film-set shooting of a cinematographer by actor Alec Baldwin last year was an accident, according to a determination made by New Mexico’s Office of the Medical Investigator following the completion of an autopsy and a review of law enforcement reports.

The medical investigator’s report was made public Monday by the Santa Fe County Sheriff’s Office along with numerous reports from the FBI on the revolver and ammunition that were collected after the shooting.

Prosecutors have not yet decided if any charges will be filed in the case, saying they would review the latest reports and were awaiting cell phone data from Baldwin’s attorneys.

Baldwin was pointing a gun at cinematographer Halyna Hutchins when it went off on Oct. 21, killing Hutchins and wounding the director, Joel Souza. They had been inside a small church during setup for filming a scene.

Baldwin’s legal team suggested it was further proof that the shooting was “a tragic accident” and that he should not face criminal charges.

“This is the third time the New Mexico authorities have found that Alec Baldwin had no authority or knowledge of the allegedly unsafe conditions on the set, that he was told by the person in charge of safety on the set that the gun was ‘cold,’ and believed the gun was safe,” attorney Luke Nikas said in a statement.

Baldwin said in a December interview with ABC News that he was pointing the gun at Hutchins at her instruction on the set of the Western film “Rust” when it went off after he cocked it. He said he did not pull the trigger.

An FBI analysis of the revolver that Baldwin had in his hand during the rehearsal suggested it was in working order at the time and would not have discharged unless it was fully cocked and the trigger was pulled.

With the hammer in full cock position, the FBI report stated the gun could not be made to fire without pulling the trigger while the working internal components were intact and functional.

During the testing of the gun by the FBI, authorities said, portions of the gun’s trigger sear and cylinder stop fractured while the hammer was struck. That allowed the hammer to fall and the firing pin to detonate the primer.

“This was the only successful discharge during this testing and it was attributed to the fracture of internal components, not the failure of the firearm or safety mechanisms,” the report stated.

It was unclear from the FBI report how many times the revolver’s hammer may have been struck during the testing.

Baldwin, who also was a producer on the movie “Rust,” has previously said the gun should not have been loaded for the rehearsal.

New Mexico’s Occupational Health and Safety Bureau in a scathing report issued in April detailed a narrative of safety failures in violation of standard industry protocols, including testimony that production managers took limited or no action to address two misfires on set prior to the fatal shooting.

In reaching its conclusion that the shooting was an accident, New Mexico’s medical investigator’s office pointed to “the absence of obvious intent to cause harm or death” and stated that there was said “no compelling demonstration” that the revolver was intentionally loaded with live ammunition on the set.



Actor Alec Baldwin speaks with investigators after the shooting on a movie set in Santa Fe, N.M. SANTA FE COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE VIA AP, FILE

R. Kelly jury selection focuses on film

Federal child pornography trial begins in Chicago

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CHICAGO – Jury selection in R. Kelly’s federal trial on charges that he rigged his 2008 state child pornography trial began Monday with the judge and attorneys quickly focusing on whether would-be jurors watched a 2019 documentary about sex abuse allegations against the R&B singer.

After denying a request from Kelly’s attorney to automatically exclude anyone from the jury who watched the six-part documentary series, “Surviving R. Kelly,” U.S. District Judge Harry Leinenweber quizzed potential jurors about how much they watched, what they could recall about it and whether they could be impartial if they were selected.

Jurors were asked whether they watched the documentary in a questionnaire they had already filled out. In one instance, a woman who had left her answer blank acknowledged that she had watched several episodes. She was not immediately excused from serving, however.

In all, the judge dismissed at least half of the some 60 would-be jurors he questioned Monday. Among those dismissed was an elementary school teacher who said he’d have difficulty being impartial given the subject matter of the trial, a man who said said many of his closest friends were Chicago cops and a woman who said she once took martial arts classes with Kelly’s kids.

Among those kept in the pool of possible jurors was a man with a post-graduate degree in classical music and several people who said they watched part of the documentary on Kelly but who assured the judge they could give the singer a fair trial.



Ashley Cohen, left, and Jennifer Bonjean, R. Kelly’s defense attorneys, walk into the Dirksen Federal Courthouse in Chicago for jury selection as the R&B superstar faces federal charges. ASHLEE REZIN/CHICAGO SUN-TIMES VIA AP

Jury selection was expected to resume on Tuesday.

The trial centers on whether Kelly threatened and paid off a girl with whom he allegedly videotaped himself having sex when he was around 30 and she was no older than 14. Jurors in the 2008 child pornography trial acquitted Kelly, with some later explaining that they felt they had no choice because the girl did not testify. The woman, now in her 30s and referred to in filings only as “Minor 1,” will be the government’s star witness in the federal trial that’s expected to last four weeks.

Kelly also faces multiple counts of producing and receiving child pornography.

Kelly, 55, already has been sentenced by a New York federal judge to a 30-year prison term for a 2021 conviction on charges that he used his fame to sexually abuse other young fans.

Kelley gave potential jurors a quick wave as his attorney Jennifer Bonjean introduced him. Kelly also wore a surgical mask as part of COVID-19 protocols for everyone entering the courthouse.

Kelly, who rose from poverty on Chicago’s South Side to become a star sing-

er, songwriter and producer, faces multiple charges at the federal trial. They include four counts of enticement of minors for sex – one each for four other accusers. They, too, are slated to testify.

With the New York sentence alone, Kelly will be around 80 before qualifying for early release. Convictions in Chicago could add decades to Kelly’s New York sentence, which he is appealing. A conviction for just one count of producing child pornography carries a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years in prison.

Two Kelly associates, Derrel McDavid and Milton Brown, are co-defendants at the Chicago trial. McDavid is accused of helping Kelly fix the 2008 trial, while Brown is charged with receiving child pornography. Like Kelly, they also have denied wrongdoing.

Two state cases also are pending. One is a multiple count sex-abuse case out of Cook County Circuit Court in Chicago. The other is a solicitation case in Minnesota. No trial dates are set for either. Minor 1 is expected to testify that she was on video having sex with Kelly. The recording was at the heart of the monthlong 2008 trial and was played for jurors almost every day.

INVASION IN UKRAINE

▼ A man looks out from an apartment destroyed after Russian shelling in Nikopol, Ukraine. KOSTIANTYN LIBEROV/AP



More than a dozen attacks repelled by Ukraine forces

Sides point fingers over shelling of nuclear plant

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KYIV, Ukraine – The Ukrainian military said Monday it repelled more than a dozen Russian attacks in the country’s east and north, including attempts to advance on key cities in the eastern industrial heartland known as the Donbas.

In its regular Facebook update, the military’s general staff said Russian troops had attempted to push toward Kramatorsk, one of two major cities in the eastern Donetsk province that remain under Ukrainian control, but “they failed completely and chaotically retreated to their previous positions.”

In the same post, the military said Russian forces staged an unsuccessful assault on Bakhmut, a strategic town in the Donetsk region whose capture would pave the way for Russia to take Kramatorsk and the de facto Ukrainian administrative capital, Sloviansk.

The Donetsk region is one of two provinces that make up the Donbas, where the fighting has largely been focused in recent months, since Kremlin forces retreated from around the capital, Kyiv.

Russian officials announced the full capture of the Luhansk region, the second of the two, early last month, though its Ukrainian governor has repeatedly claimed that Kyiv’s forces are holding out in a small area near the regional boundary.

In the same update, the military claimed Russia tried and failed to break through Ukrainian defense lines in the northern Kharkiv region, home to Ukraine’s second-largest city, but were “met harshly and thrown back.”

Meanwhile, the Russian FSB, the KGB’s main successor agency, said it thwarted a “sabotage and terrorist attack” on an oil pipeline in Russia’s southern Volgograd region, which it blamed on two Russian citizens colluding with Ukrainian security forces.

The claims could not be immediately verified.

Elsewhere, Russian and Ukrainian officials traded more accusations Monday about renewed shelling of the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant, with each side alleging the other was responsible for the attacks that have raised fears of a catastrophe.

The press office of the Kremlin-backed administration in Enerhodar, the Russian-controlled city where the plant is located, told the Interfax agency that Ukrainian forces were carrying out “massive shelling” of the facility, as well as Enerhodar’s residential and industrial areas.

According to the statement, the shelling came from nearby Nikopol, a Ukrainian-held city which faces the plant across the Dnieper River.

The mayor of Nikopol later said Russians were shelling Enerhodar themselves.

Mayor Yevhen Yevtushenko and other municipal authorities in Nikopol have repeatedly accused Russian troops stationed at the plant of shelling the city, knowing that Ukrainian forces there



A Ukrainian soldier sits in a foxhole at a position along the front line in the Donetsk region of Ukraine. ANATOLII STEPANOV/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

were unlikely to fire back.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy renewed his call for fresh sanctions against Moscow and its nuclear industry in response to the situation. He described Russian forces’ actions there as “nuclear blackmail” that might embolden malign actors worldwide.

As Russian forces kept up their artillery barrages across Ukraine, at least three Ukrainian civilians were killed and 20 others wounded, Ukrainian officials said.

The deaths and 13 of the wounded were blamed on Russian shelling that hit towns and villages in the Donetsk region, regional officials said.

Russian Defense Ministry spokesman Lt. Gen. Igor Konashenkov said Monday that Russian warplanes have struck Ukrainian army positions in the southern Kherson region and in the Donetsk region. He added the Russian air force also hit a facility in the Kharkiv region, killing at least 100 and wounding

50 “mercenaries” from Poland and Germany. His claims could not be independently verified.

Speaking at the opening of an arms show outside Moscow, Russian President Vladimir Putin hailed the military, which he said was “liberating the Donbas step by step.”

He also vowed to expand arms sales to Russian allies, whom he praised for continuing to offer firm support to Moscow in the face of Western pressure.

For its part, the Ukrainian military claimed to have destroyed more than 10 Russian warehouses with ammunition and military equipment in the past week.

In other developments Monday:

- The Ukrainian parliament extended martial law and the country’s general mobilization for another 90 days.
- Zelenskyy dismissed the heads of three regional branches of Ukraine’s top security agency, SBU, in the Kyiv, Lviv and Tarnopil regions. Zelenskyy’s office didn’t elaborate on the reasons behind the move. Last month, he dismissed SBU chief Ivan Bakanov and a chief prosecutor, saying their departments had too many people who faced accusations of collaborating with the Russians.
- A British military reconnaissance plane violated Russia’s airspace, the Russian defense ministry said.

The ministry said in a statement that Russian air defense forces in Russia’s Arctic northwest had spotted the plane heading toward the border from the direction of the Barents Sea. A Russian fighter identified the aircraft as a British Air Force RC-135 and forced it out of Russian territory, the ministry said.

First ship to leave Ukraine carrying grain goes missing

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BEIRUT – The cargo on the first grain ship to leave Ukraine under a wartime deal has been resold several times and there is now no information about the ship’s location and destination, the Ukrainian embassy in Beirut said Monday.

The Sierra Leone-flagged ship Razoni, which left Odesa on Aug. 1, and moved through the Black Sea carrying Ukrainian corn, later passed inspection in Turkey. It was initially heading for Lebanon with 26,000 metric tons of corn for chicken feed. The corn’s buyer in Lebanon refused to accept the cargo because it was delivered much later than agreed.

The Razoni hasn’t had its tracker on for the last three days, and it appeared off the east coast of the Mediterranean island of Cyprus at last transmission.

It was not known if the Razoni’s tracker was off because it was heading to a port in Syria, a strong ally of Russia that Ukraine had accused of importing grain stolen from Ukraine.

Syria is also under Western sanctions because of the 11-year conflict there that



The Sierra Leone-flagged cargo ship Razoni sails under the Yavuz Sultan Selim Bridge after being inspected by Russian, Ukrainian, Turkish and U.N. officials at the entrance of the Bosphorus Strait in Istanbul on Aug. 3. EMRAH GUREL/AP FILE

has killed hundreds of thousands. Syrian port officials could not be immediately reached for comment.

“Our task has been to reopen sea-

ports for grain cargo and it has been done,” Ukraine’s embassy in Beirut said in a statement in English, adding 16 vessels have left Ukraine carrying more

than 450,000 tons of agricultural products since a breakthrough agreement was brokered by Turkey and the United Nations with Russia and Ukraine.

The embassy said the Razoni was the first vessel that left Ukraine under the agreement and successfully passed inspection in Istanbul before moving toward its destination.

“We don’t have any information about (the) position of the vessel and cargo destination,” it said. “We have also information that cargo has been resold a few times after that.”

The embassy said: “We are not responsible for (the) vessel and cargo, especially when it left Ukraine, moreover after vessel’s departure from foreign port.”

The Black Sea region is dubbed the world’s breadbasket, with Ukraine and Russia key global suppliers of wheat, corn, barley and sunflower oil that millions of impoverished people in Africa, the Middle East and parts of Asia rely on for survival. An estimated 20 million tons of grain – most said to be destined for livestock – has been stuck in Ukraine since the start of the 6-month-old war.

INVASION IN UKRAINE



Ukrainian volunteer recruits take part in an urban battle exercise while being trained by British Armed Forces at a military base in southern England. FRANK AUGSTEIN/AP

Ukrainians training in England

British military vows to help 10,000 recruits

Jill Lawless
ASSOCIATED PRESS

A BRITISH ARMY BASE, England – A few weeks ago, Serhiy was a business analyst at an IT company. Zakhar was a civil engineer. Now they are soldiers, training to liberate Ukraine from Russia’s invasion – but doing it more than 1,000 miles away in Britain.

They are among several hundred Ukrainian recruits pounding through an intense form of infantry training at an army base in southeast England. One batch of the 10,000 Ukrainian soldiers that the British military has pledged to train within 120 days, they are spending several weeks learning skills including marksmanship, battlefield first aid and -- crucially for their country’s future – urban warfare.

As the Ukrainians practice house-clearing amid the rattle of gunfire and pall from smoke grenades on a mock- townscape where British soldiers once trained for operations in Northern Ireland, they think about driving Russian troops from the streets of their own cit-

ies.

“The most important part is urban training, because it’s the most dangerous combat, in cities,” said Serhiy, who like the other Ukrainians did not want his full named used because of security concerns. “The British instructors have a lot of experience, from Iraq, Afghanistan. We can adapt all this knowledge to the Ukrainian situation and use it to liberate our country from Russian invasion.”

British trainers are putting the Ukrainian troops through a condensed version of the British Army’s infantry training, covering weapons handling, first aid, patrol tactics and the law of conflict. The aim is to turn raw recruits into battle-ready soldiers in a matter of weeks. The first batch arrived last month and have already been sent back to replenish depleted Ukrainian units.

“We are running a basic infantry course, which takes Ukrainian recruits and teaches them to shoot well, to move and communicate well within any tactical environment, and to medicate well,” said Maj. Craig Hutton, a Scots Guards officer helping to oversee the training.

Hutton says many of the Ukrainian troops have little military experience but “they are so motivated. They have a

“The British instructors have a lot of experience, from Iraq, Afghanistan. We can adapt all this knowledge to the Ukrainian situation and use it to liberate our country from Russian invasion.”

Serhiy, a Ukrainian recruit who did not want his last name used

fantastic will to learn, and they just want to practice, practice and practice more.”

More than 1,000 U.K. personnel are involved in the training mission, taking place at four bases around the U.K. Other countries are also sending trainers, including Canada, the Netherlands, New Zealand and the Nordic nations.

Britain is sending the Ukrainians home with new uniforms, body armor, helmets and other gear, part of 2.3 billion pounds’ (\$2.8 billion) worth of U.K. military aid to the country that also includes anti-tank missiles and sophisticated rocket-launch systems.

Zakhar, the former engineer, said it was hard to be away from Ukraine as fighting rages in the eastern Donbas region and in the south.

“I left my parents. I left my brothers and sisters, my relatives, to gain knowledge and experience that will help me ... free our territory from occupiers and invaders,” he said through an interpreter.

Serhiy, the onetime IT worker, has been in uniform for less than a month and is equally determined.

“I know that Ukrainian soldiers are dying to protect our homes right now. So it’s hard to know that I am not with them,” he said. “But the Ukrainian army needs only professional soldiers, so I am ready to train as hard as possible to be ready for the battle ahead.”

Brigadier Justin Stenhouse, who is in charge of the training as commander of the 11th Security Assistance Brigade, said seeing the motivation of the Ukrainians is “humbling.” But he said preparing for the chaos of urban combat is “almost impossible to do in training.” The goal of the mission, he said, is to “train them so they can adapt to survive in those early weeks of combat.”

“They will learn more in the first weeks of combat than we can possibly give them here,” he said.

Imprisoned Kremlin critic Navalny says he’s in solitary confinement

ASSOCIATED PRESS

MOSCOW – Imprisoned Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny says prison officials ordered him to serve at least three days in solitary confinement, citing a minor infraction, in retaliation for his activism behind bars.

A post about the punishment appeared in Navalny’s social media accounts on Monday. It wasn’t immediately known how the politician got the information out – the post said those in solitary confinement are not allowed to have visitors, letters or parcels, the only possessions at Navalny’s disposal are “a mug and a book,” and he gets to have a pen and some paper for just over an hour a day.

Navalny, President Vladimir Putin’s fiercest foe, was arrested in January 2021 upon returning from Germany, where he had been recuperating from nerve-agent poisoning he blamed on the Kremlin. He received a 2½-year sentence for violating the conditions of his parole while outside Russia.

In March, Navalny was sentenced to nine years in prison on charges of fraud and contempt of court, allegations he rejected as a politically motivated attempt by Russian authorities to keep him behind bars for as long as possible.

During his time behind bars, his social media accounts have been regularly updated with posts about life in prison. Just last week, Navalny announced set-



Navalny

ting up a labor union for convicts, of which he said he was the only member at the time. Navalny said the union has successfully argued for replacing backless stools with chairs in the prison’s sewing shop where he works.

According to the post published on Monday, the union activity was the real reason prison officials sent him to solitary confinement: “The Kremlin wants to see its GULAG consisting of voiceless slaves. And here I am, instead of begging for pardon, uniting some people and demanding that some laws be observed.”

The post said Navalny was summoned by prison officials and told that video surveillance showed he regularly unbuttoned his prison garb while in the work area.

“This certainly characterizes me as a hopeless villain. So, a decision has been made to send me to punitive solitary confinement” for three days, the post read.

If Navalny “doesn’t change (his) attitude,” his stay there would be extended, prison officials told him, according to the post.

The post described solitary as “the most severe punishment in the legal prison hierarchy” – a small concrete cell, in which “it is very hot and there is almost no air.”



From left, seen behind bars, are Britons Andrew Hill and Dylan Healy, Croat Vjekoslav Prebeg, Briton John Harding and Swede Mathias Gustafsson. AP

5 Europeans go on trial in separatist-controlled Ukraine

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Five European citizens captured in eastern Ukraine went on trial Monday in a court administered by Kremlin-backed separatists in the city of Donetsk, Russian media reported.

The five – including Swede Mathias Gustafsson, Croat Vjekoslav Prebeg, and Britons John Harding, Andrew Hill and Dylan Healy – all pleaded not guilty to charges of mercenarism and “undergoing training to seize power by force,” according to Russian media.

They could face the death penalty under the laws of the self-proclaimed, unrecognized Donetsk People’s Re-

public.

The next court hearing in their case is scheduled for October, the Interfax news agency reported, citing a statement by the separatists’ court.

On June 9, the supreme court of the self-proclaimed republic sentenced two Britons and a Moroccan, all of whom were captured by pro-Russian forces in Ukraine’s industrial east, to death for being mercenaries. All three have appealed their verdicts.

Ukrainian social media has been abuzz with speculation that the Kremlin might seek to use the foreign fighters to extract concessions from Ukraine or swap them for Russian prisoners.

BUSINESS

DOW JONES INDUSTRIAL AVERAGE

+151.39

Closing: 33,912.44
Change: +.5%
YTD % Chg: -6.7%

MARKET PERFORMANCE BY SECTOR

Sector	Close	Chg.	4wk ¹	YTD ¹
Energy	76.94	-1.53	+9.7%	+38.6%
Utilities	77.36	+0.64	+12.5%	+8.1%
Consumer staples	76.26	+0.75	+5.6%	-1.1%
Health care	134.29	+0.67	+5.4%	-4.7%
Industrials	100.08	+0.24	+15.9%	-5.4%
Financials	35.55	-0.01	+12.3%	-9.0%
Materials	81.07	-0.05	+12.3%	-10.5%
Technology	151.56	+0.95	+15.6%	-12.8%
Consumer discret.	171.08	+1.17	+17.8%	-16.3%
Telecom	64.44	+0.08	+5.2%	-21.6%

S&P 500'S BIGGEST GAINERS

Company (ticker)	Price	\$ Chg.	% Chg.	YTD
Illumina Inc (ILMN)	226.59	+18.27	+8.8	-40.4
Gilead Sciences (GILD)	66.21	+3.25	+5.2	-8.8
Vertex Pharm (VRTX)	305.53	+11.01	+3.7	+39.1
Take-Two Interactive (TTWO)	127.39	+4.25	+3.5	-28.3
Moderna Inc (MRNA)	176.78	+5.60	+3.3	-30.4

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+16.99

Closing: 4,297.14
Change: +.4%
YTD % Chg: -9.8%

MARKET NOTEBOOK

Issues	NYSE	NASDAQ
Advancing	1,218	2,051
Declining	1,240	1,409
Unchanged	65	306
Total	2,523	3,766
Issues at		
New 52 Week High	61	74
New 52 Week Low	6	21
Share Volume		
Total	3,467,884,279	4,101,472,193
Advancing	1,577,766,335	2,632,312,713
Declining	1,811,652,184	1,386,040,067
Unchanged	78,465,760	83,119,413

S&P 500'S BIGGEST LOSERS

Company (ticker)	Price	\$ Chg.	% Chg.	YTD
Schlumberger Ltd (SLB)	35.76	-1.38	-3.7	+19.4
Halliburton (HAL)	28.47	-1.08	-3.7	+24.5
Freeport McMoRan (FCX)	30.50	-1.12	-3.5	-26.9
Mosaic Co (MOS)	53.16	-1.69	-3.1	+35.3
Generac Holdings (GNRC)	272.17	-8.35	-3.0	-22.7

NASDAQ COMPOSITE

+80.87

Closing: 13,128.05
Change: +.6%
YTD % Chg: -16.1%

TOP 10 EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS

ETF, ranked by volume	Ticker	Close	Chg.	% Chg	%YTD
ProShs UltraPro QQQ	TQQQ	38.89	+0.81	+2.4%	-53.2%
ProShs UltPro Sht QQQ	SQQQ	33.45	-0.84	-2.4%	+12.6%
SPDR S&P500 ETF Tr	SPY	428.86	+1.76	+0.4%	-9.7%
Direx SOX Bull 3X	SOXL	21.78	+0.18	+0.8%	-68.0%
Invesco QQQ Trust	QQQ	333.06	+2.67	+0.8%	-16.3%
ProShs Short S&P	SH	14.49	-0.05	-0.3%	+6.4%
iShs Emerg Mkts	EEM	40.86	-0.19	-0.5%	-16.4%
ProSh Short QQQ	PSQ	12.05	-0.10	-0.8%	+11.3%
Direx Biotech Bull	LABU	12.92	+0.45	+3.6%	-64.1%
SPDR Financial	XLFI	35.55	-0.01	...	-9.0%

FOREIGN CURRENCIES

Currency per dollar	Close	Prev.	6 mo. ago	Yr. ago
British pound	.8295	.8237	.7387	.7211
Canadian dollar	1.2909	1.2775	1.2733	1.2518
Chinese yuan	6.7735	6.7428	6.3392	6.4774
Euro	.9847	.9740	.8803	.8478
Japanese yen	133.32	133.49	115.63	109.59
Mexican peso	19.8817	19.8397	20.3878	19.8799

RUSSELL 2000

+4.73

Closing: 2,021.35
Change: +.2%
YTD % Chg: -10.0%

COMMODITIES

Commodities	Close	Prev.	Chg.	% Chg.	%YTD
Cattle (lb.)	1.40	1.40	unch.	-0.3%	+0.6%
Corn (bushel)	6.27	6.40	-0.13	-2.0%	+5.7%
Gold (troy oz.)	1,781.40	1,798.60	-17.20	-1.0%	-2.5%
Hogs, lean (lb.)	1.01	1.22	-0.21	+0.5%	+23.4%
Natural Gas (Btu.)	8.73	8.77	-0.04	-0.5%	+134.0%
Oil, heating (gal.)	3.44	3.52	-0.08	-2.2%	+47.8%
Oil, lt. swt. crude (bar.)	89.41	92.09	-2.68	-2.9%	+18.9%
Silver (troy oz.)	20.25	20.68	-0.43	-2.1%	+13.2%
Soybeans (bushel)	14.94	16.69	-1.75	-2.5%	+12.4%
Wheat (bushel)	8.01	8.06	-0.05	-0.7%	+3.9%

FOREIGN MARKETS

Country	Close	Prev.	Change	%Chg.	%YTD
Frankfurt	13,816.61	13,795.85	+20.76	+0.2%	-13.0%
Hong Kong	20,040.86	20,175.62	-134.76	-0.7%	-14.4%
Japan (Nikkei)	28,871.78	28,546.98	+324.80	+1.1%	+0.3%
London	7,509.15	7,500.89	+8.26	+0.1%	+1.7%
Mexico City	48,638.36	48,853.37	-215.01	-0.4%	-8.7%

SOURCE Morningstar, Dow Jones Indexes, The Associated Press

IN BRIEF

Stocks end higher, with most S&P 500 sectors rising

Stocks on Wall Street bounced back from an early slide and closed higher Monday, extending the market's recent winning ways as investors look ahead to several updates from retailers this week.

The S&P 500 rose 0.4% after having been down 0.5% in the early going. The benchmark index has risen for four straight weeks and is up 13.5% so far in the third quarter, although it's still lower for the year.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 0.5%, and the Nasdaq gained 0.6%. Smaller company stocks also rose, sending the Russell 2000 index 0.2% higher.

All but two of the 11 sectors in the S&P 500 closed higher. Technology stocks, retailers and other companies that rely on direct consumer spending accounted for a big share of the gains.

London's Heathrow Airport extends passenger cap

London's Heathrow Airport said Monday it will extend its cap on daily passenger numbers until the end of October as part of its efforts to cope with soaring demand for air travel amid staffing shortages.

The airport, one of Europe's busiest, said a maximum of 100,000 travelers can depart each day until Oct. 29. The daily cap was initially expected to be lifted on Sept. 11.

Heathrow imposed the temporary limit in July and told airlines to stop selling tickets during the peak summer travel season, saying the expected passenger traffic was more than airport ground staff could handle.

Kraft Heinz recalls contaminated Capri Sun juice pouches

Kraft Heinz is recalling thousands of pouches of Capri Sun after some cleaning solution accidentally was mixed with the juice on a production line. The company said it's recalling about 5,760 cases of Capri Sun Wild Cherry flavored juice blend. The "Best When Used By" date on the packages is June 25, 2023.

Kraft Heinz said in a statement Friday it is working with retailers to remove the product from circulation.

From wire reports



GETTY IMAGES

Judge revives ban on federal land coal sales

Matthew Brown
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BILLINGS, Mont. – A federal judge last week reinstated a moratorium on coal leasing from federal lands that was imposed under former President Barack Obama and then scuttled under former President Donald Trump.

The ruling from U.S. District Judge Brian Morris requires government officials to conduct a new environmental review before they can resume coal sales from federal lands.

Almost half the nation's annual coal production – some 260 million tons last year – is mined by private companies from leases on federal land, primarily in Western states such as Wyoming, Montana and Colorado. Few coal leases were sold in recent years after demand for the fuel shrank drastically.

But the industry's opponents had urged Morris to revive the Obama-era moratorium to ensure it can't make a comeback as wildfires, drought, rising sea levels and other effects of climate change worsen. Coal combustion for electricity remains one of the top sources of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions, even after many power plants shut down over the past decade because of concerns over pollution and changing economic conditions.

The coal program brought in about \$400 million to federal and state coffers through royalties and other pay-



An excavator moves rocks above a coal seam at the Spring Creek Mine in Decker, Mont. MATTHEW BROWN/AP FILE

ments in 2021, according to government data. It supports thousands of jobs and has been fiercely defended by industry representatives, Republicans in Congress and officials in coal-producing states.

Among President Joe Biden's actions his first week in office was to suspend oil and gas lease sales – a move later blocked by a federal judge – and he faced pressure from environmental groups to take similar action against

coal. The administration last year launched a review of climate damage from coal mining on public lands as it expanded scrutiny of government fossil fuel sales that contribute to greenhouse gas emissions. But no changes had been announced as a result of that review, said environmental attorney Jenny Harbaine.

Interior Department officials were reviewing the ruling, spokesperson Melissa Schwartz said.

Starbucks asks labor board to halt union votes temporarily

Dee-Ann Durbin
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Starbucks is asking the National Labor Relations Board to temporarily suspend all union elections at its U.S. stores after a career employee with the labor board told the company of alleged improper coordination between regional NLRB officials and the union.

In a letter sent Monday to the NLRB, Starbucks said the employee informed the company about numerous issues in the NLRB's St. Louis office while it was overseeing a union election at a Starbucks store in Overland Park, Kansas, earlier this spring.

The store is one of 314 U.S. Starbucks locations where workers have petitioned the NLRB to hold union elections since late last year. More than 220 of those Starbucks stores have voted to unionize. The company opposes the unionization effort.

The Seattle coffee giant alleges that St. Louis regional officials made special arrangements for pro-union workers to vote in person at its office when they didn't receive mail-in ballots, even though Starbucks and the union had agreed that store elections would be handled by mail-in ballot.

Starbucks said regional officials also disclosed confidential information to the union, including which workers' ballots had arrived in the mail to be counted.

Starbucks Workers United, the group seeking to unionize U.S. Starbucks stores, accused the company of trying to "distract attention away from their unprecedented anti-union campaign, including firing over 75 union leaders across the country, while simultaneously trying to halt all union elections."

"Workers have spoken loud and clear by winning 82 percent of union elections," the group said in a statement.

"Ultimately, this is Starbucks' latest attempt to manipulate the legal process for their own means and prevent workers from exercising their fundamental right to organize."

NLRB Press Secretary Kayla Blado said Monday that the agency doesn't comment on open cases.

"The agency has well-established processes to raise challenges regarding the handling of both election matters and unfair labor practice cases. Those challenges should be raised in filings specific to the particular matters in question," Blado said in a statement.

Workers at the Overland Park store petitioned the NLRB to hold a vote in February. In April, workers voted 6-1 to unionize, but seven additional ballots were the subject of challenges from Starbucks or the union. A hearing on those challenges is scheduled for Tuesday; Starbucks has asked that hearing to be delayed.

Blado said the NLRB will "carefully and objectively" consider any challenges that Starbucks raises through "established channels." Starbucks can also seek expedited review in the case, Blado said.

Starbucks said there is evidence of misconduct in other regions as well. The company wants the NLRB to thoroughly investigate other Starbucks union elections and make public a report on its findings. The company said the board should also implement safeguards to prevent regional officials from coordinating with one party or another.

Starbucks also asked the NLRB to issue an order requiring all pending and future elections to be conducted in person with observers from both sides.

"If the NLRB does not respond by investigating and remedying these types of actions, we do not see how the board can represent itself as a neutral agency," the company said in the letter.



Former President Donald Trump endorses Harriet Hageman for Wyoming’s U.S. House seat during a rally on May 28 at the Ford Wyoming Center in Casper. LAUREN MILLER/THE CASPER STAR-TRIBUNE VIA AP, FILE

Election

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The anticipated outcomes at least partially stem from the nuanced politics of each state. Wyoming is a Republican stronghold, delivering Trump his strongest victory of any state in the 2020 campaign. Alaska, meanwhile, has a history of rewarding candidates with an independent streak.

But Murkowski enjoys an additional advantage in the way elections are being conducted in Alaska this year. Winner-take-all party primaries, like the one Cheney is facing, have been replaced by a voter-approved process in which all candidates are listed together. The four who get the most votes, regardless of party affiliation, advance to the general election in which ranked voting will be used.

Murkowski benefits from avoiding a Republican primary, “which she would have had a zero percent – I mean zero percent – chance of winning,” said Alaska pollster Ivan Moore.

Murkowski has 18 challengers in her primary, the most prominent being Republican Kelly Tshibaka, whom Trump has endorsed.

The Alaska Democratic Party, meanwhile, has endorsed Pat Chesbro, a retired educator.

In an interview, Murkowski insisted she would be among the candidates advancing from the primary and said her success requires, in part, coalition building.

“That’s kind of my strong suit, that’s what I do,” she said.

For his part, Trump has been harsh in his assessment of Murkowski. At a rally in Anchorage last month with Tshibaka and Sarah Palin, whom he’s endorsed

for Alaska’s only House seat, he called Murkowski “the worst. I rate her No. 1 bad.”

Trump participated in a telerally for Tshibaka on Thursday while Murkowski mingled with supporters at a campaign office opening in Juneau, which boasted a spread that included moose chili and smoked salmon dip. Murkowski said Trump isn’t a factor in the campaign she’s running.

“He is going to do what he’s going to do,” she said. But she told supporters the campaign will be challenging.

Murkowski was censured by Alaska Republican Party leaders last year over numerous grievances, including the impeachment vote and speaking critically of Trump and her support of Interior Secretary Deb Haaland’s nomination.

Tuckerman Babcock, a former state Republican Party chair who is running for state Senate, said Murkowski has lost the support of many Alaska Republicans, which he called a “political reality over a record of many years.”

Republicans in Alaska are “almost unanimous in their opposition to Lisa Murkowski,” he said. “Are they divided on other issues? Of course.”

Babcock said the new elections system lets candidates “self-identify” with a party and is not an improvement over the old party primary process.

Chuck Kopp, a Republican former state legislator, is hopeful about the new system. Kopp lost his 2020 Republican primary after being part of a bipartisan state House majority composed largely of Democrats.

“It’s only the fringe that is clinging like a death grip on a failed paradigm, and that paradigm is extreme partisanship at all costs,” he said. “I think Alaska is going to take a leadership role in moving away from that. That’s what I’m hoping for.”

Kopp said that while he has not always supported Murkowski, she has been “fearless when it counts for this country.”

“I think she has shown that personality cults aren’t conservative, conspiracy theories aren’t conservative and treating politics like a religion is not conservative,” Kopp said. He said he thinks Murkowski has more support throughout Alaska than party activists give her credit for.

The Senate seat has been held by a Murkowski since 1981; before Lisa Murkowski, it was her father, Republican Frank Murkowski. He appointed his daughter to succeed him in 2002 after he became governor. Murkowski won the seat in her own right in 2004.

Murkowski has not cracked 50% of the vote in a Senate general election, and needing to build a coalition of support is nothing new to her. She won a write-in campaign in 2010 after losing that year’s Republican primary to tea party favorite Joe Miller.

Murkowski overwhelmingly won her Republican primary against little-known opponents in 2016, the year Trump was elected.

Rosita Worl, an Alaska Native leader, referred to the 2010 primary as “the debacle” and said Alaska Natives rallied around Murkowski and her write-in bid. Worl, who attended Murkowski’s Juneau campaign event, said she is not a Republican herself but sees Murkowski as an Alaskan and said the senator has “always supported our issues.”

State Rep. Zack Fields, a Democrat seeking reelection to an Anchorage legislative seat, said there are yards in his district with signs for him and Murkowski. He said he doesn’t agree with Murkowski on the “majority of votes that she’s cast over her career.”

“But she has shown that she believes

in democracy and will work with people to accomplish things that are the right thing for citizens. That actually is at risk right now,” he said.

Fields called the insurrection “horri-fying.”

“But what was even frankly more terrifying than that is that so many elected officials and high-ranking so-called leaders would excuse it, justify it and otherwise embolden those who threaten democracy,” he said.

Cheney is the vice chair of the House select committee investigating the Capitol riot.

The riot was a big issue during a June debate between Cheney and Republican challengers, including Hageman. Hageman said the committee was “not focused on things that are important to the people of Wyoming.”

Entering the final stretch of her primary campaign, Cheney hasn’t backed down. She released a video on Thursday with a closing message reinforcing her criticism of Trump.

“The lie that the 2020 presidential election was stolen is insidious,” Cheney said. “It preys on those who love their country. It is a door Donald Trump opened to manipulate Americans to abandon their principles, to sacrifice their freedom, to justify violence, to ignore the rulings of our courts and the rule of law.”

She added, “This is Donald Trump’s legacy, but it cannot be the future of our nation.”

In the interview, Murkowski said Cheney has shown courage.

“I think she has looked at this and said, this is not about Liz Cheney,” Murkowski said. “This is about ... the difference between right and wrong. And she is doing her job under very challenging circumstances. But I think she’s doing it because she believes she has to.”

Giuliani

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Earlier Monday, a federal judge said U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham must testify in front of the special grand jury. Prosecutors have said they want to ask Graham about phone calls they said he made to Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger and his staff in the weeks following the election.

Willis’ investigation was spurred by a phone call between Trump and Raffensperger. During that January 2021 conversation, Trump suggested Raffensperger “find” the votes needed to reverse his narrow loss in the state.

Willis last month filed petitions seeking to compel testimony from seven Trump associates and advisers.

In seeking Giuliani’s testimony, Willis identified him as a personal attorney for Trump and a lead attorney for his campaign. She wrote he and others appeared at a state Senate committee meeting and presented a video that Giuliani said showed election workers producing “suitcases” of unlawful ballots from unknown sources, outside the view of election poll watchers.

Within 24 hours of that Dec. 3, 2020, hearing, Raffensperger’s office had debunked the video. But Giuliani continued to make statements to the public and in subsequent legislative hearings claiming widespread voter fraud using the debunked video, Willis wrote.

Evidence showed Giuliani’s hearing appearance and testimony were “part of a multistate, coordinated plan by the

Trump Campaign to influence the results of the November 2020 election in Georgia and elsewhere,” her petition said.

Two of the election workers seen in the video, Ruby Freeman and Wandrea “Shaye” Moss, said they faced relentless harassment online and in person after it was shown at a Dec. 3 Georgia legislative hearing where Giuliani appeared. At another hearing a week later, Giuliani said the footage showed the women “surreptitiously passing around USB ports as if they are vials of heroin or cocaine.” They actually were passing a piece of candy.

Willis also wrote in a petition seeking the testimony of attorney Kenneth Chesebro that he worked with Giuliani to coordinate and carry out a plan to have Georgia Republicans serve as fake electors. Those 16 people signed a certificate declaring Trump won the 2020 presidential election and declaring themselves the state’s “duly elected and qualified” electors, even though Joe Biden won the state and a slate of Democratic electors was certified.

All 16 of those fake electors have received letters saying they are targets of the investigation, Willis said in a court filing last month.

As for Graham, attorneys for the South Carolina Republican have argued his position as a U.S. senator provides him immunity from having to appear in front of the investigative panel. But U.S. District Judge Leigh Martin May wrote in an order Monday that immunities related to his role as a senator do not protect him from having to testify. Graham’s subpoena instructs him to appear

in front of the special grand jury on Aug. 23, but his office said Monday he plans to appeal.

May last month rejected a similar attempt by U.S. Rep. Jody Hice, R-Ga., to avoid testifying in front of the special grand jury.

(Fulton County District Attorney Fani) Willis also wrote in a petition seeking the testimony of attorney Kenneth Chesebro that he worked with (Rudy) Giuliani to coordinate and carry out a plan to have Georgia Republicans serve as fake electors. ... All 16 of those fake electors have received letters saying they are targets of the investigation, Willis said in a court filing last month.

Graham’s office said in a statement Monday the senator disagrees with the judge’s interpretation of the provision of the Constitution he believes protects him from being questioned by a state official. His attorneys have said he was making inquiries that were part of his legislative duties, related to certifica-

tion of the vote and to a proposal of election-related legislation.

But the judge wrote that ignores “the fact that individuals on the calls have publicly suggested that Senator Graham was not simply engaged in legislative fact-finding but was instead suggesting or implying that Georgia election officials change their processes or otherwise potentially alter the state’s results.”

In calls made shortly after the 2020 general election, Graham “questioned Raffensperger and his staff about reexamining certain absentee ballots cast in Georgia in order to explore the possibility of a more favorable outcome for former President Donald Trump,” Willis wrote in a petition.

Graham also “made reference to allegations of widespread voter fraud in the November 2020 election in Georgia, consistent with public statements made by known affiliates of the Trump Campaign,” she wrote.

Republican and Democratic state election officials across the country, courts and even Trump’s attorney general have found there was no evidence of voter fraud sufficient to affect the outcome of his 2020 presidential election loss.

Trump-allied lawmakers were planning to challenge the totals from several battleground states when Congress convened on Jan. 6, 2021, to certify the results under the Electoral Count Act, but after the Capitol riot that day, Georgia’s total was never contested.

Trump has denied any wrongdoing and has described his call to Raffensperger as “perfect.”



Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp says he will use federal COVID-19 relief money to make \$350 payments to more than 3 million Georgians who benefit from Medicaid, subsidized child health insurance, food stamps or cash welfare.
MEGAN VARNER/AP FILE

Kemp will hand out up to \$1.2B in payments to Georgians

Jeff Amy
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ATLANTA – Gov. Brian Kemp said Monday he will spend up to \$1.2 billion in federal COVID-19 aid on payments of \$350 apiece to more than 3 million Georgians who benefit from Medicaid, subsidized child health insurance, food stamps or cash welfare assistance. The payments will start in September, said Katie Byrd, a spokesperson for the governor’s office. The move comes atop Kemp’s proposals last week to spend \$2 billion in state surplus, split between property tax rebates and a second round of income tax rebates, if voters choose him for a second term in November over Democratic challenger Stacey Abrams. Those separate plans would require legislative approval next year. Monday’s announcement will put money in the hands of less affluent Georgians in the months before the nationally watched election in a narrowly contested swing state. Those are voters to whom Abrams has been tailoring her economic platform. She also backs another round of income tax rebates, like those Kemp already pushed though, but has been arguing that Georgia also needs to do more to invest in long-term expansions of health, education and

small business assistance to try to create a less unequal economy. Kemp, though, appears to be betting that handing out cash now will outweigh the promise of future improvements. Under Georgia state law, he alone controls how billions in federal COVID-19 relief are spent. The governor again said that his reason for handing out cash was to help people pressured by higher prices, even though economists agree that such spending worsens inflation by dumping more cash into the economy to bid up the prices of goods and services. “This assistance will help some of Georgia’s most vulnerable citizens cope with the continued negative economic impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency and 40-year-high inflation caused by disastrous policies that were implemented by the Biden administration,” Kemp’s office said in a statement. Kemp has cited the same reason for repeated suspensions of the state’s gas and diesel taxes since March, a move that has cost the state more than \$800 million in foregone tax revenue. Abrams has called on Kemp to guarantee a suspension of fuel taxes through the end of the year. Abrams has repeatedly accused

Kemp of hypocrisy for taking credit for federally financed benefits while bad-mouthing President Joe Biden. Abrams spokesperson Alex Floyd in a Monday statement called the move another of Kemp’s “election-year vote buying schemes.” While Kemp is boosting the income of poorer Georgians now, he terminated a monthly boost of at least \$95 in food stamp benefits at the end of May when he ended Georgia’s COVID-19 state of emergency. His administration has also lagged in distributing hundreds of millions of dollars in federal money meant to prevent evictions. The state Department of Human Services said on its website that beneficiaries will get the payment automatically, but urged people to update their contact information on a state website that manages health and welfare benefits. The state said that people who get food stamps and cash welfare benefits will not get the money on the same debit card they get those benefits, but didn’t immediately respond to questions about how the money will get sent out. Only people enrolled as of July 31 will get the money. Anyone who enrolled later or who left programs earlier is not eligible.

Schumer endorses Nadler in NY Dem House race

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NEW YORK – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer of New York is endorsing Democratic Rep. Jerry Nadler in his contentious primary contest with another veteran U.S. House member from New York, Carolyn Maloney. Schumer said in a statement that “New York has a lot of outstanding leaders but few of them lead with the courage, conviction, and brilliant legislative effectiveness” that Nadler has. He called Nadler a “critical partner” who “was right on the issues years before so many others.” Nadler, 75, and Maloney, 76, have each represented Manhattan-area districts in Congress for 30 years but have gone from allies to rivals after their Upper West Side and Upper East Side districts were drawn together under new redistricting maps. Schumer’s backing comes on the heels of Nadler winning an endorsement from The New York Times over the weekend ahead of the Aug. 23 primary. The newspaper’s endorsement carries a lot of weight in deep-blue New York City, but is expected to be especially decisive in a contest featuring two veteran lawmakers. Nadler and Maloney chair the powerful House Judiciary and Oversight committees, respectively. Another Democrat, 38-year-old attorney Suraj Patel, is also running in the primary race for New York’s 12th District. The district is expected to heavily favor Democrats in the general election.



U.S. Rep. Jerry Nadler is running against attorney Suraj Patel and Rep. Carolyn Maloney. FRANK FRANKLIN II/AP



The Federal Aviation Administration says it is reducing flights around New York City, including Newark Liberty International Airport. SETH WENIG/AP

FAA warns that staffing shortage will delay flights

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The Federal Aviation Administration said Monday that it was reducing flights in the area around New York City because of lack of staffing. Departing and arriving flights could be delayed up to two hours at John F. Kennedy International, LaGuardia and Newark (New Jersey) Liberty International airports, the FAA said. The agency said passengers should check with their airline for information about particular flights. “Due to the availability of staff tonight, the FAA must reduce the flow of aircraft in certain airspace serving New York City to maintain safety,” the FAA said in a statement Monday afternoon. The statement implied that the shortage was expected in air-traffic controllers, but the FAA did not specify which employees were out, and a spokeswoman did not immediately reply when asked for more details. Flights at LaGuardia were being

stopped for more than an hour, and planes at Newark were facing average delays of 44 minutes by late afternoon, according to an FAA website. Airlines and the FAA have traded blame for flight delays and cancellations this summer. Much of the airlines’ charges have focused on a flight-control center in Jacksonville, Florida. The FAA has promised to increase staffing there. Spirit Airlines and Frontier Airlines have said that FAA staffing issues have prevented them from operating all the flights to Florida that they would like to schedule. Until the FAA announcement, Monday had been a better-than-usual day for the nation’s air-travel system. About 200 flights nationwide had been canceled and nearly 3,500 other flights had been delayed, according to the FlightAware tracking service. The average day in August, through Sunday, included about 670 cancellations and more than 6,200 delays.

Recall election aimed at LA prosecutor fails to make the ballot

Michael R. Blood
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LOS ANGELES – A high-profile attempt to recall a progressive district attorney in the nation’s most populous county has failed, after organizers were unable to collect sufficient, valid petition signatures to place the proposal before voters, election officials said Monday. In a region that has seen rising crime rates and brazen robberies and home invasions, Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón was faulted for criminal justice reforms that critics said fueled lawlessness, which the top prosecutor disputed. The failed attempt comes after San Francisco voters in June recalled another prominent California criminal justice reformer, District Attorney Chesa Boudin. It was the second attempt to qualify a recall election that could remove Gascón, after an initial attempt failed last year. “Los Angeles’ criminal justice reform movement has prevailed because this is a community that prefers facts over misplaced fear,” Cristine Soto DeBerry, executive director of the Prosecutors Alliance that promotes reforms, said in a statement. Recall organizers needed to gather nearly 570,000 valid petition signatures to schedule an election. But county officials found only about 520,000 were valid, well below the threshold, after disqualifying nearly 200,000 signatures turned in. In a statement, the campaign to recall Gascón called the results disap-

“Los Angeles’ criminal justice reform movement has prevailed because this is a community that prefers facts over misplaced fear.”
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pointing and said valid signatures from over 500,000 residents represented “a wholesale rejection of Gascón’s dangerous polices.” The recall committee said it would review rejected signatures and the verification process and “seek to ensure no voter was disenfranchised.” “The citizens of Los Angeles cannot afford another two years of Gascón unleashing havoc on their streets,” the statement said. Gascón, a former San Francisco police chief who then became DA in that city, won office in Los Angeles in November 2020 as part of a wave of progressive prosecutors elected nationwide. He ran on a criminal justice reform platform after a summer of unrest following the police killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis. Los Angeles is a heavily Democratic city known for its progressive politics, but Gascón faced criticism from business leaders and prosecutors in his own office for policies that they saw as ineffective to stem rising crime. His moves to sharply restrict when prosecutors can try juveniles as adults or seek life sentences angered victims-rights groups. Los Angeles County is the most populous in the nation, with roughly 10 million residents.

Some fear fallout from Okla. abortion laws

Those who help women concerned

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OKLAHOMA CITY – Strict anti-abortion laws that took effect in Oklahoma this year led to the quick shuttering of every abortion facility in the state, but left questions for those who work with women who may seek their advice or help getting an abortion out of state.

Beyond the profound repercussions the abortion laws are having on medical care, especially reproductive medicine, clergy members, social workers and even librarians have raised concerns about being exposed to criminal or civil liability for just discussing the topic.

Those fears are well-founded, says Joseph Thai, a professor at the University of Oklahoma who teaches about constitutional law and the Supreme Court. He described Oklahoma’s new anti-abortion laws, which include both criminal and civil penalties, as the strictest in the nation so far and sweeping in both substance and scope.

The U.S. Supreme Court’s decision in June to overturn Roe v. Wade and remove women’s constitutional right to abortion immediately triggered a 1910 Oklahoma law that makes it a felony, punishable by two to five years in prison, for every person who “advises” or provides any other means for a woman

to procure an abortion. That law allows abortion only to save the mother’s life.

“That all-encompassing language can make anyone and everyone who helps a woman get an abortion or provides information about access to abortion – including a spouse, another family member, a friend, a classmate or co-worker, a librarian, or even an Uber driver – a felon,” Thai said. “Likewise, employers who have pledged to pay for their employees’ abortions as part of their reproductive health coverage and their insurance companies face criminal liability.”

Although Alabama, Arizona and Texas have laws prohibiting “aiding and abetting” a woman in getting an abortion, Oklahoma’s is the strictest and the only one currently in effect, said Elizabeth Nash, a state policy analyst for the abortion-rights supporting Guttmacher Institute.

Although former providers in Oklahoma might have halted abortions, they haven’t stopped giving advice.

Emily Wales, CEO of Planned Parenthood Great Plains, said giving a pregnant woman information about abortion care is guarded under free speech protections in the Constitution.

“We’ve heard from providers who aren’t sure if they can make referrals, if they can even tell people to go to Planned Parenthood’s website or abortionfinder.com,” Wales said. “We don’t think there’s any controversy about being able to tell people what their options are and that they can access care in an-

other state.”

No charges have been filed in the seven weeks since the law against advising or helping a woman get an abortion went into effect and it’s not known whether anyone is being investigated. Messages left with several Oklahoma prosecutors about how they plan to enforce the anti-abortion laws were not returned, and the head of the state’s District Attorneys Council, Kathryn Boyle Brewer, said the issue hasn’t been formally discussed by prosecutors at its regular meetings.

Senate President Pro Tempore Greg Treat, an Oklahoma City Republican who wrote the trigger law, said he believes those who help a woman get an abortion should be prosecuted, although he said it’s unlikely prosecutors would go after a pregnant woman’s family members.

“Absolutely, if you’re going to aid and abet in a felony, you should be held responsible,” Treat said. “Where the bigger issue is is where these corporations are offering to pay \$4,000 to help you kill an unborn life and knowingly go around Oklahoma’s statutes.”

“Since this has been in effect, there haven’t been any prosecutions. The good news is people are not having abortions in Oklahoma, and thus far there has not been a case where someone is aiding and abetting in such a way that can be prosecuted.”

A separate law passed by Oklahoma’s Republican-controlled Legislature this year that was modeled on a Texas law

allows anyone to sue “any person” who aids and abets a woman in getting an abortion and collect a minimum \$10,000 award plus attorney fees.

“Notably, none of these criminal or civil laws limit their language to abortions performed in Oklahoma,” Thai added. “So anyone in Oklahoma who helps a woman get an abortion outside of Oklahoma, such as in neighboring Kansas, arguably could be prosecuted or sued under these sweeping laws.”

The Rev. Lori Walke, senior minister at Mayflower Congregational Church in Oklahoma City, said that’s left some religious leaders wondering about their potential legal exposure for helping women navigate abortion services.

“Among my colleagues the conversation has been: ‘This is a risk we have to be willing to take because abortion bans are against our religion,’ to put it directly,” Walke said, adding that sometimes advocacy work by faith leaders includes possibility of arrest and incarceration.

Similar concerns are being raised by social workers, many of whom believe a prohibition on advising women about abortion services conflicts with their code of ethics that requires them to respect a client’s wishes, said Steven Pharris, head of Oklahoma’s chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.

“The changes in laws have kind of criminalized a big part of what we do, so it’s changed our role with clients,” Pharris said. “It’s created a chilling effect on what we can and can’t say.”

Dog, missing 2 months, found alive in cave

Explorers rescue 13-year-old pet

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Jeff Bohnert had all but given up on seeing his poodle-hound mix again after she went missing in early June. Two months later, he got a text from a neighbor: People exploring a nearby cave found a dog. Could it be Abby?

Bohnert doubted it, but still curious, he went to the cave site near his rural Missouri home. That’s when he saw the picture one of the rescuers took.

“I said, ‘that’s my dog,’” Bohnert recalled Monday.

Making Abby’s tale even more amazing is the fact that she’s just weeks shy of turning 14. Yet somehow, she managed to survive nearly 60 days out on her own, apparently much or all of it in a barren, pitch-dark, 58-degree Fahrenheit cave.



A 13-year-old dog named Abby was found by cavers on Aug. 6 at a cave in Perryville, Mo. The dog’s owner says she had been gone for nearly two months. She is regaining weight and healing. GERRY KEENE VIA AP

Abby and Bohnert’s other dog, Summer, do everything together, including misbehave. On June 9, the pair ran away from home, Bohnert recalled. It had happened before, and in the rural area near Perryville in eastern Missouri, it was generally no big deal. The dogs would scamper through the fields, maybe chase something, then head home.

When Bohnert awoke the next morning, Summer was back home but Abby was not.

“They never separate,” he said. “I figured something bad had happened. I mean, she’s old. She could just get overcome by the heat.”

Bohnert posted about his missing dog on Facebook, reached out to neighbors and contacted police, but no one had seen Abby.

On Aug. 6, Gerry Keene and five other adults, along with five children, had just entered the Berome Moore Cave, planning a day of exploring. One of the kids ran ahead of the group and yelled back to his dad, “There’s a dog in here.”

“She was just lying there curled up in a ball,” Keene recalled. “She lifted her head and looked at us but she didn’t re-

spond to verbal commands. She looked like she was pretty close to being done.”

Keene enlisted the help of another caver who happened to be there, Rick Haley. They knew Abby couldn’t make the estimated 500-foot walk back to the entrance, especially since it was through tight passageways and up a steep incline.

Haley was trained in cave rescues, and he retrieved a duffel bag and a blanket from his truck. They put the blanket inside the bag, then the dog, who immediately took to the warm blanket after weeks laying in the cold mud.

Still, getting Abby out was tricky given her fragility.

“It was critical that we not give her any rough handling,” Haley said. In the rocky areas through small passageways, “We would carry her short distance, set her down, then kind of move in front of her, reach back, pick her up, and put her in front of us.” He described it as “kind of a leap-frog kind of thing.”

Soon after initially finding Abby, Keene briefly went to a few homes nearby to see if anyone was missing a dog. One neighbor reached out to Bohnert, who lives close enough to the cave site that he can see it from his home.

He went there assuming it couldn’t be Abby – how could a 13-year-old dog have survived such an ordeal?

To his amazement, she did, and roughly an hour-and-a-half after the rescue began, she was out. One of the rescuers gave Abby a bite of beef. Almost immediately, she began to perk up.

Bohnert figures Abby ended up in the cave after falling into a sinkhole or a hidden entrance. Haley said there were paw prints everywhere, indicating she initially tried to get out.

Since her rescue, she has regained weight and started to get back the voice she likely lost barking for help.

“It’s amazing how she’s springing back already,” Bohnert said. “She’s acting like herself again.”



Jeff Bohnert sits with his dog, Abby, just days after cavers found her inside a cave Aug. 6 not far from her home in Perryville, Mo. Bohnert says he believes the dog fell into a sinkhole. KATHY BOHNERT VIA AP

Griner appeals her Russian prison sentence

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MOSCOW – Attorneys for American basketball star Brittney Griner have filed an appeal of her nine-year Russian prison sentence for drug possession, Russian news agencies reported Monday, amid talks between the U.S. and Russia that could lead to a high-profile prisoner swap.

Griner, an eight-time All-Star center with the WNBA’s Phoenix Mercury and two-time Olympic gold medalist, was convicted Aug. 4 after police said they

found vape canisters containing cannabis oil in her luggage at Moscow’s Sheremetyevo Airport.

Griner admitted that she had the canisters in her luggage, but said she had inadvertently packed them in haste and that she had no criminal intent.

Her February arrest came at a time of heightened tensions between Moscow and Washington. At the time, Griner was returning to Russia, where she plays during the U.S. league’s offseason.

Attorney Maria Blagovolina was quoted by Russian news agencies on Monday as saying the appeal was filed,

as was expected, but the grounds for it weren’t immediately clear.

The nine-year sentence was close to the maximum of 10 years, and Blagovolina and co-counsel Alexander Boykov said after the conviction that the punishment was excessive. They said that in similar cases defendants have received an average sentence of about five years, with about a third of them granted parole.

Before her conviction, the U.S. State Department declared Griner to be “wrongfully detained” – a charge that Russia has sharply rejected.

Reflecting the growing pressure on the Biden administration to do more to bring Griner home, U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken took the unusual step of revealing publicly in July that Washington had made a “substantial proposal” to get Griner home, along with Paul Whelan, an American serving a 16-year sentence in Russia for espionage.

Blinken didn’t elaborate, but The Associated Press and other news organizations have reported that Washington has offered to free Viktor Bout, a Russian arms dealer who is serving a 25-year sentence in the U.S.

Taliban marks 1 year since takeover

Afghanistan's economy has been ailing ever since

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KABUL, Afghanistan – The Taliban on Monday marked a year since they seized the Afghan capital of Kabul, a rapid takeover that triggered a hasty escape of the nation's Western-backed leaders, sent the economy into a tailspin and fundamentally transformed the country.

Bearded Taliban fighters, some hoisting rifles or the white banners of their movement, staged small victory parades on foot, bicycles and motorcycles in the streets of the capital. One small group marched past the former U.S. Embassy, chanting “Long live Islam” and “Death to America.”

A year after the dramatic day, much has changed in Afghanistan. The former insurgents struggle to govern and remain internationally isolated. The economic downturn has driven millions more Afghans into poverty and even hunger, as the flow of foreign aid slowed to a trickle.

The U.N. humanitarian chief for Afghanistan warned that unless donors provide \$2.6 billion very soon the country faces “pure catastrophe” over the coming winter with millions of lives at stake.

Ramiz Alakbarov told a virtual news conference from Kabul that the U.N.'s \$4.4 billion humanitarian appeal for Afghanistan this year has received only about \$1.8 billion, leaving a \$2.6 billion gap in funding for desperately needed food and other aid.

He said over 90 million people in Afghanistan are “food insecure,” around 35 million are living in poverty, and 6.6 million are classified in the emergency level just one step from famine.

Alakbarov said he just visited several hospitals and saw “heartbreaking scenes” of malnourished children who will not survive the winter without additional support.

While the Afghan people are known for their resilience and ability to survive, he said, unfortunately “negative coping strategies” including the selling of organs and the selling of children will be seen again “if support is not provided.”

Meanwhile, hard-liners appear to hold sway in the Taliban-led government, which imposed severe restrictions on access to education and jobs for girls and women, despite initial promises to the contrary. A year on, teenage girls are still barred from school and women are required to cover themselves head-to-toe in public, with only the eyes showing.

Some are trying to find ways to keep education from stalling for a generation of young women and underground schools in homes have sprung up.

Natalia Kanem, executive director of the U.N.'s sexual and reproductive health agency, said in a statement that Afghan females must not be forgotten.



Burqa-clad women carry flags as they walk along a street Monday in Kandahar, Afghanistan, to celebrate the one-year anniversary of the Taliban's return to power in the country. JAVED TANVEER/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

“As the world faces multiple, overlapping crises, we must not forget the women and girls of Afghanistan. When women's and girls' basic rights are denied, we are all diminished,” she said.

A year ago, thousands of Afghans had rushed to Kabul International Airport to flee the Taliban amid the U.S. military's chaotic withdrawal from Kabul after 20 years of war – America's longest conflict.

Some flights resumed soon after those chaotic days. On Monday, a handful of commercial flights were scheduled to land and take off from a runway that last summer saw Afghan men clinging to the wheels of planes taking

off, some falling to their death.

Schoolyards stood empty Monday as the Taliban announced a public holiday to mark the day, which they refer to as “The Proud Day of Aug. 15” and the “First Anniversary of the Return to Power.”

“Reliance on God and the support of the people brought this great victory and freedom to the country,” wrote Abdul Wahid Rayan, the head of the Taliban-run Bakhtar News Agency. “Today, Aug. 15, marks the victory of Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan against America and its allies occupation of Afghanistan.”

During a gathering to mark the anniversary, the Taliban deputy prime min-

ister, Abdul Salam Hanafi, offered congratulations to “the entire nation on the day of the conquest of Kabul, which was the beginning of the complete end of the occupation.”

In remarks broadcast live by state radio and TV, he boasted of what he described as “great achievements” under the Taliban, such as an alleged end of corruption, improved security and banned poppy cultivation.

Tomas Niklasson, the European Union's special envoy to Afghanistan, said the bloc of nations remains committed to the Afghan people and to “stability, prosperity and sustainable peace in Afghanistan and the region.”

Kenya's Ruto declared president after some chaos

4 of 7 electoral officials question the process

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NAIROBI, Kenya – In a chaotic announcement that could foreshadow a court challenge, Kenya's electoral commission chairman on Monday declared Deputy President William Ruto the winner of the country's close presidential race over five-time contender Raila Odinga.

The outcome was a triumph for a candidate who shook up the East African nation's politics by appealing to struggling Kenyans' economic concerns instead of their ethnic allegiances.

Ruto received about 50.5% of the vote to nearly 49% for Odinga in last Tuesday's balloting, the chairman said. But just before the declaration, four of the seven electoral commissioners told reporters they could not support the “opaque nature” of the final steps, without giving details.

Screams and scuffles broke out in the auditorium, the lectern was tossed from the stage, and police rushed in to restore order as a choir continued to sing.

Minutes later, commission chairman Wafula Chebukati announced the official results and said the two commissioners who stayed behind with him had

been injured.

Odinga's campaign alleged that unspecified “electoral offenses” were committed and that a winner was illegally declared without a quorum of commissioners.

“It is not over until it is over,” Odinga's running mate, Martha Karua, a former justice minister, tweeted.

Crowds of people across Kenya exploded in jubilation in some places, and in anger in others. Odinga supporters shouted “No Raila, no peace!” and burned tires in the crowded Nairobi neighborhood of Kibera as night fell. Religious leaders pleaded for calm.

Odinga's campaign has seven days to file a challenge in court, extending the uncertainty in Kenya, a country of 56 million people that is seen as crucial to regional stability. The Supreme Court will have 14 days to rule.

This is likely to be the final run for Odinga, a 77-year-old longtime opposition figure who had the backing of outgoing President Uhuru Kenyatta. Kenyatta fell out with his deputy, Ruto, years ago.

Ruto said the divisions among the electoral commissioners were just a “sideshow” and “pose no threat at all to the legality of the declaration.”

“What happened this evening is an unfortunate situation, I think an attempt by our competitors to roll back what we have achieved as a country,”

Ruto said. He praised a election that for many Kenyans represented a leap forward in transparency and peace, largely free from ethnic divisions that in the past played out with deadly results.

In his acceptance speech, Ruto promised a “transparent, open, democratic government” and said people who had acted against his campaign “have nothing to fear. ... There is no room for vengeance.”

Those were important vows from a man once mentored by former President Daniel Arap Moi, who ran Kenya as a repressive one-party state for almost a decade.

The 55-year-old Ruto portrayed himself during the campaign as the brash outsider, playing up his chicken-selling days from childhood. He told voters the election was a contest between “hustlers” from modest backgrounds and the “dynasties” of Kenyatta and Odinga, whose fathers were Kenya's first president and vice president.

The message was popular among many Kenyans struggling with rising prices, few job opportunities and widespread corruption.

“These are people who don't even know the price of bread. They don't know the price of anything,” Ruto supporter Francis Irungu said of the political elite.

Odinga, famous for his yearslong detention during his fight for multiparty

democracy decades ago and for supporting Kenya's groundbreaking 2010 constitution, appeared to many Kenyans this time as part of the establishment.

Despite the last-minute chaos, the electoral commission improved its transparency in this election, practically inviting Kenyans to do the tallying themselves by posting online the more than 46,000 forms from around the country. Tallies published by media organizations and others that took up the challenge echoed Monday's results.

As the people waited almost a week for the official announcement, both Odinga and Ruto appealed for peace.

Following the 2007 election, more than 1,000 people were killed after Odinga claimed victory had been stolen from him. Ruto, then Odinga's ally, was indicted by the International Criminal Court on crimes-against-humanity charges over his role in the violence, but the case was closed amid allegations of witness intimidation.

The country's 2017 election results were overturned by the high court because of irregularities, a first in Africa. Odinga boycotted the new vote, which was won by Kenyatta.

Kenyans hoped to see calm prevail this time.

“Leaders are there to come and go,” Richard Osio, a resident of the western Nyanza region, said over the weekend.

Safety fears after deadly Egypt church fire

Building on tight street in densely populated area

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CAIRO – Egypt was in mourning Monday over a blaze at a Coptic Orthodox church that killed 41 people, but many also raised questions about the emergency response, fire safety codes, and restrictions on building houses of worship for the country’s Christian minority.

Neighborhood residents expressed shock over the fire Sunday, one of Egypt’s deadliest in recent years, that killed 41 members of the congregation, including at least 15 children.

“The scene of dead children still haunts me,” said Salah el-Sayed, a 43-year-old civil servant who lives next to the Martyr Abu Sefein church in the working-class Imbaba neighborhood, and was one of the first to arrive at the scene as thick smoke poured from the building.

“Bodies of children littered everywhere,” he said.

The fire broke out during Sunday morning services, beginning on the second floor of the four-story building, which also housed a day care. Smoke quickly engulfed the upper floors.

Authorities blamed an electrical short-circuit in an air conditioner unit for the fire, but witnesses also pointed to a fault in a power generator that the church used during regular power outages. People also said ambulances were slow to arrive, which could have caused more deaths, although authorities said the first ambulance arrived within minutes after the fire was reported.

Witnesses speaking to The Associated Press recounted horrific scenes of people jumping out of windows, a stampede in the church’s main hall and stairs, and children lying motionless amid fire and burned furniture.

El-Sayed, who with others rushed to the church to rescue trapped worshippers and carried bodies to waiting ambulances, said electricity was down for about a half-hour that morning. He saw smoke rising minutes after the current returned.

The thick smoke made it difficult for them to get inside, and some rescuers jumped from the roof of an adjacent building. Others stormed the church front gate and made their way upstairs, where the children were trapped on the fourth floor.

Ahmed Ibrahim, who lived nearby, said he saw a man trying to jump from a second-floor window. He and others tried to save the man’s life by holding out a blanket, but the man fell to the ground and died.

“Unfortunately he was heavy,” Ibrahim said. “It was frustrating.”

Mohammed Yahia was among those who ran to the church, heading immediately to the day care.

Of the 20 children inside the day care, he said all but five died, speaking to a local television station from a hospital bed. Yahia carried five bodies – one by one – to the ambulances, before he fell and broke his leg while helping an elderly person out of the building.

The dead children included siblings,



Workers restore the entrance of the Martyr Abu Sefein church a day after a fire killed 41 people and injured at least 14 others in the densely populated neighborhood of Imbaba, in Cairo. AMR NABIL/AP



Mourners attend a memorial service for victims of the fire at the Martyr Abu Sefein church in Cairo. TAREK WAJEH/AP

twins aged 5 and a 3-year-old. Five-year-old triplets, their mother, grandmother and an aunt were also among those killed, according to Mousa Ibrahim, a spokesman for the Coptic Orthodox Church. Images of the dead children went viral on social media.

The church bishop, Abdul Masih Bakhit, was also among the dead.

The church is located on a narrow street in one of Cairo’s most densely populated neighborhoods. It was an apartment building before it was turned into a church like many others across the country, according to neighbors. It looks like other buildings in the area, recognizable only by a sign above its front door, and an iron cross on its roof.

Coptic Christian Pope Tawadros II

said Martyr Abu Sefein, like many others, is too small for the number of congregants it serves. In televised comments late Monday, he urged authorities to find solutions to build more churches.

Anba Angaelos, the archbishop of the Coptic Orthodox Church in London, blamed restrictions on church construction that have forced Christians to convert residential buildings into places of worship.

The tragedy “is a direct result of a painful time when Christian communities could not build purpose-designed churches, and would have to covertly use other buildings, not fit for the purpose and lacking the necessary health and safety features and escapes,” he

wrote Sunday on Twitter.

Church-building has for decades been one of the most sensitive sectarian issues in Egypt, where 10% of the population of 103 million are Christians, but where Muslim hard-liners sharply oppose anything they see as undermining what they call the country’s “Islamic character.”

In the past, local authorities had often refused to give building permits for new churches, fearing protests and riots by Muslim ultraconservatives. Amid such restrictions, Christians turned to building illegally or setting up churches in other buildings, such as the case of Martyr Abu Sefein.

Many similar churches lack licenses and are not up to safety code. In recent years, the government of President Abdel Fattah el-Sissi has sought to regulate church-building. In 2016, the government issued the country’s first law spelling out the rules for building a church, though critics argued the legislation is in line with previous restrictions.

On Monday, a senior government official said authorities, in coordination with the Coptic Orthodox Church, would review all safety measures in churches across the country, especially those in Cairo slums. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media.

Some relatives of victims and witnesses said ambulances and firefighters took too long to arrive, but Health Minister Khaled Abdel-Ghaffar said the first ambulance arrived at the site 2 minutes after the fire was reported.

The street where Martyr Abu Sefein church is located remained cordoned off Monday as construction workers worked to clear away debris.

Rushdie

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degree and a job. But instead he locked himself in the basement. He had changed a lot, he didn’t say anything to me or his sisters for months,” Silvana Fardos said.

Village records in Yaroun showed Matar holds Lebanese citizenship and is a Shiite, an official there said. The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity out of security concerns, said Matar’s father lives there but has been in seclusion since the attack.

Flags of the Iranian-backed Shiite militant group Hezbollah, along with portraits of Hezbollah and Iranian leaders, hang across the village. Israel has bombarded Hezbollah positions near there in the past.

Police in New York have offered no motive for the attack, though District Attorney Jason Schmidt alluded to the bounty on Rushdie in arguing against bail during a hearing over the weekend.

“Even if this court were to set a million dollars bail, we stand a risk that bail could be met,” Schmidt said.

In his remarks Monday, Kanaani added that Iran did not “have any other information more than what the American media has reported.” He also implied that Rushdie brought the attack on himself.

“Salman Rushdie exposed himself to



“No one can blame the Islamic Republic of Iran,” says Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Nasser Kanaani about the attempted assassination of author Salman Rushdie on Friday. AP

popular anger and fury through insulting the sacredness of Islam and crossing the red lines of over 1.5 billion Muslims and also red lines of followers of all divine religions,” Kanaani said.

Secretary of State Antony Blinken, although not directly blaming Tehran for the attack on Rushdie, denounced Iran in a statement Monday praising the writer’s support for freedom of expres-

sion and religion.

“Iranian state institutions have incited violence against Rushdie for generations, and state-affiliated media recently gloated about the attempt on his life,” Blinken said. “This is despicable.”

State Department spokesman Ned Price, speaking to reporters in Washington on Monday, condemned the Iranian government for blaming Rushdie for the

attack. “It’s despicable. It’s disgusting. We condemn it,” he said.

“We have heard Iranian officials seek to incite to violence over the years, of course, with the initial fatwa, but even more recently with the gloating that has taken place in the aftermath of this attack on his life. This is something that is absolutely outrageous.”

Although fatwas can be revoked, Iran’s current supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who took over after Khomeini’s death, has never done so. As recently as 2017, Khamenei said: “The decree is as Imam Khomeini issued.”

Tensions between Iran and the West, particularly the U.S., have spiked since President Donald Trump pulled America out of Iran’s nuclear deal with world powers in 2018.

A Trump-ordered drone strike killed a top Iranian Revolutionary Guard general in 2020, heightening those tensions.

Last week, the U.S. charged a Guard member in absentia with plotting to kill former Trump adviser and Iran hawk John Bolton. Former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and an aide are under 24-hour security over alleged threats from Iran.

U.S. prosecutors also said Iran tried in 2021 to kidnap Masih Alinejad, an Iranian opposition activist and writer living in New York. In recent days, a man with an assault rifle was arrested near her home.

INDIA INDEPENDENCE DAY



India’s Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses the nation Monday from the ramparts of the Red Fort during celebrations to mark the country’s Independence Day in New Delhi. He said billions of dollars in investments were flowing into the country, turning it into a manufacturing hub. MONEY SHARMA/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

PM vows to make India developed country Seeks to get many out of poverty

Ashok Sharma
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NEW DELHI – Prime Minister Narendra Modi pledged to raise millions out of poverty and turn India into a developed country in the next quarter-century as he marked 75 years since independence from British rule.

Wearing a flowing, cream-colored turban printed with small stripes of orange, white and green, the colors of the country’s flag, Modi addressed the country Monday from New Delhi’s 17th-century Mughal-era Red Fort, saying the world was looking toward India to help resolve global issues.

Modi said the journey of the past 75 years had seen ups and downs with India battling against all odds with resilience and perseverance. He asked people to remove any trace of colonial mindset. Modi said India will be guided by the ideals of self-reliance and the spirit of international partnership to attain excellence in science and technology, establish industries, and attain food and energy security. He said billions of dollars in investment were flowing into the country, turning it into a manufacturing hub.

India’s efforts have already launched the country of 1.4 billion people into the ranks of leading countries in information technology, pharmaceuticals, space science and civil nuclear energy.

Modi said millions of people across the country were commemorating the 75th anniversary of independence by hoisting national flags at their homes and businesses for three days as part of a government campaign “of awakening the spirit of patriotism in every heart.” India’s Parliament, the presidential palace, national monuments and other government offices blazed with multi-colored lighting.

The main opposition Congress party accused the Modi government of leaving opposition parties out of the celebrations. “There were special functions in Parliament’s historic Central Hall to mark the 25th, 50th and 60th anniversary of India’s independence,” said Jairam Ramesh, an India National Congress party spokesperson. “Sadly, nothing like that has been organized for the 75th anniversary, which has been reduced to an occasion to glorify the Sarvagyaani,” a term meaning “a person who knows all” in reference to Modi.

President Joe Biden, in a statement celebrating Indian Independence Day, said the two countries are indispensable partners grounded in a shared commitment to the rule of law and the promotion of human freedom and dignity. Biden said he was confident that “the two countries will continue to



An activist of Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad shouts pro-India slogans amid a crowd during celebrations to mark 75 years since the country gained independence from British rule. TAUSEEF MUSTAFA/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES



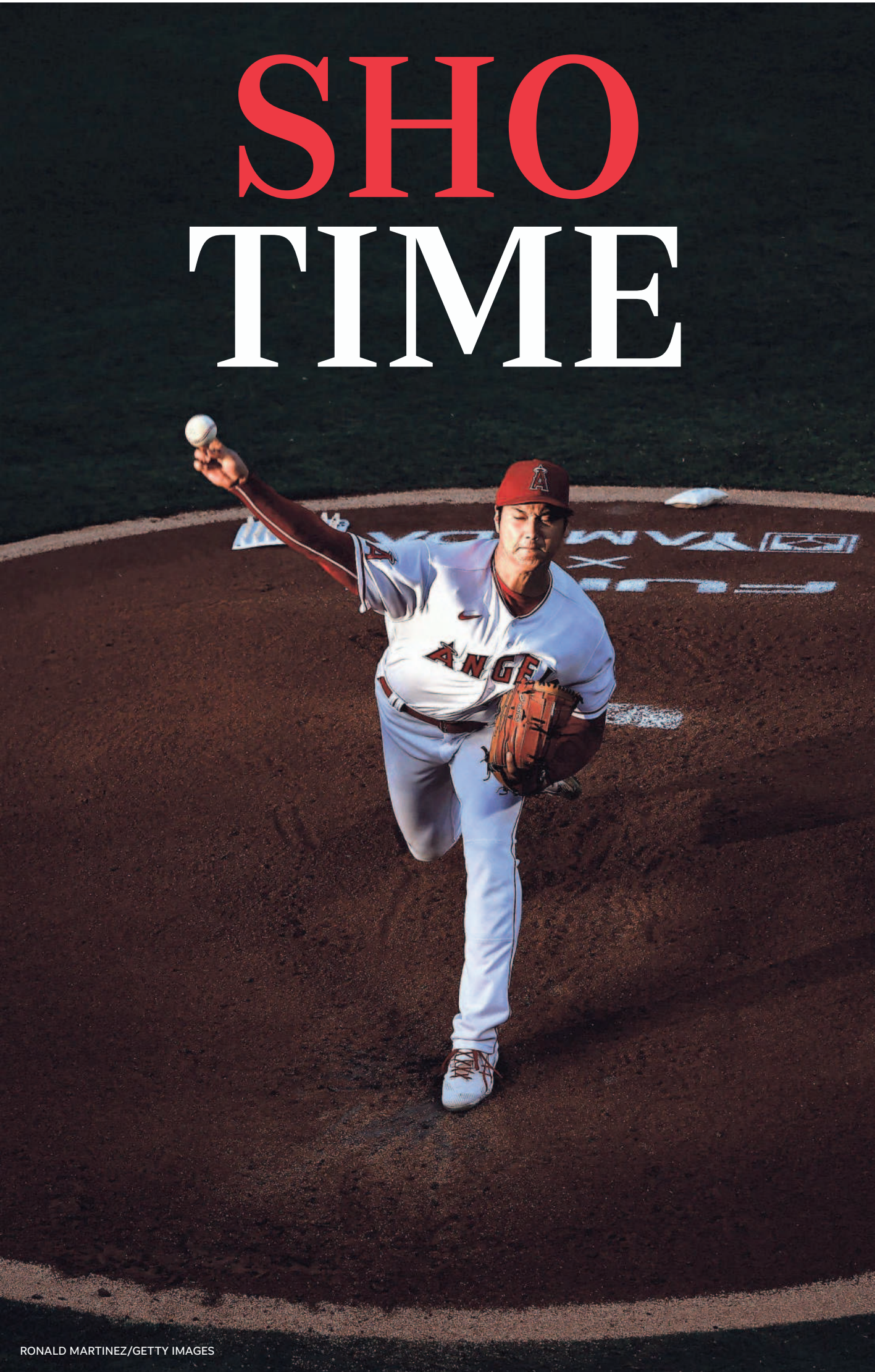
People fly kites during celebrations in New Delhi. Kite flying has been a recreational activity for centuries in India, and many say it symbolizes the country’s struggle for freedom. The country is celebrating for three days as part of a government campaign “of awakening the spirit of patriotism in every heart.” MONEY SHARMA/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

stand together to defend the rules-based order; foster greater peace, prosperity and security for our people; advance a free and open Indo-Pacific; and together address the challenges we face around the world.” India and the United States have been expanding their security partnership, underscoring their mutual concerns over China’s growing influence in the region. In his speech, Modi made no reference to India’s tense ties with immediate neighbors Pakistan and China.

He called for unity to move forward but didn’t respond to critics who say the country has been gradually departing from some commitments and argue the backsliding has accelerated since Modi came to power in 2014. They accuse his populist government of using political power to undermine democratic freedoms and preoccupying itself with pursuing a Hindu nationalist agenda.

Modi pledged to fight political corruption and nepotism, which he said were acting as termites eating away the gains of development.

SPORTS **EXTRA**



RONALD MARTINEZ/GETTY IMAGES

Los Angeles Angels star Shohei Ohtani struck out eight batters and allowed two runs in six innings, before the Seattle Mariners scored four runs in the ninth to beat Los Angeles 6-2. • Jesse Winker and J.P. Crawford each had two hits and two RBIs for the Mariners, who vaulted over Toronto and Baltimore into the top wild-card spot in the AL. • Winker, who homered in the first inning, has reached base in 12 of his last 13 games. • It was the first time since May 18 at Texas that Ohtani had a no-decision. The Japanese two-way phenom had gone 7-5 with a 2.60 ERA in his last 12 starts. — *Associated Press*
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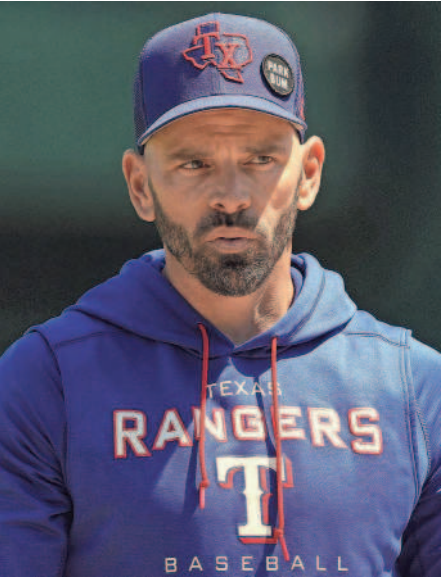


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Following Woodward firing, who is next up?

There used to be a time when MLB teams remained patient with their managers, and even though firings were inevitable, they waited until the offseason to make a change. It had been four years since a manager was even fired during a season, dating to 2018 when the St. Louis Cardinals dismissed Mike Matheny just before the All-Star break. These days, managers are having trouble retaining their jobs before school starts. On Monday, Chris Woodward of the Texas Rangers became the fourth major league manager to be fired this season. The Rangers could have waited, of course, knowing this season has been a colossal disappointment, but decided to see whether third base coach Tony Beasley is ready to run the show, making him the interim manager for the duration of the season. The Rangers were expected to contend for a postseason berth after spending \$500 million on infielders Corey Seager and Marcus Semien but have flopped. They entered Monday at 51-63, 23 games behind the Houston Astros in the American League West. “We have had extensive discussions over the last several weeks,” Rangers President Jon Daniels said, “and while the team’s current performance is certainly a big part of this decision, we are also looking at the future. As the Rangers continue to develop a winning culture and put the pieces together to compete for the postseason year in and year out, we felt a change in leadership was necessary at this time.”

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Chris Woodward was 211-287 in four years as the manager of the Rangers.
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WNBA PLAYOFFS

Las Vegas owns top seed, league debuts new format

Doug Feinberg
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A’ja Wilson and the Las Vegas Aces will begin their quest for their first WNBA title a lot sooner than top seeds have done in previous few years. The Aces clinched homecourt throughout the playoff on the regular season’s final day by earning the top seed in the WNBA postseason that begins Wednesday. Before this year, Las Vegas would have a bye until the semifinals. The league changed the playoff format to

best-of-three series in the quarterfinals instead of the single-elimination games in the opening two rounds it had been using since 2016. “We’re not done yet. This is the beginning,” Wilson said after the Aces clinched the top seed on Sunday. “The regular season was nice, but now it’s real. It doesn’t matter what number is by your name in the playoffs. It could be anybody’s night on any given day. “It’s playoffs, either you want it or you don’t.”

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NFL

‘Hard Knocks’ confirms Campbell’s authenticity



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He was sweaty. Of course, he was sweaty. How could Dan Campbell not be sweaty?

He stalks the practice field like a, ahem, lion. He drops for pushups and up-downs and if the NFL allowed him to put a helmet and pads on and jump in the drills, well, who would stop him?

But this moment didn’t call for the Detroit Lions head coach to prove he was one of the guys in that way. He just wanted to prove that he had their backs.

And so, after the first practice with full pads – “goin’ live,” as they say – Campbell gathered his team and explained why they were running into each other full speed so early in training camp.

“Here’s what I got to get across, guys,” he began, his baseball cap tilted toward the back of his head, sweat trickling down his brow, “I had a couple of you look at me like, ‘What the (expletive)? Why are we goin’ live?’ And I swear to God, I’m not a lunatic. I swear to you. And if I absolutely knew we could get to where we need to get without ever putting pads on, I’d do it.”

I believe him. You believe him. No doubt he believes him.

The question is: Do the players believe him? Because their belief is the key to the upcoming season. And the key to his success as a coach.

Talent is critical, obviously. But talent doesn’t matter without buy-in, and Campbell spent last season and is now spending this preseason making sure he gets it.

So, he kept explaining why he wanted his guys in pads so soon, pacing as he spoke, his voice close to cracking, all caught on camera by HBO’s “Hard Knocks”:

“I don’t want to put anybody in jeopardy,” he said. “However, I do know this: The studies say you’ve got to get volume and you’ve got to get intensity before a season comes. You have to. If you don’t, I’m not getting you prepared not only



Head coach Dan Campbell oversees his Lions during warmups before the preseason game Friday against the Falcons. KIRTHMON F. DOZIER/DETROIT FREE PRESS

physically, for injury, but also for us as a team to get better.”

Campbell is not a lunatic. He just believes in what he is selling. He is also self-aware.

That’s obvious in his news conferences, in his self-deprecating manner, in the way he combines intensity and humor. He takes his work seriously, but not always himself.

Still, he was dead serious during this particular post-practice speech.

“I’m doing this because it actually does help you with injury if we do it the right way,” he continued. “And we’re not going to do it every day. But I’ve got a plan, I swear to you. All I think about is

you guys. That’s all I think about, man. That’s all I (expletive) think about is you guys, and how I can set you up for the best (expletive) possible ... advantage to have a season. I swear to you, man.”

“Hard Knocks” may feel new in these parts because it is new in these parts. What it has revealed – so far – is not new. It’s more that the peek behind the curtain has reinforced what we already knew:

The players like their coach. The players will play for their coach; go watch the last several games of last season. The players have to believe in their coach. Campbell has no charge more important.

And so, he ended his speech with this:

“I need you to trust me.”

And this:

“That’s all.”

And this:

“Please.”

But he wasn’t begging. He was exploring, and when I asked him the day after “Hard Knocks” aired its first Lions episode if he sensed the players were coming with him and were buying into why he wants pads and why it’s important to bring in physicality so quickly, he said:

“Absolutely. Absolutely. I really, really believe they trust myself and the staff, that we are doing everything that we can to set them up for success. Physically, but for a long season too, and for wins, to give them – put them in an opportunity to win ballgames. I really do believe that.”

Campbell referenced studies that show that hitting in training camp at a certain frequency prepares the body for hitting during the regular season. The players surely have access to similar information. Which means they didn’t need to hear it from him.

But they did need to hear that he was thinking about them. He understands this. He also understands he can’t be a phony when he relays information or tells them why they are doing something.

This is the other thing “Hard Knocks” revealed. Campbell is authentic, along with whatever else you may think, and that is the most critical element of all.

“I am who I am,” he said when asked what he thought about the reaction on social media to the first episode of HBO’s series. “Anytime you do something like this, this is a big thing and you’re going to be out there in the public eye and people are going to gather their own perception of who you are and I’m not changing that. I mean, one way or another I can’t change that, I just got to be myself.”

No, he is not changing that. Nor could he if he wanted to, I suspect.

This is who Dan Campbell is. This is who the Lions are with him as their coach.

Last season gave us a glimpse. “Hard Knocks” is reinforcing that.

Flacco steps in for Jets with Wilson sidelined

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FLORHAM PARK, N.J. – There are moments – and they seem to be increasing by the year – when Joe Flacco knows his teammates are laughing at him.

Not for anything he’s doing on the field. But the New York Jets quarterback is 37 years old, and that’s practically ancient when you consider he’s on a roster filled with guys who were still learning how to add, subtract and read when he was starting his NFL career.

“I don’t view myself as an old person,” Flacco said with a smile. “But every now and then, when these guys come up to you and say something to you, I’m like, ‘Oh, OK, you think I’m like 50 years old. I got it.’”

Still a kid at heart with the arm of a youngster, Flacco is the Jets’ QBI while New York awaits the results of Zach Wilson’s arthroscopic knee surgery Tuesday in Los Angeles. Wilson is expected to miss two to four weeks with a torn meniscus and bone bruise in his right knee, but it could be more if doctors discover additional damage.

While Wilson playing in the season opener on Sept. 11 against Baltimore remains a possibility, it would seem more likely that Flacco is under center against the Ravens. It all depends on Wilson’s knee. Until then, Flacco is preparing just as he always has.

“I’m happy with what I’m doing and I love helping out a young guy and playing my role on this team,” Flacco said. “But I wouldn’t be doing this if I didn’t have the desire to still be really good at what I do and didn’t still believe that I could still play this game.”

Coach Robert Saleh has raved about Flacco since the Jets re-signed him in March to be Wilson’s backup. Saleh has run down the list of accomplishments, which include winning the Super Bowl and the game’s MVP award to cap the 2012 season with the Ravens. He has thrown for 41,269 yards and 227 touchdowns in his 14 NFL seasons.



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Flacco has been a starter and, at one time, the highest-paid quarterback in league history. He also has been a backup and mentor. Now, he needs to be a starter again, at least for a few weeks – and possibly the start of this season.

“He’s a veteran,” Saleh said, “and I just expect him to approach it like he has his entire career.”

Flacco realizes he’s part of an older generation of players – especially in his own locker room. After all, Wilson is 23. Cornerback Sauce Gardner, the Jets’ top draft pick in April, is a mere 21. There are only eight players out of 90 even in their 30s, with Flacco topping the list – and newly signed left tackle Duane Brown right behind him, with his 37th birthday on Aug. 30.

Age becomes just a number if you can still perform. Just ask Tom Brady, who retired after last season but is back for another year with Tampa Bay at age 45.

“Tom’s different,” Flacco said. “To be able to do what he has done, it’s crazy.”

NFL IN BRIEF

Brother of ex-NFL CB Talib faces felony 1st-degree murder charge

The brother of former NFL cornerback Aqib Talib turned himself in at the Dallas County Jail Monday after a warrant was issued for his arrest for his alleged role in the murder of a former college football player at a youth football game.

The Lancaster (Texas) Police Department issued a press release Monday indicating that Yaqub Salik Talib, 39, turned himself in after he was identified as the alleged shooter in the incident, which took place Saturday after an altercation broke out. Talib was charged with felony first-degree murder.

According to police, the victim was Michael Hickmon, a 43-year-old Lancaster resident who was formerly a fullback for the University of North Texas. Hickmon was a coach for one of the teams that was playing when the altercation started, the D.E.A. Dragons.

The shooting took place at the Lancaster Community Park, according to police. When officers arrived, witnesses told them that a disagreement between the opposing coaching staffs of both teams had started at the result of a call made by the officiating crew. Police said the altercation became physical and that the suspect allegedly pulled out a gun and shot Hickmon multiple times.

Police said the suspect fled the scene in a car and took the gun with him.

Hickmon was transferred to Methodist Central Hospital Saturday night, where he was later pronounced dead, according to the press release. No other injuries were reported.

According to WFAA, both Yaqub Talib and Aqib Talib were coaches of the North Dallas United Bobcats, the other team playing at the time of the incident. Freeman told WFAA that Hickmon’s 9-year-old son was one of the players on the field when the shooting occurred.

Aqib Talib played in the NFL 12 seasons from 2008-19 for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, New England Patriots, Denver Broncos and Los Angeles Rams. He was a five-time Pro Bowler.



Yaqub Salik Talib

Ravens cornerback Peters returns to practice

OWINGS MILLS, Md. – Baltimore Ravens cornerback Marcus Peters returned to practice Monday.

Peters missed all of last season with a knee injury, and coach John Harbaugh said he’s “in a good place” after doing individual work. Baltimore plays its second preseason game at Arizona on Sunday.

The Ravens also announced Monday they released running back Corey Clement and cornerback Robert Jackson.

Harbaugh wouldn’t say whether quarterback Lamar Jackson would play against the Cardinals after being held out of the preseason opener against Tennessee.

Titans linebacker Dupree pleads guilty in drugstore assault

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Titans outside linebacker Bud Dupree pleaded guilty on Monday to a misdemeanor assault charge stemming from an altercation in a Nashville drugstore.

Dupree was sentenced to 6 months of supervised probation, according to the judgement filed Monday.

Police said Dupree grabbed a Walgreens employee and the man’s phone after the employee had argued with some shoppers on the evening of Jan. 2.

Dolphins place CB Williams on IR with torn ACL

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. – The Miami Dolphins placed cornerback Trill Williams on injured reserve Monday, two days after the backup tore the ACL in his left knee during the team’s preseason opener against Tampa Bay.

Williams will miss the season. He suffered the injury during the fourth quarter on Saturday.

Also Monday, Miami signed veteran cornerback Mackensie Alexander and defensive tackle Niles Scott.

Scott, a former undrafted free agent, has mostly spent time on practice squads but played in six games with Cincinnati during the 2018 season.

— Wire reports

SOCCER



It is still early in his tenure, but Manchester United coach Erik ten Hag and his team have underperformed. SAKCHAI LALIT/AP

MAN DOWN

Ten Hag discovering the mess he has inherited at Manchester United

Steve Douglas
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Maybe Ralf Rangnick was right, after all. Maybe Manchester United does require soccer’s equivalent of “open-heart surgery” to fix the glut of issues currently afflicting England’s biggest club. That was the blunt assessment offered in April by Rangnick, United’s interim manager at the time, as he prepared to hand over the coaching reins to Erik ten Hag ahead of this season. And it’s taken just two painful Premier League games for Ten Hag to understand quite the mess he has joined. Underperforming and – in certain cases – unmotivated players. An imbalanced, poorly assembled squad. A faltering recruitment team unable to bring in its primary targets. American owners increasingly loathed by the fans. Ten Hag, meanwhile, is adding to his own problems with some questionable decision-making in his first weeks in English soccer. “Rubbish” was one of the words the Dutchman used to describe United’s abysmal performance in its 4-0 loss at Brentford on Saturday that marked a new low point in the club’s recent history. Moments after the final whistle at Brentford Community Stadium, as the joyous home fans celebrated one of their team’s best ever results, Ten Hag was seen standing motionless on the touchline, both arms behind his back, unable to believe what had transpired. Ten Hag didn’t flinch as a moody-looking Cristiano Ronaldo walked past, or as he was serenaded with chants of

Núñez sent off as Liverpool draws 1-1 with Palace in EPL

LIVERPOOL, England – Liverpool overcame the sending-off of Darwin Núñez for a headbutt on his home debut by salvaging a 1-1 draw against Crystal Palace in the Premier League on Monday thanks to a brilliant individual goal by Luis Díaz. In his first competitive start for Liverpool, Núñez lost control after jostling with Joachim Andersen and thrust his head into the face of the Palace defender, earning the Uruguay striker a straight red card. Even down to 10 men, Liverpool still managed to dominate the game at Anfield and Díaz earned his team a point by cutting in from the left, slipping between two defenders, and curling a shot into the far corner. Liverpool has now drawn its first two games – Jürgen Klopp’s team was held 2-2 by Fulham in the opening weekend – and is already four points behind Manchester City and Arsenal, the early pacesetters.

— Associated Press

“You’re getting sacked in the morning” from Brentford supporters. Sunday was supposed to be a day off for United’s players but Ten Hag insisted they come in for training, with British broadcaster Sky Sports reporting that the manager wanted to make his players run 13.8 kilometers, matching the difference in total distance the two teams ran during Saturday’s match. These are still very early days in the Ten Hag era but the problems are mounting, some of them of the Dutchman’s making. Why, for example, was Christian Eriksen – a midfield playmaker – de-

ployed as a “false nine” in the 2-1 home loss to Brighton on the opening weekend, then as a deep-lying midfielder against Brentford? Was Lisandro Martinez, a short center back in modern-day terms, the wisest purchase for nearly \$58 million considering the renowned physicality of the Premier League? Exposed against Brentford, he didn’t make it out for the second half. Why is Harry Maguire, clearly lacking in self-confidence on the field, still United’s captain when he shouldn’t really be assured of a starting spot? Then again, Ten Hag hasn’t been helped by those above him. How has United gone into the new season without a new holding midfielder, a position the team has desperately needed to upgrade for years? United looks likely to miss out on Frenkie de Jong despite a summer-long pursuit of the Barcelona midfielder and still must rely on the underwhelming Fred and Scott McTominay. Indeed, upgrades are needed all over the team, especially in attack with uncertainty still swirling around Ronaldo, who pushed for a move away during the offseason and – despite his renowned goalscoring prowess – doesn’t have the mobility to suit a typical Ten Hag-managed team. With Anthony Martial injured, Ronaldo is United’s only out-and-out striker and played the full game against Brentford even though he cannot have been match-sharp. Tellingly, he left the field without even looking at Ten Hag. The fear is that Ten Hag simply does not have the players to fit his style. Or, like in the case of Martinez, he has the wrong player in a crucial position. Will United hold its nerve if the losing streak continues? Ten Hag surely deserves some time but the early signs are of a club already in a crisis.

FA charges Tuchel, Conte with improper behavior

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LONDON – Thomas Tuchel and Antonio Conte were charged on Monday by the Football Association with improper behavior for their post-match scuffle at Stamford Bridge following the feisty 2-2 draw between Chelsea and Tottenham in the Premier League. The managers, who had already had a heated clash in the technical area during the game, went head-to-head after the final whistle when the traditional handshake went awry, setting off pushing and shoving. Both Chelsea’s Tuchel and Tottenham’s Conte were shown red cards. The FA said they have been charged with breaching a rule regarding conduct, which could lead to suspensions. “It is alleged that the behavior of both managers was improper following the end of the fixture,” the FA said. The managers have until Thursday to respond. The FA charge didn’t refer to the in-game confrontation between Tuchel and Conte.



Tuchel



Conte

Tuchel could also to find himself in trouble for incendiary comments about the referee, too. He turned on Anthony Taylor in his post-match news conference, saying “maybe it would be better” if Taylor no longer officiated games involving Chelsea. Asked about a view held by some fans that Taylor has a history of decisions against Chelsea, Tuchel said: “I don’t think just some of the fans think that. I can assure you the whole dressing room of us, every single person, thinks that.” The FA will look into those comments. Tuchel was unhappy that an apparent foul by Tottenham’s Rodrigo Bentancur on Chelsea’s Kai Havertz was missed by the officials prior to Tottenham’s equalizer. He also was surprised Tottenham defender Cristian Romero wasn’t penalized for pulling the hair of Chelsea’s Marc Cucurella at the corner before Harry Kane’s second Tottenham equalizer in the sixth minute of stoppage time. Tuchel described it as a “huge, huge misinterpretation of situations.” Meanwhile, Conte used his Instagram account to continue his feud with Tuchel that exploded after Tottenham made it 1-1, with Conte celebrating Pierre-Emile Højbjerg’s 68th-minute goal by going up to Tuchel and barging into his chest, sparking a melee among the coaching staff and substitutes. Then, after the final whistle, as Tuchel and Conte shook hands on the field, Tuchel seemed to not let go of his grip and intimidated that Conte look him in the eyes. They squared up again and shouted in each others’ faces.

WNBA

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The top four seeds – Las Vegas, Chicago, Connecticut and Seattle – will all host the first two games of their series with a potential decisive game three on the home court of the lower seed. Breanna Stewart was happy that the league changed the playoff format. “I think in the WNBA all teams are deserving of a series,” she said. “It’s a respect for the teams that make it. Striving for greatness throughout the whole season shouldn’t finish with one game on the line. We’re a professional league. It should be exciting and will be interesting with the 2-1 best of three.” Stewart will try to help teammate Sue Bird head into retirement with a fifth WNBA championship. The fourth-seeded Storm have a tough first round matchup against Washington. “This league continues to elevate the

game and get better and better,” Stewart said. “Everybody knows there’s players on each team that can go off.”

Health status

Dallas played without Arike Ogunbowale (abdominal issue) the last few games and Phoenix’s Diana Taurasi was sidelined down the stretch with a quad injury. Both teams will be hard-pressed to advance without them in the lineup. Phoenix also could still be without guard Skylar Diggins-Smith, who missed the last couple of games because of personal reasons.

Exciting finish

New York and Phoenix didn’t secure postseason berths until the final day of the regular season. The Liberty knocked off Atlanta and Phoenix advanced when Minnesota lost to Connecticut earlier in the day, ending the career of WNBA great Sylvia Fowles.

TENNIS

Murray overcomes Wawrinka in 3 sets

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MASON, Ohio — Andy Murray pulled out a 7-6 (3), 5-7, 7-5 win over Stan Wawrinka on Monday in the first round of the Western & Southern Open in a matchup of three-time Grand Slam champions trying to put injuries behind them. Murray and Wawrinka both have a U.S. Open title among their Slam championships, and both required multiple visits from trainers to treat leg problems during the 2-hour, 57-minute match at the hard-court tournament that serves as a tuneup for the U.S. Open. Wawrinka, 37, of Switzerland, had two surgeries on his left foot in 2021 and has lost in the first round in each of his last four events. Murray, 35, of Britain, suffered an abdominal strain two

weeks before Wimbledon but reached a second round for the first time in his last three tournaments. “I was hanging on in the third set,” Murray said in an on-court interview. “I was struggling a bit. So was Stan. We’re not young any more.” Serena Williams had been scheduled to face 19-year-old Emma Raducanu of Britain, the defending U.S. Open champion, in a first-round match on Monday that was pushed back to Tuesday because of what the tournament described as “a number of factors related to scheduling.” Raducanu was anxious to face Williams, 40, the 23-time Grand Slam winner who is preparing to walk away from tennis. Williams lost 6-2, 6-4 to Belinda Bencic on Wednesday night in Toronto in her first match since she announced her intentions.

MLB

Moncada rallies White Sox past Astros

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CHICAGO – Johnny Cueto kept going after a tough start – long enough for Yoán Moncada to deliver a big hit.

Moncada lined a tiebreaking two-run single in Chicago’s four-run eighth inning, and the White Sox beat the Houston Astros 4-2 on Monday night for their fourth straight win.

Chicago (60-56) moved four games over .500 for the first time since it was 6-2 on April 16. It also pulled within two games of AL Central-leading Cleveland, which split a doubleheader against Detroit.

“That’s what we need to do in every game,” Cueto said through a translator. “Just have to compete and have the same energy level and excitement that we had today.”

Chicago’s winning rally started after José Urquidy retired the first two batters. Urquidy was pulled after AJ Pollock’s infield hit, and the White Sox jumped all over Rafael Montero (4-2).

Andrew Vaughn doubled before Eloy Jiménez bounced a tying two-run double down the third-base line. Walks to José Abreu and Yasmani Grandal loaded the bases for Moncada, who made it 4-2 with a liner into center.

“I went out there just looking for fastball,” Moncada said through a translator. “I wasn’t looking for anything else, just fastball, and he threw me a fastball.”

The four-run outburst handed a win to Cueto (5-5), who pitched eight masterful innings. Liam Hendriks finished his 26th save when he retired Mauricio Dubón on a popup to first with two runners on.

Houston (75-42) wasted a stellar performance by Urquidy, who permitted six hits – all singles – struck out four and walked none. The AL West leaders had won four in a row.

“That unraveled like very, very quickly,” Astros manager Dusty Baker said, “and it’s tough to take. It’s tough.”

The White Sox improved to 2-2 in the season series after they were eliminated by the Astros in the playoffs last year. The reigning AL Central champions send Dylan Cease to the mound Tuesday night, but the Astros counter with Justin Verlander in a matchup of two of baseball’s best pitchers.

Houston got to Cueto for two in the first, helped by an error on second baseman Josh Harrison. Yordan Alvarez hit a sacrifice fly, and Alex Bregman doubled home Yuli Gurriel from first.

But Cueto was terrific for the rest of his outing, allowing a total of six hits and walking one. He improved to 4-1 with a 2.47 ERA in his last nine starts.

“It’s fun to watch him,” manager Tony La Russa said.

Braves 13, Mets 1

ATLANTA – William Contreras and Eddie Rosario hit back-to-back homers off Carlos Carrasco in the second inning, Ronald Acuña Jr. doubled three times and drove in three runs to lead the Braves to their seventh straight win.

The second-place Braves moved within 4½ games of New York for the NL East lead and put a brief halt to a hot streak in which the Mets had won 17 out of 20.

“We won the first game against the Mets in this series,” Acuña said through a translator. “Tomorrow we’re going to come with the same energy and take that one as well.”

Carrasco (13-5) allowed three runs in two innings, and his outing was interrupted by a 55-minute rain delay in the second inning. He returned after the break to get the final out of the inning, but he winced on his last pitch and was pulled with left side tightness.

“We’re just going to wait to see how I feel tomorrow and go from there,” Carrasco said. “This is my first time that I’ve felt something like this. It just happened on the last pitch of the game.”

New York had allowed two runs or fewer in eight straight games to tie a franchise record set in 1969. Contreras’ homer ended the Mets’ streak of 19 consecutive scoreless innings.

The Braves, who improved to 48-19 since June 1, sent 12 batters to the plate and blew the game open with an eight-run sixth on Michael Harris II’s single, Acuña’s double, Dansby Swanson’s two-run single, Matt Olson’s single and Travis d’Arnaud’s three-run homer.

Atlanta took a 3-0 lead in the second. After Contreras connected for the 16th time and Rosario went deep for the fourth, the Braves tacked on another run with two outs when Mark Canha lost track of a flyball by Acuña that went over the left fielder’s head and allowed Harris to score from first.



Yoán Moncada hit a tiebreaking two-run single in Chicago's four-run eighth inning, and the White Sox beat the Houston Astros 4-2 on Monday night for their fourth straight win. Moncada finished 1-for-4 with two RBIs.

Guardians 4, Tigers 1 (Game 1) Tigers 7, Guardians 5 (Game 2)

CLEVELAND – Jonathan Schoop and rookie Kerry Carpenter hit back-to-back homers in the sixth inning, and the Detroit Tigers rallied in the second game of a doubleheader, snapping an eight-game losing streak.

All-Star Andrés Giménez belted a go-ahead, three-run homer in the seventh inning of the opener, a 4-1 win for AL Central-leading Cleveland. Giménez added a two-run homer in the nightcap, finishing with four hits and five RBIs on the day.

The Guardians are 8-2 since Aug. 6 and lead the Twins and White Sox by two games in the division. Detroit, which fired general manager Al Avila last week, has lost 11 of its last 13 and is 3-14 since July 30.

“It’s really cool to be part of this win and I hope it continues,” Carpenter said. Schoop gave the Tigers a 4-3 lead in the nightcap when he launched a changeup from Eli Morgan (4-3) over the wall in left. Detroit had trailed 3-1 after four innings.

Carpenter followed with his first homer in the majors, giving him 31 on the season between Detroit, Triple-A Toledo and Double-A Erie. He went 3 for 4 with three runs scored.

“The home run definitely loosened me up a little bit,” Carpenter said. “It was key. The celebration in the clubhouse afterward got a little crazy, but it was worth it because we got the win.”

Right-hander Xzavion Curry became the 14th player to make his big league debut for the Guardians in 2022. The Georgia Tech product lasted five innings and allowed three runs.

“Honestly, I learned that I can compete, like I belong here,” Curry said. “Obviously, I’ve got to work out little minor things with pitching, but it’s still the same game.”

Twins 4, Royals 2

MINNEAPOLIS – The Minnesota Twins stumbled home with a bunch of hitters in need of a boost, none more than Max Kepler and his 0-for-29 skid.

The guy who needed a spark the most was the first one to get it going.

Kepler went 3 for 4 with a slump-busting RBI to give the lagging lineup a lift, and the Twins started a vital home-stand with a victory.

“He’s been as important of a cog in the machine here, since I’ve been, as anyone,” said manager Rocco Baldelli, who witnessed Kepler’s first hit since July 23. He broke his toe the following day, missed 10 games and was fighting through obvious rust upon his return. “We’re going to be looking for really meaningful contributions from him from here on out.”

Snapping his 0-for-August skid with a one-out single in the second inning against Royals starter Kris Bubic (2-7) that scored Polanco, Kepler set in motion a productive night. The Twins were 0 for 18 with runners in scoring position over their previous two games and 1-4 on the road trip last week to fall out of first place for the first time in nearly two months.

Rays 4, Yankees 0

NEW YORK – The slumping New York Yankees were shut out in consecutive games for the first time since 2016.

Coming off a 3-0 defeat Sunday night against the Boston Red Sox, New York failed to provide any run support for ace Gerrit Cole, whose only run allowed followed a misplay in center field by Aaron Hicks.

“Obviously we gotta play better, we gotta do better than that,” Yankees manager Aaron Boone said.

The AL East leaders were blanked for the fourth time in nine games and dropped to 8-16 since the All-Star break after a 64-28 start.

Ryan Yarbrough (1-7) pitched four innings as a bulk reliever for his first win in nearly a year, striking out six without a walk. He previously won Sept. 24, 2021 and had lost eight straight decisions over 14 appearances, matching the franchise record.

“It was nice,” Rays manager Kevin Cash said. “I think Yarbs has pitched really well here as of late. He probably deserves a little bit better in the win-loss column, but he’s contributing in a big way.”

Orioles 7, Blue Jays 3

TORONTO – Ryan Mountcastle hit a two-run home run in his return to the lineup and Ryan McKenna had his first three-hit game and an RBI for surging Baltimore, which improved to 9-4 in August.

“Really happy with how we played tonight,” Orioles manager Brandon Hyde said.

Baltimore (60-55) reached 60 wins in a season for the first time since going 75-87 in 2017. The Orioles didn’t win more than 54 games in any of the past three full seasons. Baltimore is fourth in the race for one of three AL wild-card spots.

Mountcastle sat out Sunday’s loss at Tampa Bay after being hit on the left wrist by a pitch Saturday. He reached base three times Monday, walking in the first and fifth innings and homering off Blue Jays left-hander Yusei Kikuchi in the third.

“It was great to see him back in the lineup today,” Hyde said.

Five of Mountcastle’s 16 home runs this season have come against the Blue Jays. He has 12 home runs and 25 RBI against Toronto since the start of 2021. He also homered off Kikuchi in his last start, a week ago in Baltimore.

“He’s a great player, a great hitter, especially in Toronto,” Orioles right-hander Kyle Bradish said. “Any time he gets up to bat, he can do damage.”

Nationals 5, Cubs 4

WASHINGTON – Nelson Cruz hit a tiebreaking homer in the eighth inning as Washington beat Chicago.

Cruz, who hit a two-run double in the fifth, smacked a 1-1 pitch from Brandon Hughes (1-1) to center to snap a 4-all tie.

Carl Edwards Jr. (4-3) pitched a scoreless eighth inning and Kyle Finnegan worked the ninth for his fifth save. Ian Happ homered twice for the Cubs.

Dodgers 4, Brewers 0

MILWAUKEE – Freddie Freeman and Gavin Lux homered to back Julio Urias’ five solid innings, and Los Angeles blanked Milwaukee.

A day after their 12-game winning streak ended with a 4-0 loss at Kansas City, the major league-best Dodgers got back on track, improving to 20-4 since the All-Star break.

Freeman hit a solo shot in the first inning off Freddy Peralta (4-3) and Lux added a two-run blast against Hoby Milner in the sixth.

Urias (13-6) worked out of trouble in the first three innings. He finished with six strikeouts while allowing four hits and two walks, improving to 10-0 with a 1.99 ERA over his last 11 starts.

Marlins 3, Padres 0

MIAMI - Sandy Alcantara threw seven innings of four-hit ball and Miami beat San Diego.

Alcantara (11-5) walked two and struck out seven on 108 pitches.

Miguel Rojas and Jacob Stallings had three hits apiece and rookie JJ Bleday homered for the Marlins, who snapped a four-game skid.

The Marlins scored twice in the first against Padres starter Joe Musgrove (8-6).

Tanner Scott worked the ninth for his 17th save.

Rangers 2, Athletics 1

ARLINGTON, Texas - Marcus Semien homered, rookie Bubba Thompson had a tiebreaking RBI single and Texas beat Oakland.

Rangers manager Chris Woodward was fired earlier in the day with Texas on pace for its sixth straight losing season.

Nick Allen homered for the last-place A’s, who lost their ninth game in a row. The Rangers have their first three-game winning streak in more than two months.

Glenn Otto (5-8) overcame a career-high six walks for his first victory since June 4. Jonathan Hernandez worked the ninth for his fourth save.

James Kaprielian (3-7) struck out five and walked one over 5 ½ innings.

Phillies 4, Reds 3

CINCINNATI - Noah Syndergaard won for the second time in three starts since being traded to Philadelphia and Edmundo Sosa drove in three runs against Cincinnati.

Syndergaard (7-8) allowed three runs on eight hits in seven innings, throwing only 77 pitches. Seranthony Dominguez worked the ninth for his ninth save.

Sosa’s two-run single highlighted a three-run third for the Phillies. He also had an RBI double in the fifth.

Mike Minor (1-10) became the first Reds pitcher to start in 10 straight losses since Homer Bailey in 2018.

Mariners 6, Angels 2

The game was tied at 2 going into the ninth inning before the Mariners broke through. Sam Haggerty got aboard with a one-out single off Aaron Loup (0-4). Haggerty advanced to second when Angels catcher Max Stassi wildly threw to the bag even though Haggerty wasn’t running. Haggerty stole third and then scored the go-ahead run when he eluded a rundown and made it home when no one was covering the plate.

Seattle got some breathing room when Dylan Moore scored on Ty France’s grounder, when Stassi was unable to catch it at the plate. Julio Rodriguez scored on Jesse Winker’s grounder and J.P. Crawford’s base hit plated Ty France.

Andres Munoz (2-4) got the win.

Giants 6, Diamondbacks 1

SAN FRANCISCO – Evan Longoria hit a two-run homer and Alex Cobb pitched six solid innings to lead the Giants.

The Giants are 18-2 at home against Arizona since the 2020 season.

San Francisco took control and broke open a scoreless game by scoring all of their runs in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings.

Diamondbacks starter Madison Bumgarner (6-12), the Giants’ 2014 World Series hero, allowed all six runs and eight hits in 5 ½ innings while walking two and striking out six.

Cobb (4-6) struck out five in six innings and allowed five hits, including Christian Walker’s sixth-inning homer, his 28th of the season.

MLB

MONDAY'S BOX SCORES

Guardians 4, Tigers 1

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Detroit	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO
Greene cf	4	1	1	0	0	1
Reyes rf	3	0	1	0	1	1
Baez ss	4	0	1	0	1	2
H.Castro 1b	4	0	0	0	2	2
Cabrera dh	4	0	0	0	0	3
Candelario 3b	3	0	0	0	0	1
Haase c	2	0	0	0	1	0
Schoop 2b	3	0	0	0	2	2
Baddoo lf	3	0	0	0	0	2
Totals	30	1	3	1	2	13
Cleveland	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO
Kwan lf	4	0	1	0	0	0
Rosario ss	4	1	0	0	0	2
Ramirez 3b	5	0	2	1	1	1
Gimenez 2b	4	1	3	3	0	1
Gonzalez rf	4	0	2	0	0	1
Miller 1b	3	0	0	0	1	2
Jones dh	4	0	0	0	0	3
Hedges c	3	0	0	0	1	0
Straw cf	3	2	1	0	1	0
Totals	33	4	9	4	3	7

E Baez (20), **LOB:** Detroit 4, Cleveland 8. **2B:** Baez (24), Gimenez (19), Gonzalez (16). **HR:** Gimenez (13), off Chafin. **RBI:** H.Castro (27), Ramirez (94), Gimenez 3 (54), SB: Straw (15), Reyes (1). Runners left in scoring position: Detroit 2 (Cabrera, H.Castro), Cleveland 5 (Hedges 3, Jones, Rosario). **RISP:** Detroit 0 for 3; Cleveland 3 for 15. Runners moved up: H.Castro, Miller. **GIDP:** Miller. **DP:** Detroit 1 (Baez, Schoop, H.Castro).

Pitching

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	era
Detroit							
Hutchison	5	7	1	1	1	4	4.23
Vest, L, 3-3	1	1	2	2	1	1	3.91
Chafin	1	1	1	1	0	2	2.54
Peralta	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.58
Cleveland							
Civale	6	3	1	1	1	10	5.62
Karinchak, W, 1-0	1	0	0	0	1	2	1.62
Stephan, H, 10	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.54
Class, S, 27-29	1	1	0	0	0	0	1.27

Inherited runners-scored: Vest 1-0, Chafin 2-2. **Umpires:** HP: Nic Lentz; 1B: Erich Bachus; 2B: Lance Barksdale; 3B: Nestor Ceja. T: 2:54.

Phillies 4, Reds 3

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Philadelphia	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Stott ss	5	0	3	0	0	0	.225
Hoskins 1b	4	0	1	0	1	1	.249
Bohm dh	5	1	0	0	2	.287	
Realuto c	4	1	2	0	1	1	.261
Castellanos rf	5	1	1	1	0	2	.258
Segura 2b	4	1	1	0	1	1	.278
Sosa 3b	4	0	2	3	0	0	.200
Marsh cf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.226
Vierling lf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.216
Totals	39	4	12	4	3	9	
Cincinnati	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Fraley lf	4	1	1	1	0	0	.247
Solano dh	4	0	1	0	2	3	.310
K.Farmer 3b	4	0	3	0	0	0	.268
Votto 1b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.208
Almora Jr. cf	4	1	1	0	0	3	.227
Reynolds 2b	4	1	1	0	1	1	.285
Aquino rf	4	0	1	0	1	1	.184
Barreiro ss	3	0	0	0	0	1	.200
Papierski c	3	0	1	2	0	0	.136
Totals	34	3	9	3	0	8	

LOB: Philadelphia 11, Cincinnati 4. **2B:** Segura (5), Sosa (6), Realuto (17), K.Farmer (21), Almora Jr. (10). **HR:** Fraley (4), off Syndergaard. **RBI:** Castellanos (55), Sosa 3 (12), Papierski 2 (4), Fraley (10), SB: Marsh (1), Reynolds (5), Stott (5), Castellanos (7), Realuto (15). Runners left in scoring position: Philadelphia 7 (Castellanos 3, Segura, Vierling, Marsh 2), Cincinnati 1 (Votto). **RISP:** Philadelphia 4 for 15; Cincinnati 2 for 5. **GIDP:** Barreiro, Votto. **DP:** Philadelphia 2 (Stott, Segura, Hoskins; Segura, Sosa, Hoskins).

Pitching	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	era
Philadelphia							
Syndergaard, W, 2-0	7	8	3	3	0	6	5.40
Robertson, H, 2	1	0	0	0	1	1	1.99
Dominguez, S, 9-10	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.45
Cincinnati							
Minor, L, 1-10	5	10	4	4	1	4	6.31
Gibaut	1	1	1	0	0	1	2.37
Cessa	2	0	0	0	0	0	5.50
Strickland	1	1	0	0	0	2	5.56

WP: Minor. **Umpires:** HP: Junior Valentine; 1B: Gabe Morales; 2B: Andy Fletcher; 3B: Bill Ewing. T: 2:53. A: 14,635 (42,319).

Marlins 3, Padres 0

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San Diego	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Profar lf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.249
Soto rf	3	0	0	0	1	2	.255
Machado 3b	4	0	2	0	0	0	.301
Bell 1b	4	0	0	0	1	2	.285
Drury dh	4	0	1	0	0	1	.166
Cronenworth 2b	3	0	1	0	1	0	.237
Grisham cf	2	0	0	0	1	2	.200
a-Hyers ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.238
Kim ss	4	0	0	0	1	1	.247
Nola c	3	0	0	0	0	0	.244
Totals	32	0	5	0	3	8	
Miami	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Wendle 3b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.260
Berti 2b	4	0	2	0	0	0	.268
Aguiar dh	4	0	0	0	1	1	.237
Bleday rf	4	1	1	1	0	2	.215
Rojas ss	4	2	3	0	0	0	.241
Stallings c	4	1	3	1	1	0	.221
Diaz 1b	2	0	0	0	0	0	.238
Burdick cf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.171
Williams lf	3	0	0	0	1	1	.247
Totals	31	3	9	3	1	8	

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LOB: San Diego 8, Miami 8.
2B: Berti (12), 3B: Rojas (2),
HR: Bleday (3), off Musgrove. RBI: Bleday (4), Diaz (2),
Stallings (27), SB: Berti (29), Diaz (1), SF: Diaz.
Runners left in scoring position: San Diego 2 (Bell, Kim);
Miami 5 (Aguiar 2, Burdick, Williams 2). RISP: San Diego 0 for 2;
Miami 1 for 6.
GIDP: Burdick.
DP: San Diego 1 (Kim, Cronenworth, Bell).

Pitching	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	era
San Diego							
Musgrove, L, 8-6	6	8	3	3	0	5	2.98
Wilson	1	1	0	0	0	1	3.47
Hill	1	0	0	0	1	2	3.15
Miami							
Alcantara, W, 11-5	7	4	0	0	2	7	1.92
Okert, H, 16	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.61
Scott, S, 17-22	1	1	0	0	1	0	4.50

HBP: Musgrove (Burdick), Hill (Diaz).
Umpires: HP: Adam Lassarota; 1B: Adam Beck; 2B: Marty
Friedman; 3B: Ben May.

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HRB: Musgrove (Burdick), Hill (Diaz). **Umpires:** HP: Dan Iassogna; 1B: Adam Beck; 2B: Marty Foster; 3B: Ben May. T: 3:04. A: 9,123 (36,742).

Tigers 7, Guardians 5

Greene cf	5	1	1	0	0	3	.236
Reyes rf	5	0	3	2	0	1	.270
W.Castro ss	4	0	2	1	1	0	.246
Baez dh	5	0	1	0	0	1	.227
H.Castro 1b	5	0	0	0	0	0	.277
Schoop 2b	5	2	2	1	0	3	.203
Carpenter lf	4	3	3	1	0	0	.267
Barnhart c	4	1	3	2	0	2	.208
Clemens 3b	4	0	0	0	1	1	.127
Totals	41	7	15	7	1	9	
Cleveland	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Kwan lf	4	0	2	1	0	1	.297
Rosario ss	4	0	0	0	0	0	.283
Ramirez dh	4	0	0	0	0	0	.281
Naylor 1b	4	1	3	2	0	0	.273
Miller 2b	3	1	1	0	0	0	.242
Gimenez 2b	4	1	1	2	0	2	.312
Gonzalez rf	4	1	2	0	0	2	.305
Benson cf	2	1	0	0	1	0	.136
Maile c	4	1	2	2	0	0	.235
Freeman 3b	2	0	0	0	1	0	.222

Nightengale

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The firing comes after the Rangers just beat the Seattle Mariners in two of three games during the weekend, but they are 15-25 since July 1 and are 6-24 in one-run games.

The Rangers dominated the AL West from 2010 to 2016, winning two American League pennants and reaching the postseason five times in seven years, but have yet to have a winning season in the six years since their glorious run.

The drought is hardly all of Woodward's fault, but in his 3½-year stay, they have gone 211-287 and were showing no signs of improvement.

It has been a rough year for managerial job security. It began in June with World Series championship managers



Baltimore's Jorge Mateo breaks his bat on a base hit against the Blue Jays Monday night. The Orioles won 7-3.

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Totals	32	5	8	5	1	2	5	
E: Gonzalez (4), LOB: Detroit 8, Cleveland 4. 2B: Carpenter (1), Gonzalez (17), HR: Schoop (9), off Morgan; Carpenter (1), off Morgan; Gimenez (14), off Garcia; Maile (2), off Garcia. RBI: Barnhart 2 (13), Reyes 2 (17), W.Castro (19), Schoop (33), Carpenter (1), Gimenez 2 (56), Maile 2 (13), Kwan (30), CS: W.Castro (4).								
Cleveland								
Runners left in scoring position: Detroit 2 (W.Castro, H.Castro), Cleveland 2 (Ramirez, Maile). RISP: Detroit 4 for 10; Cleveland 2 for 7.								
DP: Detroit 3 (W.Castro, Schoop, H.Castro; Clemens, Schoop, H.Castro, W.Castro, Schoop, H.Castro); Cleveland 1 (Rosario, Gimenez, Naylor).								

Pitching	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	era
Detroit							
Garcia, W, 1-0	6	5	3	3	0	5	3.29
Ciniero, H, 1	1	1	2	1	2	0	2.16
Jimenez, H, 8	1	0	0	0	0	0	.349
Lange, H, 15	1	0	0	0	0	0	3.06
Sorto, S, 21-23	1	2	1	1	0	0	3.24
Cleveland							
Curry	5	8	3	3	1	3	5.40
Morgan, L, 4-3	1	2	2	2	0	0	4.25
Shaw	1	4	2	2	0	2	5.40
Widom 1b	1	3	0	0	1	3	.221
Sandlin	1	0	0	0	2	2	.235

Inherited runners-scored: Jimenez 2-0, Hentges 2-1. **HRB:** Garcia 2 (Benson, Freeman). **WP:** Garcia, Shaw. **Umpires:** HP: Alan Porter; 1B: Lance Barksdale; 2B: Nestor Ceja; 3B: Erich Bachus. T: 3:01. A: 16,980 (34,788).

Nationals 5, Cubs 4

Happ lf	3	2	2	2	1	0	.282
Suzuki rf	4	1	2	1	0	2	.244
Reyes dh	4	0	1	1	0	1	.333
Hoerner ss	4	0	1	0	0	2	.301
McKinstry 3b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.156
Widom 1b	3	0	0	0	1	3	.221
Morel cf	4	0	0	0	0	3	.257
Totals	35	4	7	4	3	14	
Washington	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Hernandez 2b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.243
Meneses rf-1b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.285
Volt 1b	3	1	0	1	1	2	.226
Robles cf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.231
Hernandez lf	3	1	2	1	0	1	.272
a-Call ph-lf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Cruz dh	4	1	2	3	0	1	.239
Rojas ss	3	0	0	0	0	2	.243
Abrams ss	3	1	0	0	0	1	.225
Theriot cf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.263
Vargas 3b	3	0	1	1	0	0	.265
Totals	33	5	8	5	1	8	
a-grouned out for Hernandez in the 8th.							
E: McKinney (1), Abrams (5), Loebe: Chicago 7, Washington 1.							
B: Hoerner (1), Madrigal (5), Thomsen (3), Suzuki (3), Cruz (16).							
3B: Reyes (1), HR: Gabe 2 (2), GHR: Gabe 2 (2), GHR: Gabe 2 (2).							
H: Hughes, HR: Hapo 2 (54), Reyes (4), Suzuki (35), Volt (52), Hernandez (41), Cruz (356), SB: McKinstry (1).							
Hernandez hit in scoring position: Hughes 5 (Madrigal, Wisdom, Reyes, Hoerner, Morel), Washington 4 (Cruz, Vargas, Abrams, Ruiz). RISP: Chicago 1 for 10, Washington 3 for 11.							
Runners moved up: McKinney, Ruiz.							
Pitching	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	era
Chicago							
Gray	4	6	4	0	1	4	3.96
Leiter	2	1	1	0	0	3	4.50
Hughes, L, 1-1	1	1	1	0	0	1	3.19
Washington							
Gray	6	5	3	2	10	4.75	
DP: Baltimore 2 (Attebo, Vavra, Mountcastle, Murrell, Jansen, Bichette, Guirre, Jr.), Toronto 1 (Hernandez, Merrifield, RISP: Baltimore 2 for 1, Washington 1 for 1).	1	2	1	0	0	1	3.57
Edwards Jr, W, 4-3	1	0	0	0	0	2	3.16
Firminger, S, 5-9	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.47
K: McKinney 2 (Attebo, Vavra, Mountcastle, Murrell, Jansen, Bichette, Guirre, Jr.), Toronto 3 (Hernandez, Merrifield, RISP: Baltimore 2 for 1, Washington 1 for 1).							
Bichette, Guirre, Jr.; Jansen; Bichette, Guirre, Jr.).							
Pitching	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	era

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Alabama tops preseason AP poll

Ralph D. Russo
ASSOCIATED PRESS

With two of the best players in the country leading the way – and a championship game loss as motivation – Alabama is No. 1 in The Associated Press preseason college football poll for the second straight season and ninth time overall.

Heisman Trophy winner Bryce Young, national defensive player of year Will Anderson Jr. and the Crimson Tide received 54 of 63 first-place votes and 1,566 points in the Top 25 presented by Regions Bank released on Monday.

Ohio State is No. 2 with six first-place votes (1,506 points) from the media panel and defending national champion Georgia is third with three first-place votes (1,455 points). Clemson is No. 4. Notre Dame rounds out the top five, setting up a tantalizing opener at Ohio State on Sept. 3.

The Tide’s preseason No. 1 ranking is the seventh in 15 years under coach Nick Saban. Since the preseason rankings started in 1950, only Oklahoma with 10 has been No. 1 in the initial poll more often than Alabama.

The Crimson Tide started last season No. 1 and finished ranked No. 2 after losing the national championship game to the Southeastern Conference rival Bulldogs.

“It wasn’t our end goal that we wanted,” Anderson said in the spring. “But I’m super proud of those guys, the way they fought. We were a young team. We had people go down. People had to step in that never been there before. So, I think that’s just a learning experience.”

Saban recently called 2021 a rebuilding season for his Tide dynasty, which has won six national titles over the last 13 years. He has a point.

Young was in his first season as a starter, playing behind an inexperienced offensive line. He was unfazed, throwing for 4,872 yards and 47 touchdowns.

Anderson was a force on the other side ball as Alabama broke in a back seven with mostly new starters. The sophomore led the nation in tackles for loss with 33 1/2, III/2 more than No. 2 on the list.

Ohio State brings back a Heisman Trophy finalist at quarterback in C.J.



Nick Saban, quarterback Bryce Young and the Crimson Tide are ranked No.1 in the AP preseason Top 25 for the seventh time in 15 years. ROGELIO V. SOLIS/AP

Stroud while at Georgia, most of the key players from one of the best college defenses of the last 25 years are now in NFL. Still, quarterback Stetson Bennett and All-America tight end Brock Bowers return to a Bulldogs offense that could be even more explosive in 2022.

Texas A&M, which finished last season unranked despite handing Alabama its only regular-season loss, starts this season No. 6.

Defending Pac-12 champion Utah is seventh, the best preseason ranking in school history. Defending Big Ten champion Michigan is No. 8 after making the playoff for the first time last season.

No. 9 Oklahoma is the highest-ranked Big 12 school, one spot ahead of defending league champion Baylor.

Poll points

Alabama has been in the preseason top five in each of last 14 seasons and in the preseason top three in 13 straight.

The Tide’s 31st preseason top-five ranking this year matches Ohio State for second-most in poll history behind Oklahoma’s 37.

Turning preseason No. 1 into a national championship has proved tricky throughout history, even for Alabama.

The Crimson Tide have gone on to win the national championship after starting No. 1 just once under Saban and twice overall.

Since the AP preseason poll began in 1950, there have been 11 preseason No. 1 teams that also finished the season top ranked. Alabama was the last to do it (2017).

Rarities and streaks

- No. 13 North Carolina State is ranked in the preseason for the first time since 2003. The Wolfpack matched their best preseason ranking. They were also 13th in 1975.
- No. 17 Pitt is in the preseason rankings for the first time since 2010.

- No. 20 Kentucky is making its first preseason poll appearance since 1978.
- No. 22 Wake Forest made the preseason rankings for the first time since 2008.
- Ohio State is ranked in the preseason for the 34th straight season, breaking a tie with Nebraska (1970-2002) and Penn State (1968-2000) for the longest such streak in poll history.
- Texas A&M has the second-best preseason ranking for a team that finished the previous season unranked. Ohio State was No. 3 in the 1972 preseason poll after being unranked at the end of the 1971 season and Notre Dame also started No. 6 in 1983 after finishing unranked in 1982.

How did the seasons work out for those teams? Ohio State went 9-2 and finished the season No. 9. The Irish went 7-5 and unranked again.

Notable omissions

- LSU with new coach Brian Kelly will start the season unranked for the first time 2000, Saban’s first of five seasons as coach of the Tigers.
- Florida and Florida State are both unranked to start the season, which has not happened since 1974.

Newbies

Five schools ranked in the preseason poll have head coaches starting their first full seasons: Notre Dame (Marcus Freeman), Oklahoma (Brent Venables), No. 11 Oregon (Dan Lanning), No. 14 USC (Lincoln Riley) and No. 16 Miami (Mario Cristobal).

This is the second time in the last five seasons that five teams with new coaches were ranked in the preseason, according to Sportradar. It also happened in 2018, but before that season that type of representation in the preseason poll for teams with new coaches was a rarity.

You have to go all the way back to 1990 when six schools with coaches entering their first full season appeared in the preseason Top 25, according to Sportradar. That list includes some notable names: Gary Moeller, Michigan; Ken Hatfield, Clemson; Gene Stallings, Alabama; Jack Crowe, Arkansas; Paul Hackett, Pittsburgh; and John Jenkins, Houston.

SCOREBOARD



Odds available as of print deadline.

MLB					
Tuesday					
Favorite	Spread	O/U	ML	Underdog	
Padres	-	-	-170	MARLINS	
Phillies	-	-	-190	REDS	
Cubs	-	-	-160	NATIONALS	
YANKEES	-	-	-190	Rays	
Red Sox	1.5	8.5	-140	PIRATES	
BLUE JAYS	-	-	-220	Orioles	
GUARDIANS	1.5	8.5	-210	Tigers	
BRaves	-	-	-150	Mets	
TWINS	-	-	-200	Royals	
CARDINALS	1.5	7.5	-210	Rockies	
BREWERS	-	-	-115	Dodgers	
Astros	-	-	-130	WHITE SOX	
Mariners	-	-	-175	ANGELS	
GIANTS	-	-	-115	D-backs	

NFL					
Thursday					
Favorite	Spread	O/U	ML	Underdog	
SEAHAWKS	3.5	39.5	-190	Bears	

Friday					
Favorite	Spread	O/U	ML	Underdog	
PATRIOTS	2.5	39.5	-150	Panthers	
PACKERS	3.5	38.5	-175	Saints	
RAMS	1.5	36.5	-120	Texans	

Saturday					
Favorite	Spread	O/U	ML	Underdog	
Lions	2.5	-	-130	COLTS	
Raiders	2.5	-	-120	DOLPHINS	
JAGUARS	3.5	-	-160	Steelers	
TITANS	2.5	-	-140	Buccaneers	
VIKINGS	3.5	-	-165	49ers	
CHARGERS	0.5	-	-110	Cowboys	

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MLB				
American League Glance				
East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	72	44	.621	-
Tampa Bay	61	53	.535	10
Toronto	61	53	.535	10
Baltimore	60	55	.522	11½
Boston	57	59	.491	15

Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Cleveland	62	54	.534	-
Minnesota	59	55	.518	2
Chicago	60	56	.517	2
Kansas City	48	69	.410	14½
Detroit	44	74	.373	19

West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Houston	75	42	.641	-
Seattle	63	54	.538	12
Texas	52	63	.452	22
Los Angeles	51	65	.440	23½
Oakland	41	75	.353	33½

Sunday's Games				
Tampa Bay 4, Baltimore 1				
Cleveland 7, Toronto 2				
Houston 6, Oakland 3				
Kansas City 4, L.A. Dodgers 0				
Chicago White Sox 5, Detroit 3				
Texas 5, Seattle 3				
L.A. Angels 4, Minnesota 2				
Boston 3, N.Y. Yankees 0				

Monday's Games				
Cleveland 4, Detroit 1, 1st game				
Detroit 7, Cleveland 5, 2nd game				
Tampa Bay 4, N.Y. Yankees 0				
Baltimore 7, Toronto 3				
Minnesota 4, Kansas City 2				
Texas 2, Oakland 1				
Chicago White Sox 4, Houston 2				
Seattle 6, L.A. Angels 2				

Tuesday's Games				
Boston (Pivetta 8-9) at Pittsburgh (Keller 4-8), 7:05 p.m.				
Tampa Bay (Springs 4-3) at N.Y. Yankees (Cortes 9-3), 7:05 p.m.				
Baltimore (Kremer 4-4) at Toronto (Manoah 12-5), 7:07 p.m.				
Detroit (Hill 2-3) at Cleveland (Plesac 2-10), 7:10 p.m.				
Kansas City (Greinke 4-7) at Minnesota (Gray 6-3), 7:40 p.m.				
Oakland (Sears 3-0) at Texas (TBD), 8:05 p.m.				
Houston (Verlander 15-3) at Chicago White Sox (Cease 12-5), 8:10 p.m.				
Seattle (Ray 8-8) at L.A. Angels (Suarez 4-4), 9:38 p.m.				

National League Glance				
East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	75	41	.647	-
Atlanta	71	46	.607	4½
Philadelphia	64	51	.557	10½
Miami	51	65	.440	24
Washington	39	78	.333	36½

Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
St. Louis	63	51	.553	-
Milwaukee	61	53	.535	2
Chicago	47	67	.412	16
Cincinnati	45	69	.395	18
Pittsburgh	45	70	.391	18½

West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Los Angeles	80	34	.702	-
San Diego	65	53	.551	17
San Francisco	58	57	.504	22½
Arizona	53	62	.461	27½
Colorado	51	66	.436	30½

Sunday's Games				
St. Louis 6, Washington 0				
San Diego 6, Milwaukee 3				
Atlanta 3, Miami 1				
Kansas City 4, L.A. Dodgers 0				
N.Y. Mets 6, Philadelphia 0				
Cincinnati 8, Chicago Cubs 5				
Arizona 7, Colorado 4				
San Francisco 8, Pittsburgh 7				

Monday's Games				
Philadelphia 4, Cincinnati 3				
Miami 3, San Diego 0				
Washington 5, Chicago Cubs 4				
Atlanta 13, N.Y. Mets 1				
L.A. Dodgers 4, Milwaukee 0				
San Francisco 6, Arizona 1				

Tuesday's Games				
Philadelphia (Gibson 7-5) at Cincinnati (Zeuch 0-1), 6:40 p.m.				
San Diego (Manaea 6-6) at Miami (Cabrera 3-1), 6:40 p.m.				
Boston (Pivetta 8-9) at Pittsburgh (Keller 4-8), 7:05 p.m.				
Chicago Cubs (Steele 4-7) at Washington (Corbin 4-16), 7:05 p.m.				
N.Y. Mets (Walker 10-3) at Atlanta (Morton 5-5), 7:20 p.m.				
Colorado (Freeland 7-8) at St. Louis (Quintana 4-5), 7:45 p.m.				
L.A. Dodgers (Pepiot 1-0) at Milwaukee (Woodruff 9-3), 8:10 p.m.				
Arizona (Kelly 10-5) at San Francisco (Junis 4-3), 9:45 p.m.				

NFL				
Preseason				
Friday, Aug. 19				
Carolina at New England, 7 p.m.				
New Orleans at Green Bay, 8 p.m.				
Houston at L.A. Rams, 10 p.m.				

Saturday, Aug. 20				
Denver at Buffalo, 1 p.m.				
Detroit at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.				
Washington at Kansas City, 4 p.m.				
Las Vegas at Miami, 7 p.m.				
Pittsburgh at Jacksonville, 7 p.m.				
San Francisco at Minnesota, 7 p.m.				
Tampa Bay at Tennessee, 7 p.m.				
Dallas at L.A. Chargers, 10 p.m.				

Sunday, Aug. 21				
Philadelphia at Cleveland, 1 p.m.				
Cincinnati at N.Y. Giants, 7 p.m.				
Baltimore at Arizona, 8 p.m.				

Monday, Aug. 22				
Atlanta at N.Y. Jets, 8 p.m.				

WNBA				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
W	L	Pct	GB	
x-Chicago	26	10	.722	-
x-Connecticut	25	11	.694	1
x-Washington	22	14	.611	4
x-New York	16	20	.444	10
Atlanta	14	22	.389	12
Indiana	5	31	.139	21

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
W	L	Pct	GB	
x-Las Vegas	26	10	.722	-
x-Seattle	22	14	.611	4
x-Dallas	18	18	.500	8
x-Phoenix	15	21	.417	11
Minnesota	14	22	.389	12
Los Angeles	13	23	.361	13

Sunday's Games				
New York 87, Atlanta 83				
Las Vegas 109, Seattle 100				
Washington 95, Indiana 83				
Chicago 82, Phoenix 67				
Dallas 116, Los Angeles 88				
Connecticut 90, Minnesota 83				

Playoff Glance (x-if necessary)				
First Round (Best-of-3)				
No. 1 Las Vegas vs. No. 8 Phoenix				
Wednesday, Aug. 17: at Las Vegas, 10 p.m.				
Saturday, Aug. 20: at Las Vegas, 9 p.m.				
x-Tuesday, Aug. 23: at Phoenix, TBD				

No. 2 Chicago vs. No. 7 New York				
Wednesday, Aug. 17: at Connecticut, 8 p.m.				
Saturday, Aug. 20: at Chicago, Noon				
x-Tuesday, Aug. 23: at New York, TBD				

No. 3 Connecticut vs. No. 6 Dallas				
Thursday, Aug. 18: at Connecticut, 8 p.m.				
Wednesday, Aug. 21: at Connecticut, Noon				
x-Wednesday, Aug. 24: at Dallas, TBD				

No. 4 Seattle vs. No. 5 Washington				
Thursday, Aug. 18: at Seattle, 10 p.m.				
Sunday, Aug. 21: at Seattle, 4 p.m.				
x-Wednesday, Aug. 24: at Washington, TBD				

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

AP Top 25
The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, final records, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

1. Alabama (54)	0-0	1566	2
2. Ohio St. (6)	0-0	1506	6
3. Georgia (3)	0-0	1455	1
4. Clemson	0-0	1292	14
5. Notre Dame	0-0	1242	8
6. Texas A&M	0-0	1212	-
7. Utah	0-0	1209	12
8. Michigan	0-0	1203	3
9. Oklahoma	0-0	956	10
10. Baylor	0-0	884	5
11. Oregon	0-0	881	21
12. Oklahoma St.	0-0	814	-
13. NC State	0-0	752	20
14. Southern Cal	0-0	711	-
15. Michigan St.	0-0	631	9
16. Miami	0-0	476	-
17. Pittsburgh	0-0	383	13
18. Wisconsin	0-0	365	-
19. Arkansas	0-0	348	2
20. Kentucky	0-0	332	16
21. Mississippi	0-0	324	1
22. Wake Forest	0-0	303	15
23. Cincinnati	0-0	265	-
24. Houston	0-0	263	17
25. BYU	0-0	234	19

VANESSA BRYANT TRIAL

County witnesses have rough day on stand

Brent Schrottenboer
USA TODAY

Warning: This story contains descriptions that some readers may find disturbing.

LOS ANGELES — Vanessa Bryant had been waiting for this day for many months.

This was Day 4 of her civil trial against Los Angeles County. But it was the first day that multiple county sheriff’s and fire department employees would be required to get up on the witness stand and answer questions in front of her about what they did.

It wasn’t pretty. One witness, a retired fire captain named Brian Jordan, stepped down off the witness stand three times in distress Monday after being asked about taking photos at the scene of the helicopter crash that killed Bryant’s daughter and husband Kobe, the NBA legend.

Jordan claimed not to remember anything about the crash scene even though he was there and took photos of what he saw.

“Kobe Bryant’s remains were in the pictures you took?” asked Luis Li, Bryant’s attorney.

“I need a break,” Jordan replied, before stepping down and leaving the court room for the first of those three interruptions.

It went like this for much of the day in federal court: After Jordan completed his testimony, three sheriff’s deputies took the stand and also claimed memory problems or gave conflicting testimony when asked key questions about sharing photos of human remains from the crash that killed all nine aboard in January 2020.

One deputy, Joey Cruz, said he made a “misjudgment” when he showed crash-scene photos to a bartender at a restaurant two days after the crash.

“I took it too far,” he said, saying he was under stress at the time and “overwhelmed.”

But he also gave conflicting testimony about what he showed the bartender and what he remembered about it.

The bartender, Cruz’s friend, testified last week that Cruz asked him if he wanted to see a photo of Bryant’s dead body. Cruz disputed that Monday in front of the jury of five men and four women.

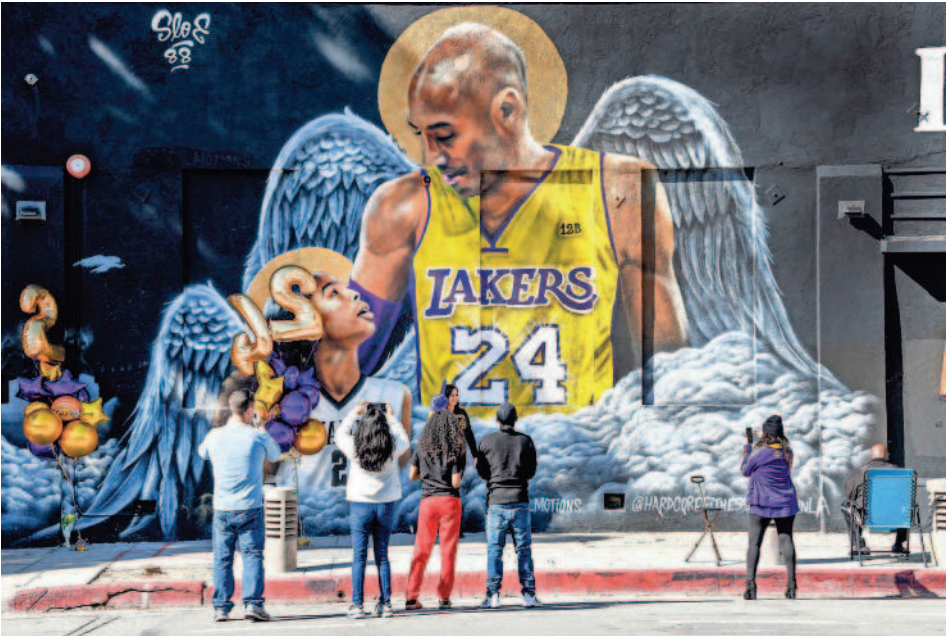
“You did not tell bartender, ‘Hey do you want to see a photo of Kobe Bryant’s body?’ You never said that?” asked Craig Jennings Lavoie, one of Bryant’s attorneys.

“No, because there was no identifying features,” Cruz said, implying he couldn’t know whose body it was.

Vanessa Bryant brought this case to trial after suing the county for invasion of privacy in 2020. Her lawsuit accuses county sheriff’s and fire department personnel of taking and sharing crash-scene photos of her loved ones’ dead bodies despite not having a legitimate business reason for it. She is joined in the trial by fellow plaintiff Chris Chester, a financial advisor who lost his wife and daughter in the same crash and also sued the county for similar reasons.

Both are seeking damages to be determined at trial for the emotional distress they say they suffered after learning of the county’s conduct with the photos.

In Bryant’s case, she has indicated she also might want something more than that. In March of 2021, she amended her lawsuit to include the names of



Fans gather at a mural of Kobe Bryant and his daughter Gianna painted on the wall of Hardcore Fitness Bootcamp gym in Los Angeles. ROBERT HANASHIRO/USA TODAY SPORTS

four sheriff’s deputies she blames for improperly sharing photos: Cruz, Raul Versales, Rafael Mejia and Michael Russell. She even used her widely followed Instagram account that month to highlight their names in a public post, bringing them unwanted attention and in some cases harassment.

On Monday, she finally faced three of them in court when they testified for the first time at trial. Unlike previous days in this trial, she did not break down or leave the court room to avoid graphic testimony. She instead took notes and appeared eager to hear how they would answer for their actions.

Joey Cruz’s testimony

Cruz was a deputy trainee when he and Mejia responded to the radio call of the crash that day. Later that night, Cruz received crash-scene photos from Mejia, who received them from Versales, who received them from another deputy who had hiked to the scene of the crash: Douglas Johnson.

Johnson testified on Friday that he took about 25 photos including those that contained close-up shots of human remains.

Two days later, Cruz attempted to show photos of the crash scene to his niece but testified Monday “she didn’t care to look” at them. Then at the bar in Norwalk, California, surveillance video shows him displaying his phone to the bartender and making gestures to his body.

The bartender claimed Cruz indicated they were Kobe’s remains.

But in a pretrial deposition in October, Cruz testified he didn’t remember if the photos he showed at the bar contained body parts at all.

On Monday, he testified they did contain body parts but didn’t say they were Kobe’s.

“You’re telling the truth today?” Lavoie asked Cruz, noting the conflicting testimony.

Cruz then said he only realized the photos contained body parts after “reviewing documents” following his deposition testimony in October.

“It required you to review documents that you showed photos of body parts to a bartender?” Lavoie asked.

“Yes,” Cruz replied.

“Prior to that, you had just forgotten you had showed photos of body parts to a bartender?”

Cruz’s memory lapse in October also

came after a patron at the restaurant that night in January 2020 filed a complaint about Cruz with the sheriff’s department. The patron said the bartender came to his table at the restaurant and told his group about what Cruz had showed him on his phone.

Cruz learned about this complaint shortly after it was filed.

“Did you think that complaint was true?” Lavoie asked him Monday

“I knew it was true,” Cruz replied.

“You know it was true that you had showed photos of Kobe Bryant’s body to the bartender, but (more than a year) later, you testified under oath . . . in your deposition, that you forgot?” Lavoie asked.

“I didn’t recall then,” Cruz answered.

Cruz was initially suspended 10 days for his conduct before his suspension was reduced on appeal. He is expected to resume testifying Tuesday morning.

Brian Jordan’s testimony

Jordan did not want to testify and had fought having to do so. His attorneys even stated in court records this month that Jordan had been “ordered by his doctors to refrain from discussing this tragic event due to the toll it has taken on his psychological health.”

But U.S. District Judge John F. Walter denied his attempt to get out of it, and there Jordan was on the witness stand Monday as the day’s first witness.

“I am here because of false allegations, so please refrain from taking my brain back to that crash site,” Jordan said from the witness stand Monday.

The L.A. County Fire Department rebuked Jordan in letter to him in December 2020 after determining his photographs from the crash scene had “no legitimate business purpose” and “only served to appeal to baser instincts and desires for what amounted to visual gossip,” according to the letter. The letter said the photographs included one body cut from the waist down and another containing only the head and torso, among others.

The department intended to discharge him from his position before he retired early, citing his mental health, according to court records.

This information was not shared with the jury, but the jury did hear him initially say, “I don’t remember being at the crash.”

Then he said he did remember being under orders to take photos from the

crash scene from Anthony Marrone, now the acting fire chief of L.A. County.

“Take pictures, take pictures, take pictures,” Jordan said he was told by Marrone.

But Marrone has denied giving that order, according to evidence cited Monday by Bryant’s attorneys.

Asked whether he took photos of Gianna Bryant, Bryant’s daughter, Jordan said, “I don’t even know who that is.”

On Friday, deputy Johnson testified that a Black man he later identified as Jordan was at the crash scene taking photos and that he helped show him around the scene.

On Monday, Jordan testified, “I don’t know what I took pictures of.”

Jordan said he did send crash-scene photos to fire captain Tony Imbrenda, who later showed such photos to a group of people at an awards gala in February 2020, triggering a citizen’s complaint. The woman who complained about Imbrenda showing off the photos said she overheard a witness saying they contained an image of Kobe’s “burnt-up” body.

Jordan testified Monday the photos he sent Imbrenda were not “offensive” because Imbrenda told him so.

Li, Bryant’s attorney, then entered into evidence Exhibit 336 A and B, an audio recording in which Imbrenda is interviewed and said he received photos from Jordan.

“There were a few graphic photos,” Imbrenda said on the audio. Imbrenda described them as “human remains from a high-impact crash.”

More LA county testimony

The county’s position is that the photos were not publicly disseminated and never were posted online after being deleted.

Versales testified he did not know Kobe Bryant was among the dead when he received the photos from Johnson. Versales also said he did not request those photos from Johnson even though Johnson testified Friday that Versales did ask him to take photos from the crash site.

After passing the photos along to other sheriff’s personnel, including Mejia, Versales said he deleted them that night.

“I did not need to have photographs,” Versales testified in a pretrial deposition.

On Monday, Versales gave a different account.

“Later after thinking about it . . . I later on thought I needed it,” he testified Monday, explaining he needed the photos to pass along to others.

After Versales completed his testimony Monday, Mejia got on the witness stand and said he sent crash-scene photos to Cruz so that he could use them to write a reporter later if necessary, which he never did. Mejia said he didn’t consider the photos evidence and said he would do things differently now by making sure the photos were needed for a report.

“I regret it,” Mejia testified.

Lavoie later told Mejia that many prior statements he made in this case were untrue.

“It’s not that I was intentionally trying to lie about anything,” he said. “It’s lapse in memory.”

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IN BRIEF

Carril, old-school Princeton coaching maestro, dies

Pete Carril, the rumpled, cigar-smoking basketball coach who led Princeton to 11 appearances in the NCAA Tournament, where his teams unnerved formidable opponents and rattled March Madness with old-school fundamentals, died Monday. He was 92.

Princeton released a statement from Carril’s family, which said he died “peacefully this morning. It did not give a cause of death.

During Carril’s 29 seasons as the Tigers’ coach, the system worked splendidly.

His teams won 13 Ivy League titles and posted a 514-261 record without the benefit of scholarship players. Its deliberate approach draining the high octane from many opponents, Princeton led the nation in scoring defense in 14 of his last 21 seasons, including the last eight in a run that ended in 1996.

He guided Princeton to the National Invitation Tournament championship in 1975 and was elected to the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame in 1997.

AP source: Simmons, 76ers settle his grievance over salary

PHILADELPHIA — Ben Simmons and the Philadelphia 76ers have settled the grievance he filed to recoup a portion of last season’s salary, a person with knowledge of the details said Monday.

Simmons was seeking a portion of the nearly \$20 million that was withheld after he refused to suit up for the 76ers last season. He was eventually traded to the Brooklyn Nets in February for a package headlined by James Harden.

The person confirmed the settlement to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because terms were to remain confidential. The agreement was first reported by ESPN.

Simmons was the No. 1 pick by the 76ers in 2016 and became an All-Star. But he was heavily criticized after he struggled when the top-seeded 76ers were upset by Atlanta in the 2021 Eastern Conference semifinals.

Simmons then cited mental health concerns for not playing last season. He then had back problems in Brooklyn and ended up missing the entire season.

Cameron Smith out of BMW Championship with sore hip

WILMINGTON, Del. — British Open champion Cameron Smith pulled out of the BMW Championship on Monday with what his manager described as a “hip discomfort” that Smith had been feeling the last few months.

Smith is No. 3 in the FedEx Cup, assured of a spot in the Tour Championship next week in Atlanta, though the withdrawal will mean he starts at least three shots behind when the FedEx Cup finale begin.

“He has been dealing with some on and off hip discomfort for several months and thought it best he rest this week in his pursuit of the FedEx Cup,” Bud Martin, his agent at Wasserman, said in a statement.

He plans to be at East Lake next week in the chase for the \$18 million prize for winning the FedEx Cup.

The top seed start the Tour Championship at 10-under par and a two-shot lead. The No. 3 seed starts at 7-under par, the No. 4 seed is at 6 under and the No. 5 seed starts five shots behind.

Dodgers’ Buehler to have elbow surgery, out for season

MILWAUKEE — Los Angeles Dodgers right-hander Walker Buehler will have season-ending surgery for the elbow injury that has prevented him from pitching for the last two months.

The Dodgers announced Monday before the start of their four-game series with the Milwaukee Brewers that that Buehler’s surgery is scheduled for Aug. 23. Buehler, a two-time All-Star, is 6-3 with a 4.02 ERA in 12 appearances this season. He last pitched June 10 and left that game after four innings when his elbow began bothering him.

The Dodgers announced afterward that Buehler wouldn’t throw for six to eight weeks because of a flexor strain. Now he’s out for the rest of the season.

Even with Buehler sidelined, Los Angeles entered Monday with the best record in the majors at 79-34.

Los Angeles also has three-time Cy Young Award winner Clayton Kershaw on the injured list with lower back pain, though he’s expected to return.

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