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LUZERNE COUNTY

Election Board accepts, rejects ballots at adjudication

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Luzerne County's Election Board accepted 129 primary election provisional ballots and 18 flagged mail ballots during Friday's post-election adjudication.

The board also rejected 85 provisional ballots and 105 mail ballots due to deficiencies during the public session at the county Penn Place Building in downtown Wilkes-Barre.

Adjudication will resume at 9 a.m. Tuesday, with the continued processing of write-in votes and other matters.

Paper provisional ballots are cast at polling places, typically when workers determine additional voter verification is needed. The county reviews provisional ballots last to ensure the voters are properly registered and did not cast a second ballot by mail.

The 129 provisional ballots were accepted because they had no deficiencies, the board concluded. The only caveat was that 24 voted in the wrong precinct, which means only selections that were on the ballot in their correct precinct will be counted.

Among the reasons voters' provisional ballots were rejected, officials said:

- 48 were not registered as Democrats or Republicans. Pennsylvania has closed primaries, meaning voters with no party or other party affiliations don't get to nominate which candidates advance to the general election.
- Five already cast mail ballots.
- One was not registered to vote.
- Five were registered to vote in other counties.
- 21 did not place their ballots in the required inner secrecy envelopes.
- Five did not sign the outer envelope.

Mail ballots

Most of the rejected mail ballots — 63 — stemmed from voters failing to sign the outer return envelopes.

Another 21 were missing inner secrecy envelopes, while three were not placed inside outer return envelopes.

Sixteen had signature errors in the affirmation section that must be filled out if a disabled voter needs assistance.

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Luzerne County Election Director Emily Cook, at rear, discusses post-election adjudication issues Friday with county Assistant Solicitor Gene Molino and Deputy Election Chief Clerk Amanda Latoski-Hon.

CRESTWOOD



Screenshot from Crestwood YouTube channel

The Crestwood school board approved its proposed budget Wednesday with no tax increase.

Board approves proposed budget with no tax increase

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The Crestwood school board approved its $53.4 million proposed final budget Wednesday with no tax increase.

The proposed budget includes $53,437,803 in expenses and $52,040,685 in revenue, creating a gap of about $1.4 million. The district is projected to use $1.4 million of its fund balance, starting the 2026-27 school year with roughly $3.25 million and ending it with about $1.86 million.

Business Manager Thomas Benz said in an early budget presentation on April 9 that the board could consider raising property taxes or reintroducing a late-payment penalty for delinquent property taxes to address the projected budget gap.

The property tax rate is projected to remain 12.9182 mills. A mill is a $1 tax for every $1,000 of assessed property value.

The board also voted Wednesday not to impose a delinquent property tax penalty.

Board member Nanci Romanyshyn said at a committee meeting on May 12 that the district should give taxpayers more notice before implementing a penalty, with tax collection starting in August. The board may revisit this in the winter of next school year to give adequate notice of potential penalties before the 2027 tax collection period.

Benz also noted last month that potential changes in the adequacy state subsidy could help address gaps. The district expects to receive $3 million from the state's Ready to Learn Block Grant, which includes the adequacy subsidy, up from $1.8 million last year.

The district plans to complete multiple capital projects, including a necessary sewer line replacement, beginning as early as this summer. The projects are expected to cost several million dollars.

Benz said the district may issue $7 million in bonds to fund capital projects, with annual debt service not to exceed $2.4 million over a term of about 20 years. The board approved a resolution on Wednesday authorizing bond issuance for the capital projects.

The board anticipates approving its final budget on June 25. The deadline for budget adoption is June 30.

Knoebels president 'pinky swore' not to charge admission

By Asha Prihar
Spotlight PA

There's no place like Knoebels.

Nestled inside Northeast Pennsylvania's forested mountains, the pay-as-you-go amusement park boasts retro rides and games, award-winning food, and campgrounds — among many other amenities. Its affordable prices and throwback atmosphere have earned it a global and fiercely loyal following. Some rank it among the best amusement parks in the world.

The park will have been in operation for 100 years on July 4, and has managed to remain consistent even as it's grown into a full-on resort. Nine members of the family that founded it still work there and call the shots.

Brian Knoebel, 52, said his earliest memory of working at the park founded by his great-grandfather is handing out "a little Dixie cup of ice cream" at catered events. Since then, he's stepped into many other roles, from trash crew to ride inspector to funnel cake maker. Last fall, he succeeded his father as president of the park.

Ahead of the centennial, Knoebel spoke with PA Local about the park's ups and downs, its commitment to free admission, and its knack for taking visitors a "step back in time."

This interview has

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This story first appeared in PA Local, a weekly newsletter by Spotlight PA taking a fresh, positive look at the incredible people, beautiful places, and delicious food of Pennsylvania.



Courtesy of Knoebels

Riders on Knoebels' Phoenix roller coaster begin their descent.

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Luzerne County Election Board member Roxanne Arreguin, at right, counts flagged ballots during Friday's post-election adjudication as fellow members observe. From left, Albert Schlosser, Audrey Serniak, and Chairwoman Christine Boyle.

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Two voters did not return the actual ballot in their packet.

The board has adjudicated the same deficiencies in past elections.

Results

Vote tallies from the accepted ballots will be uploaded to the county's public election results database at luzernecounty.org next week after write-in tallies have been completed, said county Election Director Emily Cook.

Additional sessions will be scheduled as necessary to complete the process, which also includes audits and the preparation of a reconciliation report.

Adjudication is held on the third floor (courtroom A) at Penn Place, 20 N. Pennsylvania Ave., Wilkes-Barre.

There was no public comment on any election matters at the opening of Friday's adjudication.



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During Friday's post-election adjudication, Luzerne County Election Bureau representatives, at left, presented recommendations to the county Election Board, at right, on which provisional ballots and flagged mail ballots should be accepted and rejected.

Knoebels

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been condensed for length and edited for clarity.

PA Local: Could you tell me a little bit about how Knoebels got started?

Brian Knoebel: My ancestors came over from Germany, and one was actually a minister on horseback. They bought a plot of land where two streams come together. And we built our lumberyard. We were farmers — my ancestors were — and they made charcoal, and they had Christmas trees and potatoes, and they had animals.

The farm itself was slightly upstream. People started to find out that the two creeks came together at one spot, and ... it formed a natural swimming hole. After church on Sunday, they'd come down and park their horse and buggy off to the side, and frolic in the stream and have a little picnic. My great-grandfather would feed and stable your horses for, I believe, a quarter. Little by little, he started building some picnic tables and park benches, and on July 4, 1926, we opened a swimming pool, a restaurant — appropriately named "The Restaurant" — and we rented a steam-powered carousel.

What do you think is the biggest difference between Knoebels now versus when it was founded?

Well, first I'm going to tell you how it's the same.



Courtesy of Knoebels

Chicken and waffles, and a salad from the Alamo restaurant at Knoebels.

The canopy of trees that exist here in the park is something that we take a lot of pride in. We kind of have an unwritten rule that whenever we take a tree out for expansion, that we put a tree back in.

Envision ... people sitting along the creek kind of behind our Grand Carousel. Just sitting on a park bench, sharing a banana split, and that little bit of a breeze that's coming down the stream, and hearing the ripple. That's how it hasn't changed.

How has it changed? We started with one ride, and one food stand, and the pool. We now have 60 rides, I believe 38 food stands, 24 games, and water slides. We have a campground that is attached to the park. We have a second campground about three miles away called Lake Glory. Quarter-mile down the road, we own the 18-hole golf course, complete with a bar and tavern. We have enough seating for 10,000 people for our group sales and catering business.

I used to go to Knoebels pretty much every year when I was a kid, and I've always thought of it as a place with a kind of vintage, throwback vibe. How do you balance change and growth with preserving the park's history and that sense of nostalgia?

When my ancestors were trying to build the business ... they would lease a small piece of the land to a family, and that family would build a cottage on the land. And then little by little, our growth was starting to take place. We would buy the cottage from that family, and we would turn it into a gift shop or a game. So, many of the buildings that exist today used to be a cottage.

We absolutely know our brand. We know our fans. And that throwback amusement park from yesteryear is exactly who we continue to be. We don't have roller coasters that reach the clouds. We have rides for thrill seekers ... but, of course, we have more traditional rides. Sadly, when other parks close, or they want to make room for something bright and shiny, we'll make an offer to them and move it here, because again, that's who we are.



Courtesy of Knoebels

Knoebels patrons plunge into a pool from a water slide.

Knoebels is known as the largest free-admission amusement park in the country. Why have free admission?

Again, it's who we are. It's that traditional park. Through the years when trolley parks would be built, little by little, they started putting up a fence around the outside. I think they learned that you can make more money if you charged everybody admission.

But we recognize that grandma and grandpa get more satisfaction out of watching their grandkids ride the rides than they do themselves. And grandma and grandpa are on a limited income. So they don't pay to park. We don't force you to buy food in the park — if you want to bring a picnic lunch, then bring a picnic lunch.

Do you think that it's something that would ever change about the park?

Asha, I had to pinky swear to never change it.

Has there ever been a struggle to keep going when you're not charging people to come in, or has that not been as much of an issue as one might think?

We probably have more challenges than what one might think.

The creek that runs through the park is our best friend on a hot summer day. There's a little breeze that comes down through there cooling down your guests under that canopy of trees. But after a couple days of rain, when it starts to come over the creek bank a little bit, it becomes your worst enemy. And sadly, our team ... We all have our masters or doctorate in flooding.

COVID, that was quite a challenge as well. Nobody really knew what it was. We were supposed to open the last weekend of April in 2020. And I believe it was in mid-March when our government shut all the businesses down. By that time ... the items were already ordered. Somebody had to unload the trucks. Somebody had to clean the gutters, and somebody had to turn the water on. We were only allowed to have a handful of people, so we were pretty much working 'round the clock. Thankfully, we met our goal and we were able to get open on July 1, 2020, with protocols and social distancing.

We actually lost a lot of staff during that time. We had some staff that were getting near retirement age, and they hung it up a little bit early because they were just nervous. But we got through 2020, and 2021 was — I personally am a firm believer we are not meant to be locked up like we were — and people came from far and wide, and we went from having a not very busy 2020 to a very crowded 2021, which brought on other challenges.

I wanted to go back to all these floods that the park has seen over the years. What lessons have you learned about how to prepare for these?

How long is your article? Number one: nobody works by themselves. [If] the creek is starting to rise, we know to split up in teams.

Because we own a lumberyard, we get lengthy pieces of conduit and strategically place them near the water — so that if anybody would happen to get too close and they go in, various team members can grab these conduits, and the person in the water, you pull them out. They're always in place, and knock on wood, thank the good Lord, we've never had to use them.

You learn things like, "What is the lowest point in the park?" It's our miniature golf course. So you pull things out of the miniature golf course. Once that's done, you move on to the second-lowest and the third-lowest.

We have five dams in the creek throughout the park. And we have those dams because more parks have been lost to fire than flood. So if the water is starting to come up ... we get some maintenance guys, we get some security guards if it happens during the summer, and keep the crowd away, and one by one we start pulling the dams. And you can see the creek water drop sometimes three feet.

My cell phone rings quite a bit. Our community reaches out, and it's as simple as, "Where do you need me?" Or, "What can I bring?" And they just show up.

Are there any other ways in which you think that Knoebels' location really influences the park and its identity?

Our location is both the best of worlds, and the worst of worlds. I have friends in the industry that have never been here, and they'll reach out to me and they'll say, "Jeesh! You're in the middle of nowhere. You're 20 minutes from [I-80], and you're 30 minutes from [I-81]." Most destinations are much closer to an interstate or an airport. So it's fantastic where we're at, because if we were closer to an interstate, maybe we wouldn't be able to handle the crowd. So because you have to want to come here, maybe it's a blessing in disguise.

I want to wrap up with a rapid-fire question round. What's your favorite ride?

Phoenix.

What is your favorite place to in the park?

The Alamo, for the chicken and waffles.

What is something that a first-time visitor to Knoebels absolutely should not miss?

Take a lap. Before you buy anything, before you play a game or you buy a ride, take it all in. Then go make your decision.

What is one fun fact about Knoebels that might surprise people?

First thing that came to mind is [that it's] still owned and operated by the Knoebel family. There's been, through the years, people that have tried to buy us, and we don't even entertain the thought.

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First year students. Front row, from left to right: Aislin Lynn (Wilkes-Barre), McKenna Nay (Ashley), Esmeralda Sosa (Brooklyn), Andrea Lopez (Montrose), Emily Kosciuk (Lake Ariel), Mara Hughes (Scranton), Mercedes Pacheco (Pittston), Meaghan Mizenko (Drums), Emily Heffner (Kingston), Gabrielle Vencak (Wapwallopen), Adrianny Moran Yuli (Dominican Republic). Back row, from left to right: Elian Baez (Hazleton), Kaley Ellard (Plymouth), Jenna Winkler (Weatherly), Huntyr Eichhorst (Drums), Nancy Morris (Wilkes-Barre), Estefany Veras (Wilkes-Barre), Carlas Sevorino (Wilkes-Barre), Genesis Rios (Hazleton), Jordan Porasky (Dallas), Robyn Gaeta (Barnesville), Ethan Fernandez (White Haven), John Yudichak, LCCC President

LCCC recognizes Dental Hygiene Classes of 2026, 2027

Staff Report

Luzerne County Community College celebrated its dental health department students during the annual Dental Hygiene Recognition Ceremony held Tuesday.

The special ceremony honored both the dental hygiene Class of 2026 graduates and first-year students from the Class of 2027.

The event featured welcoming remarks, guest introductions, the presentation of first-year and graduate pins, recognition of class officers, presentation of awards, and remarks from members of the graduating class.

Karen B. Rainey, director of the dental health department, thanked family members, faculty, staff, and supporters for their continued encouragement of the college's dental hygiene students.

"We would like to express our gratitude for your participation in attending our Dental Hygiene Recognition Ceremony," Rainey said. "Your participation in this special event contributes to its success and your support of our program is very much appreciated."

During the ceremony, students recited the Dental Hygiene Pledge, affirming their professional commitment to improving oral health, advancing the science of dental hygiene, and providing quality patient care.



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Second year students. Front row, from left to right: Amber Ransom (Scranton), Julliana Esparza (Wapwallopen), Jacqueline Congo (Frederick, Md.), Ariana Rysz (Swoyersville), Nicole Rominski (Tunkhannock), Amber Joseph (Blakely), Mykala Seigfried (Bloomsburg), Kiena Vest (Shavertown), Yarissell Rodriguez (Weehawken, N.J.), Yarielys Puntiel Adames (Nanticoke), Angelica Simet (Hazleton), Caroline Romero (Larksville). Back row, from left to right: Karen B. Rainey, director of the dental health department, Jasper Veloso (Forty Fort), Kyle Baldeo (Wilkes-Barre), Tiffany Herr (Elysburg), Dinah Abreu (Hazleton), Rebecca Roche (Luzerne), Gabriela Morillo (Hazleton), Alyssa Belusko (Hazleton), Luiza Rodriguez (Nanticoke), Gianna Tallo (Scranton), Madison Zielinski (Scranton), Jacob Starosta (Shavertown), Franco Martinez (Taylor), John Yudichak, LCCC President.

Students receiving special awards and honors included:

- Gabriela Morillo Frias — HuFriedy Golden Scaler Award
- Amber Joseph — Colgate STAR Award
- Franco Martinez — Benjamin J. Cohen Professionalism Award
- Dinah Abreu-Pimental — Clark J. Hollister Award
- Julliana Esparza — Julie Cleary Radiology Award
- Kyle Baldeo — Luzerne County Community College Dental Hygiene Distinction Award
- Mykala Seigfried — Student American Dental Hygienists' Association Scholarship Award
- Kaley Ellard — Maureen Savner Professionalism Award

In addition, Tiffany Herr and Amber Ransom were inducted into the Sigma Phi Alpha National Dental Hygiene Honor Society for their scholarship, character, and potential for professional growth in the field of dental hygiene.

Faculty and staff members of the dental health department were also recognized during the ceremony.

The Dental Hygiene Class of 2026 includes:

Dinah Abreu-Pimental, Kyle Baldeo, Alyssa Belusko, Jacqueline Congo, Julliana Esparza, Tiffany Herr, Amber Joseph, Franco Martinez, Gabriela Morillo Frias, Yarielys Puntiel Adames, Amber Ransom, Rebecca Roche, Luiza Rodriguez, Yarissell Rodriguez, Caroline Romero, Nicole Rominski, Ariana Rysz, Mykala Seigfried, Angelica Simet, Jacob Starosta, Gianna Tallo, Jasper Veloso, Kiena Vest, and Madison Zielinski.

The Dental Hygiene Class of 2027 includes:

Elian Baez, Adrianny Moran Yuli, Huntyr Eichhorst, Nancy Morris, Kaley Ellard, McKenna Nay, Ethan Fernandez, Mercedes Pacheco, Robyn Gaeta, Jordan Porasky, Emily Heffner, Genesis Rios, Mara Hughes, Carlas Severino Del Carmen, Emily Kosciuk, Esmeralda Sosa, Carolann Larson, Gabrielle Vencak, Adrea Lopez Jimenez, Estefany Veras, Aislin Lynn, Jenna Winkler, and Meaghan Mizenko.

LCCC celebrates 110 nursing grads

Staff Report

Luzerne County Community College honored 110 graduates of its Mary Gill Carrozza, RN School of Nursing Class of 2026 during a pinning ceremony held Thursday evening at King's College's gym.

Graduates, joined by faculty, families, and college leadership, formally transitioned from nursing students to professional nurses. During the ceremony, graduates participated in traditional nursing rituals, including the Florence Nightingale Pledge and the presentation of nursing pins — symbols of achievement, integrity, and service in

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LCCC celebrates 110 graduates at its nursing pinning ceremony Thursday.

Pa. unemployment rate holds steady at 4.2% in April

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WILKES-BARRE — Pennsylvania's unemployment rate was unchanged over the month at 4.2% in April.

The PA rate was one-tenth of a percentage point below the U.S. unemployment rate, which was also unchanged over the month at 4.3%.

The Commonwealth's unemployment rate matched its April 2025 level of 4.2%, while the U.S. rate was up one-tenth from last April.

The Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry (L&I) today released its preliminary employment situation report for April 2026.

Pennsylvania's civilian labor force — the estimated number of residents working or looking for work — was up 14,000 over the month to 6,607,000 in April. Employment accounted for the gain, while unemployment was unchanged over the month.

Pennsylvania's total non-farm jobs were up 10,700 over the month to a record high of 6,198,800 in April.

Jobs increased in seven of the 11 industry super-sectors.

The largest volume gain was in professional & business services, up 4,500 over the month, while the largest decline was in leisure & hospitality (-2,200).

Education & health services rose to a record high level. Over the year, jobs were up 31,900 with gains in seven of the 11 super-sectors.

The largest volume gain from last April was in education & health services (+32,000).

Additional information is available on the L&I website at www.dli.pa.gov.

LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

Bresnahan advances historic bridge, road, transportation investments

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WILKES-BARRE — U.S. Rep. Rob Bresnahan Jr., R-Dallas Township, voted this week to deliver the largest bridge investment in American history, putting real money into the roads and bridges that working families in Northeastern Pennsylvania depend on every day.

According to information provided by Bresnahan's office, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee passed the bill 62-2, with strong bipartisan support, advancing railway safety, protecting our roads and bridges from damage caused by heavier trucks, and sending more resources to Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport (AVP).

"Our roads, bridges, and transportation networks keep NEPA moving, connect workers to jobs, and support local businesses," said Bresnahan. "Too many communities are dealing with aging infrastructure that has been overlooked for too long. I'm proud to champion the largest bridge investment in American history and fight for policies that protect the workers who make these projects possible. NEPA is long overdue for its fair share of infrastructure investment. Our roads, bridges, and railroads must be safe, reliable, and built to last, and this bill delivers on that promise."

Bresnahan successfully passed several of his amendments during the markup, including:

- An amendment to include the Railway Safety Act in the final legislation, a bill he cosponsored in March. The Railway Safety Act strengthens requirements for trains carrying hazardous materials, mandates two-person crews on major freight railroads, supports first responders through expanded training and reimbursement programs, and invests in new rail safety technologies to help prevent future derailments.
- An amendment to help ensure the competitive bridge funding is distributed fairly to communities across the Commonwealth, including rural areas and smaller municipalities that also struggle to access federal dollars.
- An amendment to expand roadside protections to better account for the needs of disabled vehicle occupants involved in crashes. Bresnahan's remarks on these amendments can be viewed here.
- An amendment creating a pilot program aimed at improving motorcoach-to-flight connections at airports. The proposal benefits airports like Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport (AVP), helping strengthen travel access for families, businesses, and visitors throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania.

"This is a big deal for AVP and airports who rely on motorcoach-to-flight connections for getting their passengers where they need to go," said Bresnahan. "This amendment helps

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Graduates, faculty, families, and college leadership attend LCCC's nursing pinning ceremony.



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LCCC President John Yudichak gives remarks.

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the nursing profession.

LCCC President John Yudichak congratulated the graduating class and emphasized their importance in addressing regional workforce needs. Pennsylvania faces a significant nursing shortage, with projections estimating the state could be short more than 20,000 nurses in the coming years.

"At a time when Pennsylvania and the nation continue facing significant nursing shortages, tonight's graduates are stepping forward to answer that need," he said. "These 110 graduates represent the very best of Luzerne County Community College and will make an immediate and lasting impact in hospitals, clinics, and care facilities across our region and beyond."

Jeremy Aquino, formerly working in beer distribution, was one of the 110 nursing graduates. Nursing was not always part of his plan, but after he got an opportunity to work with nursing home residents, he connected with caregiving.

"I never thought I'd be here," Aquino said. "But thanks to my professors, my family, and this program, I am."

Dean of Nursing and Health Sciences Kimberly Olszewski praised the graduates for their perseverance and dedication throughout the demanding program.

"Our students have demonstrated extraordinary commitment, discipline, and heart throughout their nursing education," Olszewski said. "They leave LCCC not only as skilled clinicians, but as compassionate caregivers prepared to meet the challenges of today's evolving healthcare environment."



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Jeremy Aquino is among 110 nursing students graduating from LCCC.

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passenger counts accurately reflect the number of people traveling through AVP's doors, putting AVP within reach of more funding and grant opportunities for the infrastructure they need to compete and succeed."

• An amendment to include the Traffic Safety Enhancement Act of 2025, legislation that authorizes federal surface transportation block grants for roundabout construction, a proven tool for increasing efficiency and reducing traffic fatalities.

AG and GEICO agree on remedy for customer confusion, unfair auto insurance cancellations

Attorney General Dave Sunday announced this week that his office recently entered into an agreement with GEICO that will enhance consumer protections against alleged unfair or confusing auto insurance cancellations.

The agreement stems from an investigation into a complaint from a new GEICO policyholder in West Philadelphia who lost her insurance due to the company's standard 60-day policy review for new customers.

The investigation revealed that the company used an artificial intelligence tool to select the complainant for further review and underwriting, leading to cancellation without adequate notice and to the customer unknowingly driving uninsured.

"Consumers deserve transparency and fairness throughout the insurance process, especially when losing coverage can leave someone unknowingly uninsured and vulnerable to penalties and financial risk," Sunday said. "This agreement secures meaningful improvements that will help protect policyholders and ensures that the company's use of new technology is done within industry standards."

Under the agreement, GEICO agreed to act consistently with the Pennsylvania Insurance Department's guidance on the use of artificial intelligence systems by insurers. The company also agreed to add a week to the period for new policyholders selected for review to submit the requested documents.

President Trump signs Rep. Meuser's Investing in All of America Act into law

This week, President Donald Trump signed U.S. Rep. Dan Meuser's legislation, H.R. 2066 — the Investing in All of America Act — into law.

Meuser, R-Dallas, said the legislation will increase the capital available to small businesses, especially those in rural and underserved communities, manufacturing, or the critical technology sector, through Small Business Investment Companies (SBICs).

SBICs raise private capital, which is then matched with leverage by the SBA, allowing them to invest directly in small businesses. Crucially, the SBIC program operates at no subsidy cost to the American taxpayer.

Over the past two decades, Meuser said SBIC-backed businesses have generated 3 million new jobs and supported an additional 10.5 million jobs. Last year alone, SBICs injected more than $8 billion into small businesses nationwide, including $412.3 million directed toward Pennsylvania small businesses.

"As someone who spent more than 20 years helping grow a small business into a larger business, I understand firsthand the challenges entrepreneurs face when trying to secure capital," said Meuser. "This legislation will drive further investment into the hands of small businesses in crucial sectors of the economy and areas that are often overlooked without any additional burden on American taxpayers."

The Investing in All of America Act passed both chambers of Congress unanimously and was signed into law by President Donald Trump on May 19.

Study shines light on prescription drug chain's middlemen, Increases transparency

The Pennsylvania Insurance Department (PID) this week released a study on pharmacy benefits managers' (PBMs) activities across Pennsylvania's commercial, fully-insured insurance markets.

The new PID study delivers important transparency to the prescription drug market and evaluates the potential impact of a uniform approach to pharmacy reimbursement.

In July 2024, Gov. Josh Shapiro signed into law the Pharmacy Benefit Reform Act (Act 77 of 2024), a state law that expanded PID's authority over PBMs to increase fairness and transparency of prescription drug coverage in fully-insured plans.

As part of this historic reform, Act 77 tasked PID with studying the scope and impact of steering and spread pricing on prescription drug access and affordability in the Commonwealth.

Pennsylvania Insurance Commissioner Michael Humphreys said, "Reports like this one bring clarity to a market where little existed and open up PBM practices for all to see as Act 77 begin to take shape."

The study's specific findings include:

• Limited evidence of steering having a broad effect on prescription drug costs and pharmacy access.

• Spread pricing exists but is relatively limited (and decreasing) in the context of overall drug spending.

• Requiring reimbursement based on NADAC pricing plus a $10.49 dispensing fee would likely redistribute payments rather than significantly increase total spending, and this change would benefit non-affiliated retail pharmacies and independent (non-chain) retail pharmacies the most, increasing their revenue.

• Adopting NADAC plus a $10.49 dispensing fee solely for independent retail pharmacies would result in an additional $14 million in annual revenue for independent retail pharmacies, which is approximately 0.3% of the total prescription drug costs in the fully-insured market in the Commonwealth.





KENT H. JONES



In deep sadness, we honor and celebrate the life of Kent Howard Jones, 76, who peacefully departed this world on May 21, 2026, surrounded by the warmth and love of his cherished family.

Born in Wilkes-Barre on Feb. 9, 1950, Kent was a beacon of kindness and strength in the lives of all who knew him.

Kent was the beloved son of Howard and Jeanne Jones, who predeceased him, leaving a legacy that Kent carried forward with grace and dedication. He is survived by his devoted wife and high school sweetheart, Georgeann Jones, with whom he shared 48 wonderful years of marriage. Their bond was one of profound love and friendship, a partnership in every sense of the word. Together, they crafted a life filled with shared joys and laughter, save for one exception — Georgeann never quite took to the golf course, leaving Kent to enjoy that passion with his friends.

Kent was a Lake Lehman graduate and an outstanding athlete and scholar. He was captain of the baseball, football, and wrestling teams and served as president of the honor society and student council, as well as senior class president.

A proud alumnus of Wilkes University, Kent carried the torch of education forward, channeling his knowledge and skills into the family business, Jones's Potato Pancakes. Founded by his parents in 1953, the business was Kent's pride and joy, and he managed it alongside his beloved brother, Terry, until retirement. Even then, Kent's legacy continued as he passed the torch to his nephew, Chris, ensuring the family's culinary tradition would endure.

Kent was not only a dedicated businessman, but also a man of unwavering loyalty. He was an avid sports enthusiast, passionately supporting Penn State, The Phillies, and the Eagles. His animated cheers and heartfelt exclamations during games will be fondly remembered by family and friends alike.

He was a member of the Irem Country Club and a Shriner, where he spent countless joyous hours on the golf course with his close-knit circle of friends. His camaraderie and sportsmanship were second to none, and his presence will be deeply missed in those cherished circles.

Kent's compassion, patience, and love were the cornerstones of his character.

A devoted family man, he was the backbone of his family's support system, always ready to lend a helping hand to those in need. His kindness knew no bounds, and his selflessness was a testament to the profound love he held for his family, including his wife, Georgeann; brother, Terry (Joann); sisters-in-law, Jacklyn Davis (Jack), Linda Scott (Wayne), and Ellen Mulqueen (Jay); and his beloved nieces and nephews, Wayne, Rocky, Jaime, Meghan, Scott, Riley, Kim, and Chris.

His legacy of love and care will never be forgotten.

Funeral services will be held at 10:45 a.m. Wednesday from Curtis L. Swanson Funeral Home Inc., routes 29 and 118, Pikes Creek. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. in Our Lady of Victory Church, 16 Second St., Harveys Lake, with the Rev. Louis Grippe officiating. Visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Interment will be in Perrego Cemetery, Harveys Lake.

Condolences may be made at clswansonfuneralhome.com.

As we gather to celebrate his life, we find peace in the many fond memories and the lasting impact he has made on our hearts.

Kent Howard Jones lived a life of love, laughter, and unwavering dedication to family and friends. Though he has left this world, his spirit will forever remain with us, a guiding star in our hearts. May he rest in eternal peace, embraced by the warmth of our everlasting love and remembrance.

KLUCITAS

Dolph Klucitas, 70, of Kingston, died May 7, 2026. He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Linda. Funeral arrangements were held at the convenience of the family from Daniel J. Hughes Funeral & Cremation Service, Wilkes-Barre.

FLORA

Gerald A. "Jerry" Flora, 83, of Hanover Township, died May 21, 2026. Funeral arrangements are pending from George A. Strish Inc. Funeral Home, 105 N. Main St., Ashley.

GIBERSON

Harry S. Giberson, 83, of Dallas, died May 8, 2026. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Pearl. At Harry's request, there will be no services. Arrangements were entrusted to Daniel J. Hughes Funeral & Cremation Service, Wilkes-Barre.

BENNIE

Lynn Ostroski Bennie, 64, of Hanover Township and formerly of Avoca, died May 14, 2026. Funeral services will be privately held.

COMING FUNERALS

D'ANCA — Tuula: Celebration of life, Saturday, Dallas. Contact family for details.

FAHEY — Elizabeth: Visitation, 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Betz-Jastremski Funeral Home, Luzerne. Mass, 10 a.m., Holy Family Parish.

HALCHAK — Donald Sr.: Memorial service, 2 p.m. Saturday, Wyoming United Methodist Church, Wyoming.

KAMINSKI — Frank Jr.: Memorial service, noon Saturday, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Wilkes-Barre.

MATTHEWS — Thomas: Funeral, 6:45 p.m. Friday, S.J. Grontkowski Funeral Home, Plymouth. Visitation, 5 p.m. to service time.

PHALEN — Caitlin: Celebration of Life, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Thomas P. Kearney Funeral Home Inc., Old Forge.

ROMANECZ — Stephen: Blessing service, 11 a.m. Saturday, Baloga Funeral Home, Pittston. Calling hours, 9 a.m. to service time.

SCHWEBS — Daniel: Mass, 10 a.m. Saturday, Oblates of St. Joseph Seminary Chapel, Laflin.

SMITH — Rosemary: Visitation, 9 a.m. Saturday, St. Ignatius Church, Kingston. Mass, 10 a.m.

WB woman sentenced for drug trafficking

Staff Report

SCRANTON — Rasheeda Kelly, 47, of Wilkes-Barre, was sentenced on May 21, to 122 months' imprisonment for attempted possession of methamphetamine for distribution, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Pennsylvania announced in a news release Friday.

Kelly was sentenced by Senior United States District Judge Julia K. Munley.

Stated in the news release:

"According to United States Attorney Brian D. Miller, in February 2025, Kelly conspired with another individual to have a package containing 4.4 kilograms of methamphetamine delivered to her house for purposes of distribution. The package was intercepted by law enforcement, and a search warrant was executed at Kelly's residence in Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne County. Law enforcement seized a dozen firearms, one of which had been reported stolen, from her residence. At the time, Kelly had been previously convicted of offenses which prohibited her from possessing firearms.

Homeland Security Investigations and the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General, Bureau of Narcotics Investigations investigated the case. Assistant United States Attorney Jenny P. Roberts prosecuted the case."

Anniversary of slave's escape from George Washington celebrated

By Tassanee Vejpongsa and Holly Ramer
The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — From her footprints in Philadelphia to her face in New Hampshire, advocates for telling the whole truth of American history are celebrating Ona Judge and her daring escape from slavery 230 years ago.

Judge, who was born into slavery on George Washington's plantation, was 22 years old when she slipped away from the president's official residence in Philadelphia on May 21, 1796. She hid on a boat that carried her to New Hampshire, where she later married and had three children.

May 21st has been officially declared Ona Judge Day in Philadelphia, where a rally took place Thursday at the President's House site, a target of the Trump administration's efforts to remove information it deems "disparaging" to Americans from federal properties. Participants chanted "Tell the truth! Restore our history!" after hearing from those involved in fighting to restore exhibits about Judge and other people enslaved at the site.

The panels were abruptly removed in January following an executive order from President Donald Trump. Some of the exhibits were restored following a judge's order, but the work has been halted while the administration appeals.

A panel featuring Judge is among those that have been rehung, and she is further memorialized in a series of bronze footprints embedded in the sidewalk symbolizing how she escaped to freedom.

"We remember her courage, her passion, her determination, that we make sure that in no way, shape or form she is ever forgotten," said Cindy Bass, a member of the Philadelphia City Council. "Each one, teach one. Everyone, tell someone."

Dawn Chavous, a volunteer for the Avenging the Ancestors Coalition, said it's important to acknowledge the contributions of all people who shaped the country.

"You can't love America without knowing the good, the bad and the ugly," she said. "Slavery was part of our American story, and that is not something that we should hide or run away from."



AP File Photo

Panels that were part of an exhibit on slavery at the President's House Site in Philadelphia are put back on Feb. 19.



AP File Photo

An informational panel is seen at President's House Site on Aug. 19, 2025, in Philadelphia.

In Portsmouth, New Hampshire, a 13-by-25-foot mural depicting Judge is being unveiled Saturday on the side of a building owned by the Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire. The organization has featured her story for years with tours and other educational programs.

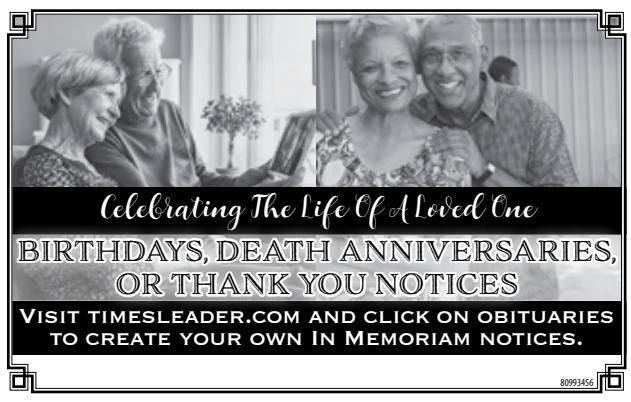
"At a time when stories of struggle and freedom are being erased, New Hampshire is choosing something different: to make the quest for freedom visible, permanent, and undeniable," the organization said in announcing the mural project.

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RESTAURANT INSPECTIONS

Certified employee not on site and improper food storage



The following are recent Luzerne County restaurant inspection reports from the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

According to the agency, "Any inspection is a 'snapshot' of the day and time of the inspection. An inspection conducted on any given day may not be representative of the overall, long-term cleanliness of an establishment. Also, at the time of the inspection, violations are recorded but are often corrected on site prior to the inspector leaving the establishment."

Postal addresses used here are as listed on the state's website and may not correspond to the municipalities in which facilities are physically located.

WYOMING VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB — 1695 S. Main St., Hanover Township. Most recent inspection: May 11, 2026. Inspection type: Regular. Violations: The freezer storage needs to be removed from the floor. A lid on the ladies room garbage can is needed. Compliance: In.

SUNOCO FOOD MART — 1245 Wyoming Ave., Exeter. Most recent inspection: May 11, 2026. Inspection type: Regular. Violations: The food facility does not maintain Food Employee Certification records as required. Compliance: In.

SUBWAY — 850 Sans Souci Parkway, Hanover Township. Most recent inspection: May 11, 2026. Inspection type: Regular. Violations: None. Compliance: In.

SENAPES BAKERY — 222 W. 17th St., Hazleton. Most recent inspection: May 11, 2026. Inspection type: Regular. Violations: None. Compliance: In.

LECHONERA TOQUE DE SAZON — 434 Hazle St., Wilkes-Barre. Most recent inspection: May 11, 2026. Inspection type: Regular. Violations: Not enough drainboards, utensil racks, or tables to allow for storage of soiled and/or cleaned items before and after cleaning. Does not have a designated clean and dirty side. Packaged food in the walk-in freezer is possibly subject to water entry and is stored or displayed in direct contact with ice. The roof of the freezer is leaking from outside and creating massive ice build-up from ceiling to floor. Not using sanitizer in the sanitizing sink. The ambient air and water temperature measuring device for ensuring proper food storage in the walk-in cooler is not accurate to +/- 3°F. The roof is leaking water in the walk-in freezer area, and is in need of repair. The fire suppression system is out of compliance since 2018, system needs updating. Compliance: Out.

HANOVER BEER DISTRIBUTOR EZ-EXPRESS — 1204 San Souci Parkway, Hanover Township. Most recent inspection: May 11, 2026. Inspection type: Regular. Violations: None. Compliance: In.

FOOD UNIVERSE SUPERMARKET — 536 W. Broad St., Hazleton. Most recent inspection: May 11, 2026. Inspection type: Regular. Violations: Old food residue, dishes and utensils observed in the handwash sink, indicating uses other than handwashing. Observed deeply scored cutting boards not resurfaced or discarded as required. The food facility does not have available sanitizer test strips or test kit to determine appropriate sanitizer concentration. Compliance: In.

CROWN FRIED CHICKEN — 824 Sans Souci Parkway, Hanover Township. Most recent inspection: May 11, 2026. Inspection type: Regular. Violations: A light shade cover is required. Dating of packaged foods is required. Compliance: In.

CONTINENTAL FOODS INC. DBA NICO'S PIZZA/CIBO'S PIZZA COMMISARY — 142 70 Darling St., Wilkes-Barre. Most recent inspection: May 11, 2026. Inspection type: Follow-up. Violations: None. Compliance: In.

WARNER'S SNO-CONES AND COTTON CANDY MFF3 (PLATE #XBJ-5315) — 400 W. 4th St., Nescopeck. Most recent inspection: May 12, 2026. Inspection type: Regular. Violations: None. Compliance: In.

UNI-MART — 903 Route 940 Hazle & Ridge St., Freeland. Most recent inspection: May 12, 2026. Inspection type: Follow-up. Violations: The food facility has packaged food, which is not labeled as required. Subs were removed from sales. Observed a gallon of 2% milk with an expiration date of 5/11/26 and a quart of chocolate milk with expiration date of 5/6/26 offered for sale. Both expired milk products were disposed of during this inspection. The food facility's person in charge was not able to provide documentation that deli subs are from an approved source. Deli subs were removed from sale. Compliance: In.

THE GREEK SHACK MFF4 (PT763R1) — 683 S. Mountain Blvd., Mountain Top. Most recent inspection: May 12, 2026. Inspection type: Regular. Violations: None. Compliance: In.

T & T GROCERY STORE CORP. — 156 Lehigh St., Wilkes-Barre. Most recent inspection: May 12, 2026. Inspection type: Regular. Violations: Food was held at 120°F in the warmer, rather than 135°F or above as required. Facility does not have a type 1 hood with fire suppression while operating a fryer and griddle. A PDA Food Employee Certification is displayed, but the individual does not act as person in charge and is not on location. The food facility does not employ a certified employee as required. Observed in-use tongs stored in hood vent above fryer, an area not easily cleanable & sanitized. The food facility is not setting up three-bay sink properly. The food facility is not using an approved detergent-sanitizer in both compartments of the two-compartment warewash sink. A food contact surface was observed to have food residue and was not clean to sight and touch. Observed food stored in unclean area of the facility (chicken nuggets and fries in ice cream freezer). Food was held at 50°F in the bain marie and deli case area, rather than 41°F or below as required. Facility does not have drain boards to allow for self-draining as evidenced by pooling water. It does not have a dirty and clean side. Compliance: Out.

PASQUALE'S — 1190 Sans Souci Parkway, Hanover Township. Most recent inspection: May 12, 2026. Inspection type: Regular. Violations: None. Compliance: In.

NEW YONG HAO BUFFET — 252 Susquehanna Blvd., Hazleton. Most recent inspection: May 12, 2026. Inspection type: Complaint. Violations: None. Compliance: In.

MIKE'S VARIETY STORE — 787 Main St., Edwardsville. Most recent inspection: May 12, 2026. Inspection type: Regular. Violations: None. Compliance: In.

MICHAEL MOOTZ CANDY INC. — 1246 Sans Souci Parkway, Hanover Township. Most recent inspection: May 12, 2026. Inspection type: Regular. Violations: None. Compliance: In.

KESTER'S CAFE — 621 Miller St., Luzerne. Most recent inspection: May 12, 2026. Inspection type: Regular. Violations: The food facility does not have available sanitizer test strips or test kit to determine appropriate sanitizer concentration. Compliance: In.

JIREH TROPICAL SMOOTHIE AND GRILL — 639 S. Main St., Wilkes-Barre. Most recent inspection: May 12, 2026. Inspection type: Regular. Violations: Potato salad was held at 70°F in the bain marie, rather than 41°F or below as required. The person in charge did not demonstrate adequate knowledge of the PA Food Code as evidenced by incorrect responses to food safety questions. Potato salad prepared from food ingredients held at ambient temperature was not cooled to 41°F within four hours as required. Observed plantains stored on drip tray of three-bay sink next to pots of grease from rotisserie oven where is it subject to splash. The wall in the kitchen area has a hole in it, which leads directly to outside with no covering or screen. Observed food placed hot in the refrigerator/walk-in cooler in containers greater than four inches deep, which is not a proper cooling method. The food facility is not setting up three-bay sink correctly. Compliance: Out.

ITALIAN ICE & NUTTY BAVARIAN AT MOHEGAN SUN ARENA — 255 Highland Park Blvd., Wilkes-Barre. Most recent inspection: May 12, 2026. Inspection type: Regular. Violations: None. Compliance: In.

HONEY'S SUGAR WAFFLES MFF 3 — 267 W. County Road, Sugarloaf. Most recent inspection: May 12, 2026. Inspection type: Regular. Violations: None. Compliance: In.

FLAMING CRAB CAJUN SEAFOOD — 2198 Wilkes-Barre Township Marketplace, Wilkes-Barre. Most recent inspection: May 12, 2026. Inspection type: Complaint. Violations: Multiple insect control devices hanging from ceiling above food preparation areas with potential to contaminate food, equipment, and utensils. Compliance: In.

EL PUERTO DE LAS EMPANADAS-MFF-4 (PLATE #PA-ZRP-6629) — 440 E. 4th St., Berwick. Most recent inspection: May 12, 2026. Inspection type: Regular. Violations: None. Compliance: In.

EL FOGON DE TONY RESTAURANT CORP. — 811 Scott St., Wilkes-Barre. Most recent inspection: May 12, 2026. Inspection type: Opening. Violations: None. Compliance: In.

DUNKIN DONUTS — 33A W. Side Mall, Edwardsville. Most recent inspection: May 12, 2026. Inspection type: Regular. Violations: None. Compliance: In.

DJ'S GYROS MFF4 — 1600 Shickshinny Valley Road, Shickshinny. Most recent inspection: May 12, 2026. Inspection type: Regular. Violations: None. Compliance: In.

CREAMERY @ MICHAEL MOOTZ — 1246 Sans Souci Parkway, Hanover Township. Most recent inspection: May 12, 2026. Inspection type: Regular. Violations: None. Compliance: In.

CASA GRANDE RESTAURANT — 442 Centre St., Freeland. Most recent inspection: May 12, 2026. Inspection type: Regular. Violations: Cooked pork and cooked rice in the reach-in cooler area were stored open with no covering. All food products were covered during this inspection. Compliance: In.

CARIBBEAN SMOKEHOUSE — 12 S. Mountain Blvd., Mountain Top. Most recent inspection: May 12, 2026. Inspection type: Regular. Violations: None. Compliance: In.

BENNY'S BREWING CO. LLC — 1429 Sans Souci Parkway, Hanover Township. Most recent inspection: May 12, 2026. Inspection type: Regular. Violations: None. Compliance: In.

6 STRING SALOON — 1474 Sans Souci Parkway, Hanover Township. Most recent inspection: May 12, 2026. Inspection type: Regular. Violations: None. Compliance: In.

VICTORIA MINI MARKET — 436 S. Poplar St., Hazleton. Most recent inspection: May 13, 2026. Inspection type: Regular. Violations: Observed containers of food stored directly on the floor in the food storage area, rather than six inches off of the floor as required. The handwash sink in the food preparation area does not have single-use towels, continuous towels, or air drying device. The food facility does not have available sanitizer test strips or test kit to determine appropriate sanitizer concentration. Compliance: In.

VFW POST #6615 — 3 VFW Road, White Haven. Most recent inspection: May 13, 2026. Inspection type: Follow-up. Violations: None. Compliance: In.

SUBWAY — 2230 Sans Souci Parkway, Hanover Township. Most recent inspection: May 13, 2026. Inspection type: Regular. Violations: None. Compliance: In.

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THEIR VIEW

Stomping on IRS audits is an egregious abuse of power by President Donald Trump

By Chicago Tribune Editorial Board
Chicago Tribune

Since 2010, Donald Trump has fought with the Internal Revenue Service over his company's tax returns in which the tax enforcers were reported to have asserted the Trump Organization improperly claimed massive losses, including from Trump's Chicago skyscraper.

On Tuesday, the Justice Department agreed to end any and all audits of Trump, his business and his family as part of the settlement of a $10 billion lawsuit Trump filed against the Internal Revenue Service earlier this year over past tax records that had been leaked to the media by an IRS contractor, who pleaded guilty to the act in 2023 and now is serving a five-year prison sentence.

The settlement, which also creates a $1.8 billion fund to reimburse victims in Trump's eyes of previous government "lawfare," is structured in such a way that it doesn't require court approval. That perhaps was the game plan from the start.

The end result is that Trump, as an individual, sued an agency of the government he heads, and the Justice Department — now headed by Trump's former personal lawyer, acting Attorney General Todd Blanche — agreed to these outrageous concessions rather than contest what legal experts said was a defensible case. The IRS, the Justice Department and the office of the President of the United States are all supposed to represent the American people. But we see nothing but Trump's personal and corporate interests served in this brazen arrangement.

Americans sadly have become inured to the many norms Trump has shattered during his time in the Oval Office. So it's fair to ask: What's so egregious about this latest break with ordinary presidential behavior?

So let's plainly state precisely what the Department of Justice — the part of the executive branch that, under both Republicans and Democrats, in the past has declared its independence from the White House in the use of its immense powers — has done here.

The DOJ has agreed to set aside $1.8 billion, to be overseen by five Blanche appointees, to dole out to those Trump has deemed maltreated by the government for partisan reasons. These apparently will include people prosecuted in the violent Jan. 6 attacks. All of those, of course, have already been pardoned by Trump. Now, they also may be in line for substantial payments.

There has been no congressional appropriation of this money; the source of these payments is a long-standing federal fund to pay settlements and judgments to those who sue the government. And there is no judicial review. Yet to be seen is how much disclosure will be provided as to who gets paid and how much, as well as the "qualifications" claimants must show.

And, oh yes, the new "anti-weaponization" fund will accept no new claims after Dec. 1, 2028, less than two months before Trump is scheduled to leave office.

Is this legal? It shouldn't be.

A fund to pay off Trump's allies on its face has nothing to do with Trump's grievances against the IRS.

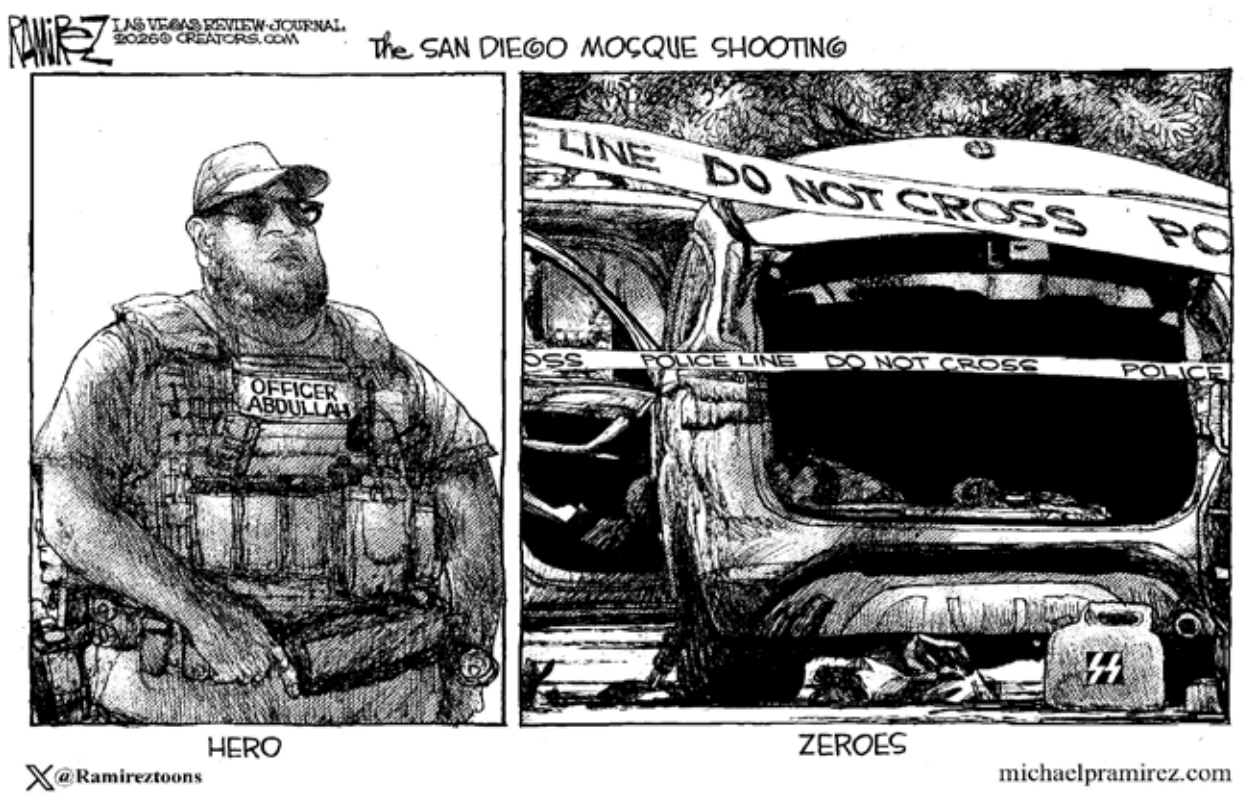
Speaking to the Wall Street Journal, Peter Keisler, acting attorney general in George W. Bush's administration, called the lawsuit a "pretext to create a mechanism for doing something unlawful, which is to provide payments from the federal treasury to private people at the president's discretion."

Sounds about right to us.

Two local police officers who were attacked on Jan. 6 have filed a suit to block creation of the fund. Let's hope the lawsuit gets the fund the court scrutiny it deserves.

All Americans, regardless of political belief, should be able to agree that a president using the power of his office to force the taxman off his back is a terrible abuse thereof.

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THEIR VIEW

America's 'everything is rigged' era is toxic

By David M. Drucker
Bloomberg Opinion

Everything, it seems, is rigged these days.

Unhappy with the economy? That's because it's rigged. Fed up with your healthcare? It's rigged, too. Frustrated with elected leaders in Washington, Sacramento, Austin or Albany? Rigged, rigged, rigged and rigged.

President Donald Trump arguably kicked off this populist trend of referring to everything voters find wrong with the country as the deliberate work of vampiric forces intent on accruing wealth and power at "our" expense. The president continues to issue serial accusations of this or that being rigged against "you," including elections that don't go his way. This is perhaps the most perfidious practice of this sort of politics.

"I think it was rigged," the president said in March, referring to his loss in Arizona all the way back in 2020.

Democrats are getting in on the action, too: "I'm not afraid to name an enemy, and the enemy is the oligarchy," Graham Platner, the Democrat challenging Republican Senator Susan Collins in Maine, said in the video announcing his campaign. Or take this riff from Senator Jon Ossoff, the Georgia Democrat running for reelection this year after five years in Congress:

"You aren't the problem. Neither are your fellow Americans. The problem is that the people's representatives don't represent the people. They represent the donors and special interests," Ossoff said in a campaign video (excluding himself, presumably.)

It's standard practice for incumbents and challengers alike to blame shadowy groups — or the president and congressional majority with lousy job approval ratings — for society's ills. Then, those candidates declare that "I alone," — or me and my out-of-power political party — are the exceptions that will repair broken economic and political systems. This message has currency with Americans. Besides, no politician with an eighth of a brain is going to blame voters for their lot in life, even if it's deserved.

The ubiquitous use of the word "rigged," and all that it implies, however, is particularly unhealthy for the body politic. It undermines voters' faith and trust in government and institutions and implies that only suckers bother to protect the crucial elements of our economic and electoral systems. Accusations of "rigging" also give voters the impression that the challenges they face are intentional and intractable, rather than the offspring of policy failings that the US government and its institutions are equipped to remedy.

"It's an argument that almost gives you license to do something outside of the mainstream, American tradition — to blow it up," Nicholas F. Jacobs, a political science professor at Colby College in Waterville, Maine, told me.

"If it's rigged, it presumably means that you can't unrig it, unless you fundamentally change the rules. And I think both the left and the right use this language to justify the constitutional hardball that they've increasingly played," added Jacobs, the co-author of What Happened to the Vital Center? Presidentialism, Populist Revolt and the Fracturing of America.

Ironically, that dynamic makes it much harder for the elected officials, policymakers and bureaucrats who operate inside the so-called system — and all of them do — to address voters' legitimate concerns.

The current "everything is rigged" era, ushered in by Trump during his 2016 presidential campaign, is hardly the first of its kind in America. Politics in the US have always featured at least a dose of populism and the sense that aspects of society are unfair.

And at times, it's been absolutely true that the political and economic systems were rigged. The Jim Crow era excluded Black people from the political process, jobs and civic life, especially in — but not limited to — the South, which was then dominated by the Democratic Party.

Today, some Trump critics view the Department of Justice as being rigged against the president's political opponents, such as former FBI director James Comey and some Democratic members of Congress. They definitely have a point with the DOJ's so-called Anti-Weaponization Fund, announced this week as part of the settlement in Trump's lawsuit against the IRS and Treasury Department. About $1.8 billion in taxpayer dollars is being set aside to compensate Americans — likely the president's allies — who have allegedly been unfairly targeted by federal law enforcement.

What about gerrymandering? This election cycle's Trump-instigated, mid-decade redistricting wars are no doubt bad form and politically poisonous. But that doesn't equal "rigged." American politicians have been drawing their own, politically advantageous congressional and legislative districts since the dawn the republic. The act of doing so for purely partisan purposes has been ruled constitutional by the courts.

The same goes for the Supreme Court and its 6-3 conservative majority. All nine justices were lawfully nominated by four different sitting presidents, both Democrat and Republican, and confirmed by the US Senate.

This detachment is becoming detectable among young voters. A recent Harvard Youth Poll shows that just 33% of 19- to 29-year-olds say they "trust the 2026 elections will be conducted fairly" and that 50% feel "People like me don't have any say about what the government does." That's up 15 percentage points from 2017.

Tell Americans long enough that everything is rigged, and they're less likely to engage with the system and more likely to throw it overboard. Remember Jan. 6, 2021?

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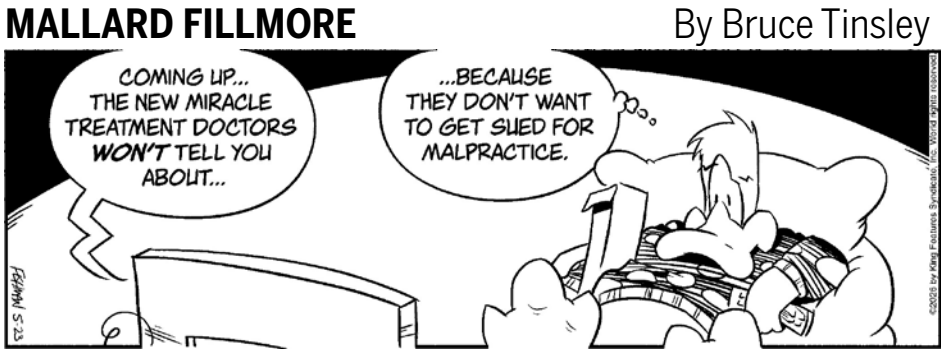
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Unwanted lab rats find new homes

By Almudena Calatrava and Natacha Pisarenko
The Associated Press

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — A group of people watched three albino rats leap from small baskets into a big cage on Sunday as other rodents hid in makeshift tunnels or searched for applesauce offered by their keeper through the bars at an indoor hall in the Argentine capital.

It's Ratapalooza, an annual Buenos Aires event that promotes the adoption of rodents raised in animal facilities or used for research in science labs — once the animals are no longer useful, have outlived their purpose or are just surplus stock.

To attract adoptive families, Team Ratas, which is Spanish for rats, organizes events such as the Ratapalooza. In Argentina, keeping rats or mice as pets is perfectly legal — as long as they are not wild.

The whole thing turns into something of a fair, complete with stalls selling keychains, mugs, stickers and hair clips in the shape of rats and mice. The money raised goes to veterinary and food expenses for the rodents, which they foster at home before putting them up for adoption.

At one of the stands, María Gabriela Aponte held Camamberto, one of the three rats she has adopted, as she sold vegan food, mouse-shaped pins and stickers.

All of them, she said, were raised in labs, in what is called a vivarium, where laboratory animals are kept under strictly controlled conditions.

"People don't really know, or they have a very specific perception of, what a pet is," Aponte told The Associated Press. "Rats are very intelligent and sweet."

Dominique Verdier, who represents Team Ratas, says those interested in adopting rodents must have access to a veterinarian specialized in exotic animals, a spacious cage with lots of accessories for their entertainment

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AP Photo/Natacha Pisarenko

Dominique Verdier holds Carlota, a former laboratory rat she adopted, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on May 15.



Colossal Biosciences via AP

A chick hatched from an artificial environment.

Egg-cellent news

De-extinction company hatches chicks from artificial eggshell

By Adithi Ramakrishnan
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A biotech company that aims to resurrect lost creatures said Tuesday it has hatched live chicks in an artificial environment — a development that was met with mixed reviews from scientists and critics of its de-extinction mission.

Twenty-six baby chickens — ranging from a few days to several months old — were born from a 3D printed lattice structure that mimics an eggshell, according to Colossal Biosciences.

Colossal previously announced it had genetically engineered living animals to resemble extinct species, including mice with long hair like the woolly mammoth and wolf pups that take after dire wolves.

Colossal's CEO Ben Lamm said the artificial egg technology could one day be scaled up to genetically tweak living birds to resemble New Zealand's extinct South Island giant moa, whose eggs are 80 times the size of a chicken's and would be difficult for any modern bird to lay.

"We wanted to build something that nature has done a pretty good job of developing and make it better and scalable and even more efficient," Lamm said.

Independent scientists say the technology, while impressive, lacks some components to be truly considered an artificial egg. And they said the idea of reviving extinct beasts is likely impossible.

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Colossal Biosciences via AP

An artificial environment that hatched a live chick.

A mop, a broom, and a calmer mind

By Katherine Roth
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Amid spring cleaning season, it can be tempting to dismiss housework as drudgery, so dreaded or anxiety-inducing that it's best delegated to others if at all possible.

But experts from Zen monks to psychologists say there are mental health benefits to be found in such manual chores as sweeping, mopping and clearing away clutter. These tasks can encourage mindfulness or permit the mind to wander, all while producing a concrete sense of achievement in accomplishing the basic tasks of daily life.

As one famous Zen saying goes:

"Before enlightenment, chop wood, carry water. After enlightenment, chop wood, carry water."

What the monks know

Zen apprentices, or "unsui" monks, spend much of their time cleaning and tidying.

"We sweep dust to remove worldly desires. We scrub dirt to free ourselves of attachments," Shoukei Matsumoto, a Buddhist monk living in Kyoto, Japan, wrote in his book "A Monk's Guide to a Clean House and Mind." "The time we spend carefully cleaning out every nook and cranny of the temple grounds is extremely fulfilling."

Holly Schiff, a clinical psychologist based in Greenwich, Connecticut, confirms that the process of cleaning can be calming and almost meditative.

"I definitely think there is a link between mental health and the act of cleaning," she said.

"Repetitive, physical activities like cleaning can be regulating for the nervous system because they're predictable, structured and give a clear sense of completion," she says. That gives people a feeling of control and grounding.

Plus, you can immediately see the result of what you've done, "which can be satisfying in a way that many cognitive or emotional tasks aren't," she says.

For those who dread cleaning and find it daunting, it can help to focus on the process rather than on a to-do list.

Some tips for a more mindful approach to cleaning:

Slow down and change your focus

"For people who tend to see cleaning as drudgery, I think the shift is less about forcing yourself to enjoy it and more about changing how you engage with it," says Schiff.

Don't try to rush through it. Pay attention to the physical movement or its rhythm, or to things like the temperature of the water.

"If you slow it down and focus on the sensory aspects of it, it can start to function more like a mindfulness exercise," Schiff says.

Let your mind rest

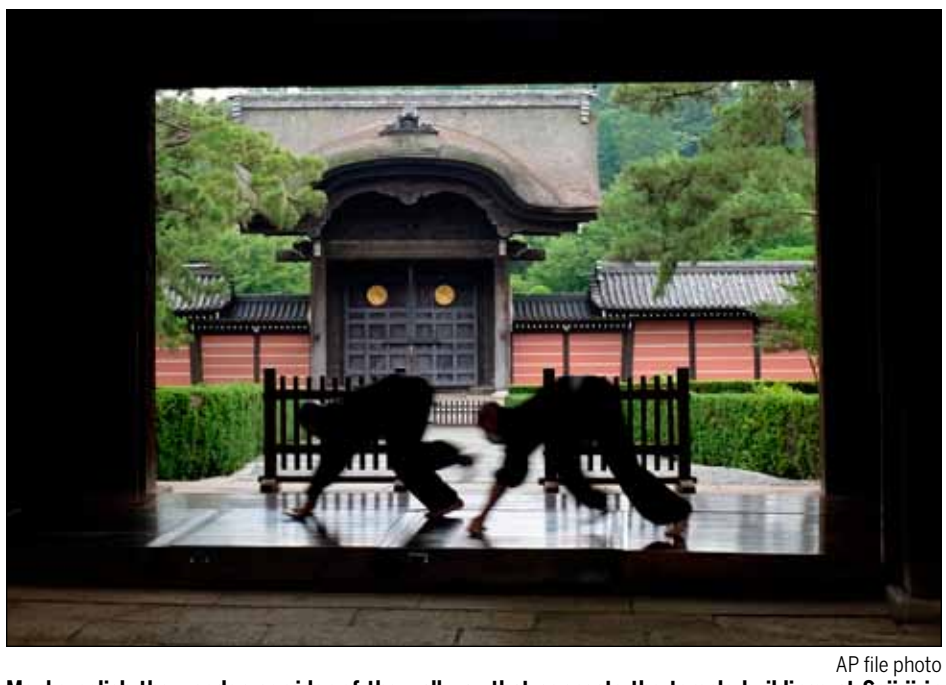
For some, cleaning can provide an opportunity to free your mind.

"By gently tending to your habitat, you allow your mind to naturally settle into a peaceful, unforced clarity," says Matsumoto.

Expand your perspective

Matsumoto says cleaning is a way of caring for yourself and the world.

"In our practice, we don't see cleaning as a chore to control the environment. Instead, we view it as 'Habitat Care,'" he explains. "Just as our bodies maintain a dynamic equilibrium to stay healthy, cleaning is an extension of that biological process into the space we inhabit. When we clean, we are not just fixing a room; we are tending to our expanded self. It is a way of caring for the relationship between us and the world."



AP file photo

Monks polish the wooden corridor of the walkway that connects the temple buildings at Soji-ji in Yokohama, Japan, on July 5, 2016.

Let go of perfection

Rather than needing a perfect result, says Matsumoto, try to embrace incompletion without being anxious.

"Peace is found not in the final 'tidy state,'" he says, "but in the humble, ongoing act of emptying the space and our minds."

There's no such thing as perfection.

"In nature, everything is constantly changing — leaves fall the moment you finish sweeping," he says.

Narrow the scope of the task

Sometimes, the feeling of being overwhelmed isn't about the task itself, but what it represents. That could be time pressure, self-judgment or other anxieties, for instance, says Schiff.

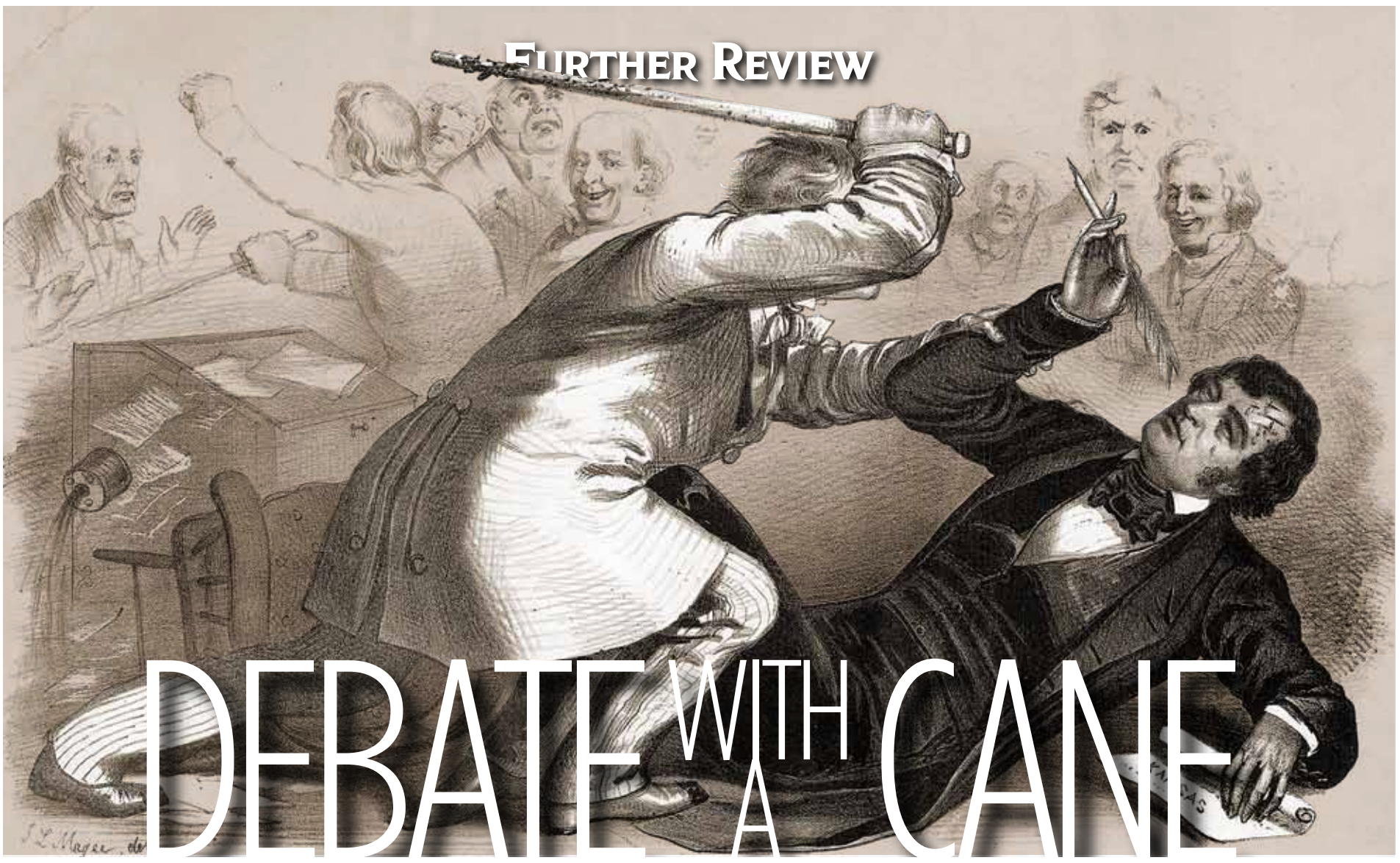
"Break the task down into very small, defined actions to reduce that barrier," she suggests. "Just choose one surface, one task or one room for starters."

"A lot of the overwhelm comes from anticipating the entire task rather than just engaging with that first step," she says.

Cleaning as sharing the love

"In a clean space, even if the person who cleaned it is not there, we can feel their consideration and awareness," says Matsumoto. "This awareness creates a sense of peace and safety, similar to why sacred spaces like temples feel different from the busy streets."

Some find mental health benefits in everyday tasks



DEBATE WITH A CANE

BOSTON ATHENÆUM

By Charles Apple | THE SPOKESMAN-REVIEW

In May 1856 — 170 years ago — Sen. Charles Sumner delivered a scathing speech on the floor of the U.S. Senate against slavery and against the possibility of adding slave states to the Union. South Carolina congressman Preston Brooks took issue with Sumner's tirade but, instead of speaking out in defense of slavery and the South, he approached Sumner at his desk in the Senate chamber and savagely beat him with a cane.

STRONG WORDS THAT PROVOKED A STRONG RESPONSE

Charles Sumner of Massachusetts was a lawyer, an abolitionist and an advocate for racial equality — he argued before the state Supreme Court for better schools for Black students.

He had sworn to never go into politics, but he was outraged in 1848 when the Whig Party nominated slaveowner Zachary Taylor for president. Sumner ran for and won a U.S. Senate seat in 1850.

When the controversial Kansas-Nebraska Act of 1854 was passed, people in those territories were given the right to decide the slavery issue by statewide referendum. The legislation nullified the Missouri Compromise of 1820, which, for three decades, had helped maintain the national balance between abolitionists and advocates of slavery.

This brought to the surface violence in the Kansas Territory and political passions in Washington, D.C. Sumner was at the front of this fight.

On May 19 and 20, 1856, Sumner denounced the new legislation and argued for the immediate admission of Kansas into the United States as a free state. He went on to denounce "slave power" — the political power wielded by slave owners and referred to the legislation as "the rape of a virgin territory" by Southern politicians.

In particular, Sumner targeted the authors of the act, Sen. Stephen Douglas of Illinois and Andrew Butler of South Carolina. "The senator from South Carolina has read many books of chivalry, and believes himself a chivalrous knight with sentiments of honor and courage," Sumner said.

"Of course he has chosen a mistress to whom he has made his vows, and who, though ugly to others, is always lovely to him; though polluted in the sight of the world, is chaste in his sight — I mean the harlot, Slavery."

Sumner also ridiculed the "loose expectoration" of Butler's speech. Butler had recently suffered a stroke which left him with some facial paralysis and caused him to drool excessively.

While many abolitionists praised Sumner's oration, others felt his language was too strong. Douglas muttered to his friends: "That damn fool will get himself killed by some other damn fool."

A VICIOUS ATTACK ON THE FLOOR OF THE SENATE

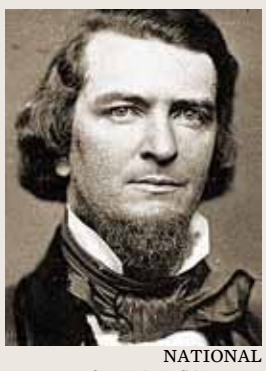
Not only was Rep. Preston Brooks of South Carolina a congressman from a slave state, he was also first cousin, once removed, of Sen. Butler.

Brooks felt Sumner had insulted not just the institution of slavery but also his state, his family and himself. His first impulse was to challenge Sumner to a duel.

He spent two days lingering outside the Capitol, hoping to catch Sumner alone, but didn't have success. He then decided Sumner had proven himself to not be Brooks' social equal.

Brooks had been wounded in a duel in 1840 and walked with a pronounced limp. Plan B: He'd simply beat Sumner with his walking cane.

Accompanied by two colleagues, Brooks approached Sumner at about 1:30 p.m. on May 22, 1856. The Senate had ended its session early that day, but Sumner was at his desk, signing copies of his address for supporters.



NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY

Rep. Preston Brooks of South Carolina



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Sen. Charles Sumner of Massachusetts

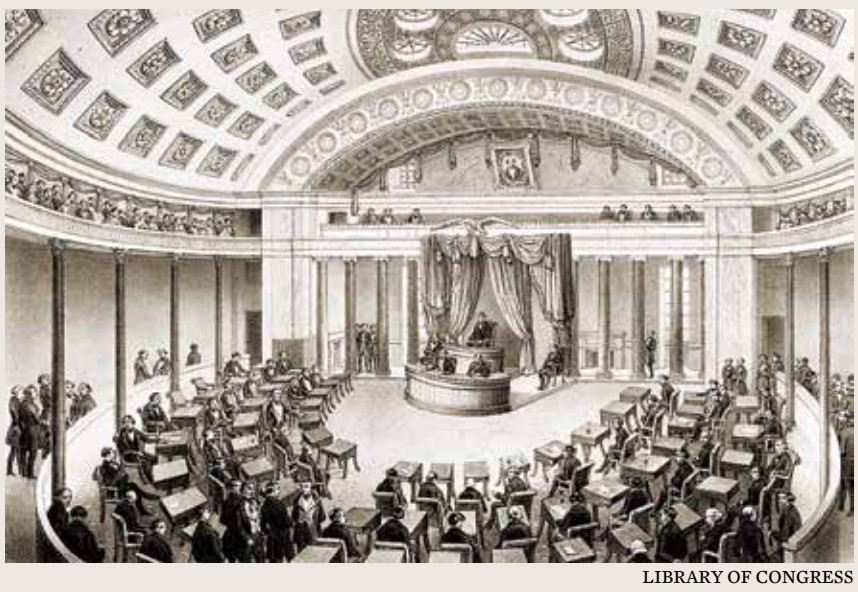
Bystanders said they first became aware of the attack when they heard "a sharp crack" of Brooks' cane striking Sumner's head.

While his accomplices stood guard to keep anyone else from interfering, Brooks walked up to Sumner, expressed his displeasure and began beating Sumner.

Sumner attempted to rise to defend himself but became tangled in his desk. Brooks continued to land blow after blow, for about a minute until his cane broke and shattered into pieces.

He gave Sumner "about 30 first rate stripes," he later said. "Every lick went where I intended it. For about the first five or six licks, he offered to make fight, but I plied him so rapidly that he did not touch me. Towards the last, he bellowed like a calf."

Finally, a few of Sumner's colleagues managed to restrain Brooks, end the attack and help Sumner to safety.



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One observer described the Senate chamber in use at the time as "a room both grand and grubby, a resplendent space with carpets stained by the universal disregard of the spittoon."



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"The symbol of the North is the pen," declared the caption on this rendering of the attack by famed artist Winslow Homer. "The Symbol of the South is the bludgeon."

THE ATTACKER WAS HAILED AS A HERO IN THE SOUTH

The attack was a "Cowardly assault upon Senator Sumner," declared headlines on the front the Hartford Courant in Connecticut. Meanwhile, the Advertiser of Edgefield, South Carolina, simply referred to the incident as "Mr. Brooks' chastisement of Senator Sumner."

Another Southern paper hoped the attack would cower abolitionists into silence, one declaring, "We trust other gentlemen will follow the example of Mr. Brooks ... If need be, let us have a caning or cowhiding every day."

Brooks was censured by the House and a vote was taken to expel him, but the required two-thirds majority wasn't reached. Brooks voluntarily resigned and was unanimously reelected by his district to return to his seat. He received a number of gifts from his constituents, including new canes, engraved with "Hit him again"

It would be three years before Sumner could recover well enough to return to his Senate duties. His seat was kept empty in his honor.

Brooks would die of a respiratory infection in January 1858.

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Eggshell

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"They might be able to use this technology to help them make a genetically modified bird, but that's just a genetically modified bird. It's not a moa," said evolutionary biologist Vincent Lynch with the University at Buffalo.

To hatch the chicks, Colossal scientists poured fertilized eggs into the artificial system and placed them in an incubator. They also added calcium, which is normally absorbed from the eggshell, and imaged the embryos' development and growth in real-time.

Scientists say Colossal has designed an artificial eggshell with a membrane that allows the right amount of oxygen to get in, just like a real egg. But other components of an egg — like temporary organs that form to nourish and stabilize the growing chick and remove waste — weren't included.

"That's not an artificial egg because you've poured in all the other parts that make it an egg. It's an artificial eggshell," said Lynch.

In decades past, researchers have used cruder technology to create transparent eggshells that hatched chicks from plastic films or sacks. Such technologies are useful to study chicken development and glean insights that can also be applied to other mammals and even humans.

"Producing a chick from an artificial vessel is not necessarily new," said Nicola Hemmings, who studies bird reproductive biology at the University of Sheffield. Hemmings is not part of the Colossal team.

There's a long road ahead before Colossal attempts a moa resurrection using this artificial egg system. Scientists first need to compare ancient DNA from well-preserved moa bones to genomes of living bird species. And they need a bigger eggshell.

"We didn't want to wait till we were ready to birth a giant moa. We actually wanted to start working on the engineering challenges for surrogacy and birth now," Lamm said.

Even if Colossal succeeds in creating a tall bird similar to the moa, some scientists are concerned about what happens after — including how it would survive in a landscape that looks nothing like that past.

"The big challenge is, what environment is this animal going to live in?" said bioethicist Arthur Caplan with New York University's Grossman School of Medicine.

Such de-extinction efforts may make more sense with currently endangered species, where scientists could preserve sperm and egg cells from living members to attempt to bring more back, Hemmings said.

"My personal interests lie more in preserving what we've got than trying to bring back what is already gone," Hemmings said.

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The chick embryo is developing in an artificial environment.



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Dominique Verdier watches Carlota, a former laboratory rat she adopted, walk on her bed in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on May 15.

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— and devote at least one hour a day to quality time spent with their adoptees.

A growing network in Argentina

Team Ratas is a leader in Argentina and Latin America for rehoming lab rats and mice that — without a foster home — would otherwise be euthanized.

The initiative started in 2016, when Verdier adopted two rats after a friend told her the university where they were used for research no longer needed them.

She set up a rodent rescue network with 90 foster homes in Buenos Aires and nearby towns, housing hundreds of animals from 11 animal facilities and labs. In the last 10 years, she has rescued more than 8,000 animals and found homes for approximately 3,000.

Her organization has more than 60,000 followers on Instagram.

Rodents get an unfair, bad rep

Proximity to rats and mice — and rodents in general — may be raising concerns amid the ongoing deadly hantavirus outbreak on the ill-fated Atlantic cruise ship MV Hondius after the ship stopped in Argentina earlier this month.

Hantavirus is usually spread by breathing in droppings of contaminated wild rodents, which usually live in Patagonia, in southern Argentina.

Verdier, who fosters most of the 37 rodents at her home, stresses that lab rats are perfectly healthy.

"They do not transmit diseases because they have not had contact with the street nor are they inoculated with viruses and bacteria," she said.

The labs that have been supplying Team Ratas for years only provide animals that have not been infected with any viruses or bacteria.

"Several laboratories prefer to euthanize the animals, while others tell me, 'Take them away, we don't want to sacrifice them'," she added.

Veterinarian Silvina Diaz, at the University of Buenos Aires, studies the nervous system of rats and mice at an experimentation laboratory.

She supports having the rodents find a new home once their lab careers are over.

"It is great that they're doing this work of rehoming animals in families that can give them a good life," said Diaz, who acts as a liaison between vet technicians and Team Ratas.

Verdier, who insists she will keep finding new homes for the little furry creatures, says she is used to the criticism she gets on social media.

"If people see a dog shelter, they might admire it, but when I mention Ratapalooza, they say, 'What you're doing is silly'," she said. "And I say that I've been doing this for 10 years and it keeps growing."

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MAC

Where are our large dog lovers?! Meet Mac! This handsome guy is a 3½-year-old Mastiff with an even bigger heart to match his size. Sadly, Mac was surrendered to us through no fault of his own and is now looking for a loving forever home. Mac is described as being great with kids and other dogs — he just wants someone to play with! Cats are currently unknown. He is crate trained, house trained and already knows his commands. This sweet boy loves belly rubs (he'll even roll over for them!), playing with his toys, and stretching his legs running around. Despite his giant size, Mac is truly a gentle sweetheart who is ready to be someone's loyal best friend.



MAX

Meet Mac! Max was sadly surrendered due to changes in his family's life through absolutely no fault of his own. At just a year old, this sweet boy is struggling with the shelter environment and would love nothing more than a calm, loving home where he can feel safe again. He already knows his commands, is housebroken, crate trained and even enjoys bath time! He also makes a fantastic hiking partner and would love adventures with his future family.



BANE

This lover boy is Bane! Bane is a one-year-old bulldog mix who is all about his people. He was surrendered to us, but he hasn't let that dim his sweet, affectionate personality one bit. If you're looking for a dog who wants to be by your side (or better yet, in your lap!), Bane is your guy. His former owner shared that he's good with other dogs and does well with kids over 10 years old.



DAISY MAE

Meet Daisy Mae! This beautiful girl is 5 years old and weighs about 81 lbs of pure love! Daisy Mae is an active pup who enjoys going on hikes and would make a great companion for someone who loves the outdoors. She does best with female dogs and is good with cats. Daisy Mae also loves her toys and already knows her commands—she's a smart girl who's ready to be your adventure buddy and loyal best friend.



BLANCHE

Looking for a sweet girl to add to your family? Meet Blanche! This beautiful lady is estimated to be around five to six years old and is a large mixed breed with plenty of love to give. Blanche enjoys stretching her legs and would make a wonderful walking buddy for someone who loves to stay active. She already knows how to sit and is eager to keep learning—she's a smart girl who just needs someone willing to show her the way. With her gentle nature and willingness to please, Blanche is ready to find a home where she can be loved and included as part of the family.



JAKE

Say hello to Jake! This handsome lab/pittie mix is all about the toys—seriously. It's rare to catch him without a tennis ball in his mouth! Jake is 4 years old, making him the perfect balance of playful and manageable—he's got great energy for walks, playtime, and adventures, without the nonstop chaos of a puppy. Jake was surrendered due to no fault of his own—his previous owner simply didn't have enough time for him. Now he's ready for a family who can give him the love, attention, and playtime he deserves.



ONYX

This stud in Onyx! He is an adult husky pitbull mix. He came to us as a stray in early July, so we don't know much about his background. We also don't know how he is with dogs or cats, but we can test him at the shelter. We recommend a home with kids 10+ because he came to us as a stray. Onyx doesn't show well in his kennel- he is very energetic but he is such a good boy when he's out! We would love to find him a home where he can run around in a nice big yard and get lots of attention from his new family.



DOOGIE

Say hello to Doogie! This male pit bull mix is full of energy and love - and we have let to see his tail stop wagging! He loves to go on walks and explore. He came to us as a stray, so we don't know how he is with dogs and cats, but we can test him. We also recommend a home with kids 10+ due to his jumpiness and energy level.



ROCKY MAGOO

Rocky was abandoned on the snow-covered streets in late January. A Good Samaritan brought him to the SPCA for medical attention for his upper respiratory condition. He is now a very healthy boy! He loves attention and is a great lap cat. He likes to be held and to have feline friends, provided there is a proper introduction. He is currently on a monthly dose of Solensia for possible osteoarthritis. Please give Rocky a second chance at a happy life.



AMBER

Meet our beautiful Amber! She is very nice girl! She has two brothers, Tom and Jerry and the three of them get along very well. Unfortunately, these three kitties were surrendered because their owner had to move away. She is good with other cats but fearful of dogs. She can be adopted without her brothers. She is looking for a special home with lots of love!



NEZUKO

I'm Nezuko! I'm a 2-year-old handsome guy who found myself at the shelter through no fault of my own. I have the most striking golden eyes and a sleek black coat that matches my calm, observant nature. I'm gentle, curious, and quietly affectionate once I feel safe. I may be in a new place right now, but I'm ready for a fresh start with someone who will give me the love and stability every cat deserves.



OLIVIA

Hi there! My name is Olivia, and I just might be the missing piece to your heart. I'm a sweet, friendly girl who absolutely adores my humans. I'll greet you with my bright eyes, soft whiskers, and the cutest little pink nose you've ever seen. Whether it's gentle pets, cozy naps, or just keeping you company, I'm all in.



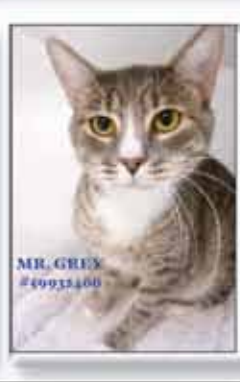
PANCAKE

What's better together than Waffles & Pancakes? This adorable brother-sister duo is as sweet as their names! Waffles and Pancake are young adults who have grown up side by side, and their bond is something truly special. You'll often find them snuggled together, exploring together, and bringing out the best in each other. Because they're a bonded pair, these two must be adopted together.



OLIVER

This adorable, bonded pair is looking for a forever home together! Oliver and Rosie are 6-year-old best friends who share a special connection and are truly bonded for life. These sweet kitties are friendly, curious, and full of personality. Whether they're relaxing together, exploring their surroundings, or looking at you with those adorable faces, they are sure to steal your heart.



MR. GREY

Mr. Grey is a stunning 11-month-old grey tabby with the most captivating golden eyes you've ever seen. Still very much a "teenager," he has that perfect mix of playful curiosity and growing maturity. At just under a year old, Mr. Grey is past the tiny kitten chaos stage but still full of fun, energy, and personality. He loves to observe the world around him with those wise eyes, and once he feels comfortable, his sweet and affectionate side truly shines.



CHARLIE

Charlie is a beautiful 5-year-old female with the fluffiest grey coat and the sweetest personality! Don't let her serious little face fool you -- this girl is very friendly and loves attention. She enjoys being around people and is ready to find a forever family to spoil her the way she deserves. Charlie would make a wonderful companion for someone looking for a loving, gentle kitty to share their home with.

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Inspections

From page 6A

SHANDRA'S PIZZA — 424 S. Main St., Pittston. Most recent inspection: May 13, 2026. Inspection type: Regular. Violations: None. Compliance: In.

PRIMO HOAGIES — 390 Highway 315 Suite 170A, Pittston. Most recent inspection: May 13, 2026. Inspection type: Regular. Violations: Water, as observed at the three-bay sink, is under very slow flow pressure during inspection. The person in charge stated that the owners will be notified about slow pressure. The paper towel dispenser was empty at the handwash sink in the main food prep area. The paper towel dispenser was filled during this inspection. Working containers in food prep area, used for storing chemicals, cleaners taken from bulk supplies, were not marked with the common name of the chemical. The sanitizer bottle was labeled during this inspection. Compliance: In.

PIZZA HUT HANOVER TOWNSHIP — 21 Main Road, Hanover. Most recent inspection: May 13, 2026. Inspection type: Regular. Violations: Refrigeration interior needs cleaning. The surface was observed to have food residue and was not clean to sight and touch. Compliance: In.

PENN CORNER — 1603 Sans Souci Parkway, Hanover Township. Most recent inspection: May 13, 2026. Inspection type: Regular. Violations: None. Compliance: In.

MYST — 12 Kirby Ave., Mountain Top. Most recent inspection: May 13, 2026. Inspection type: Type 2 follow-up. Violations: None. Compliance: In.

LAFRATTE'S CATERING — 59 S. Main St., Pittston. Most recent inspection: May 13, 2026. Inspection type: Regular. Violations: Refrigerated ready-to-eat, time/temperature control for safety food (three different prepared sauces) prepared in the food facility and held for more than 24 hours, located in the reach-in cooler, is not being date-marked. All sauces were prepared two days ago and were properly date-marked during this inspection. Compliance: In.

KENTUCKY FRIED CHICKEN K-273015 — 650 E. Broad St., Hazleton. Most recent inspection: May 13, 2026. Inspection type: Regular. Violations: Soda fountain nozzles and food contact surfaces were observed to have old food residue and were not clean to sight and touch. Corrected on site. The interior surface of the ice machine, a food contact surface, was observed to have mold and was not clean to sight and touch. Corrected on site. Non-food contact surfaces (walk-in cooler shelves) were not cleaned at a frequency to preclude accumulation of old food particles. Compliance: In.

K-TRACHOS — 836 Sans Souci Parkway, Hanover Township. Most recent inspection: May 13, 2026. Inspection type: Regular. Violations: None. Compliance: In.

HANOVER CORNER INC. — 21 Main Road, Hanover. Most recent inspection: May 13, 2026. Inspection type: Regular. Violations: None. Compliance: In.

GRAMERCY BALLROOM & RESTAURANT — 155 S. Main St., Pittston. Most recent inspection: May 13, 2026. Inspection type: Regular. Violations: None. Compliance: In.

FIAMMA ROSSA MFF4 (XMZ-3966) — 49 S. Mountain Blvd., Mountain Top. Most recent inspection: May 13, 2026. Inspection type: Regular. Violations: None. Compliance: In.

EROS CAFE & MEXICAN GRILL — 27 S. Main St., Mountain Top. Most recent inspection: May 13, 2026. Inspection type: Regular. Violations: Observed saran-wrapped churrasco in walk-in freezer with a build-up of ice and subject to possible water entry. Observed wiping cloths in kitchen not being stored in sanitizer solution. Observed a build-up of old food residue in metal containers, non-food contact surfaces, used to store kitchen utensils and in need of cleaning. Cutting board below toaster oven, a non-food contact surface, observed deeply scorched and does not facilitate cleaning. The food facility does not have available QUAT sanitizer test strips to determine appropriate sanitizer concentration. Compliance: In.

WILKES-BARRE MOVIES 14 — 24 E. Northampton St., Wilkes-Barre. Most recent inspection: May 14, 2026. Inspection type: Regular. Violations: None. Compliance: In.

WHATINTHE SAM HILL'S BRICK OVEN PIZZA LLC — 100 George Ave., Wilkes-Barre. Most recent inspection: May 14, 2026. Inspection type: Regular. Violations: None. Compliance: In.

THE VITAMIN SHOPPE — 280 Mundy St., Wilkes-Barre. Most recent inspection: May 14, 2026. Inspection type: Regular. Violations: None. Compliance: In.

SHERRI'S CRAB CAKES — 32 Holiday Drive, Apt. 125, Kingston. Most recent inspection: May 14, 2026. Inspection type: Regular. Violations: None. Compliance: In.

SAMMY'S CARRIBEAN GRILL — 602 S. Main St., Pittston. Most recent inspection: May 14, 2026. Inspection type: Regular. Violations: None. Compliance: In.

RED ROBIN #335 — 2050 Highland Park Blvd., Wilkes-Barre. Most recent inspection: May 14, 2026. Inspection type: Regular. Violations: Observed mechanical chlorine dishwasher at bar leaking and not maintained in good repair. Observed the center set of drawers on the salad bar refrigerator located at the end of cookline unable to fully close. Compliance: In.

PUERTO CARBON — 1 Tryba Lane, Hanover Township. Most recent inspection: May 14, 2026. Inspection type: Opening. Violations: None. Compliance: In.

MICHAEL MOOTZ CANDIES — 1246 San Souci Parkway, Hanover Township. Most recent inspection: May 14, 2026. Inspection type: Regular. Violations: None. Compliance: In.

MALACREAM/ MALACARI'S — 2300 Sans Souci Parkway, Hanover Township. Most recent inspection: May 14, 2026. Inspection type: Regular. Violations: None. Compliance: In.

IREM MOTOR CORPS. — 1307 Susquehanna Ave., Exeter. Most recent inspection: May 14, 2026. Inspection type: Regular. Violations: None. Compliance: In.

HANDEL'S ICE CREAM — 25 N. River St., Wilkes-Barre. Most recent inspection: May 14, 2026. Inspection type: Regular. Violations: The food facility does not have running water available at three-compartment sink for manual warewashing. A food employee did not follow proper handwashing procedure. No water was available for handwashing. The handwash sink did not have running water. Compliance: Out.

GERRITY'S MARKET — 2280 Sans Souci Parkway, Hanover Mall, Hanover Township. Most recent inspection: May 14, 2026. Inspection type: Regular. Violations: None. Compliance: In.

FIAMMA ROSSA BRICK OVEN PIZZA — 28 Parkland Drive, Mountain Top. Most recent inspection: May 14, 2026. Inspection type: Regular. Violations: None. Compliance: In.

DUCK DONUTS — 251 Mundy St., Suite 103, Wilkes-Barre. Most recent inspection: May 14, 2026. Inspection type: Regular. Violations: None. Compliance: In.

DOMINO'S PIZZA — 2244 San Souci Parkway, Hanover Township. Most recent inspection: May 14, 2026. Inspection type: Regular. Violations: None. Compliance: In.

DOLLAR GENERAL — 2280 Sans Souci Parkway, Hanover Township. Most recent inspection: May 14, 2026. Inspection type: Regular. Violations: None. Compliance: In.

CURRY DONUTS — 2308 Sans Souci Parkway, Hanover Township. Most recent inspection: May 14, 2026. Inspection type: Regular. Violations: Zero days given to secure ServSafe. 90 days given to secure ServSafe. Compliance: In.

CHAN'S CONCESSIONS — 59-63 Public Square, Wilkes-Barre. Most recent inspection: May 14, 2026. Inspection type: Regular. Violations: None. Compliance: In.

CARRIAGE STOP PLAZA — 2500 E. End Blvd., Wilkes-Barre. Most recent inspection: May 14, 2026. Inspection type: Follow-up. Violations: None. Compliance: In.

BUBBAKOOS BURRITOS — 174 Mundy St., Wilkes-Barre. Most recent inspection: May 14, 2026. Inspection type: Regular. Violations: Observed a food employee's sweatshirt stored on a shelving rack above open containers of bulk ingredients (breadcrumbs and rice) with potential to contaminate food. Sweatshirt was moved during inspection. A food employee was observed scooping food at front service area and wearing bracelets on wrist. Observed baked beans in rear kitchen hot hold unit at temperature of 100°F rather than 135°F or above as required. Beans were taken to a flat-top grill to be reheated during inspection. Compliance: In.

SANS SOUCI BEER & DELI — 2345 Sans Souci Parkway, Hanover Township. Most recent inspection: May 15, 2026. Inspection type: Regular. Violations: None. Compliance: In.

PARKWAY DINER ON 29 LLC — 2271 Sans Souci Parkway, Hanover Township. Most recent inspection: May 15, 2026. Inspection type: Regular. Violations: None. Compliance: In.

KINDER CARE — 1810 S. Main St., Hanover Township. Most recent inspection: May 15, 2026. Inspection type: Regular. Violations: None. Compliance: In.

CVS CAREMARK — 1 Great Valley Blvd., Hanover Township. Most recent inspection: May 15, 2026. Inspection type: Regular. Violations: None. Compliance: In.

AUSTIE'S RESTAURANT — 2333 Sans Souci Parkway, Hanover Township. Most recent inspection: May 15, 2026. Inspection type: Regular. Violations: None. Compliance: In.





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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST

TODAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
51 / 48	59 / 55	74 / 56	79 / 60	81 / 54	77 / 48	75 / 47
Cooler with rain	Morning drizzle; cloudy	A touch of morning rain	Some brightening	A few showers	Partly sunny; less humid	A couple of showers

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	5:38 a.m.
Sunset today	8:23 p.m.
Moonrise today	12:56 p.m.
Moonset today	1:50 a.m.

First	Full	Last	New
May 23	May 31	June 8	June 14

WEATHER HISTORY

Downburst winds on May 23, 1984, caused $150,000 in damage in Monroe and Pike counties of Pennsylvania. Such winds can be as destructive as some tornadoes.

ALMANAC

Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport through 3 p.m. Friday

TEMPERATURES

High	64
Low	44
Normal high	74
Normal Low	51
Record high	93 (1911)
Record low	31 (2002)

PRECIPITATION

24-hour total	0.00″
Month to date	2.57″
Normal m-t-d	2.28″
Year to date	13.94″
Normal y-t-d	12.97″

COOLING DEGREE DAYS

Degree days are an indicator of energy needs. The more the total degree days, the more energy is necessary to cool.

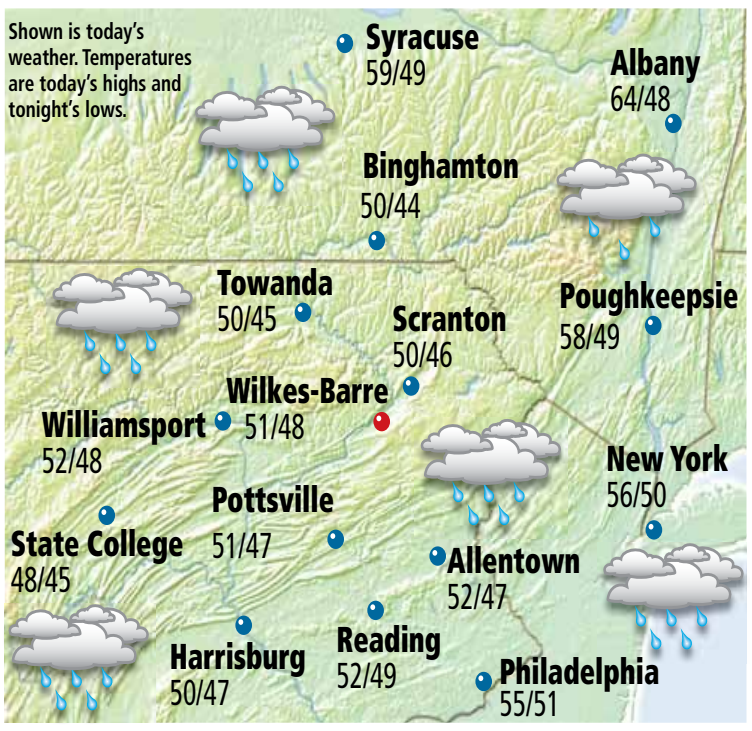
Friday	0
Month to date	43
Year to date	66
Last year to date	25
Normal year to date	34

RIVER LEVELS

In feet as of 7 a.m. Friday.

Susquehanna	Stage	Chg	Fld Stg
Wilkes-Barre	3.31	-0.32	22
Towanda	1.89	-0.16	16
Lehigh			
Bethlehem	1.86	-0.23	16
Delaware			
Port Jervis	3.49	-0.12	18

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NEW YORK CITY

High: 56. **Low:** 50. Cooler today with rain. Rain tonight. Periods of rain ending early tomorrow afternoon.

PHILADELPHIA

High: 55. **Low:** 51. Breezy and cooler today with rain. Rain tonight. Occasional rain and drizzle tomorrow.

POCONOS

Highs: 42-48. **Lows:** 39-45. Colder today with rain; breezy in the morning. Rain tonight. Periods of rain ending early tomorrow afternoon.

FINGER LAKES

Highs: 56-62. **Lows:** 46-52. Breezy during the morning; cooler with periods of rain today. Rain and drizzle tonight.

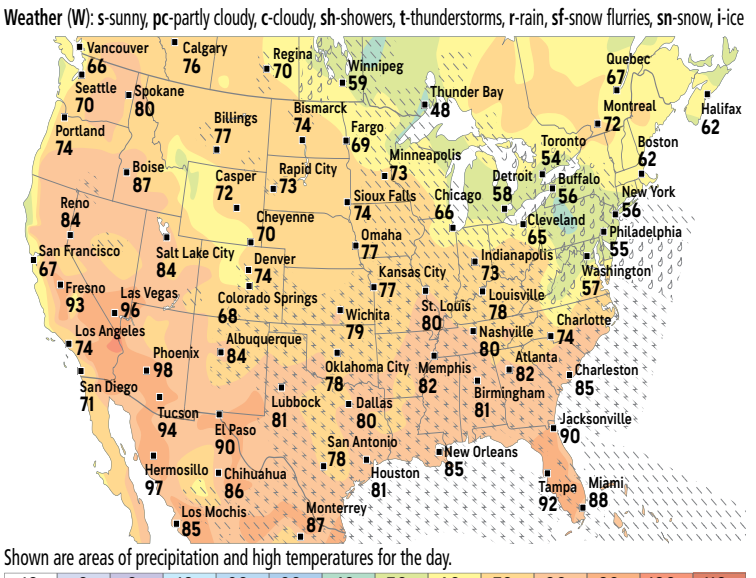
JERSEY SHORE

Highs: 54-60. **Lows:** 51-57. Windy and cool today with rain. Rain tonight. Periods of rain ending early tomorrow afternoon.

NATIONAL WEATHER

	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sunday Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	82/67/t	82/68/t
Baltimore	55/53/r	68/63/r
Billings	77/52/pc	85/55/pc
Boston	62/51/c	53/50/r
Buffalo	56/48/r	64/55/sh
Charlotte	74/65/t	80/68/t
Chicago	66/56/c	76/60/pc
Cleveland	65/58/t	73/60/sh
Dallas	80/69/t	82/66/t
Denver	74/51/s	81/55/s
Detroit	58/54/r	70/57/sh
Honolulu	85/72/r	85/73/r
Houston	81/72/t	80/68/t
Indianapolis	73/61/sh	74/62/t
Las Vegas	96/72/s	96/71/s
Milwaukee	59/52/sh	73/56/pc
Nashville	80/66/t	78/68/t
New Orleans	85/75/t	79/73/t
Norfolk	76/68/t	77/70/t
Oklahoma City	78/63/t	83/63/pc
Orlando	93/74/t	91/72/t
Phoenix	98/75/s	100/77/s
Pittsburgh	59/53/t	77/62/sh
Portland, ME	62/48/pc	56/49/sh
Portland, OR	74/50/s	79/56/pc
Sacramento	82/52/s	82/52/s
St. Louis	80/65/t	83/65/t
San Francisco	67/54/pc	65/53/pc
Seattle	70/50/pc	71/52/pc
Washington, DC	57/54/r	71/65/r

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



Shown are areas of precipitation and high temperatures for the day.

-10s	-0s	0s	10s	20s	30s	40s	50s	60s	70s	80s	90s	100s	110s

Showers T-storms Rain Flurries Snow Ice

Summary: Rain, showers and storms will overspread the eastern United States today. West Texas could have some severe thunderstorms. Otherwise, the western U.S. will be mainly dry with quite a bit of sun.



If you didn't read the Times Leader this week, ***this is what you missed!***

Look What You Missed

Monday: Breaking down the stigma - Hundreds gather for Mental Health Awareness Month walk

Tuesday: Airport expansion project gets $3M from FAA

Wednesday: Baker holds off challenge from Meyers

Thursday: Shapiro champions Cognetti campaign in Wyoming visit

Friday: Over $12M in LSA grants awarded in Luzerne County

Coming Sunday

One family, one fife, 129 years in the West Side Memorial Day parade

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IN MEMORY

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Times Leader executive editor

Penn State graduate 1988



Cole makes return in Yanks' loss

MLB • 10B



Tony Callaio | For Times Leader

Pittston Area starter Elijah Barr pitched a complete game as the Patriots advanced to the District 2 Class 5A championship game.

Patriots, Warriors reach D2 finals

D2-5A BASEBALL

Pittston Area 6
Abington Heights 2

By John Erzar
jerzar@timesleader.com

HUGHESTOWN — A pitching matchup of two Division I recruits anticipated all season never materialized Friday afternoon.

Instead, Pittston Area's Elijah Barr performed as a soloist.

Barr shut down Abington Heights for all but one inning and the Patriots cobbled together more than enough offense to defeat Abington Heights 6-2 in a District 2 Class 5A semifinal game.

Barr, a Pitt recruit, needed just 83 pitches for the complete-game win.

See PATRIOTS | 3B



Tony Callaio | For Times Leader

Pittston Area's Beau Widdick was 2-for-4 at the plate and scored a run against Abington Heights.

D2-4A BASEBALL

Wyoming Area 6
Hanover Area 2

By John Erzar
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WEST PITTSTON — Wyoming Area baseball will think outside the box at times to produce runs.

Friday was one of those times.

Wyoming Area had three players reach base on bunts in the fourth inning, with two scoring on a three-run double by Max Langdon, as the Warriors defeated Hanover Area 6-2 in a District 2 Class 4A semifinal game.

Baseball analytics nerds would have issues with some of the strategy Wyoming Area employs.

The Warriors will bunt,

See WARRIORS | 3B

PIAA TRACK AND FIELD

Trojans' Baran medals at states

Times Leader

SHIPPENSBURG — Lackawanna Track Conference standouts Olivia Thomas from Mid Valley, Kendel Jones from Elk Lake and Weston Yannone from Dunmore got District 2 off to a strong start, but the first day of the PIAA Track and Field Championships was a relatively quiet one for Wyoming Valley Conference athletes.

Nanticoke Area senior Nevaeh Baran led the way for the WVC Friday with a seventh-place medal in the Class 3A girls triple jump while Wilkes-Barre Area senior Timothy Leonard had a successful day of qualifying.

Baran jumped 37-11½.

Leonard was the second-fastest qualifier in the 100-meter dash and also made the final of the 200 dash in Class 3A boys.

Wyoming Valley West reached the halfway point in second place out of nine teams in the Unified Champion Schools State Championships held along with the PIAA Championships at Shippensburg University.

Thomas, a freshman, finished second in the Class 2A girls long jump with 18-11 ¾ and was the top qualifier for Saturday's finals in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 14.43 seconds. She is also the top seed in the triple jump 11 days after becoming the first District 2 girls to ever exceed 40 feet in that event.

See TRACK | 4B

PIAA BOYS TENNIS

Sem standouts fall in quarters

Times Leader

The state tournament runs for both Wyoming Seminary's Billy Hall and the duo of Stefan Zecar and Dhruv Sudhakar came to an end in the quarterfinals of the PIAA Class 2A boys tennis championships on Friday.

Hall was in action as part of the Class 2A singles tournament, while Zecar and Sudhakar were in the Class 2A doubles draw with both tournaments starting Friday at the Hershey Racquet Club.

It was a 1-1 day in both tournaments for Sem's entrants, with Hall picking up a first-round victory over Richland's Nilesh Singh by a 6-0, 6-1 final score.

Hall, a Sem senior who won his first District 2 championship earlier this month, was defeated in the quarterfinal round Friday evening by Quaker Valley's Will Meagher in a 7-6, 6-4 final.

Zecar and Sudhakar also got their tournament started off in strong fashion with a 6-2, 6-4 win over the Winchester Thurston team of Ravi Stanger and Soham Maiti.

The pair ran into Cathedral Prep's Gavin Ferretti and Charbel Moubarak in the quarterfinals and were defeated 6-1, 6-1.

The quarterfinal berths for Hall, Zecar and Sudhakar match the run that Wyoming Seminary made in last weekend's team state tournament.

See TENNIS | 4B

911 call: Busch was coughing up blood day before his death

By Steve Reed
AP Sports Writer

CONCORD, N.C. — NASCAR driver Kyle Busch experienced shortness of breath, felt he was overheating and was coughing up blood the day before his death, according to a 911 call obtained Friday by The Associated Press.

Busch died Thursday at age 41. No cause of death has been given, though his family said earlier he had been hospitalized with a "severe illness" three days before he was to compete in the Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte Motor Speedway.

Busch was testing in the Chevrolet racing simulator in Concord on Wednesday when he became unresponsive and was transported to a hospital in Charlotte, several people familiar with the situation told the AP.

The people spoke on condition of anonymity because details have not been disclosed by Busch's team or family.

During the emergency call placed late that afternoon from the General Motors training facility, an unidentified caller calmly told the dispatch: "I've got an individual that's (got) shortness of breath, very hot, thinks he's going to pass out, and is producing a little bit of blood, coughing up some blood."

Busch was lying on the bathroom floor inside the complex and the caller told dispatch "he is awake," according to audio provided by the Cabarrus County Sheriff's Office.

The man then gave directions on where emergency responders should go and asked that they turn off any sirens upon arrival.

See BUSCH | 7B



Matt Kelley | AP photo

An in memoriam photo of driver Kyle Busch is displayed on the video board of the backstretch at Charlotte Motor Speedway on Friday ahead of Sunday's Coca-Cola 600. Busch died Thursday at age 41.



HARNESS RACING



POCONO DOWNS
AT MOHEGAN PENNSYLVANIA
Saturday's entries
Post time: 1 p.m.

First W4-7PM CG $17,500 Pace
1. Th Colby (Ti Tetrick) 7-2
2. Gentleman's Club (An McCarthy) 5-2
3. Heaven Needs Me (Si Allard) 8-1
4. Papi's Rocket (Ty Buter) 9-2
5. Downbythewater (Ge Napolitano) 3-1

Second NW3PM CG $14,500 Pace
1. One Fell Swoop (Ma Kakaley) 12-1
2. Strangeronthebeach (Ma Hrschbgr) 7-2
3. Battlin Bob (Ty Buter) 5-2
4. Houdini Hanover (Ja Kennedy) 10-1
5. Touchback (Ti Tetrick) 4-1
6. George's Wish (Ri Warren) 8-1
7. Panic Room (Br Boyd) 5-1
8. Wish You The Best (An Napolitano) 6-1

Third 15000CL $11,000 Pace
1. Rose Run Zeke (An Napolitano) 5-1
2. Tru-Blu Hypnotic (Ge Napolitano) 4-1
3. Juddy Douglas A (Br Boyd) 10-1
4. Tulhurstsantanna A (Ma Kakaley) 5-2
5. Downrightdelicious (Ri Warren) 3-1
6. River Ness (Ja Kennedy) 15-1
7. Duckies Dynasty (Ma Herschbrger) 6-1
8. I'm Talkin Hungry (Ti Tetrick) 12-1

Fourth W4-7PM $17,500 Trot
1. Wapiti Blue Chip (Ke Wallis) 4-1
2. Manforce (Ty Buter) 7-2
3. Fiftyshadesofblu (Ge Napolitano) 3-1
4. Lionheart Hanover (Ri Warren) 12-1
5. Bruha (Co Keim) 9-2
6. D'wood (Ma Kakaley) 10-1
7. Non Disclosure (Bo Crivokapich) 8-1
8. Attis Rock (Br Boyd) 5-1

Fifth 20000CLHC $14,000 Pace
1. Decision Day (Ti Tetrick) 6-1
2. Twin B Risenshine (Ma Kakaley) 5-2
3. Statesidelckdwn Gb (Ge Npolitno) 4-1
4. Moses (Ty Buter) 12-1
5. Up The Creek (Br Boyd) 10-1
6. Ill Play It Alone (Ja Kennedy) 15-1

Sixth ALL-STARS $30,000 Trot
1. Cocktail Captain (Ti Tetrick) 8-1
2. Nuance (Ma Melander) 5-1
3. Just Teasing (An Miller) 7-2
4. Little Road (Br Brown) 3-1
5. Intisaar Mil (Ri Warren) 9-2
6. Berry Good News (Ty Buter) 4-1
7. Vicenza (Ma Kakaley) 12-1
8. Avianna Hanover (W Wilder) 10-1

Seventh 30000CLHC $15,500 Pace
1. Stag Party (Ma Kakaley) 5-2
2. Ben Solo (Si Allard) 10-1
3. Playin For Real (An Napolitano) 15-1
4. Flight In Motion (Ri Warren) 6-1
5. Bonaparte (Ge Napolitano Jr) 12-1
6. Don't B Blue (Ti Tetrick) 5-1
7. Art Of Revenge (Ty Buter) 4-1
8. Justasec N (Br Boyd) 3-1

Eighth ALL-STARS $30,000 Trot
1. Jl Serenity (W Wilder) 7-2
2. Caviart Queen Emma (Ty Buter) 6-1
3. Duicinea Hanover (An McCarthy) 5-1
4. Chestnut Kelly (Ti Tetrick) 4-1
5. Lainey W (Ya Gingras) 5-2
6. Shoestrings (Ma Kakaley) 8-1
7. Dirty Banana (Si Allard) 12-1
8. Ms Bojangles (Br Boyd) 10-1

Ninth NW17500L5 $20,000 Pace
1. Voukefalas (Jo Stratton) 5-2
2. Southwind Celsius (Ti Tetrick) 15-1
3. World Of Wishes (Br Boyd) 4-1
4. Southwind Gendry (Ty Buter) 6-1
5. Federer (An Napolitano) 3-1
6. Wish You Well (Ge Napolitano Jr) 10-1
7. Congressional (Ke Wallis) 5-1
8. Cranbourne N (Ri Warren) 12-1

Tenth ALL-STARS $30,000 Trot
1. Shemightbetheone (Ma Kakaley) 12-1
2. Skyline Salty Girl (W Wilder) 4-1
3. Igotthemoney S (Ji Oscarsson) 15-1
4. Gamela Hanover (Ge Napolitano) 5-1
5. Next Big Think (Ma Melander) 3-1
6. Sister Wine (An Miller) 6-1
7. Che Bella (Ma Herschberger) 10-1
8. Atlantic Summer (Ty Buter) 5-2

Eleventh NW6500L5 $11,000 Pace
1. Sun Of A Show (Br Boyd) 9-2
2. Red Righthand Man N (Ri Warren) 10-1
3. Points North (Ge Napolitano Jr) 7-2
4. Macadoodledoo (Ma Kakaley) 3-1
5. Lennon Hanover (Ty Buter) 4-1
6. Seen Here (Ti Tetrick) 5-1
7. Nob Hill Flash (Si Allard) 8-1
8. Gentle Giant (An Napolitano) 12-1

Twelfth ALL-STARS $30,000 Trot
1. Wendalyn Hanover (W Wilder) 3-1
2. Cash Out Express (Ma Kakaley) 6-1
3. I Take The Cake (Ge Napolitano Jr) 4-1
4. Lady Tessie Marie (Ti Tetrick) 10-1
5. I'llstandmyground (An McCarthy) 15-1
6. Shelooksgoodngreen (Br Boyd) 12-1
7. Maya Patel Hanover (Ak Svanstedt) 5-2
8. Naachtun (Ma Melander) 5-1

Thirteenth NW9500L5 $13,500 Pace
1. Twiggs Pub (Si Allard) 4-1
2. Lillbliss (Ku Erzene) 5-1
3. None Bettor A (Ma Kakaley) 3-1
4. Boardwalk Bet (Ri Warren) 10-1
5. This Is The Plan (Ty Buter) 5-2
6. Ante Up Hanover (To Schadel) 15-1
7. Lusaka N (Ti Tetrick) 6-1

Fourteenth NW13000L5 $16,000 Pace
1. Boom N (Ge Napolitano Jr) 3-1
2. Jk Black Gold (Si Allard) 10-1
3. Major Hothooves N (Ti Tetrick) 5-1
4. Buckeyebollinger N (Ri Warren) 4-1
5. Rum N Raisins (An Napolitano) 6-1
6. Chase H Hanover (Br Boyd) 5-2
7. Big Bang Bang (Ma Kakaley) 12-1
8. Thenu Came Along A (Ty Buter) 15-1

LATEST LINE

NBA

Saturday

FAVORITE	LINE	O/U	UNDERDOG
at CLEVELAND	2½	(213½)	New York

MLB

Saturday

American League

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
at N.Y YANKEES	-152	Tampa Bay	+128
Detroit	-110	at BALTIMORE	-106
Seattle	-142	at KANSAS CITY	+120
at BOSTON	OFF	Minnesota	OFF
Texas	-132	at LA ANGELS	+112

National League

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
St. Louis	-110	at CINCINNATI	-106
at ATLANTA	-184	Washington	+154
at MIAMI	OFF	N.Y Mets	OFF
St. Louis	OFF	at CINCINNATI	OFF
LA Dodgers	-126	at MILWAUKEE	+108
at ARIZONA	-166	Colorado	+140

Interleague

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
at CHICAGO CUBS	-142	Houston	+120
Pittsburgh	-154	at TORONTO	+130
Chicago White Sox	-114	at SAN FRANCISCO	-105
at PHILADELPHIA	-205	Cleveland	+172
Athletics	OFF	at SAN DIEGO	OFF

NHL

Saturday

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
at CAROLINA	-208	Montreal	+172

Consensus odds provided by Sportradar

SPORTS ON TV

SATURDAY
AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL
10:30 p.m.
FS2 — AFL: Brisbane at Greater Western Sydney
AUTO RACING
Noon
APPLE TV — Formula 1: Sprint Race, Circuit Gilles Villeneuve, Montreal
1:30 p.m.
PRIME VIDEO — NASCAR Cup Series: Practice, Charlotte Motor Speedway, Concord, N.C.
2:40 p.m.
PRIME VIDEO — NASCAR Cup Series: Qualifying, Charlotte Motor Speedway, Concord, N.C.
4 p.m.
APPLE TV — Formula 1: Qualifying, Circuit Gilles Villeneuve, Montreal
4:30 p.m.
CBSSN — IHRA: Triple Crown, Maple Grove Raceway, Mohnton, Pa.
5 p.m.
CW — NASCAR O'Reilly Auto Parts Series: Charbroil 300, Charlotte Motor Speedway, Concord, N.C.
BASKETBALL AFRICA LEAGUE
9 a.m.
NBATV — Al Ahly Ly at Club Africain
Noon
NBATV — DAR City at Petro de Luanda
CHL
9 p.m.
NHLN — 2026 Memorial Cup: Everett vs. Chicoutimi, Round Robin, Kelowna, Canada
COLLEGE BASEBALL
1 p.m.
ACCN — ACC Coast Tournament: TBD, Semifinal, Charlotte, N.C.
SECN — SEC Tournament: TBD, Semifinal, Hoover, Ala.
3 p.m.
BTN — Big Ten Tournament: TBD, Semifinal, Omaha, Neb.
4 p.m.
ESPNU — WCC Tournament: TBD, Championship, Scottsdale, Ariz.
4:30 p.m.
SECN — SEC Tournament: TBD, Semifinal, Hoover, Ala.
5 p.m.
ACCN — ACC Tournament: TBD, Semifinal, Charlotte, N.C.
7 p.m.
BTN — Big Ten Tournament: TBD, Semifinal, Omaha, Neb.
7:30 p.m.
ESPN2 — Big 12 Tournament: TBD, Championship, Surprise, Ariz.
ESPNU — Southern Tournament: TBD, Championship, Greenville, S.C.
COLLEGE LACROSSE (MEN)
Noon
ESPN2 — NCAA Tournament: Duke vs. Princeton, Semifinal, Charlottesville, Va.
2:30 p.m.
ESPN2 — NCAA Tournament: Syracuse vs. Notre Dame, Semifinal, Charlottesville, Va.
COLLEGE SOFTBALL
11 a.m.
ESPN — Women's College World Series: Georgia at Tennessee, Super Regional - Game 3 (if necessary)
12:30 p.m.
ABC — Women's College World Series: Florida vs. Texas Tech, Super Regional - Game 2, Gainesville, Fla.
1 p.m.
ESPN — Women's College World Series: Oklahoma vs. Mississippi State, Super Regional - Game 2
3 p.m.
ESPN — Women's College World Series: Alabama vs. LSU, Super Regional - Game 2, Tuscaloosa, Ala.
5 p.m.
ESPN — Women's College World Series: Oklahoma State at Nebraska, Super Regional - Game 3 (if necessary)
ESPN2 — Women's College World Series: Arkansas vs. Duke, Super Regional - Game 2, Fayetteville, Ark.
7 p.m.
ESPN — Women's College World Series: Texas vs. Arizona State, Super Regional - Game 2, Austin Texas
9 p.m.
ESPN — Women's College World Series: UCLA vs. UCF, Super Regional - Game 2, Los Angeles
CYCLING
6 a.m.
TRUTV — UCI: Giro d'Italia, Stage 14
GOLF
9 a.m.
GOLF — PGA Tour Champions: Trophy Hassan II, Final Round, Royal Golf Dar Es Salam, Rabat, Morocco
1 p.m.
GOLF — PGA Tour: THE CJ CUP Byron Nelson, Third Round, TPC Craig Ranch, McKinney, Texas
3 p.m.
CBS — PGA Tour: THE CJ CUP Byron Nelson, Third Round, TPC Craig Ranch, McKinney, Texas
GOLF — DP World Tour: Soudal Open, Third Round, Rinkven International GC, Antwerp, Belgium (taped)
HORSE RACING
12:30 p.m.
FS1 — NYRA: America's Day at the Races
1:30 p.m.
FS2 — NYRA: America's Day at the Races
H.S. TRACK AND FIELD
9 a.m.
PCN — PIAA Championships, Class 2A/Class 3A boys/girls, Shippensburg
IIHF HOCKEY (MEN)
6 a.m.
NHLN — 2026 IIHF World Championship Group Stage: Latvia vs. U.S., Group A, Zürich, Switzerland
10 a.m.
NHLN — 2026 IIHF World Championship Group Stage: Slovakia vs. Czechia, Group B, Fribourg, Switzerland
2 p.m.
NHLN — 2026 IIHF World Championship Group Stage: Norway vs. Sweden, Group B, Fribourg, Switzerland
MLB
1:30 p.m.
YES — Tampa Bay at N.Y. Yankees
3 p.m.
SNP — Pittsburgh at Toronto
4 p.m.
NBCSP — Cleveland at Philadelphia
FS1 — Seattle at Kansas City
7 p.m.
FOX — L.A. Dodgers at Milwaukee
10 p.m.
MLBN — Regional Coverage: Texas at L.A. Angels OR Colorado at Arizona
NBA
8 p.m.
ABC — Eastern Conference Final: New York at Cleveland, Game 3
NHL
7 p.m.
TNT, TRUTV — Eastern Conference Final: Montreal at Carolina, Game 2
RUGBY (MEN)
2 a.m. (Sunday)
FS2 — NRL: South Sydney at North Queensland
SOCCER (MEN)
2 p.m.
ESPNU — German Cup: Bayern Munich vs. VfB Stuttgart, Final, Berlin
2:30 p.m.
FOX — MLS: Austin at St. Louis
7:30 p.m.
CBSSN — USL Championship: Brooklyn at Rhode Island
SOCCER (WOMEN)
Noon
CBSSN — UEFA Champions League: Barcelona vs. Lyonnes, Oslo, Norway
4 p.m.
ION — NWSL: North Carolina at Louisville
6:30 p.m.
ION — NWSL: Denver at Utah
8:45 p.m.
ION — NWSL: Angel City at Houston
9:30 p.m.
CBSSN — CONCACAF Champions League: Club América vs. Washington, Final, Pachuca, Mexico
SWIMMING
4:30 p.m.
NBC — TYR: Pro Swim Series, Sacramento, Calif.
TENNIS
8 a.m.
TENNIS CHANNEL — Hamburg-ATP, Geneva-ATP, Strasbourg-WTA, & Rabat-WTA Finals
5 a.m. (Sunday)
TENNIS CHANNEL — Roland Garros – Live; Men's & Women's 1st Round
6 a.m. (Sunday)
TENNIS CHANNEL — Roland Garros – Live; Men's & Women's 1st Round
TNT — ATP/WTA: French Open, First Round, Paris
TRUTV — ATP/WTA: French Open, First Round, Paris
UFL
3 p.m.
ABC — Birmingham at Columbus
WNBA
1 p.m.
CBS — Minnesota at Chicago
8 p.m.
CBS — Los Angeles at Las Vegas

LOCAL SCHEDULE

SATURDAY
AHL
Atlantic Division Finals
Game 5: Springfield at Penguins, 6:05 p.m.
IL BASEBALL
RailRiders at Lehigh Valley, 6:35 p.m.
H.S. BOYS TENNIS
PIAA Singles Championships
Class 2A semifinals, 10:30 a.m., Hershey Racquet Club
Class 2A medal rounds, 3:30 p.m., Hershey Racquet Club
PIAA Doubles Championships
Class 2A semifinals, 10:30 a.m., Hershey Racquet Club
Class 2A medal rounds, 3:30 p.m., Hershey Racquet Club
H.S. TRACK AND FIELD
PIAA Championships, at Shippensburg University, 9 a.m.
SUNDAY
IL BASEBALL
RailRiders at Lehigh Valley, 6:35 p.m.

NHL

NHL Playoff Glance
FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Buffalo 4, Boston 2
Sunday, April 19: Buffalo 4, Boston 3
Tuesday, April 21: Boston 4, Buffalo 2
Thursday, April 23: Buffalo 3, Boston 1
Sunday, April 26: Buffalo 6, Boston 1
Tuesday, April 28: Boston 2, Buffalo 1, OT
Friday, May 1: Buffalo 4, Boston 1
Montreal 4, Tampa Bay 3
Sunday, April 19: Montreal 4, Tampa Bay 3, OT
Tuesday, April 21: Tampa Bay 3, Montreal 2, OT
Friday, April 24: Montreal 3, Tampa Bay 2, OT
Sunday, April 26: Tampa Bay 3, Montreal 2
Wednesday, April 29: Montreal 3, Tampa Bay 2
Friday, May 1: Tampa Bay 1, Montreal 0, OT
Sunday, May 3: Montreal 2, Tampa Bay 1
Carolina 4, Ottawa 0
Saturday, April 18: Carolina 2, Ottawa 0
Monday, April 20: Carolina 3, Ottawa 2, 2OT
Thursday, April 23: Carolina 2, Ottawa 1
Saturday, April 25: Carolina 4, Ottawa 2
Philadelphia 4, Pittsburgh 2
Saturday, April 18: Philadelphia 3, Pittsburgh 2
Monday, April 20: Philadelphia 3, Pittsburgh 0
Wednesday, April 22: Philadelphia 5, Pittsburgh 2
Saturday, April 25: Pittsburgh 4, Philadelphia 2
Monday, April 27: Pittsburgh 3, Philadelphia 2
Wednesday, April 29: Philadelphia 1, Pittsburgh 0, OT
WESTERN CONFERENCE
Anaheim 4, Edmonton 2
Monday, April 20: Edmonton 4, Anaheim 3
Wednesday, April 22: Anaheim 6, Edmonton 4
Friday, April 24: Anaheim 7, Edmonton 4
Sunday, April 26: Anaheim 4, Edmonton 3, OT
Tuesday, April 28: Edmonton 4, Anaheim 1
Thursday, April 30: Anaheim 5, Edmonton 2
Colorado 4, Los Angeles 0
Sunday, April 19: Colorado 2, Los Angeles 1
Tuesday, April 21: Colorado 2, Los Angeles 1, OT
Thursday, April 23: Colorado 4, Los Angeles 2
Sunday, April 26: Colorado 5, Los Angeles 1
Minnesota 4, Dallas 2
Saturday, April 18: Minnesota 6, Dallas 1
Monday, April 20: Dallas 4, Minnesota 2
Wednesday, April 22: Dallas 4, Minnesota 3, 2OT
Saturday, April 25: Minnesota 3, Dallas 2, OT
Tuesday, April 28: Minnesota 4, Dallas 2
Thursday, April 30: Minnesota 5, Dallas 2
Vegas 4, Utah 2
Sunday, April 19: Vegas 4, Utah 2
Tuesday, April 21: Utah 3, Vegas 2
Friday, April 24: Utah 4, Vegas 2
Monday, April 27: Vegas 5, Utah 4, OT
Wednesday, April 29: Vegas 5, Utah 4, 2OT
Friday, May 1: Vegas 5, Utah 1
SECOND ROUND
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Montreal 4, Buffalo 3
Wednesday, May 6: Buffalo 4, Montreal 2
Friday, May 8: Montreal 5, Buffalo 1
Sunday, May 10: Montreal 6, Buffalo 2
Tuesday, May 12: Buffalo 3, Montreal 2
Thursday, May 14: Montreal 6, Buffalo 3
Saturday, May 16: Buffalo 8, Montreal 3
Monday, May 18: Montreal 3, Buffalo 2, OT
Carolina 4, Philadelphia 0
Saturday, May 2: Carolina 3, Philadelphia 0
Monday, May 4: Carolina 3, Philadelphia 2, OT
Thursday, May 7: Carolina 4, Philadelphia 1
Saturday, May 9: Carolina 3, Philadelphia 2, OT
WESTERN CONFERENCE
Vegas 4, Anaheim 2
Monday, May 4: Vegas 3, Anaheim 1
Wednesday, May 6: Anaheim 3, Vegas 1
Friday, May 8: Vegas 6, Anaheim 2
Sunday, May 10: Anaheim 4, Vegas 3
Tuesday, May 12: Vegas 3, Anaheim 2, OT
Thursday, May 14: Vegas 5, Anaheim 1
Colorado 4, Minnesota 1
Sunday, May 3: Colorado 9, Minnesota 6
Tuesday, May 5: Colorado 5, Minnesota 2
Saturday, May 9: Minnesota 5, Colorado 1
Monday, May 11: Colorado 5, Minnesota 2
Wednesday, May 13: Colorado 4, Minnesota 3, OT
CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Montreal 1, Carolina 0
Thursday, May 21: Montreal 6, Carolina 2
Saturday, May 23: Montreal at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Monday, May 25: Carolina at Montreal, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, May 27: Carolina at Montreal, 8 p.m.
x-Friday, May 29: Montreal at Carolina, TBA
x-Sunday, May 31: Carolina at Montreal, TBA
x-Tuesday, June 2: Montreal at Carolina, TBA
WESTERN CONFERENCE
Vegas 1, Colorado 0
Wednesday, May 20: Vegas 4, Colorado 2
Friday, May 22: Vegas at Colorado, 8 p.m.
Sunday, May 24: Colorado at Vegas, 8 p.m.
Tuesday, May 26: Colorado at Vegas, 9 p.m.
x-Thursday, May 28: Vegas at Colorado, TBA
x-Saturday, May 30: Colorado at Vegas, TBA
x-Monday, June 1: Vegas at Colorado, TBA

NBA

NBA Playoff Glance
FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
Eastern Conference
New York 4, Atlanta 2
Saturday, April 18: New York 113, Atlanta 102
Monday, April 20: Atlanta 107, New York 106
Thursday, April 23: Atlanta 109, New York 108
Saturday, April 25: New York 114, Atlanta 98
Tuesday, April 28: New York 126, Atlanta 97
Thursday, April 30: New York 140, Atlanta 89
Detroit 4, Orlando 3
Sunday, April 19: Orlando 112, Detroit 101
Wednesday, April 22: Detroit 98, Orlando 83
Saturday, April 25: Orlando 113, Detroit 105
Monday, April 27: Orlando 94, Detroit 88
Wednesday, April 29: Detroit 116, Orlando 109
Friday, May 1: Detroit 93, Orlando 79
Sunday, May 3: Detroit 116, Orlando 94
Philadelphia 4, Boston 3
Sunday, April 19: Boston 123, Philadelphia 91
Tuesday, April 21: Philadelphia 111, Boston 97
Friday, April 24: Boston 108, Philadelphia 100
Sunday, April 26: Boston 128, Philadelphia 96
Tuesday, April 28: Philadelphia 113, Boston 97
Thursday, April 30: Philadelphia 106, Boston 93
Saturday, May 2: Philadelphia 109, Boston 100
Cleveland 4, Toronto 3
Saturday, April 18: Cleveland 126, Toronto 113
Monday, April 20: Cleveland 115, Toronto 105
Thursday, April 23: Toronto 126, Cleveland 104
Sunday, April 26: Toronto 93, Cleveland 89
Wednesday, April 29: Cleveland 125, Toronto 120
Friday, May 1: Toronto 112, Cleveland 110, OT
Sunday, May 3: Cleveland 114, Toronto 102
Western Conference
L.A. Lakers 4, Houston 2
Saturday, April 18: L.A. Lakers 107, Houston 98
Tuesday, April 21: L.A. Lakers 101, Houston 94
Friday, April 24: L.A. Lakers 112, Houston 108, OT
Sunday, April 26: Houston 115, L.A. Lakers 96
Wednesday, April 29: Houston 99, L.A. Lakers 93
Friday, May 1: L.A. Lakers 98, Houston 78
Minnesota 4, Denver 2
Saturday, April 18: Denver 116, Minnesota 105
Monday, April 20: Minnesota 119, Denver 114
Thursday, April 23: Minnesota 113, Denver 96
Saturday, April 25: Minnesota 112, Denver 96
Monday, April 27: Denver 125, Minnesota 113
Thursday, April 30: Minnesota 110, Denver 98
Oklahoma City 4, Phoenix 0
Sunday, April 19: Oklahoma City 119, Phoenix 84
Wednesday, April 22: Oklahoma City 120, Phoenix 107
Saturday, April 25: Oklahoma City 121, Phoenix 109
Monday, April 27: Oklahoma City 131, Phoenix 122
San Antonio 4, Portland 1
Sunday, April 19: San Antonio 111, Portland 98
Tuesday, April 21: Portland 106, San Antonio 103
Friday, April 24: San Antonio 120, Portland 108
Sunday, April 26: San Antonio 114, Portland 93
Tuesday, April 28: San Antonio 114, Portland 95
SECOND ROUND
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
Eastern Conference
Cleveland 4, Detroit 3
Tuesday, May 5: Detroit 111, Cleveland 101
Thursday, May 7: Detroit 107, Cleveland 97
Saturday, May 9: Cleveland 116, Detroit 109
Monday, May 11: Cleveland 112, Detroit 103
Wednesday, May 13: Cleveland 117, Detroit 113, OT
Friday, May 15: Detroit 115, Cleveland 94
Sunday, May 17: Cleveland 125, Detroit 94
New York 4, Philadelphia 0
Monday, May 4: New York 137, Philadelphia 98
Wednesday, May 6: New York 108, Philadelphia 102
Friday, May 8: New York 108, Philadelphia 94
Sunday, May 10: New York 144, Philadelphia 114
Western Conference
Oklahoma City 4, L.A. Lakers 0
Tuesday, May 5: Oklahoma City 108, L.A. Lakers 90
Thursday, May 7: Oklahoma City 125, L.A. Lakers 107
Saturday, May 9: Oklahoma City 131, L.A. Lakers 108
Monday, May 11: Oklahoma City 115, L.A. Lakers 110
San Antonio 4, Minnesota 2
Monday, May 4: Minnesota 104, San Antonio 102
Wednesday, May 6: San Antonio 133, Minnesota 95
Friday, May 8: San Antonio 115, Minnesota 108
Sunday, May 10: Minnesota 114, San Antonio 109
Tuesday, May 12: San Antonio 126, Minnesota 97
Friday, May 15: San Antonio 139, Minnesota 109
CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
Eastern Conference
New York 2, Cleveland 0
Tuesday, May 19: New York 115, Cleveland 104, OT
Thursday, May 21: New York 109, Cleveland 93
Saturday, May 23: New York at Cleveland, 8 p.m.
Monday, May 25: New York at Cleveland, 8 p.m.
x-Wednesday, May 27: Cleveland at New York, TBA
x-Friday, May 29: New York at Cleveland, TBA
x-Sunday, May 31: Cleveland at New York, TBA
Western Conference
Oklahoma City 1, San Antonio 1
Monday, May 18: San Antonio 122, Oklahoma City 115, 2OT
Wednesday, May 20: Oklahoma City 122, San Antonio 113
Friday, May 22: Oklahoma City at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 24: Oklahoma City at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
Tuesday, May 26: San Antonio at Oklahoma City, 8:30 p.m.
x-Thursday, May 28: Oklahoma City at San Antonio, TBA
x-Saturday, May 30: San Antonio at Oklahoma City, TBA
FINALS
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
TBD vs. TBD
Wednesday, June 3: Team TBD at Team TBD, 8:30 p.m.
Friday, June 5: Team TBD at Team TBD, 8:30 p.m.
Monday, June 8: Team TBD at Team TBD, 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, June 10: Team TBD at Team TBD, 8:30 p.m.
x-Saturday, June 13: Team TBD at Team TBD, TBA
x-Tuesday, June 16: Team TBD at Team TBD, TBA
x-Friday, June 19: Team TBD at Team TBD, TBA

BULLETIN BOARD

CAMPS/CLINICS

Holy Redeemer Boys Basketball Camp will be held June 15-17 from 5-8 p.m. at Holy Redeemer High School. Camp is for boys in grades 4-9. Fee is $90. Email holyredeemerboysbasketball@gmail.com for more info.

LCCC Trailblazers Summer Basketball Camp, led by coach Ron Strothers, will be held June 22-26 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. The camp is open to boys and girls in grades 5-8 and is designed for players of all skill levels. Cost is $100. The camp includes skill development drills; shooting, passing and ball handling instruction; 1-on-1 and 3-on-3 competitions; hot shot and knock-out contests; and a camp T-shirt and refreshments. Register online at luzerne.edu/micro/details.jsp?c=42.

Volleyball Skills Camp at Holy Redeemer will be held from July 6-10. Open to all area volleyball players, led by camp director Joshua Rocha, coach John Kablick Sr. and the Holy Redeemer staff. Morning sessions run from 9 a.m.-noon for incoming fifth through ninth graders. Afternoon sessions run from 1-5 p.m. for incoming 10th through 12th graders. Boys and girls awards for both sessions will be give to camp MVP and for passing, setting and hitting. Camp fee is $90 per camper which includes a camp T-shirt. For more info or to be a camp sponsor, contact coach Jack Kablick (570-472-7323), Bob Shuleski (570-357-7784). To receive a registration form, email bob@boysvb.com.

MMI Boys Basketball Camp will be held from July 13-17 from 9 a.m. to noon under the direction of MMI Prep boys basketball head coach Joe Flanagan. The camp is open to boys going into grades 2-9. The camp will focus on skill development and individual and team competitions. The camp cost is $100.00, and all campers will receive a T-shirt. Awards will be given in all divisions. To register or for more information, contact Joe Flanagan 570-814-1350.

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ON THIS DATE

May 23

1876 — Joe Borden of Boston pitches the first no-hitter in NL history.

1884 — Knight of Ellersie, ridden by S. Fischer, wins the two-horse Preakness Stakes by two lengths over Welcher.

1922 — Future World Heavyweight boxing champion Gene Tunney suffers his only professional defeat in 15-round unanimous points decision against Harry Greb at Madison Square Garden, N.Y.

1935 — The first major league night game, scheduled for Cincinnati, is postponed because of rain.

1936 — Rushaway, ridden by John Longden, wins his second derby in as many days, taking the 1 1/4-mile Latonia Derby at Latonia in Covington, Ky. Rushaway had won the 1 1/8-mile Illinois Derby, run at Aurora, Ill., the previous day.

1941 — In his 20th World Heavyweight Boxing title defense Joe Louis knocks out Buddy Baer in round 1 at New York's Madison Square Garden.

Dallas, WBA, Hazleton, Sem baseball reach D2 finals

Times Leader

Dallas managed just two hits in Friday's district semifinals at Wallenpaupack. Both of them were home runs.

Nick Bednar's complete game gem on the mound ensured that would be just enough to put the Mountaineers in the title game.

Brady Youngblood and Peyton VanValkenburgh both connected for solo shots as Dallas broke a tie in the seventh inning to edge host Wallenpaupack 2-1 in the District 2 Class 5A baseball semifinals.

That was all the offense Bednar needed as the junior allowed one run on three hits and two walks while striking out 10 for the win. It was a terrific duel between Bednar and Paupack's Cameron Lynch, who also struck out 10 without a walk.

Third-seeded Dallas led 1-0 on its first blast in the second inning. The No. 2 Buckhorns tied it up in the bottom of the fifth on an RBI double by Greg Van Gorder.

The Mountaineers advanced to the championship game on Thursday against No. 1 Pittston Area, which won both matchups in the regular season.

Wilkes-Barre Area 5, Williamsport 2

Two postseason games and 20 innings later, the Wolfpack are headed to the district finals.

Wilkes-Barre Area ended a losing skid with an 11-inning victory over Scranton in the quarterfinals before making the long trip out to Williamsport and coming home with a nine-inning win in the District 2/4 Class 6A semifinals.

This time the Wolfpack trailed 2-1 heading into the seventh before tying it up and then breaking through with three runs in the top of the ninth to knock out the District 4 Millionaires, the top seed in the subregional.

Nathan Fritz came through in a big way for No. 4 WBA, lasting 8.2 innings on the mound, striking out three while scattering eight hits and three walks. Though the Millionaires racked up six extra-base hits, they managed just two runs against Fritz.

With Fritz's pitch count topping 100, Ben Thomas had to come on to get the final out. After allowing two walks, Thomas escaped the jam with a strikeout to send the Wolfpack to Thursday's title game against Hazleton Area.

Fritz also delivered at the plate, going 2-for-5 with a double and two RBI. Alex Hufford had the team's other RBI and Jacob Chupka added a pair of singles.

Hazleton Area 8, Wyoming Valley West 0

Fred Corrado and Jack Esposito combined on a four-hit shutout for the second-seeded Cougars in the District 2/4 Class 6A semifinals.

Corrado struck out nine in 5.1 innings and Esposito fanned two more without allowing a hit while getting the final five outs.

At the plate, Jeudi Hidalgo homered and drove in two runs while Nick Cunniffe finished 3-for-3 with a pair of doubles.

Chris Knelly, Mason Eckert, Corrado and Anthony Masias all had a hit and an RBI apiece.

The No. 3 Spartans were led by Evan Harchar and Max Mylet, both of whom had two singles.

Wyoming Seminary 6, Holy Redeemer 3

Trailing by two entering the seventh inning, the Blue Knights exploded for five runs to knock off top-seeded Holy Redeemer in the District 2 Class 2A semifinals.

The Blue Knights advanced to next Friday's championship game against Elk Lake.

Holy Redeemer opened up a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first before Sem could record an out. The Blue Knights made a quick pitching change, and it paid off big.

Caleb Aponick took over and ended up throwing all seven innings, allowing just one run on four hits with four strikeouts and a walk. He also added a hit and an RBI at the plate.

The Royals held the Blue Knights scoreless through five innings and led 3-0 before Sem broke through with a run in the sixth. Sem stayed patient at the plate throughout the afternoon, drawing 11 walks. Neiko Ravaioli had three of them while adding a double and an RBI.

Ravaioli, George Rolland, Leo Nockley, Ryan Finlay (double) and Aponick all contributed to the rally with a hit and an RBI apiece.

Dominic Marranca had the lone RBI for the Royals, who took advantage of three Seminary errors. Marranca, Cody Quaglia, Sam Shovlin and Noah Hummel all singled for Redeemer.

Mid Valley 12, Crestwood 4

Nick Mills was 3-for-5 with a homer and three RBI as Mid Valley ended Crestwood's season with a win in the District 2 Class 4A semifinals.

Mid Valley will play Wyoming Area for the championship on Friday.

Jaxon Fedak led Crestwood as he was 2-for-3 with a home run and three RBI. Miles McShea had a solo homer.

Mid Valley's Joey Romansky finished 4-for-4 and scored all four times he reached base. Nick Hricenak and Cooper Lukasavage each had two RBI.

Lukasavage picked up the win, tossing six innings and striking out five.

SOFTBALL
Dunmore 8, Holy Redeemer 7

Dunmore scored six times in the third inning and then held off rally attempts by Holy Redeemer to post a win in the District 2 Class 2A semifinals.

The six runs gave the Bucks a 8-1 lead. Redeemer scored three times in the fourth and added three more runs in the fifth.

Jackie Brown led the Dunmore offense, going 2-for-3 with a triple and two RBI. Rachel Walsh was 2-for-3 with two RBI.

BASEBALL
District 2 Class 5A Semifinals
Dallas 2, Wallenpaupack 1

Dallas	AB	R	H	BI
Healey ss	3	0	0	0
Zangardi cf	3	0	0	0
Youngblood c	3	1	1	1
Rischawy lf	3	0	0	0
VanValkenburgh 2b	3	1	1	1
Pietraccini 1b	3	0	0	0
Scatton 3b	1	0	0	0
Chapman	1	0	0	0
Viglone dh	2	0	0	0
Osipower rf	2	0	0	0
Totals	**24**	**2**	**2**	**2**
Wallenpaupack	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**
Pittenger lf	2	0	0	0
Lynch p	3	0	0	0
Blaum c	3	0	0	0
Kiersted 1b	2	0	1	0
Klikus 1b	0	1	0	0
Miller rf	3	0	0	0
Doty ss	3	0	1	0
VanGorder 2b	3	0	1	1
Anderson 3b	3	0	0	0
Caurso cf	2	0	0	0
DeFeo	1	0	0	0
Totals	**25**	**1**	**3**	**1**
Dallas	**010**	**000**	**1 — 2**	
Wallenpaupack	**000**	**010**	**0 — 1**	

2B — VanGorder; HR — Youngblood, VanValkenburgh

Dallas	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Bednar (W)	7.0	3	1	1	2	10
Paupack	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**
Lynch (L)	6.2	2	2	2	0	10
Kiersted	0.1	0	0	0	0	0

District 2/4 Class 6A Semifinals
Wilkes-Barre Area 5, Williamsport 2 (9 inn.)

Wilkes-Barre Area	AB	R	H	BI
Davies cf	5	0	1	0
Hufford 2b	3	2	1	1
Howe ss	3	1	1	0
Nah dh	3	0	0	0
Thomas 3b	0	0	0	0
Daugherty 1b	3	1	0	0
Fritz p	5	0	2	2
Flowers c	4	0	0	0
Stahovic lf	3	0	0	0
Chupka rf	3	1	2	0
Kapelan 3b	0	0	0	0
Totals	**32**	**5**	**7**	**3**
Williamsport	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**
Naughton ss	4	0	1	0
D.White rf	4	1	2	0
Rogers lf	3	0	0	1
Deitrick p	5	0	0	0
G.White cf	4	1	2	0
Damschroder lf	3	0	1	1
Spangler 1b	4	0	0	0
J.March c	3	0	1	0
C.March 2b	4	0	1	0
Hill cr	0	0	0	0
Totals	**34**	**2**	**8**	**2**
Wilkes-Barre Area	**001**	**000**	**103 — 5**	
Williamsport	**001**	**100**	**000 — 2**	

2B — Fritz, J.March, White, C.March, Naughton; 3B — D.White, G.White

Wilkes-Barre Area	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Fritz (W)	8.2	8	2	2	3	3
Thomas (S)	0.1	0	0	0	2	1
Williamsport	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**
Deitrick	3.0	2	1	1	5	0
Damschroder (L)	6.0	5	4	2	3	5

District 2/4 Class 6A Semifinals
Hazleton Area 8, Wyoming Valley West 0

Valley West	AB	R	H	BI
Harchar lf	4	0	2	0
Rivers ss	2	0	0	0
Eastman 3b	1	0	0	0
Mylet rf	3	0	2	0
Fetko cf	3	0	0	0
Lehman dh	3	0	0	0
Deats	2	0	0	0
Ragukas 1b	3	0	0	0
Craig 2b	3	0	0	0
Totals	**24**	**0**	**4**	**0**
Hazleton Area	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**
Hearity ss	3	2	0	1
Knelly c	4	1	1	1
Marino dh	3	1	0	1
Hidalgo 3b	3	2	2	2
Eckert 1b	4	0	1	1
Corrado p	2	0	1	1
Rinker cf	3	0	0	0
Cunniffe rf	3	1	3	0
Spare lf	0	1	0	0
Masias 2b	1	0	1	1
Totals	**26**	**8**	**9**	**8**
Valley West	**000**	**000**	**0 — 0**	
Hazleton Area	**300**	**104**	**x — 8**	

2B — Cunniffe 2; HR — Hidalgo

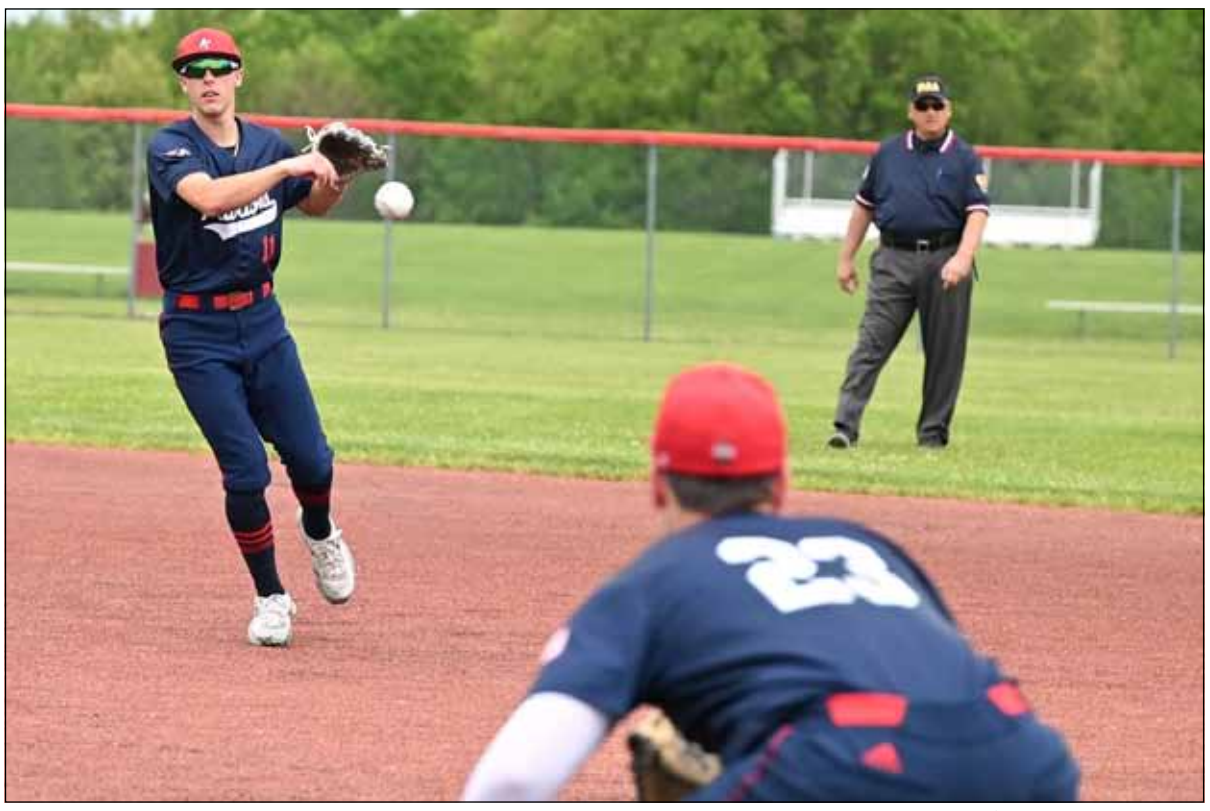
Valley West	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Dubaskas (L)	5.0	6	4	3	2	4
Klem	1.0	3	4	4	0	0
Hazleton Area	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**
Corrado (W)	5.1	4	0	0	4	9
Esposito	1.2	0	0	0	0	2

District 2 Class 2A Semifinals
Wyoming Seminary 6, Holy Redeemer 3

Wyo. Seminary	AB	R	H	BI
Rolland lf	3	0	1	1
Nockley ss	2	1	1	1
Ravaioli 3b	2	1	1	1
HansonRichart 1b	4	0	0	0
Comitz p	3	1	0	0
Weinberger 2b	3	1	0	0
Finlay rf	2	1	1	1
Aponick cf	3	1	1	1
Stevenson c	3	0	0	1
Totals	**25**	**6**	**5**	**6**
Holy Redeemer	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**
Quaglia p	3	2	1	0
Marranca ss	1	1	1	1
Gordon 1b	3	0	0	0
Cruz cf	3	0	0	0
Shovlin lf	3	0	1	0
Hummel dh	3	0	1	0
Hossage 3b	3	0	0	0
Dunsmuir c	3	0	0	0
Yakimowicz rf	3	0	0	0
Totals	**25**	**3**	**4**	**1**
Wyo. Seminary	**000**	**001**	**5 — 6**	
Holy Redeemer	**201**	**000**	**0 — 3**	

2B — Ravaioli, Finlay

Wyo. Seminary	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Comitz	0+	0	2	1	1	0
Aponick (W)	7.0	4	1	1	1	4
Holy Redeemer	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**
Quaglia	5.0	1	0	0	6	5
Korus (L)	1.2	4	6	6	4	1
Marranca	0.1	0	0	0	1	0



Tony Callaio | For Times Leader

Pittston Area second baseman Zack Budzak (11) tosses to Gavin Wardecki (23) to get Abington Heights' Noah Kayal out at first.

Patriots

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He struck out five and surrendered two hits, both coming in the fourth when Abington scored its two runs.

"It's the same thing going on. Going out there and doing what I could," Barr said before he and his teammates bolted to get ready for the prom Friday night. "I let all the work I put in take over and I trust my guys behind me."

Top-seeded Pittston Area (18-3) will play third-seeded Dallas (16-6) for the championship on Thursday at a time and site to be determined. Pittston Area won the regular-season matchups 11-1 and 4-3.

Hopes were that Barr would be matched up against Abington pitcher Nick Bradley, who is headed to Auburn.

The two faced each other in the D2-5A championship game a year ago. Bradley, though, pitched in the quarterfinals and was ineligible to throw, so the Comets turned elsewhere.

Pittston Area had some early troubles against Abington starter Grayson Locker. The Patriots received an RBI single from Nick Innamorati in the second inning before an RBI double by Zach Budzak in the fourth knotted the score at 2-2.

The Pittston Area bats came alive in the fifth. Elijah Barr and Jacoby Harnen opened with singles.

Joshua Barr then brought home a run on a groundout. Dom Salvo and Gavin Wardecki followed with singles, with Wardecki's hit up the middle giving the Patriots a 4-2 lead. Wardecki finished 3-for-3.

The Patriots tacked on two more runs in the sixth. Beau Widdick doubled and scored on two botched pickoff attempts. Harnen singled in the other run.

The bottom half of the batting order produced three of Pittston Area's five RBI and two of three doubles.

"I love every part of our order, to be honest with you," Pittston Area coach Paul Zaffuto said. "I don't think there's a weakness. When they try to go to sleep on our six-through-nine, our six-through-nine guys can make you hurt just like anybody else."

Barr retired nine of the first 10 batters he faced and 10 of the last 11, with both streaks interrupted by walks.

"He's phenomenal on the mound," Abington coach Bill Zalewski said. "He gets a lot of groundballs and they are very good defensively."

District 2 Class 5A Semifinals
Pittston Area 6, Abington Heights 2

Abington Hts.	AB	R	H	BI
Brown 2b	3	0	0	0
Bradley 3b	3	1	1	0
Gonzalez cf	2	1	0	0
Cottell c	3	0	0	0
Goldberg rf	2	0	1	1
Kayal lf	3	0	0	0
Patel 1b	3	0	0	0
Dougherty dh	2	0	0	0
Locker p	0	0	0	0
Moran cf	0	0	0	0
O'Malley p	0	0	0	0
Zalewski ss	2	0	0	0
Totals	**23**	**2**	**2**	**1**
Pittston Area	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**
Widdick ss	4	1	2	0
E.Barr p	2	0	1	0
Tonte cr	0	2	0	0
Harnen c	4	0	2	1
Bernardi cr	0	1	0	0
J.Barr dh	2	0	0	1
Rosencrance 3b	0	0	0	0
Salvo lf	4	0	1	0
Wardecki 1b	3	1	3	1
Bartorillo pr	0	1	0	0
Bradley rf	3	0	0	0
Budzak 2b	3	0	1	1
Innamorati 2b	3	0	1	1
Totals	**28**	**6**	**11**	**5**
Abington Heights	**000**	**200**	**0 — 2**	
Pittston Area	**010**	**122**	**x — 6**	

2B — Widdick, Wardecki, Budzak.

Abington Hts.	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Locker (L)	4.1	9	4	4	0	2
Gonzalez	1.1	2	2	1	1	0
O'Malley	0.2	0	0	0	1	0
Pittston Area	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**
Barr (W)	7	2	2	0	2	5

Warriors

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steal a base or take an extra base when calculations say they shouldn't.

"The way that we play the game is we like to be aggressive," Wyoming Area coach Rob Lemoncelli said. "Whether it's bunting the ball and making the other team make a play, whether it's stealing off of the pitcher or we think we picked something up off the fielders where we can get a little bit extra, we're going to be aggressive, we're going to take a chance and we're going to make you beat us.

"We're not going to sit around and wait for the game to come to us."

It's been working as top-seeded Wyoming Area (19-3) heads to the championship game for the first time since 2022. The Warriors will play second-seeded Mid Valley (17-5). The game is tentatively scheduled for Friday, May 29, at a time and site to be announced. Mid Valley defeated Crestwood 12-4 in the other semifinal.

Fourth-seeded Hanover Area ended its season at 14-8, but made tremendous strides this year. The Hawkeyes more than quadrupled their win total from 2025.

"We went from 3-17 and I think tied for last place in the conference a year ago," Hanover Area coach Todd Kolbicka said. "We had five freshmen in the lineup last year and those guys have matured and come a long way in a short period of time and competed their rear ends off in a lot of good ball games."

Hanover Area took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first on an RBI single by Logan Richardson, one of three sophomore triplets in the lineup. Wyoming Area answered the run with an RBI double by Ben Rogish in the bottom of the frame.

Wyoming Area then to its unconventional attack to score four runs in the second to take a 5-1 advantage.

Alex Vacula walked to open the second and Tyler Smith replaced him as a courtesy runner. Zane Smith and Robbie Yatsko followed and both bunted their way aboard to load the bases. Langdon send everyone home with a double to deep left field.

Bruno Pizzano used a bunt single to move Langdon to third, where he scored on a sac fly by Mitchell Rusinchak.

Hanover Area got a run back in the third when Conor Richardson scored on a groundout. Wyoming Area also scored in the third. Zach Smith singled, stole second and scored on a double by Yatsko.

Ryan Nemshick took over on the mound in the fourth and shut down Hanover Area the rest of the way to pick up the win.

District 2 Class 4A Semifinals
Wyoming Area 6, Hanover Area 2

Hanover Area	AB	R	H	BI
Kolbicka ss	4	0	1	0
Bennett lf	4	0	0	0
C.Richardson rf	2	2	0	0
L.Richardson 3b	3	0	1	1
Peck 2b	2	0	0	1
Kratz p	3	0	0	0
Wright 1b	3	0	0	0
B.Richardson c	2	0	0	0
Martinez cf	2	0	0	0
Ross cr	0	0	0	0
Totals	**25**	**2**	**2**	**2**
Wyoming Area	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**
Favata 3b	4	0	0	0
Rusinchak lf	1	1	1	1
Snyder cf	2	0	0	0
Rogish rf	3	0	1	1
Vacula p	2	0	0	0
Z.Smith 1b	2	2	1	0
Yatsko ss	3	1	2	1
Langdon c	3	1	1	3
Pizzano 2b	3	0	1	0
T.Smith cr	0	1	0	0
Totals	**23**	**6**	**7**	**6**
Hanover Area	**101**	**000**	**0 — 2**	
Wyoming Area	**141**	**000**	**0 — 6**	

2B — Rogish, Yatsko, Langdon.

Hanover Area	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Kratz (L)	3.2	7	6	4	2	1
Peck	2.1	0	0	0	1	1
Wyoming Area	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**
Vacula	3	1	2	1	1	2
Nemshick (W)	4	1	0	0	1	4

SGA, bench fuel Thunder after slow start

By Raul Dominguez
The Associated Press



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Thunder center Chet Holmgren (7) hangs on the rim next to Spurs guard Stephon Castle after a dunk during the second half of Game 3 in the Western Conference Finals on Friday night.

SAN ANTONIO — Shai Gilgeous-Alexander had 26 points and 12 assists, and the Oklahoma City Thunder climbed out of a 15-point hole minutes into the game to beat the San Antonio Spurs 123-108 on Friday night and take a 2-1 lead in their series.

Jared McCain had 24 points and Jaylin Williams added 18 for Oklahoma City. The Thunder were without Jalen Williams, who sat out with left hamstring soreness.

Oklahoma City's bench outscored San Antonio's 76-23, including 15 points by Alex Caruso.

Victor Wembanyama had 24 points for San Antonio. Devin Vassell added 20 and De'Aaron Fox had 15 in his series debut.

The Thunder have won two straight after the Spurs' double-overtime victory in Game 1.

Fox (sprained right ankle) and Dylan Harper (right adductor soreness) were cleared to play 45 minutes prior to tipoff.

Fox's return sparked a historic start. The Spurs raced to a 15-0 lead, the longest run to open a game in the conference finals since the play-by-play era began in 1997. Fox opened the run by wrapping in a driving layup and Wembanyama followed by crossing over Isaiah Hartenstein to drill a 3-pointer. Vassell's 3-pointer put the Spurs up 10-0, leading to an early timeout by Thunder coach Mark Daigneault.

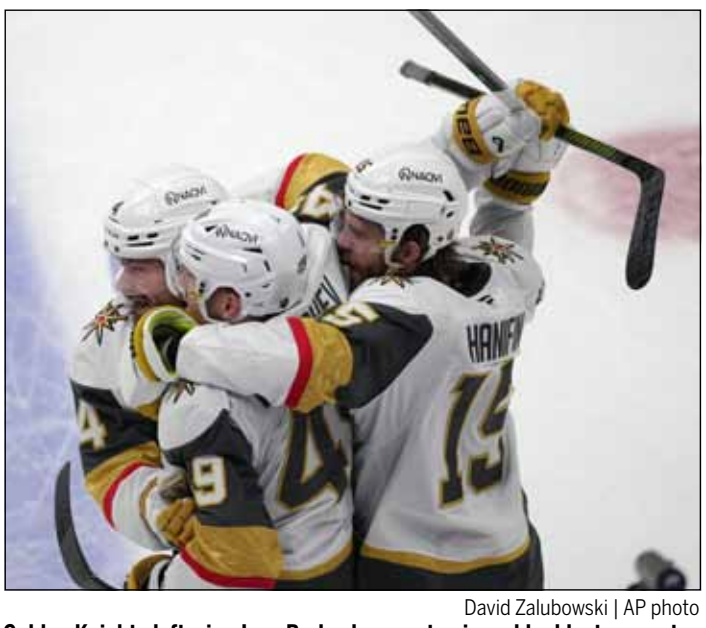
Hartenstein broke the drought with a runner over Wembanyama, but the center was immediately greeted with thunderous boos after his physical play against the Spurs in Game 2. The Thunder went on a 13-2 run when Wembanyama went to the bench and closed the first quarter trailing 31-26. It was a pattern the Spurs could not overcome.

The series continued to be chippy with emotions boiling over early in the second half. Stephon Castle hit the court on back-to-back dunk attempts. The second resulted in a flagrant 1 foul against Ajay Mitchell and technical fouls on Mitchell and Vassell after the two exchanged words following the foul.

Back-to-back 3-pointers by Gilgeous-Alexander and Williams extended Oklahoma City's lead to 35-31.

Vegas' quick strikes stun Avs for 2-0 lead

By Pat Graham
AP Sports Writer



David Zalubowski | AP photo

Golden Knights left wing Ivan Barbashev, center, is mobbed by teammates after scoring in the third period on Friday.

DENVER — Jack Eichel and Ivan Barbashev scored in a 2:07 span in the third period and the Vegas Golden Knights stunned the Colorado Avalanche 3-1 on Friday night to take a 2-0 lead in the Western Conference Final.

Eichel tied it, then set up Barbashev for the go-ahead goal with 8:38 remaining. Barbashev added an empty-netter with 1:03 remaining. The comeback stunned the capacity crowd and wiped out the top-seeded Avalanche's 1-0 lead.

By winning twice at Ball Arena, the Golden Knights put the Avalanche in a huge hole. Since 1982, road teams that started 2-0 in the conference finals have a 13-0 series record.

Carter Hart had another stellar performance, stopping 29 shots. He made 36 saves in a 4-2 win on Wednesday.

Colorado was cruising after Ross Colton opened the scoring in the first period.

Eichel lined a shot past Scott Wedgewood for his first goal in 11 games to get Vegas on the board. The Golden Knights then took advantage of a turnover as Eichel sent a pass to Barbashev, who rang in a shot off the post.

Game 3 is Sunday in Las Vegas

The Avalanche are hoping to have star defenseman Cale Makar back in the lineup. He has missed the last two games because of an upper-body injury.

Before the Golden Knights' rally, the Avalanche were 45-0-0 when leading after two periods in the regular season and playoffs combined.

Vegas struggled on the power play, going 0 of 4. The team also saw defenseman Brayden McNabb limp to the locker room in the first period soon after taking a check along the boards. He returned for the third period.

Avalanche defenseman Josh Manson briefly left late in the second period after delivering a check on Barbashev and then ramming his face into the boards.

Wedgewood had 22 saves.

Track

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Elk Lake ended the first day in third place in the Class 2A boys team standings after fourth-place finishes by Jones in the 1600 run and Brody Crisman in the high jump. Jones will attempt to add more medals in the 3200, 800 and 3200 relay Saturday. Teammate Cody Adams added an eighth-place finish in the 1600 with a time of 4:17.81 compared to 4:14.76 by Jones.

Yannone qualified for the finals in both Class 2A boys hurdles events with the day's second-best time in the 110 high hurdles and fourth-best in the 300 hurdles. Dunmore already got points from Carter Sload, with a tie for fifth in the high jump, and Josh Dudick, with an eighth-place finish in the long jump.

The top eight finishers in each event earned state medals and team points.

Baran had the second-best opening jump in the 28-competitor field, behind only eventual champion Hannah Owulade from Altoona. She exceeded 37 feet on five of six attempts and can within a quarter inch of that distance on her other try.

Leonard's 100 time of 10.58 was second to only Blue Mountain's Chase Guers, who posted a time of 10.52.

He ran a time of 21.54 in the 200, also the second-fastest, but technically putting him fifth among qualifiers because he was second in his heat, even though he beat the time of the three other heat winners.

Matthew Gregory from Owen J. Roberts, the fourth seed in the 100 final, was the fastest qualifier in 21.45. Guers is again a threat after winning his heat in 21.58.

East Stroudsburg North leads the Unified Champion Schools standings with 36 points. Wyoming Valley West has 31, followed by Lancaster McCaskey (26), Spring Grove (23), Warren (23), General McLane (20), Capa/Conroy 20, Downingtown East (20) and Valley View (19).

Unified track and field teams, part of a Special Olympics program, are made up of a proportional number of students with and without intellectual and developmental disabilities who practice and compete together as equal peers. Athletes are combined into divisions based on athletic ability.

The three UCS field events – long jump, mini javelin and shot put – were contested Friday with three individual track events and a 4x100 relay still to come on Saturday.

Raheem Blanton not only won his division of the long jump but had the best jump in the entire competition at 5.17 meters.

Chelsea Hummel, Lily Eckstein and Gavin Burridge each finished first in their mini javelin division for the Spartans.

Montrose's Sadie Jones finished third in the Class 2A girls javelin and Blue Ridge's Chance Davis was fourth in the Class 2A boys long jump.

CALDER CUP PLAYOFFS

ATLANTIC DIVISION FINALS
GAME 5 (Series tied, 2-2)
Springfield (32-32-6-2, 72 points)
at Penguins (46-17-7-2, 101 points)
6:05 p.m. today, Mohegan Arena

Notes: Wilkes-Barre/Scranton managed a split on a two-game trip to Springfield, but the Thunderbirds kept their season alive with their best showing of the series on Thursday night in Game 4. Georgii Romanov got the shutout, but the Penguins managed just 20 shots on goal. A similar showing in Game 5 will likely mean the end of their season. Dillon Dube has been a thorn in the Penguins' side, making a major impact in both Springfield wins in the series. Dube scored twice in the third period of Game 2 to send it to overtime, erasing a 3-0 lead for Wilkes-Barre/Scranton. He then got the first goal, the game-winner, on the power play in Game 4. For the Penguins, rookie Bill Zonnon has been a sparkplug, scoring in the first three games of the series, which happened to be the first three games of his pro career. WBS would very much like to avoid overtime as Springfield is 4-0 past regulation in the playoffs and closed out both Charlotte and Providence in OT to win those series. The winner will face either Cleveland or Toronto in the Eastern Conference Finals. The Monsters host the Marlies in another Game 5 on Sunday afternoon.

RailRiders lose in extra innings

Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders

The Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders lost a 6-5, 10-inning decision to the Lehigh Valley IronPigs on Friday night at Coca-Cola Park. Pinch runner Dylan Carlson scored on a two-out error in the bottom of the 10th to help the IronPigs level the IronRail Series at two wins apiece.

Scranton/Wilkes-Barre opened the scoring in the third. Kenedy Corona walked and advanced to third on a double by George Lombard Jr. A Seth Brown groundout plated Corona. Lombard crossed on a Bryse Wilson wild pitch for a 2-0 RailRiders lead.

Lehigh Valley responded in the bottom of the inning. Bryan De La Cruz's third home run of the series gave the IronPigs a short-lived 3-2 advantage.

Scranton/Wilkes-Barre quickly countered with two runs in the fourth when Lombard doubled with the bases loaded for a 4-3 edge.

The IronPigs regained the lead in the fifth. Carlos Lagrange hit Carter Kieboom with the bases full to tie the game. Christian Cairo worked a four-pitch walk to give Lehigh Valley a 5-4 lead.

Yanquiel Fernández tied the game at 5-5 with a solo home run in the seventh; the outfielder's fourth in the series and 13th of the year. Neither team could capitalize in the eighth or ninth, with the RailRiders leaving two on in both innings.

In the bottom of the 10th, Carlson scored the game-winning run when Cairo reached on a fielding error by Lombard.

Lagrange allowed the first five runs on seven hits over five innings with five strikeouts. After four innings of shutout relief from Yerry De Los Santos, Eric Reyzelman, and Danny Watson (3-2), the IronPigs tagged the unearned run on Watson in the loss.

Kirby Snead (1-0) garnered the win.

Lombard and Fernández had two hits each in the loss. Scranton/Wilkes-Barre went 2-for-15 with runners in scoring position and left 11 on base.

The RailRiders and IronPigs meet Saturday at 6:35 p.m. in Allentown. Elmer Rodriguez gets the call for Scranton/Wilkes-Barre against Chuck King and Lehigh Valley.

The RailRiders will be back at PNC Field on Tuesday to start a six-game series against the Worcester Red Sox.

Tennis

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The Blue Knights were felled by Cathedral Prep in the quarterfinals there, with Prep going on to win the state championship.

In the Class 3A state tournaments, Abington Heights went one-and-done in both the singles and doubles draws.

Comets freshman Prayush Mallaiah was defeated 6-4, 6-2 by Ethan Sun from Conestoga in the first round of the singles championships.

William Arp and Liam Farrell met a similar fate in the opening round of the Class 3A doubles tournament, falling 6-2, 6-0 to Frankie DeLucia and Vincent Strenge of Pennsbury.

Hart ends playoff shooting slump to help lead Knicks

By Brian Mahoney
AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK — Josh Hart is the closest thing to a comedian on a New York Knicks team that's been all business in these NBA playoffs.

There was nothing to laugh about Thursday night early in Game 2 of the Eastern Conference finals, when Hart missed three 3-pointers to continue a postseason shooting slump. His frustration was evident as he slammed the ball down a few times, and he wondered why what he was doing in practice wasn't showing up in the games.

"I'm just like, bro, it's not translating right now," Hart said, once he finished chewing a slice from the box of pizza he carried to his postgame news conference.

His teammates — particularly the ones who were also his teammates at Villanova — knew eventually it would.

"I know we joke around a lot about his practice habits, but he does work hard," Jalen Brunson said.

Hart broke out with five 3-pointers and scored a playoff career-high 26 points as the Knicks pulled away for a 109-93 victory over Cleveland to move two wins from their first NBA Finals appearance since 1999. He exited to a standing ovation, two nights after he was on the bench for nearly all of New York's comeback from a 22-point deficit in the fourth quarter.

Even with everything he does for the Knicks, it was hard to keep Hart on the court at that time. The Cavaliers, like a number of NBA teams, view the forward's outside shooting as one of the weaknesses in a potent lineup headlined by All-Stars Brunson and Karl-Anthony Towns, and assign their center to cover him. He realizes he will have room to shoot from outside, because opponents want him to.

Knowing that, Hart worked extra hard on his shot fundamentals leading into Game 2.

"When you have guys that are gamers, they do stuff that people don't think that they can do at any time," Knicks coach Mike Brown said. "And he knows the work that he puts in, we know the work that he puts in, and his confidence is not going to waver. He's going to put pressure on himself to take that next one and make that next one."

Hart was shooting only 26.7% behind the arc in the playoffs going into the game, so sagging off him is statistically a sound strategy — except Hart is not a player to be judged solely by the numbers.

"I'm never a huge analytics guy," Hart said. "At a certain point they're a lamppost to a drunk person. You can lean on them, but it won't get you home."

As Towns, seated next to him at the podium, removed his sunglasses to stare at Hart in bemusement, Hart explained that the quote belonged to Jay Wright, his coach at Villanova.

Hart, a couple years older than Brunson and Mikal Bridges, was the scorer late in his career with the Wildcats. After they won the 2016 NCAA championship, he averaged a career-high 18.7 points and shot 40.4% behind the arc and was the Big East player of the year as a senior.



Frank Franklin II | AP photo
Knicks wing Josh Hart (3) set a new career-high in the playoffs with 26 points in Thursday's Game 2 win over the Cavaliers in the Eastern Conference Finals.

Brunson is the dominant scorer now, while Hart's value to the Knicks is for the many other things he does. He's taken a large role in the defending of Cavs All-Star Donovan Mitchell, and his defensive rebounding, while standing only 6-foot-4, allows the Knicks to push the ball up the court quickly in transition.

"He's the perfect example for any basketball player who wants to learn how to truly impact the winning of a team and he does that at the highest level," Towns said. "What he does not only talent-wise but mentally for our team, when he goes out there, he's hustling, he's playing that hard, you feel like you've got to match his intensity."

And on nights like Thursday, Hart can punish teams that dare him to shoot. Just like he did two years ago in the first round, when he made the series-clinching 3-pointer against Philadelphia in Game 6.

So Brunson, who had a playoff career-high 14 assists in Game 2, will keep looking for him.

"I mean, I'm really not trying to look for him. He just happens to be open, so I give him the ball," Brunson said, with a smirk that resembled his sidekick. "I have the utmost confidence in him, watching the things he does and after practice with his routine and everything. He works hard."



Yuki Iwamura | AP photo
Josh Hart entered Game 2 shooting just 26.7% on 3-pointers in the playoffs before knocking down five from long range.

Cavaliers seek more from Mobley as series shifts to Cleveland

The Associated Press

If the Cleveland Cavaliers are going to dig out of another 2-0 playoff series deficit, they'll need Evan Mobley to be more aggressive.

Mobley had 10 points during the first quarter Thursday night against the New York Knicks. He added four points in the second quarter but was a nonfactor offensively in the second half, not taking a shot in the final two periods of the Cavaliers' 109-93 loss.

The Cavaliers are hoping for better production out of their fifth-year forward on Saturday night when the Eastern Conference Finals shift to Cleveland for Game 3.

"That's on all of us. We do have to get the ball in there more, I think we got away from our pick-and-roll a little bit more," Cavaliers guard James Harden said about Mobley not getting a shot.

Mobley is averaging 16.7 points during the playoffs, which is third on the Cavaliers. He leads the team in rebounds (8.3 per game) and blocked shots with 31.

Even though Mobley has had big games during this postseason run, he hasn't been a factor during critical moments in Cleveland's losses.

During the Knicks' 18-0 third-quarter run on Thursday night, the Cavs missed all seven shots, including four from beyond the arc.

"When I'm out there on the court, I'm just trying to make winning plays. Early on, the best decision was me shooting the open ones, and they kept leaving me open, so I kept shooting it, and they closed that gap and started driving it," Mobley said after Thursday's game. "They kept collapsing, so I kicked it to the open man. We just didn't knock 'em all down. So I feel like we said the process was right. I could have been selfish on a few of them, but I think I made the right decision 95% of the time tonight. So you got to live with that and keep it moving."

Mobley's best play Thursday night came late in the first quarter, when he drove the baseline and finished with a reverse left-handed dunk.

He had 15 points, 14 rebounds, three assists and three blocked shots in Game 1, when the Knicks rallied from a 22-point deficit in the fourth quarter to win 115-104 in overtime. He also has at least two blocked shots in nine straight games, the second-longest streak in franchise postseason history.



Seth Wenig | AP photo
The Cavaliers' Evan Mobley, right, drives past the Knicks' Karl-Anthony Towns during the first half of Game 1.

Mobley isn't the only Cavs big man who needs to turn it up. Jarrett Allen has a 57.1% accuracy rate from the foul line after making 70.9% during the regular season.

He isn't the only one struggling with free throws. The Cavaliers are 38 of 55 (69.1%) from the line during the first two games.

Coach Kenny Atkinson said his team has to do a better job of executing pick-and-roll plays.

"Sometimes I feel like we can just go set the pick, stop waiting for a play, stop waiting for somebody to call us up, and just run the offense from ourselves, not necessarily taking the ball and bringing it up the court, but initiating the offense by just going and setting a screen out of the blue," Allen said of the adjustments he and Mobley could make. Cleveland is trying to become the second team to complete a comeback from a 2-0 deficit in a second postseason series. The Milwaukee Bucks did it in the second round and the NBA Finals in 2021 to win their first title in 50 years.

The Cavaliers are 6-1 at home during the postseason and a league-best 19-4 as the host team since Jan. 23.

"I mean, we're in the same place as last round. So, the good thing is we've been here before," Mobley said. "It's nothing that we haven't fought through and prevailed. We've just got to win these next two at home and keep it moving."

MITCHELL AILING

Donovan Mitchell insists he is feeling good. Actually even better than that.

He had better be, or the Cavaliers are in trouble.

Questions about Mitchell's health persisted after a second straight loss to the Knicks, and Mitchell twice this week has been asked if he's playing through any sort of injury.

"I'm great," he said. "Great. Great."

It's the same word Cleveland's leading scorer used after Game 1, when he scuffled down the stretch as part of a collapse from a 22-point lead to a crushing loss. In Game 2, Mitchell at least showed some signs of progress.

At halftime, Atkinson agreed with the idea that Mitchell was lacking the usual burst on his lift. After scoring just seven points in the first half, Mitchell had 19 in the second to finish with 26.

"After halftime, I thought he was moving well.," Atkinson said. "Donovan, he's not complaining about it to me. I did see him trying to work through it — probably some stiffness. But I asked him if he wanted to come out in the fourth quarter and he's like, 'I'm fine,' so I think he's fine."

The deficit is not fine and dandy for the Cavaliers, though it is one they are accustomed to overcoming. They trailed Detroit by this same margin last round before winning the series in seven games.

"This isn't our first time at it," Mitchell said. "This isn't our first time facing adversity. We've been through two Game 7s, so being down 2-0 is not the biggest challenge."

There are plenty of big challenges in the East finals, including how to slow down New York's one-two punch of Jalen Brunson and Josh Hart and not let either take over. Then add in self-inflicted issues, like Cleveland getting to the free-throw line 32 times but missing 10 of those attempts in a game that got closer at times than the final 109-93 score indicates.

The Cavs made just 37% of their shots from the floor, too, and were 9 of 35 from 3-point range. That's not exactly a winning recipe in the playoffs or any time.

"It wasn't a great shooting night," Atkinson said. "At the end of the day, you've got to put the ball in the hole. Tonight, we didn't."

Game 3 on Saturday night will be Cleveland's seventh over a 13-day period, facing an opponent that swept through last round and has what Atkinson calls a "massive rest advantage." Center Jarrett Allen acknowledged fatigue may be playing a role but didn't want to use it as an excuse for falling behind in the series.

Mitchell is having none of that talk whatsoever.

"We're not tired," Mitchell said. "We're not tired. We're ready to go for Game 3."

Canadiens look at home on the road entering Game 2

By Aaron Beard
AP Sports Writer

RALEIGH, N.C. — The Montreal Canadiens have shown neither fear nor hesitation when playing on the road in the NHL playoffs.

That approach carried a young, skilled team through a pair of Game 7 road wins to reach the Eastern Conference Final.

Then it had them get the jump on a Carolina Hurricanes team coming off a long layoff after sweeping through the first two postseason rounds to open the third round.

Montreal is 7-2 on the road in the postseason entering Saturday night's Game 2, defying the gravity that typically comes with playing in front of hostile crowds and facing against an opponent's preferred matchups.

"I don't know, it's a good question," Canadiens forward Josh Anderson said Friday when asked to explain the team's road success. "Maybe less thinking and you want to calm the storm a little bit. I think on the road our starts have been pretty good and we're well organized. We just play the right way and I think we play to our identity. ... I think we always find a way to try to gain the momentum back."

The Canadiens went 3-1 on the road in their series as the upstart against both Tampa Bay and Buffalo, then beat Carolina 6-2 for the Hurricanes' first postseason loss after their 8-0 start to the playoffs.

Along the way, the Canadiens have scored first in five of nine road games, led at the first intermission in six, never trailed in four and led entering the third period in the past four straight.

They've also proven capable of handling adversity in those tests, from surviving the Game 7 against the Lightning with only nine shots on goal to scoring four unanswered goals that turned a 3-2 deficit in Game 5 at Buffalo into a 6-3 win.

Or, in Thursday's case, it was seizing it from the opening minutes against the Eastern Conference's top seed. Montreal regrouped from giving up a goal just 33 seconds into the game by scoring four times by midway through the opening period.

Afterward, coach Martin St. Louis pointed to confidence coming from a regular season where the Canadiens tied for second in the league with 56 road points.

"You've got to trust that the guys can just, like I always say, play the game that's in front of them,



Karl DeBlaker | AP photo

Canadiens defenseman Mike Matheson takes out Hurricanes forward Taylor Hall (71) in front of goaltender Jakub Dobes during Thursday night's Eastern Conference Final opener.



Karl DeBlaker | AP photo

Alexandre Carrier and the Canadiens handed the Hurricanes their first loss of the playoffs on Thursday and will go for another road win on Saturday.

understanding who's on the other side, who's on the ice while that's happening," St. Louis said Thursday night. "Young players, they love to have these offensive touches. And I think sometimes it's just not what the game's giving you right now. You've got to defend."

That approach worked perfectly Thursday. The Canadiens jumped on the Hurricanes as they emerged from the longest playoff break (11 days) in more than a century. They confidently moved the puck out of trouble against Carolina's aggressive pressure and capitalized on Hurricanes breakdowns with a quick succession of clean breakouts and breakaway chances.

And that spry start came even after the Hurricanes scored just 33 seconds into the game, signaling a fast start that turned out to be merely a mirage.

"One team looked like an Eastern Conference Final team," Hurricanes forward Taylor Hall said Friday, "and the other didn't."

That left coach Rod Brind'Amour saying after Thursday's game he figured the only thing the team could do was toss the result as a one-off considering how out of character the Hurricanes looked in repeatedly giving up so many high-danger chances.

"Obviously they're battle-tested right now. But we feel that a lot of that was self-inflicted," Hall said.

The Hurricanes are in the postseason for the eighth straight year and this is their third trip to the Eastern Conference Final in four seasons. But they're now 1-13 in those games during this run under Brind'Amour to create what has become an imposing obstacle for a team that regularly ranks among the league's best in the regular season.

The Hurricanes did a much better job in the second period of getting to their game of getting the puck into the offensive zone and staying there to pressure the Canadiens, all while minimizing the number of chances going the other way. But by then they were trying to recover from a 4-1 deficit.

"You have to play to it, we didn't play to it," Brind'Amour said of the team's preferred style. "I'd like to see how the result is when you play your game, and that was not what we did last night."

Spieth shoots 62 but has long climb at Byron Nelson after Kim's 60

By Schuyler Dixon
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McKINNEY, Texas — Jordan Spieth could only watch a year ago as good buddy Scottie Scheffler became the first of the two to win the CJ Cup Byron Nelson, the hometown event they both cherish.

Spieth is giving himself a chance to answer, although Si Woo Kim's flirtation with history while settling for a 60 left the three-time major winner with plenty of work to do.

Kim was in position for the 16th sub-60 round in PGA Tour history on Friday before a bogey on the final hole left him at 11 under for the day and 18-under 124 through 36 holes. Scheffler was among the players five shots behind the 30-year-old South Korean.

Spieth started his back nine — the front side of TPC Craig Ranch — with six consecutive birdies on the way to a 9-under 62 and was 12 under.

Spieth was one shot behind playing partner Sungjae Im, who aced the par-3 seventh moments after Spieth's sixth birdie in a row and finished his 61 with an eagle on the par-5 ninth. Im was tied with Scheffler, Japan's Kensei Hirata and Wyndham Clark, who matched Scheffler's 63.

A nearly $25 million renovation at the TPC Craig Ranch added bunkers and put plenty of contours in the greens. But a rainy Thursday and minimal wind left the Lanny Wadkins-led redesign as vulnerable as the course was the first five times it hosted the Nelson.

"I think the problem right now is that this is like the first time in the history of Dallas, Texas, that you'll have four or five days of very little east wind and soft conditions in May," Spieth said. "You get your normal what we had on Monday out here, that's how it's designed. I think it would show that it's significantly harder, but also fair."



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Jordan Spieth looks up as he walks from the 11th tee box at the CJ Cup Byron Nelson.

Tom Hoge shot 62 and Tony Finau had a 63 to join Spieth at 12 under, one stroke ahead of first-round leader Taylor Moore, who followed his opening 62 with a 69. Tyler Duncan and Keith Mitchell also were at 12 under after each shot 66.

Brooks Koepka, who opened with a 63 and is looking for his first victory since his return to the PGA Tour from LIV Golf, shot 69 while playing with Scheffler and Kim. He was eight shots back.

Spieth credited a par at No. 18 for setting up his birdie binge, which started with a 12-footer. He hit the first four fairways after struggling off the tee on his first nine, made a 12-footer at the par-3 fourth, a 4-footer on the par-5 fifth and capped the surge from 9 feet on the sixth.

After Spieth put his tee shot 29 feet right of a pin to the far left at No. 7, Im bounced his 222-yard shot between the fringe and the hole and watched it roll in, raising his arms and looking skyward after the ball dropped. The 28-year-old was tied for the lead at that point.

"That was one of the prettiest hole-in-ones I've ever seen," Spieth said. "Prettier than any one I ever made. There's only a few people that would land that left of it on purpose. He might be one of them."

Spieth's birdie run ended when his 29-footer at No. 7 came up about a foot short, while Im added another eagle with a 14-foot putt at the par-5 ninth. Spieth finished a bogey-free round with a birdie on No. 9. Im had a bogey and seven birdies to go along with his hole-in-one and eagle.

"I was hurting my head trying to figure out what our best ball was," Spieth said. "I think it was 57, which is pretty good."

Spieth, who contended on Sunday as a 16-year-old high schooler at his first Nelson in 2010, finished fourth a year ago when Scheffler won by eight at 31 under while tying the tour's 72-hole scoring record of 253.

The 32-year-old Spieth with 13 tour victories was actually worried about the cut line when he was 5 under at the turn. Then he went on to match his career best at the Nelson from the final round last year.

"Just a lot of it just comes down to knocking in putts," he said. "It's not a normal week, and it's fantastic. Now that our families have grown and stuff, you get the little kids coming out, and it makes it even better."

Scheffler kept himself in contention by playing a four-hole stretch in 5 under on the back nine, including a 45-foot eagle putt on the par-5 12th.

Hirata, a six-time Japan Golf Tour winner looking for his first PGA Tour victory, followed a 64 that included an eagle with a bogey-free 65. A short birdie putt on the ninth pulled him even with Im.

KIM'S ROUND TO REMEMBER

Kim put himself in position to break 60 with a curling 17-foot birdie putt from the fringe on the par-3 17th hole. It was his 12th birdie of the day, putting him at 12 under on the par-71 layout.

Kim was in the fairway on the 18th, but blasted his second shot over the green. His chip coming back stopped about 19 feet short of the hole, and his putt for par lacked pace and broke to the right for his only bogey of the day. Kim shot 11-under 60 for a five-shot lead at 18-under 124 after two rounds.

The 18th hole at Craig Ranch is a par 4 for the first time in the six Nelson tournaments it has hosted. A $25 million overhaul designed by Lanny Wadkins changed it from a par 5, and it has played as the hardest hole on the course through two rounds.

Most of the rest of the holes are as easy as they've been in the past — despite more bunkers along the fairways and contours on the greens. Part of the the reason is soft conditions from a rainy opening day and calm winds that aren't supposed to pick up on the weekend, either. Because of the rain on Thursday, players were still allowed to lift, clean and place their golf balls in the fairway.

Kim, playing with Scheffler and Koepka, took full advantage.

The four-time PGA Tour winner who lives in Dallas already had seven birdies through 10 holes when he put his 166-yard approach shot at the par-4 11th inside 3 feet.

Needing just one birdie over the final three holes for a 59, Kim missed by inches on the par-4 16th. Hopes dimmed with his tee shot on the stadium hole at 17, until he dazzled by far the biggest of any of the galleries on the course with a perfect putt.

"I hit it great and putted great," Kim said. "So everything was perfect, other than the last hole. I'll still take it. Sixty is hard, but I was a little bit of thinking about the 59 after I make that on 17. It was a little bit of like adrenaline."

Jim Furyk has the PGA Tour's 18-hole record with his 58 from the 2016 Travelers Championship at TPC River Highlands. A 59 has been recorded 14 times, including by Furyk and Scheffler, who shot his at TPC Boston in 2020. That was two years before the first of his 20 tour wins, and four major victories.

"I definitely wasn't going to tell him anything about his round today as we were out there," Scheffler said. "I would say it would definitely be in poor taste to remind somebody they're on 59 watch."

The 59 watch overshadowed Scheffler's 8-under 63, which included a stretch where he was 5 under over four holes with a 45-foot eagle putt.

Scheffler was five shots back in second place, tied at 13 under with Kim's fellow South Korean, Sungjae Im, Japan's Kensei Hirata and Wyndham Clark. Im aced the par-3 seventh and shot 61.

"I feel like, when you're watching somebody like Si Woo, especially when you're paired with him, just watching somebody birdie every hole and you feel like the tournament is getting further and further away from you," said Scheffler, who had a runaway eight-shot victory at his hometown Byron Nelson last year. "I think I did a good job of staying patient and not forcing things."

Kim said he chose a hard 6-iron over a 5-iron for the approach on 18, and said the chip might have been too clean because it had too much spin and stopped sooner than he hoped.

"Yeah, it was a tough shot," Kim said. "But I'll take it still — 60."

Busch evolved from villain into all-time driving great

By Mark Long
AP Sports Writer

Kyle Busch grew to expect — even appreciate — the boos.

The driver nicknamed Wild Thing, Outlaw, Rowdy and KFB over his 26-year NASCAR career was more comfortable than anyone might imagine with a checkered flag in one hand and fans jeering all around. He leaned into the villain role as the wins mounted — and boy did they — and even started encouraging his haters, trying to get the howling to a fever pitch before delivering his signature bow.

It was Busch at his best.

And it's the way he should be remembered.

The two-time Cup Series champion, who won more races than anyone across NASCAR's three national series, died Thursday at age 41. Tributes poured in, with many echoing the sentiment that racing had lost one of its fiercest competitors.

Busch was that — and so much more.

He was arguably the greatest driver of his generation, displaying unrivaled success. He notched a combined 234 wins — 63 in the top-tier Cup Series and another 171 in NASCAR's two feeder series, O'Reilly (102) and Trucks (69).

He was a devoted husband, a side that became public when he and wife Samantha chronicled their struggle to become parents and later founded the Bundle of Joy Fund, which is dedicated to advancing access to in vitro fertilization (IVF) care and providing support so others don't have to navigate infertility alone. The fund has raised more than $2 million and has celebrated the birth of 111 babies.

He was a loving father, who tirelessly tried to teach his 11-year-old son, Brexton, everything he could about racing and even sold his successful Truck Series team to help raise money to support his son's budding career.

He was even one of NASCAR's most popular — some would say polarizing — drivers thanks to his longtime M&M's sponsorship. Kids flocked to Busch and his colorful No. 18 Toyota at Joe Gibbs Racing.

Older fans might not have been as supportive, and it was evident every time Busch took the checkered flag and responded to booing with a mocking bow.

"This is a devastating loss and one that is hard for the NASCAR community to process. Kyle was a fierce competitor who demanded the very best from himself each time he put on the helmet," four-time Cup Series champion Jeff Gordon said. "As teammates, I saw firsthand the passion and intensity he brought to the sport every single day.

"He was a champion and a prolific racer who made a tremendous impact on NASCAR and was a lifelong advocate for all forms of motor sports. But beyond the track, he loved his family deeply and was incredibly proud of Samantha, Brexton and Lennix."

Busch had become sort of a sympathetic figure in recent years, a series champion in the worst slump of his career and a surefire Hall of Famer who never got to celebrate a Daytona 500 victory. Both skids bothered him, no doubt, the first more than the second.



Chuck Burton | AP file photo

Kyle Busch celebrates after winning the Coca-Cola 600 in 2018. He was set to race in the high-profile event again this weekend at Charlotte Motor Speedway before being hospitalized on Wednesday and his death on Thursday.

Busch's last Cup Series victory came at World Wide Technology Raceway in Illinois in 2023. Busch won three of the first 15 races that season, his first with Richard Childress Racing. RCR had built the Next Gen prototype, so the team had an early advantage with the new car.

But once everyone else caught up, Busch and RCR lagged behind. He was winless in his final 105 starts and changed crew chiefs twice this season while searching for a winning combination. The most trying part: Feeling like he was letting Brexton down week after week.

"It's no secret, right? And seeing my son and his passion that he has; he really is probably my biggest cheerleader," Busch said at Daytona International Speedway in February. "And he wants to see me run well. He wants to see me win races. He wants to celebrate in victory lane like he sees other drivers' kids being able to do.



Matt Slocum | AP file photo

Kyle Busch takes a bow with the checkered flag after winning the June 2021 Cup Series race at Pocono Raceway. It was Busch's fourth and final Cup victory at the Tricky Triangle.

"So there's nothing more that drives me every single weekend than seeing him see me and be proud of me."

Busch died after being hospitalized with a severe illness. It came three days before he was to compete in the Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte Motor Speedway. Busch was testing in the Chevrolet racing simulator in Concord, North Carolina, on Wednesday when he became unresponsive and was transported to a hospital in Charlotte, several people familiar with the situation told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because details have not been disclosed by Busch's team or family.

Busch's death came 11 days after he radioed his crew near the end of a Cup Series race at Watkins Glen and asked a doctor to give him a "shot" when he finished the race. Busch had been struggling with a sinus cold exacerbated by the intense G-forces and elevation changes at the New York road course, broadcasters said.

Busch finished that race eighth. He competed at Dover last weekend and — maybe fittingly — won his last Trucks Series start for Spire. He then finished 17th in the NASCAR All-Star race, his final event.

Busch stormed into the Cup Series in 2005 and won Rookie of the Year honors. He was at Hendrick Motorsports at the time, a job he was fired from to make room for Dale Earnhardt Jr.

His career, though, was as much defined by post-race fights, feuds with other drivers and outlandish behavior as all the trips to victory lane.

Nonetheless, Busch won championships in 2015 and 2019 for Joe Gibbs Racing. His first title came after he missed part of the season while recovering from two broken legs. He was let go from JGR in 2022 after losing his M&M's sponsor and with the team looking to make room for Ty Gibbs, the grandson of team owner Joe Gibbs.

Busch landed at RCR, where he ranked a disappointing 24th in Cup Series points after 12 races. But an indelible image was his final victory. And he celebrated that Truck Series win with two bows amid a scattering of boos.

"You take whatever you can get, man," Busch said. "You never know when the last one is going to be, so cherish them all — trust me."

RCR retiring No. 8 car until Busch's son is ready to take over

By Steve Reed
AP Sports Writer

CONCORD, N.C. — Richard Childress Racing is temporarily retiring Kyle Busch's No. 8 Cup Series car — at least until the late driver's 11-year-old son Brexton is ready to take over behind the wheel. RCR will run the No. 33 car on the Cup Series circuit beginning Sunday night at the Coca-Cola 600 and for the foreseeable future after the 41-year-old Busch died unexpectedly Thursday. The cause of death has not been released.

Austin Hill is scheduled to replace Busch, a two-time Cup Series champion, in the driver's seat at Charlotte Motor Speedway for NASCAR's longest race of the season.

Busch's son, Brexton, is already known for his racing exploits, having won the Tulsa Shootout Jr. Sprint Championship to earn his first career Golden Driller last year.

"Kyle Busch was instrumental in the design of RCR's stylized No. 8 and it has become synonymous with Kyle and an important symbol for his fans and the NASCAR industry," RCR said in a statement. "No one can carry it forward to the level that he did. The No. 8 is reserved and ready for Brexton Busch when he is ready to go NASCAR racing."

Brexton, a third-generation Busch driver, began his racing career in 2020 at 5 years old in the Beginner Box Stock division at Millbridge Speedway, a 1/6-mile dirt track in Salisbury, North Carolina, according to his website. He picked up his first victory at Mountain Creek Speedway a month later and has built on his racing resume since.

He won 48 races, earned 126 top-10s and 107 top-5's in multiple styles of race cars in 2024.

In 2001, when Dale Earnhardt was killed in a crash at the Daytona 500, RCR changed car numbers from the black No. 3 to the white No. 29. The No. 3 eventually returned for the 2014 season when owner Richard Childress' grandson Austin Dillon took over as the driver.



Derik Hamilton | AP file photo

Kyle Busch drove the No. 8 for Richard Childress Racing for the final time last Sunday at Dover. Austin Hill will take his spot as the driver, but Hill will drive the No. 33 instead.

Busch

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NASCAR CEO Steve O'Donnell addressed reporters at a news conference Friday but declined to answer any questions about the cause of death or any health problems that might have plagued Busch.

"We are 24 hours from getting a phone call and out of respect for the family, and they have asked for privacy, I am not going to address anything," O'Donnell said. "But transparency is something that we all believe in. So in due time I think that everyone will be comfortable with where things stand."

O'Donnnell talked at length about Busch's legacy, his rebellious nature and even his feuds with NASCAR, while calling him "an American badass."

"We certainly had our battles but I would give a lot of money to have a few more battles," O'Donnell said.

He joked about the time Busch pretended to be seriously hurt when NASCAR had ordered him to go to the infield care center after hitting the wall at Texas.

"He laid flat out on a pit cart, made fun of us," O'Donnell said. "I was mad at the time, but I look back and that was damn funny — and that was Kyle."

O'Donnell mentioned NASCAR might consider adding Busch to this year's list of Hall of Fame Class of 2027 inductees, which was determined earlier this week with Kevin Harvick, Jeff Burton and Larry Phillips being voted in.

The news of Busch's death sent shock waves across the motorsports world on one of racing's biggest weekends, which also features the Indianapolis 500.

The NHL's Carolina Hurricanes honored Busch with a moment of silence before Thursday night's Eastern Conference Finals game against the Montreal Canadiens.

Vice President JD Vance took to social media, saying "I had the opportunity to meet Kyle, one of NASCAR's greatest racers, on the campaign trail in 2024. Usha and I are praying for him and his family. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord."



Matt Kelley | AP photo

A flag is raised in honor of late driver Kyle Busch outside of Charlotte Motor Speedway on Friday.

Richard Childress Racing announced plans to suspend use of Busch's No. 8 Cup Series car until his 11-year-old son, Brexton, is old enough to begin NASCAR racing.

Gloomy, gray skies hung over the track on an unseasonably cool day in Concord, which seemed a fitting background for the in memoriam photo of Busch on the videoboard.

Christopher Bell was among the drivers planning to run in the NASCAR Trucks Series race on Friday night, one that Busch had been scheduled to compete in. Busch won last week's Trucks race at Dover — the final win of his career — giving him 234 victories across NASCAR's three national series, the most of any driver.

"It's going to be very strange to be out there without Kyle in the field," Bell said. "It's going to take a long time before things feel back to normal."

Bell called Busch's death a "gut-wrenching feeling."

He said he spoke to Busch before the last Trucks Series race and said he seemed "normal, like completely normal."

On Monday, Busch posted a birthday message to Brexton on Instagram, saying, "Your mom & I are so proud who you're turning out to be!"

The father and son spent Tuesday night in Durham, North Carolina, with the Andretti family at the opening of a go-kart facility.

"I guess it is a very stark reminder of how fragile life can be," Bell said.

O'Donnell said NASCAR never seriously considered canceling the Coca-Cola 600.

"Kyle Busch would probably be pretty (upset) if we didn't race," O'Donnell said. "So we're going to honor his memory and make sure people know what he was all about."

Rossi uses Carb Day to clear hurdle for Indy 500

By Michael Marot
AP Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS — Alexander Rossi gave his car — and his comfort in the car — a thumbs-up Friday, clearing the final hurdle to drive in Sunday's Indianapolis 500.

The 2016 race winner crashed in practice Monday and needed surgery for an injured middle finger on his left hand and an injured right ankle. Ed Carpenter Racing officials were convinced all week that Rossi would make the start from the No. 2 spot, a career best.

Now it's all set.

"I'd like to talk about our team and the doctors at IU Health and what they accomplished in order to get us back into this process. It's pretty exceptional," Rossi said on pit lane. "It took a huge amount of things to go right and a great group of people I'm incredibly thankful for."

Rossi was nowhere near the fastest car on Indianapolis Motor Speedway's 2.5-mile oval on Carb Day, the final practice session for IndyCar's biggest race. He was 31st of 33 drivers with a fast lap of 222.291 mph in his backup car — the same one he used when he led the race last year.

But that wasn't the goal. Rossi just wanted to make sure the car worked and team members wanted to make sure he was comfortable working the pedals with his specially designed brace and protective boot after he cleared a litany of tests just to get cleared to drive. The last test went off without a hitch.

Pato O'Ward, who was swept up in the crash, also switched to a backup car and gave it good marks.



Michael Conroy | AP photo

Alexander Rossi suffered a crash in practice on Monday, injuring his left hand and right ankle. Despite the injuries, he plans to race in Sunday's Indianapolis 500.



Michael Conroy | AP photo

Alexander Rossi is set to start Sunday from the No. 2 spot at the Brickyard.

Two-time Indy winner Josef Newgarden posted the fastest lap at 228.342 mph in traffic on a cool, overcast day. Christian Rasmussen was second at 227.474. Newgarden will start 23rd Sunday while Rasmussen qualified 15th.

But it wasn't a perfect day.

Marcus Ericsson, the 2022 Indy winner, brought out a yellow flag when he pulled into pit lane because he thought he had a loose right rear wheel. Turns out, it was fine.

Crew members for Felix Rosenqvist fixed an undisclosed broken part on the Swedish driver's car in time to get him back on the track before the end of practice.

And Katherine Legge, who is trying to become the first female to attempt racing's "double" — 1,100 miles of racing in one day — had communications trouble after dealing with a flight delay to get back to Indy on Thursday. Legge will start 26th in Indianapolis and will attempt to qualify for the Coca-Cola 600 on Saturday.

Rain washed out the annual pit-stop competition before the first round of stops could be completed. In the day's other big event, New York Dog held on to win the second Oscar Mayer Wienie 500.

SPONSORSHIP EXTENDED

IndyCar officials have agreed to a multiyear contract extension that will keep NTT as the series' title sponsor.

The announcement came Friday before the final scheduled practice for Sunday's sold-out Indianapolis 500. Financial details were not disclosed. NTT, a Japanese telecommunications company, has been the series' title sponsor since 2019.

NTT and NTT Data Group also have agreed to expand their role to provide AI and data capabilities for IndyCar and Penske Entertainment, IndyCar's parent company.

"Leading into another iconic edition of 'The Greatest Spectacle in Racing,' we are thrilled to continue our world-class partnership with NTT," said Roger Penske, chairman of Penske Entertainment. "Their significant expertise as a global leader in AI, digital business and technology services is integral to how we build engagement across IndyCar's fanbase and provide a top-notch customer experience at the Racing Capital of the World."

NTT has expanded its role beyond race analytics and fan engagement to provide advanced AI and data capabilities for Penske's company, the series and the speedway.

Russell aims to recapture F1 momentum in Canada vs. Antonelli

By James Ellingworth
AP Sports Writer

An upgraded car and a "painful" reminder not to lose sight of the Formula 1 fundamentals could be George Russell's path back to the front of the field at the Canadian Grand Prix.

Russell's fourth place at the last race in Miami gave his Mercedes teammate Kimi Antonelli a yawning 20-point lead in the standings after four races. The 19-year-old Italian has won three in a row.

Russell said one reason he lost ground was focusing too much on the standout feature of the 2026 cars, their massive electrical power output, and neglecting the basics.

"Dealing with the tires, dealing with the setup, just fundamentals of racing, has kind of been put on the back-burner because we're all so focused on energy management," he said.

"We missed some key things because we were focused elsewhere and that was a good little reminder. As painful as it was, it was a very much-needed weekend because I think it's going to prove very beneficial."

Antonelli's lead grew in Miami because McLaren, Ferrari and Red Bull brought upgrades that helped them fight for the podium places. Now it's Mercedes' turn to bring upgraded parts for the car that's won all four Grand Prix races in 2026 so far.

On Friday in qualifying for the sprint race Saturday, Russell edged Antonelli for the pole.

"This is an amazing circuit here," Russell said. "High grip, feels like you're driving a proper Formula 1 car around here, which is how it should be and I'm glad today it came together."



Jacques Boissinot | AP photo, The Canadian Press

Mercedes driver George Russell drives during the qualifying session for the sprint race at the F1 Canadian Grand Prix on Friday in Montreal.



Christopher Katsarov | AP photo, The Canadian Press

Teenager Kimi Antonelli enters the weekend in Montreal atop the Formula 1 standings.

Canada offers the chance of a big points swing. It's hosting a sprint race Saturday for the first time, putting another maximum eight points on offer.

The threat of rain in Montreal on Sunday would shake things up, too. After storms predicted for Miami never materialized, the 2026 cars have yet to race in wet weather.

It's early to talk of the title at just the fifth round of the season but a fourth win in a row would put the 19-year-old Antonelli into an exclusive club. Every driver who's won four or more consecutive Grands Prix has been an F1 champion at some point in their career.

History does offer a little encouragement to Russell, though. The one time in F1 history that a driver won four consecutive races in a season but not the title came in 2016 when Lewis Hamilton was beaten by his then-Mercedes teammate Nico Rosberg.

More recently, Oscar Piastri won three in a row for McLaren last year and still lost to teammate Lando Norris.

It's a busy time to be an F1 engine manufacturer.

The extra engine power agreed for 2027, with electrical power turned down and less need to recharge batteries, got a cautious welcome Thursday from Max Verstappen, the biggest critic of the 2026 cars, who said it was "almost back to normal."

Meanwhile, the FIA is pushing to return to old-school V8s from 2030, and there's more immediate change coming after this weekend.

Under a new-for-2026 rule, after the Canadian Grand Prix, the FIA will confirm some manufacturers will get extra development time and budget to improve their engines, but only if they're a certain margin behind the best-performing engine, widely agreed to be Mercedes.

The scheme, known as ADUO, is meant to nudge F1 gently toward engine parity over the next few years and avoid what FIA rules guru Nikolas Tombazis last year dubbed "eternal misery" for teams who picked slower engines.

SPRINT QUALIFYING

Russell took the pole Friday for the sprint race Saturday with teammate and points leader Antonelli second on the starting grid.

Russell, set to defend his Montreal grand prix title Sunday, had a fast lap of 1 minute, 12.965 seconds in qualifying for the first sprint race in Montreal. The 28-year-old English driver is coming off a fourth-place finish at the Miami Grand Prix.

"I never doubted myself. I knew what I can do," Russell said. "Miami was obviously a bit unique. This is an amazing circuit here, high grip, feels like you're driving a proper Formula 1 car around here, which is how it should be and I'm glad today it came together."

F1 introduced sprints in 2021. The shortened races cover roughly 60 miles, about a third of the distance of a grand prix, for a maximum of eight points. A grand prix victory is worth 25.

Russell edged Antonelli by 0.068 as Mercedes — winners of all four races this season — introduced upgrades this weekend after McLaren, Ferrari and Red Bull closed the gap with new parts in Miami.

"It's definitely feeling great," Russell said. "We obviously saw in Miami, McLaren were really close and Ferrari not too far behind. Pleased to have it on the car, pleased to be back in P1, it's been a little while. But yeah, obviously still big focus for tomorrow."

Reigning F1 champion Lando Norris took the third spot for the sprint race alongside McLaren teammate Piastri in the second row. Ferrari's Hamilton was set to start fifth.

Antonelli, the 19-year-old Italian star, has won three straight grand prix races to top the standings with 100 points, 20 more than second-place Russell.

The day started with a disrupted practice session as Williams' Alex Albon crashed into a groundhog on the exit of Turn 7, causing significant damage to his car and forcing him out of sprint qualifying.

Located on Île Notre-Dame in the middle of the St. Lawrence River, the Circuit Gilles Villeneuve is well known for featuring wildlife, especially groundhogs.

The Canadian GP is the fifth of 22 stops this season after F1 canceled April races in Bahrain and Saudi Arabia because of the war in Iran. Following the sprint race Saturday, the drivers will qualify for the grand prix Sunday.

Caballero returns for Yankees; Volpe works at 2nd

By Ronald Blum
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Eduardo Munoz Alvarez | AP photo

Anthony Volpe, right, has spent his career at shortstop but will now get a shot at second base with the return of Jose Caballero.

NEW YORK — Anthony Volpe will start working out at second base for the New York Yankees following José Caballero's recovery from a broken middle finger.

Caballero was activated and started at shortstop in Friday's series opener against AL-best Tampa Bay after spending the minimum 10 days on the injured list. Volpe was on the bench.

"As I've told them each, it's not going to be the perfect scenario every single day. You may like or not like a decision on a given day, but the end of the day we're all working for the same thing," Yankees manager Aaron Boone said. "We want to win big, and we want win big for the Yankees. And then it's my job to try and put you in the best position to be successful and there'll be some days where that makes sense and is fair or not fair."

Caballero was hurt diving back to first base on a pickoff attempt by Abner Uribe during the ninth inning of a game at Milwaukee on May 10, even though he was wearing a sliding mitt. Acquired from Tampa Bay last July 31, the 29-year-old Caballero started 39 of the Yankees' first 41 games at shortstop and hit .249 with four homers, 13 RBIs and 13 stolen bases with a .720 OPS.

Volpe, the starting shortstop from 2021-23, had been optioned to Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre following his recovery from shoulder surgery Oct. 14 and then was brought up after Caballero got hurt.

"Both guys are going to play. Cabby's versatility comes into play now again with Anthony here," Boone said. "These things have a way of working themselves out. It's a good situation to be in because we have two players that we feel like can play vital roles in us winning games."

Volpe started eight games at shortstop while Caballero was on the IL and hit .217 with three RBIs, two stolen bases and seven walks for a .707 OPS.

"Like what I've seen. I feel like he's had a good week of at-bats," Boone said. "I feel he's played well in the field. Again, it's a week, but he's a really talented player that we have high expectations for."

Volpe's professional experience at second is one game each at Class A Tampa and High-A Hudson Valley in 2021, when he also played three games at third base for Tampa.

"Second base I'm not too worried about," Boone said. "I probably wouldn't put him over at third up here. I'd want him to go do that a little bit."

Volpe also appeared at second base during five spring training games in 2023.



Yuki Iwamura | AP file photo

Jose Caballero returned from the injured list Friday to resume work as the Yankees' regular shortstop.

"He may still end up being all at shortstop. On the days he's playing shortstop, I may move Cabby around," Boone said. "But I want him to at least get some work over there and see that side of the field, too."

Caballero also has played second, third and outfield.

New York opened a roster spot by optioning top prospect Spencer Jones to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre. Jones debuted on May 8 and hit .167 with no extra-base hits and two RBIs in 27 plate appearances over 10 games. He was brought up after Jasson Domínguez sprained his left shoulder when he crashed into Yankee Stadium's outfield wall on May 7.

"It was a good experience for Spencer even though he didn't get a lot of results," Boone said. "I actually feel like he held his own pretty well."

Domínguez is hitting off a tee and could be ready for games by the end of next week or early June.

Giancarlo Stanton, sidelined since April 24 by a strained right calf, is to be examined next week and could be given permission to start running.

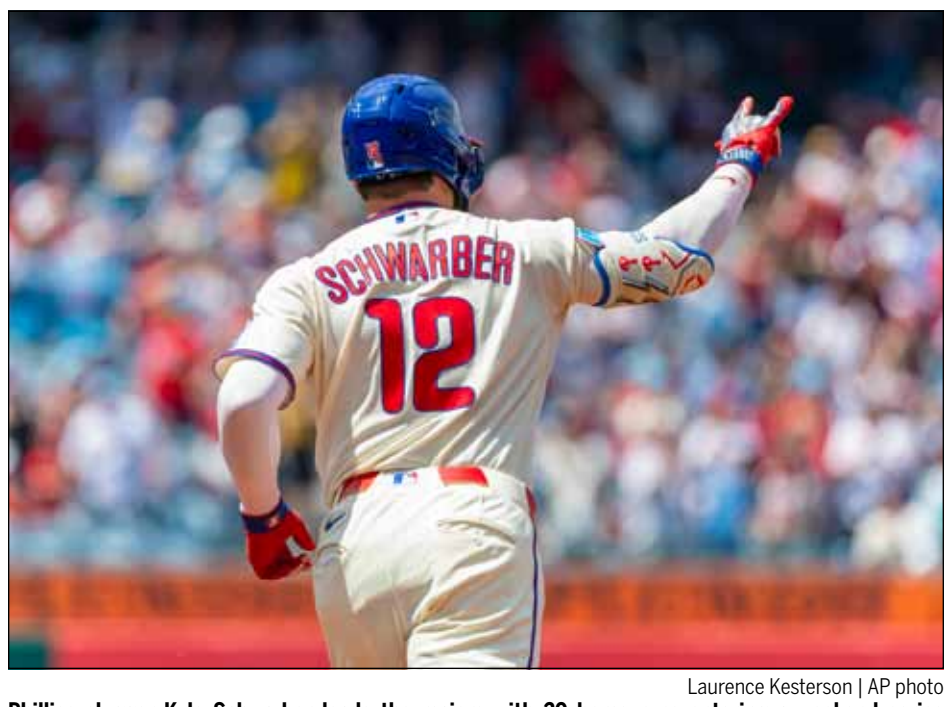
Trent Grisham was back in the lineup leading off and playing center field after missing one game. He left Wednesday's game because of knee pain and tests showed no structural damage.

New York also activated ace right-hander Gerrit Cole from the 15-day IL following his recovery from elbow ligament replacement surgery. He was to start Friday in his first big league appearance that counted since the 2024 World Series.

Right-hander Yovanny Cruz was optioned to the RailRiders on Thursday night after making his first two big league appearances.

Schwarber back in Phillies lineup after missing time with illness

The Associated Press



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Phillies slugger Kyle Schwarber leads the majors with 20 home runs entering a weekend series against the Guardians.

PHILADELPHIA — Kyle Schwarber still got on bass — guitar, that is — even as he sat out the last three games with a gastrointestinal illness.

Schwarber jammed at his fundraising block party this week with members of Mt. Joy and flashed his musical talent on a rendition of "Seven Nation Army."

Schwarber's next smash hit should come in the Phillies' lineup.

The major league home run leader with 20, Schwarber was back at designated hitter and batting second in Friday's game against Cleveland.

Schwarber played in 225 straight games before he missed all three games this week against Cincinnati.

"I mean, I'm just never going to break Cal Ripken's record," Schwarber said. "You take pride in being available on a daily basis. I think that's the biggest thing in our game, always try to make yourself available, being healthy."

The Reds took two of three and slowed the momentum of a Phillies team that had surged since interim manager Don Mattingly took over last month. The Phillies went from 9-19 to 25-23 before losing the last two games to the Reds.

"It's nice to have him back in the lineup and try and get our mix back together," Mattingly said before Friday's game.

Schwarber said he had no restrictions in his return from the gastrointestinal illness against Cleveland right-hander Gavin Williams.

"It wasn't like I was out there and got the runs or anything like that," Schwarber said with a laugh. "I've dealt with it before. This hasn't really happened in season before. I kind of knew what to expect."

Schwarber hit nine home runs in his last 10 games. Schwarber reached 20 home runs in his 45th game and became the second-fastest Phillies player to 20 home runs in club history behind only Cy Williams, who did it in his 44th game in 1923.

"His timing is going to be off," Mattingly said. "He's going to get it back. In general, I think once we get to a certain period of the season, you've got enough at-bats under your belt, a couple days (off) doesn't really hurt you."

One positive during his absence: Schwarber's block party raised $443,000 for first responders and their families at Union Transfer in Philadelphia.

He did enjoy taking the stage with his guitar.

"Hell yeah, got me back to like my high school days," Schwarber said.

METS CUT KIMBREL

MIAMI — The New York Mets designated pitcher Craig Kimbrel for assignment Friday, ending the veteran reliever's short stint with the club.

Kimbrel appeared in 14 games for the Mets and allowed 10 runs over 15 innings. Kimbrel pitched the final 2 2/3 innings of New York's 8-4 loss at Washington on Wednesday and gave up a two-run home run to Jacob Young.

"Super tough," Mets manager Carlos Mendoza said Friday of the decision to part ways with Kimbrel. "He understood. He was very professional but it wasn't an easy one for me when we talked to him last night."

The Mets became Kimbrel's 10th major league stop when he signed a free agent deal in January. Kimbrel had nine scoreless outings but gave up multiple runs in three of his five other appearances.

The 37-year-old Kimbrel has 440 saves in his 17-year career. Another club can claim the nine-time All-Star off waivers. Mendoza said a scenario exists of Kimbrel returning to the Mets if another team doesn't claim him.

New York recalled right-handed pitcher Jonah Tong from Tiple-A Syracuse in the corresponding move.

SURGERY FOR STORY

BOSTON — Struggling Boston Red Sox shortstop Trevor Story could be out several weeks after sports hernia surgery.

The team announced on Friday what it said was a successful procedure by Dr. William Meyers at the Vincera Institute in Philadelphia.

Story sat out the opener of Boston's three-game series at Atlanta last week and was placed on the 10-day injured list the following day. He told reporters in Atlanta that he was weighing his options but that surgery could keep him out for as many as 10 weeks.

The two-time All-Star played in 41 of the Red Sox's first 43 games and is batting .206 with three homers in his fifth season in Boston. He has also committed six errors. His .547 OPS ranks 165th of 173 qualified hitters.

Andruw Monasterio has started in Story's place in four of the past six games, with Isiah Kiner-Falefa starting the other two.

But interim manager Chad Tracy said the team would evaluate the possibility of moving second baseman Marcelo Mayer to shortstop if it appeared Story will be out for an extended period.

That is now a reality.

Story joins outfielder Roman Anthony (right wrist sprain) and Garrett Crochet (left shoulder inflammation) on the IL for the Red Sox, who enter Friday's three-game series with Minnesota fourth in the AL East.

PIRATES RECALL VALDEZ

TORONTO — The Pittsburgh Pirates recalled prospect Esmerlyn Valdez from Triple-A Indianapolis after a recent hot streak and had him in the lineup in right field Friday night for their game at Toronto.

Valdez, 22, hit five home runs in the last five games and was batting .355 with seven extra-base hits, 10 RBIs, a .903 slugging percentage and 1.315 OPS in his last eight.

Valdez hit .253 with 10 homers, 10 doubles and 29 RBIs in 46 games with Indianapolis this season. He also has 33 walks.

The right-handed hitter is the organization's No. 9 prospect, according to MLB Pipeline. He led Pittsburgh's minor league system with 26 home runs last season and represented the club at the All-Star Futures Game.

Valdez was signed by Pittsburgh as a nondrafted free agent on Jan. 15, 2021.

Pittsburgh optioned outfielder Billy Cook to Indianapolis following Thursday's game at St. Louis.

ANGELS MAKE MOVES

The Los Angeles Angels optioned struggling left fielder Josh Lowe to Triple-A Salt Lake on Friday and placed third baseman Yoán Moncada on the 10-day injured list because of right knee inflammation.

The team promoted infielder Donovan Walton and outfielder Wade Meckler from Salt Lake. Both were in the lineup for Friday night's series opener against the Texas Rangers, with Meckler in left field and Walton at third base.

Left-hander Yusei Kikuchi (shoulder inflammation) was transferred to the 60-day IL.

The left-handed-hitting Lowe, acquired last winter in a three-team trade from Tampa Bay, hit .184 with a .546 OPS, five homers, two doubles and 14 RBIs in 45 games with 39 strikeouts and six walks.

Lowe hit a two-run homer in the second inning Wednesday night against the Athletics, but he also committed two fielding errors — including one that cost the Angels a run in an eventual 6-5 loss in 10 innings.

"It's definitely been a grind," Angels manager Kurt Suzuki said. "We want him to take a step back, maybe take some pressure off of him, go down there, where there's not so much focus on success, and work on what he needs to work on. We expect him back soon."

Cole shines before Rays rally vs. Yanks

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Gerrit Cole pitched six scoreless innings in his return from elbow ligament replacement surgery but shortstop José Caballero's error led to a four-run eighth inning that boosted the Tampa Bay Rays over the New York Yankees 4-2 on Friday night for their 16th win in 19 games.

Austin Wells homered for the first time since April 28, a fifth-inning drive off Nick Martinez, before Tampa Bay rallied to deal the Yankees their third straight loss and 10th in 14 games. The Rays, a big league-best 34-15, are 4-0 against the Yankees and opened a 5 1/2-game AL East lead over New York

Yankees star Aaron Judge went 0 for 4 with a game-ending flyout to the center-field warning track with a man on and is in 1-for-24 slide that dropped his average to .245. Judge has gone a career-high 11 games without any RBIs.

A 35-year-old right-hander who had surgery in March 2025, Cole allowed two hits and three walks while striking out two. The six-time All-Star and the 2023 AL Cy Young Award averaged 96.1 mph with his four-seam fastball.

Caballero, back at shortstop after missing 10 days with a broken finger, allowed Chandler Simpson's one-hopper to bounce off his glove leading of the eighth.

Junior Caminero singled off Tim Hill (0-2), Jonathan Aranda followed with an RBI double and Yandy Díaz was intentionally walked. Richie Palacios hit a comebacker that could have been a 1-2-3 double play but the ball bounced off the glove of a leaping Hill, over Caballero and into center for a two-run single. Ryan Vilade added a sacrifice fly.

Ian Seymour (3-0) allowed Jazz Chisholm Jr.'s RBI triple in the eighth and Bryan Baker got three outs for his 14th save in 17 chances.

Tampa Bay's Jonny DeLuca left in the seventh after appearing to hurt a leg going from first to third on Cedric Mullins' double.

Trent Grisham, who missed Thursday's game because of a sore knee, had three hits for the Yankees.

Toronto's first run in the third inning, Pinango drove in Vladimir Guerrero Jr. and Daulton Varsho in the inning.

MARLINS 2, METS 1

MIAMI — Eury Pérez gave up Juan Soto's solo homer in the first inning and settled down to pitch solid ball into the seventh, Owen Caissie drove in both of Miami's runs to edge New York.

Pérez (3-6) allowed two hits — both to Soto — and struck out five in 6 1/3 innings for his first win since April 19. The right-hander had a 10.00 ERA in his previous three starts.

Soto's 449-foot homer in the first landed in the upper-deck seats in right-center for his 10th homer. But Pérez and three relievers held the Mets off the scoreboard after that.

TWINS 8, RED SOX 6

BOSTON — Byron Buxton and Austin Martin both hit two-run homers off reliever Justin Slaten in the seventh inning to help Minnesota rally from four runs down to beat Boston.

Ryan Kreidler added an RBI double for the Twins. Luke Keaschall and Buxton both had RBI singles.

Travis Adams (1-0) pitched two scoreless innings to pick up the win. Anthony Banda got four outs for his first save.

ORIOLES 7, TIGERS 4

BALTIMORE — Pete Alonso homered and drove in four runs, Jackson Holliday added a go-ahead two-run shot and Baltimore Orioles handed Detroit Tigers its seventh straight loss.

Alonso homered for a second straight game, a three-run shot off Jack Flaherty (0-6) in the third to put the Orioles up 3-2. The slugger added a sacrifice fly in the seventh following his 10th home run.

Holliday hit a two-run homer in a three-run fourth that gave Baltimore a 6-4 lead.

BRAVES 5, NATIONALS 4

ATLANTA — Chadwick Tromp's two-out single in the 11th inning drove in Eli White from second base and Atlanta beat Washington for a fourth straight victory.

It was the first career walk-off hit for Tromp, who also had a run-scoring single in the 10th.

Tyler Kinley (4-2) picked up the win with a scoreless 11th inning.

ASTROS 4, CUBS 2

CHICAGO — Christian Vazquez homered, Spencer Arrighetti threw five scoreless innings and Houston topped scuffling Chicago.

Pete-Crow Armstrong hit his sixth home run of the season for the Cubs, who have dropped six straight and 10 of 12. They started this week's homestand with a 15-game winning streak at Wrigley Field.

BREWERS 5, DODGERS 1

MILWAUKEE — William Contreras hit a three-run homer and Logan Henderson combined with three relievers on a three-hitter as Milwaukee defeated Los Angeles.

The game marked the first time the teams faced each other since the Dodgers swept the Brewers in last year's NL Championship Series.

The Brewers have won their last nine regular-season matchups with the Dodgers.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away	RS	RA	DIFF
Tampa Bay	33	15	.688	—	—	8-2	W-4	19-5	14-10	232	192	40
New York	30	21	.588	4½	+5	4-6	L-2	16-8	14-13	250	183	67
Toronto	23	27	.460	11	1½	5-5	W-2	13-11	10-16	202	212	-10
Boston	22	27	.449	11½	2	5-5	W-3	8-14	14-13	181	192	-11
Baltimore	21	29	.420	13	3½	4-6	L-3	12-12	9-17	215	274	-59

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away	RS	RA	DIFF
Cleveland	31	22	.585	—	—	9-1	W-7	15-10	16-12	229	205	24
Chicago	25	24	.510	4	+1	7-3	L-1	14-10	11-14	218	230	-12
Minnesota	23	27	.460	6½	1½	6-4	W-1	15-14	8-13	230	231	-1
Kansas City	20	30	.400	9½	4½	1-9	L-3	13-13	7-17	194	224	-30
Detroit	20	31	.392	10	5	1-9	L-6	13-12	7-19	196	219	-23

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away	RS	RA	DIFF
Athletics	26	24	.520	—	—	5-5	W-3	10-12	16-12	224	228	-4
Texas	24	25	.490	1½	—	6-4	W-2	11-10	13-15	192	179	13
Seattle	24	27	.471	2½	1	5-5	W-1	14-15	10-12	210	199	11
Houston	21	31	.404	6	4½	5-5	W-1	12-14	9-17	222	276	-54
Los Angeles	17	34	.333	9½	8	1-9	L-3	9-16	8-18	201	270	-69

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away	RS	RA	DIFF
Atlanta	35	16	.686	—	—	7-3	W-3	16-8	19-8	276	172	104
Philadelphia	25	26	.490	10	4	6-4	L-3	13-15	12-11	209	234	-25
Washington	25	26	.490	10	4	6-4	L-1	10-16	15-10	280	296	-16
Miami	23	29	.442	12½	6½	4-6	W-1	16-15	7-14	223	241	-18
New York	22	29	.431	13	7	6-4	L-1	11-13	11-16	205	219	-14

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away	RS	RA	DIFF
Milwaukee	29	18	.617	—	—	8-2	W-3	15-9	14-9	237	162	75
St. Louis	28	21	.571	2	—	5-5	L-2	13-13	15-8	219	224	-5
Chicago	29	22	.569	2	—	2-8	L-6	18-9	11-13	248	222	26
Cincinnati	26	24	.520	4½	2½	5-5	W-2	13-11	13-13	221	249	-28
Pittsburgh	26	24	.520	4½	2½	4-6	W-2	13-13	13-11	248	222	26

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away	RS	RA	DIFF
Los Angeles	31	19	.620	—	—	7-3	W-2	15-10	16-9	257	159	98
San Diego	29	20	.592	1½	+1	6-4	L-2	14-12	15-8	200	197	3
Arizona	26	23	.531	4½	2	7-3	W-5	16-9	10-14	223	224	-1
San Francisco	20	30	.400	11	8½	4-6	L-3	10-12	10-18	173	225	-52
Colorado	19	32	.373	12½	10	3-7	L-3	10-15	9-17	211	266	-55

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Saturday's Games

Tampa Bay (Rasmussen 4-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Weathers 2-2), 1:35 p.m.
Houston (Teng 2-3) at Chicago Cubs (Rea 4-2), 2:20 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Skenes 6-3) at Toronto (Corbin 1-1), 3:07 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Fedde 0-4) at San Francisco (Houser 2-4), 4:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Cecconi 3-4) at Philadelphia (Wheeler 3-0), 4:05 p.m.
Detroit (Valdez 2-3) at Baltimore (Young 3-1), 4:05 p.m.
Minnesota (TBD) at Boston (Bello 2-5), 4:10 p.m.
Seattle (Kirby 5-3) at Kansas City (Kolek 2-0), 4:10 p.m.
Athletics (Ginn 2-2) at San Diego (Giolito 1-0), 9:40 p.m.
Texas (Eovaldi 5-4) at L.A. Angels (Ureña 1-4), 10:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Pittsburgh at Toronto, 12:15 p.m.
Cleveland at Philadelphia, 1:35 p.m.
Detroit at Baltimore, 1:35 p.m.
Minnesota at Boston, 1:35 p.m.
Tampa Bay at N.Y. Yankees, 1:35 p.m.
Seattle at Kansas City, 2:10 p.m.
Houston at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
Athletics at San Diego, 4:10 p.m.
Texas at L.A. Angels, 7:20 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Saturday's Games

St. Louis (Pallante 4-4) at Cincinnati (Paddack 0-5), 1:10 p.m., 1st game
Houston (Teng 2-3) at Chicago Cubs (Rea 4-2), 2:20 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Skenes 6-3) at Toronto (Corbin 1-1), 3:07 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Fedde 0-4) at San Francisco (Houser 2-4), 4:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Cecconi 3-4) at Philadelphia (Wheeler 3-0), 4:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Peralta 3-3) at Miami (Meyer 4-0), 4:10 p.m.
Washington (Irvin 1-4) at Atlanta (Holmes 3-1), 4:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Sasaki 2-3) at Milwaukee (Gasser 0-0), 7:15 p.m.
St. Louis (Leahy 5-3) at Cincinnati (Petty 0-0), 7:15 p.m., 2nd game
Athletics (Ginn 2-2) at San Diego (Giolito 1-0), 9:40 p.m.
Colorado (Lorenzen 2-6) at Arizona (Gallen 2-4), 10:10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Pittsburgh at Toronto, 12:15 p.m.
Cleveland at Philadelphia, 1:35 p.m.
N.Y. Mets at Miami, 1:40 p.m.
St. Louis at Cincinnati, 1:40 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at Milwaukee, 2:10 p.m.
Houston at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
Athletics at San Diego, 4:10 p.m.
Colorado at Arizona, 4:10 p.m.
Washington at Atlanta, 4:10 p.m.

Cleveland 1, Philadelphia 0

Cleveland	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Martínez rf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.250
Ramírez 3b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.236
Hoskins 1b	2	0	0	0	1	1	.182
a-Manzardo ph-1b	1	1	1	1	0	0	.228
Fry dh	3	0	2	0	0	0	.243
b-DeLauter ph-dh	1	0	0	0	0	0	.266
Bazzana 2b	4	0	0	0	0	3	.273
Rocchio ss	3	0	1	0	0	1	.291
Kwan lf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.199
Hedges c	2	0	1	0	1	0	.250
Halpin cf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.087
Totals	**30**	**1**	**6**	**1**	**2**	**7**	
Philadelphia	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**BB**	**SO**	**Avg.**
Turner ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.234
Schwarber dh	4	0	0	0	0	4	.225
Harper 1b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.266
Bohm 3b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.216
Marsh lf	3	0	1	0	0	2	.325
García rf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.203
Stott 2b	3	0	1	0	0	0	.231
Realmuto c	3	0	1	0	0	1	.215
Crawford cf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.250
Totals	**30**	**0**	**4**	**0**	**0**	**12**	
Cleveland	**000**	**000**		**001—1**		**6**	**1**
Philadelphia	**000**	**000**		**000—0**		**4**	**0**

a-homered for Hoskins in the 9th. b-popped out for Fry in the 9th.
E—Ramírez (4). LOB—Cleveland 4, Philadelphia 3. 2B—Harper (10). HR—Manzardo (5), off Duran. RBIs—Manzardo (17). SB—Stott (10). CS—Rocchio (4), Marsh (1).
Runners left in scoring position—Cleveland 0; Philadelphia 2 (Bohm, Crawford). RISP—Cleveland 0 for 0; Philadelphia 0 for 3.
GIDP—Fry, Crawford.
DP—Cleveland 2 (Hedges, Bazzana, Hedges; Bazzana, Rocchio, Hoskins); Philadelphia 1 (Bohm, Stott, Harper).

Cleveland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Williams, W, 7-3	8	4	0	0	0	11	99	3.25
Smith, S, 17-19	1	0	0	0	0	1	8	2.55
Philadelphia	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**NP**	**ERA**
Sánchez	8	4	0	0	2	6	96	1.62
Duran, L, 1-2	1	2	1	1	0	1	14	1.98

ABS Challenge—Schwarber (Strike-Confirmed); Bazzana (Strike-Confirmed); Bazzana (Strike-Confirmed).
Umpires—Home, Junior Valentine; First, Jordan Baker; Second, Dillon Wilson; Third, Stu Scheuwater.
T—2:05. A—38,092 (42,901).

Houston 4, Chicago Cubs 2

Houston	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Peña ss	5	0	1	0	0	1	.254
Paredes 3b	4	1	1	0	1	0	.244
Alvarez dh	3	0	1	0	2	1	.303
Walker 1b	5	1	1	0	0	3	.254
Meyers cf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.229
Shewmake 2b	1	1	0	0	1	0	.286
a-Matthews ph-2b	2	0	1	1	0	1	.207
Allen 2b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.235
Smith rf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.207
Cole lf	4	0	0	1	0	1	.170
Vázquez c	4	1	2	2	0	1	.258
Totals	**36**	**4**	**9**	**4**	**4**	**10**	
Chicago	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**BB**	**SO**	**Avg.**
Hoerner 2b	4	0	0	0	1	1	.259
Busch 1b	3	0	0	0	1	0	.229
Bregman 3b	3	0	1	0	1	0	.250
Happ lf	5	0	1	0	0	2	.214
Suzuki rf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.261
Conforto dh	2	0	0	0	0	1	.311
b-Amaya ph-dh	1	1	1	0	0	0	.247
c-Ballesteros ph-dh	1	0	0	0	0	0	.241
Kelly c	3	0	0	0	0	1	.289
Crow-Armstrong cf	2	1	1	2	2	0	.228
Swanson ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.187
Totals	**32**	**2**	**4**	**2**	**5**	**6**	
Houston	**001**	**210**		**000—4**		**9**	**2**
Chicago	**000**	**002**		**000—2**		**4**	**0**

a-singled for Shewmake in the 5th. b-singled for Conforto in the 6th. c-flied out for Amaya in the 8th.
E—Arrighetti (1), Peña (2). LOB—Houston 9, Chicago 11. 2B—Happ (7). HR—Vázquez (4), off Taillon; Crow-Armstrong (6), off Okert. RBIs—Vázquez 2 (16), Cole (8), Matthews (14), Crow-Armstrong 2 (22). SB—Hoerner (10).
Runners left in scoring position—Houston 3 (Peña, Walker, Smith); Chicago 9 (Swanson 2, Hoerner 2, Suzuki 3, Conforto 2). RISP—Houston 3 for 9; Chicago 0 for 9.

Houston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Arrighetti, W, 6-1	5	2	0	0	4	5	89	1.32
Okert	1-3	2	2	2	0	0	6	4.22
De Los Santos, H, 3	12-3	0	0	0	0	1	19	4.50
Abreu, H, 3	2-3	0	0	0	1	0	14	7.31
King, S, 5-7	11-3	0	0	0	0	0	17	2.82
Chicago	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**NP**	**ERA**
Taillon, L, 2-4	42-3	8	4	4	1	5	90	5.20
Milner	1-3	1	0	0	0	0	8	1.93
Roberts	2	0	0	0	1	2	32	0.79
Webb	1	0	0	0	0	2	15	2.91
Maton	1	0	0	0	2	1	22	8.40

Inherited runners-scored—King 2-0, Milner 2-1. HBP—Arrighetti 2 (Busch,Bregman), Abreu (Kelly).
ABS Challenge—Arrighetti (Ball-Overturned to Strike); Smith (Strike-Confirmed).
Umpires—Home, Chad Fairchild; First, Chad Whitson; Second, Bill Miller; Third, Brian Walsh.
T—2:57. A—37,332 (41,363).

Miami 2, N.Y. Mets 1

New York	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Benge rf	3	0	0	0	1	0	.257
Bichette ss-3b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.221
Soto dh	3	1	2	1	0	0	.301
Vientos 1b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.229
Baty 3b	2	0	0	0	0	0	.237
a-Taylor ph-cf	1	0	0	0	0	1	.187
Semien 2b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.222
Ewing cf	3	0	1	0	0	1	.281
Bruján ss	0	0	0	0	0	0	.250
Morabito lf	3	0	0	0	0	3	.000
Torrens c	2	0	0	0	0	1	.203
b-Melendez ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.215
Totals	**28**	**1**	**3**	**1**	**1**	**10**	
Miami	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**BB**	**SO**	**Avg.**
Edwards 2b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.309
Hicks 1b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.273
Norby 3b	2	0	0	0	1	1	.221
Lopez ss	1	0	0	0	0	0	.340
Stowers dh	3	0	0	0	0	1	.221
Marsee cf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.200
Ruiz lf-rf	3	2	2	0	0	0	.216
Caissie rf	2	0	1	2	1	0	.215
Pauley 3b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.173
Mack c	3	0	1	0	0	0	.208
Sanoja ss-lf	3	0	1	0	0	0	.250
Totals	**28**	**2**	**5**	**2**	**2**	**5**	
New York	**100**	**000**		**000—1**		**3**	**0**
Miami	**010**	**100**		**00x—2**		**5**	**0**

a-struck out for Baty in the 8th. b-struck out for Torrens in the 9th.
LOB—New York 1, Miami 4. 2B—Ruiz (3), Sanoja (7). 3B—Ruiz (1). HR—Soto (10), off Pérez. RBIs—Soto (21), Caissie 2 (22). SB—Ruiz (8), Sanoja (3). CS—Ewing (3).
Runners left in scoring position—New York 0; Miami 1 (Norby). RISP—New York 0 for 0; Miami 1 for 5.
Runners moved up—Caissie. GIDP—Vientos, Mack.
DP—New York 1 (Semien, Bichette, Vientos); Miami 1 (Sanoja, Edwards, Hicks).

New York	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Myers	11-3	1	1	1	1	0	20	3.56
Manaea, L, 0-1	32-3	4	1	1	0	3	65	5.81
Tong	3	0	0	0	1	2	28	0.00
Miami	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**NP**	**ERA**
Pérez, W, 3-6	61-3	2	1	1	0	5	86	4.91
Nardi, H, 7	1	0	0	0	0	2	13	4.95
Petersen, H, 5	2-3	1	0	0	0	1	13	3.93
Fairbanks, S, 6-8	1	0	0	0	1	2	20	8.25

Inherited runners-scored—Manaea 1-1.
ABS Challenge—Marsee (Strike-Overturned to Ball); Benge (Strike-Overturned to Ball); Pérez (Ball-Confirmed); Pérez (Ball-Overturned to Strike); Soto (Strike-Overturned to Ball); Petersen (Ball-Confirmed).
Umpires—Home, Cory Blaser; First, Derek Thomas; Second, Jansen Visconti; Third, Manny Gonzalez.
T—2:20. A—17,095 (37,446).

Tampa Bay 4, N.Y. Yankees 2

Tampa Bay	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Simpson lf	5	1	2	0	0	0	.291
Caminero 3b	4	1	1	0	1	1	.267
Aranda 1b	4	1	1	1	0	1	.263
Díaz dh	3	0	0	0	1	1	.311
2-Williams pr-dh	0	1	0	0	0	0	.120
Palacios 2b	3	0	1	2	1	0	.271
DeLuca rf	3	0	1	0	0	0	.269
1-Vilade pr-rf	0	0	0	1	0	0	.306
Mullins cf	4	0	2	0	0	0	.189
Fortes c	4	0	0	0	0	2	.261
Walls ss	3	0	0	0	1	2	.211
Totals	**33**	**4**	**8**	**4**	**4**	**7**	
New York	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**BB**	**SO**	**Avg.**
Grisham cf	5	0	3	0	0	0	.188
Judge rf	4	0	0	0	1	1	.245
Rice dh	4	0	1	0	0	0	.287
Bellinger lf	4	1	2	0	0	0	.273
Goldschmidt 1b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.256
Chisholm 2b	4	0	2	1	0	0	.245
Caballero ss	4	0	2	0	0	0	.266
McMahon 3b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.187
Wells c	3	1	1	1	1	0	.169
Totals	**36**	**2**	**11**	**2**	**2**	**4**	
Tampa Bay	**000**	**000**		**040—4**		**8**	**0**
New York	**000**	**010**		**010—2**		**11**	**1**

1-ran for DeLuca in the 7th. 2-ran for Díaz in the 8th.
E—Caballero (4). LOB—Tampa Bay 7, New York 9. 2B—Mullins (3), Aranda (8), Grisham 2 (9), Bellinger (13). 3B—Chisholm (1). HR—Wells (4), off Martinez. RBIs—Aranda (38), Palacios 2 (14), Vilade (14), Wells (6), Chisholm (19). SB—Caballero (13). CS—Simpson (7), Caballero (6). SF—Vilade.
Runners left in scoring position—Tampa Bay 4 (Simpson, Walls 2, Díaz); New York 5 (Goldschmidt 2, Judge, Caballero, Wells). RISP—Tampa Bay 2 for 7; New York 2 for 12.
Runners moved up—Caballero, Grisham.

Tampa Bay	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Martinez	6	9	1	1	1	1	94	1.51
Seymour, W, 3-0	12-3	2	1	1	0	2	29	4.85
Kelly, H, 11	1-3	0	0	0	0	0	4	2.28
Baker, S, 14-17	1	0	0	0	1	1	19	2.53
New York	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**NP**	**ERA**
Cole	6	2	0	0	3	2	72	0.00
Headrick, H, 7	1-3	2	0	0	0	0	11	2.08
Cruz, H, 10	2-3	0	0	0	0	2	8	2.18
Hill, L, 0-2, BS, 0-1	0	3	4	3	1	0	11	2.75
Doval	1	0	0	0	0	0	7	5.40
Bednar	1	1	0	0	0	3	20	4.91

Inherited runners-scored—Kelly 1-0, Cruz 2-0, Doval 2-1. IBB—off Hill (Díaz).
ABS Challenge—McMahon (Strike-Overturned to Ball); Martinez (Ball-Overturned to Strike); Baker (Ball-Confirmed).
Pitch timer violations—Hill (pitcher).
Umpires—Home, Emil Jimenez; First, Doug Eddings; Second, Gabe Morales; Third, Chris Segal.
T—2:46. A—41,358 (47,309).

Minnesota 8, Boston 6

Minnesota	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Buxton dh	5	1	2	3	0	2	.264
Lee 3b	4	2	0	0	1	3	.243
Martin cf-rf	5	1	2	2	0	0	.297
Bell 1b	4	1	1	0	0	0	.232
Outman cf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.185
Gonzalez lf	2	1	1	0	2	0	.500
c-Larnach ph-lf	0	0	0	1	1	0	.248
Kreidler ss	5	1	2	1	0	2	.313
Clemens rf-1b	5	0	0	0	0	0	.230
Keaschall 2b	4	1	2	1	0	1	.233
Jackson c	4	0	0	0	0	3	.000
Totals	**38**	**8**	**10**	**8**	**4**	**11**	
Boston	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**BB**	**SO**	**Avg.**
Duran lf	4	1	0	1	1	2	.191
Rafaela cf	4	0	0	0	1	0	.280
Abreu rf	5	1	2	1	0	0	.295
Contreras 1b	4	1	1	1	0	1	.269
Monasterio dh	2	1	1	1	1	1	.256
a-Yoshida ph-dh	1	0	0	0	0	0	.256
Sogard ss-3b	3	1	2	0	1	1	.353
Mayer 2b	3	0	0	1	0	1	.216
Narváez c	3	1	1	0	1	1	.224
Durbin 3b	2	0	0	1	0	0	.166
b-Gasper ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.333
Kiner-Falefa ss	0	0	0	0	0	0	.255
Totals	**32**	**6**	**7**	**6**	**5**	**7**	
Minnesota	**030**	**000**		**401—8**		**10**	**2**
Boston	**400**	**200**		**000—6**		**7**	**2**

a-grounded out for Monasterio in the 8th. b-flied out for Durbin in the 8th. c-walked for Gonzalez in the 9th.
E—Prielipp (1), Keaschall (5), Tolle (1), Sogard (1). LOB—Minnesota 9, Boston 6. 2B—Kreidler (2), Abreu (8). 3B—Contreras (2). HR—Buxton (16), off Slaten; Martin (2), off Slaten. RBIs—Kreidler (8), Keaschall (18), Buxton 3 (26), Martin 2 (13), Larnach (13), Abreu (20), Contreras (31), Monasterio (10), Mayer (10), Durbin (16), Duran (25). CS—Monasterio (3), Keaschall (2). SF—Mayer. S—Durbin.
Runners left in scoring position—Minnesota 5 (Keaschall 2, Clemens, Martin 2); Boston 2 (Gasper, Abreu). RISP—Minnesota 3 for 11; Boston 2 for 5.
Runners moved up—Duran. GIDP—Abreu, Contreras.
DP—Minnesota 2 (Kreidler, Keaschall, Bell; Keaschall, Kreidler, Clemens).

Minnesota	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Prielipp	4	7	6	5	3	1	85	4.03
Adams, W, 1-0	2	0	0	0	1	3	29	3.52
Gómez, H, 3	1	0	0	0	0	1	13	4.56
Orze, H, 5	2-3	0	0	0	1	1	14	3.52
Banda, S, 1-1	11-3	0	0	0	0	1	14	6.23
Boston	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**NP**	**ERA**
Tolle	6	4	3	3	2	9	85	2.45
Slaten, L, 0-2, BS, 0-1	2-3	4	4	4	1	1	28	4.15
Weissert	11-3	1	0	0	0	0	23	4.19
Samaniego	0	1	1	0	0	0	6	1.10
Guerrero	1	0	0	0	1	1	16	0.00

Samaniego pitched to 3 batters in the 9th
Inherited runners-scored—Banda 2-0, Weissert 1-0, Guerrero 3-1. HBP—Weissert (Keaschall), Samaniego (Outman). WP—Banda.
ABS Challenge—Orze (Ball-Confirmed); Guerrero (Ball-Confirmed).
Umpires—Home, Ryan Wills; First, Jen Pawol; Second, Will Little; Third, Ryan Additon.
T—2:52. A—34,740 (37,755).

Toronto 6, Pittsburgh 2

Pittsburgh	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Cruz dh	4	0	0	0	0	2	.252
Lowe 2b	3	2	2	0	1	0	.263
Gonzales 3b	4	0

GAR Sons groups have Civil War data



Tom Mooney
Out on a Limb

Ask a Wyoming Valley person what the acronym GAR stands for and you'll probably get "isn't that a school?"

Well, that is sort of correct. There is a middle school by that name. It is a former high school and is part of the Wilkes-Barre Area School District.

But there is another reference point, and this is important for genealogists with ancestors who served in the Civil War (1861-1865). The GAR (Grand Army of the Republic) was a mega-popular veterans group for many years after the war. A large post was right in downtown Wilkes-Barre on South Main Street.

An interesting website makes the point that these GAR veteran posts collected information about their members, and that information, if accessed today, could give us data about our ancestors.

The actual GAR posts and their members are, of course, long gone. Luzerne County's last Civil War veterans died in the 1940s. But the old veterans designated the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as their official successor organization. That organization still exists, and their posts maintain whatever records and artifacts they can. To find Sons posts, go to www.garrecords.org. You will find a state-by-state list of Sons organizations. It will be up to you to go online and find an active one in the area where your ancestor(s) lived.

The website says that, unfortunately, there is no national membership listing of the GAR. "Detailed record keeping was tasked to the local Posts, so it is through their records that one must search to determine an individual Union veteran's potential membership status."

The Wilkes-Barre area had just such a Sons post early on. In recent years, it partnered with the Scranton-area Sons group.

The GAR building on South Main Street was torn down during the urban redevelopment era of the 1960s and 1970s. Newer buildings now stand on that site.

For photos of the old building, search Wilkes-Barre GAR veterans building. It was an immense castle-like structure that later became an office building and a movie theater. Two huge statues that stood above the entrance are now located at the National Guard Armory on Wyoming Avenue.

Yearbooks: With May being the month of graduations, keep in mind that high school and college yearbooks can contain good information about your ancestors' educations and interests and, of course, offer photos of them, both portrait and activity.

There are limits: most public high schools did not have yearbooks until the 1920s. But while high schools and colleges generally do not make their own collections of yearbooks available to the public, there are ways to access the volumes.

Some public libraries have yearbook collections representing their own communities. Also, the Luzerne County Historical Society has some.

But the largest regional collection is that of the Northeast Pennsylvania Genealogical Society, located at 57 North Franklin St. in Wilkes-Barre.

For information on membership (required for visits) and time slots, visit www.nepgs.com.

Columbus' lineage: Yet another article attempts to pin down the lineage of explorer Christopher Columbus, hailed for his finding of land in the Caribbean and Central America.

The Metro news organization recently cited a DNA test of descendants to claim that the famed explorer might have been tied more to Spain, the country that sent him on his explorations, than to Italy, generally considered his true birthplace.

The story by Caroline Westbrook says that "a DNA analysis of remains belonging to several descendants" suggests descent from a noble Galician (Spanish) family named Sotomayor.

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Times Leader File Photo

The Lackawanna County Courthouse in Scranton will be one of the architecturally diverse buildings people will see during a series of walking tours in the Electric City.

From Gothic architecture to courthouse to 'Red Light District'

Small-group walking tours will offer glimpses into Scranton's history

Staff Report

Want to take a vacation in your hometown, or learn fun facts to impress guests? Join the Lackawanna Historical Society for its summer walking tours. These free, guided tours provide local residents and visitors with a chance to learn more about Downtown Scranton's magnificent architecture and the buildings and neighborhoods they pass every day.

Tours are scheduled for Friday evenings and Saturday mornings.

Each tour focuses on a different thematic region of the city. Tours will spotlight the Gothic District and former "Clubhouse Row," the Lackawanna Avenue Commercial district, the lower portion of the Hill Section, as well as Courthouse Square.

The full tour schedule is below:

11 a.m. Saturday, June 6: Courthouse Square; meet at the corner of North Washington & Linden

11 a.m. Saturday, June 20: Gothic District; meet at Lackawanna College, corner of North Washington and Vine

6 p.m. Friday, June 26: Commercial and "Red Light" District; meet at Radisson Lackawanna Station

11 a.m. Saturday, July 11: Lower Hill section; meet Elm Park Church, corner of Linden and Jefferson

11 a.m. Saturday, July 25: Courthouse Square; meet at the corner of North Washington & Linden

11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 8: Commercial and "Red Light" District; meet at Radisson Lackawanna Station

6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21: Gothic District; meet at Lackawanna College, corner of North Washington and Vine

11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 12: Lower Hill section; meet Elm Park Church, corner Linden and Jefferson

6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25: Courthouse Square; meet at the corner of North Washington & Linden

All tours are limited to 10 people. Learn more about the community and get some fresh air. Please call the Society at 570-344-3841 for reservations.

For more information, contact the society by email at lackawannahistory@gmail.com.

Jazz on the Farm concert set for May 23 at Willow Wisp

Staff Report

Farm Arts Collective, based on Willow Wisp Organic Farm in Damascus, Pa., announces a Jazz on the Farm concert to be held on Saturday, May 23, as part of Memorial Day Weekend. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and the show starts at 7 p.m.

The concert will be held at the new Agri-Cultural Center on the 25-acre organic vegetable and flower farm located at 38 Hickory Lane, Damascus, PA 18415.

Jazz on the Farm features a night of world-class jazz with a lineup of remarkable musicians: Abraham Burton, Eric McPherson, Will Sellenraad, and Ben Street.

The Jazz on the Farm series, now in its second successful year, is curated by NYC-Catskills-based jazz guitarist Will Sellenraad. The musical offering is a chance for our community to experience exceptional musical talents in a beautiful farm setting, with delicious farm-fresh food and refreshments (Upward Brewery sponsor). The event sold out last year, and this season, Farm Arts Collective is adding a second show to be held on Labor Day Weekend.



Submitted Photo

Will Sellenraad will perform at Jazz on the Farm, set for Saturday, May 23, at Willow Wisp Organic Farm.

Tickets must be purchased in advance as seating is limited.

Tickets are $35 with a limited number of Pay-What-You-Can tickets available. Tickets can be purchased online at www.farmartscollective.org.

The artists include:

Will Sellenraad — A New York City–based jazz guitarist and composer recognized for his soulful lyricism, refined rhythmic feel, and improvisational sophistication. A fixture of New York City's vibrant jazz community, he has performed at iconic venues including The Blue Note, Birdland, Smalls, and The 55 Bar. Drawing from jazz, soul, rock, and funk, Sellenraad crafts a deeply personal sound that merges tradition with innovation. His music has been praised for its melodic warmth, ensemble chemistry, and evocative emotional depth. Sellenraad graduated from the New School University Jazz Program in 1995, where he studied under many jazz giants.

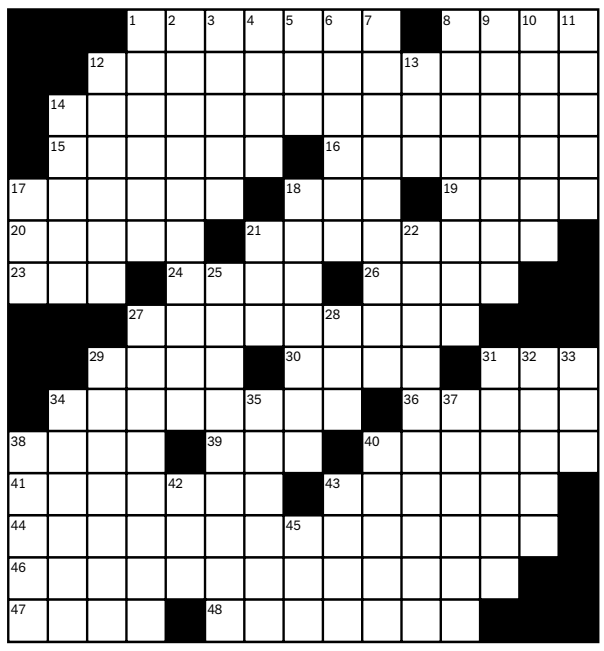
Ben Street — An American jazz double bassist. Based in New York City, Street studied music at the The New England Conservatory of Music in Boston with

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The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

No. 0418



PUZZLE BY JESSE COHN

ACROSS

1 "The Jeffersons" or "The Simpsons," notably
8 Team with the mascot Big Al, familiarly
12 In time
14 Dish purportedly invented in Los Angeles's Little Tokyo neighborhood
15 New York's ___ Valley
16 Thawing
17 Treat
18 New outfit or accessory for a character, in video game-speak
19 Things that shouldn't be hidden
20 Non-eco-friendly refrigerant
21 Term in the bedroom, maybe
23 Unite
24 Two-pronged
26 Metros in the 1990s
27 "Wait just a sec"
29 Cowboy's friend, informally
30 Name that spiked in popularity following a 2013 Disney movie
31 Finalized
34 "You've got nothing to worry about"
36 All-time scoring leader for the Miami Heat, familiarly
38 Routine surfaces
39 Browns, on a scoreboard
40 Mathematics writer Gardner
41 Words of endorsement
43 Arrived
44 Make-believe sorrow
46 Cause of amusement to a vet, maybe
47 Daredevil's calculation
48 Some fairy tale characters

DOWN

1 Did business with, in a way
2 Blowgun projectile
3 Words before "a penny" or "a treat"
4 Fifth-most abundant element in the universe
5 Lieutenant in "Catch-22"
6 Into
7 Breakfast dish that might go over well?
8 How people get into a swimming pool, typically
9 Yom Kippur observers
10 Like the cheese in fondue
11 Backdrop for many van Gogh paintings
12 Blitzed
13 ___ pull-downs (exercise)
14 Item in a list on the fridge, maybe
17 Texas air hub, for short
18 Silky-haired toy
21 Start to give
22 "Hey, no backing out now!"
25 Still waffling
27 Relatives of ottomans
28 Texter's affectionate sign-off
29 It's not fit for human consumption
31 Cutting stuff
32 Cuts a line?
33 It takes two hands to show
34 Musketeer's tool
35 Nissan model
37 Brings about, as havoc
38 Less than milli-, more than nano-
40 Paint option
42 Metric for a venture capitalist, in brief
43 Play (with)
45 Calc. calculation

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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MMI Third Quarter Honor Roll

FREELAND — Theresa Long, Head of School at MMI Preparatory School, announced in April the names of students who achieved honor roll status during the third quarter of the 2025-2026 school year.

For a student to achieve honor roll status each quarter, students must:

• Have a cumulative average in all subjects of 85.0
• Have attained an average of 75.0 or better in each course with no "incompletes"
• Be enrolled in a complete schedule of courses
• Have a satisfactory citizenship record for each school quarter

Inclusion of the honor roll gets added to a student's permanent file.

Students who achieved honor roll status are as follows:

Sixth grade

• Alexander Cabe of Freeland
• Elliot Elick of Drums
• David Falcheck of White Haven
• Dylan Murmello of Blakeslee
• Mike Pham of Hazleton
• Caden Rebarchak of Drums
• George Skuba of Sugarloaf
• Virgil Vonderheid of Bear Creek Township
• Charlotte Wilczak of Mountain Top
• James Wilson of Mountain Top
• Bennett Young of Freeland

Seventh grade

• Yordy Aponte of Hazle Township
• Rachel Clark of Weatherly
• Dylan Duran of Hazle Township
• Renée Graham of Mountain Top
• Jacob Hoffman of Drums
• Aria Karnoski of Drums
• Athena Lee of Drums
• Mason Makowiec of Sugarloaf
• Roshaan Mallhi of Berwick
• Zakariya Mian of Mountain Top
• Maahi Patel of Mountain Top
• Derek Reyes Rodriguez of Hazleton
• Charles Rogers of Drums
• Elaina Seltzer of Mountain Top
• Randall Skuba of Sugarloaf

Eighth grade

• Paxton Bleiler of Mountain Top
• Ryan Bonifacio of Hazleton
• Janelle Cabrera of Drums
• Alexander Diaz of Hazleton
• Owen Farrell of Mountain Top
• Ernesto Garay of Hazleton
• Kamil Gonzalez Arias of Hazle Township
• Odin Hixenbaugh of Hazle Township
• Sahiba Kaur of Sugarloaf
• Zachary Lobitz of Drums
• Jaxon Lyman of White Haven
• Riley Mason of Drums
• Avery Orozco of Zion Grove
• Rian Patel of Mountain Top
• Addison Potsko of Mountain Top
• Mathias Santana of West Hazleton
• Gabrielle Serock of Sugarloaf
• Megan Yamulla of Sugarloaf
• Kamila Zea of Hazleton

Ninth grade

• Jeremiah Aquino of Hazleton
• Marlow Basalyga of Hazleton
• Jack Benyo of Drums
• Bobby Brighthaupt of Bloomsburg
• Jade Cabrera of Drums
• Emma Casey of Freeland
• Norjhely Cornelio Pena of Hazleton
• Neal DeAngelo of Mountain Top
• Brady Hoover of Sugarloaf
• Stella Horvath of Conyngham
• Lance Lispi of Lake Harmony
• Mikaela Mauna of Freeland
• Ashley Mendoza of West Hazleton
• Keirsi Mooney of Mountain Top
• Momin Muhammad of Mountain Top
• Ellie Onufer of Mountain Top
• Victoria Park of Hazle Township
• Jade Quijandria of Hazleton
• Thomas Rogers of Drums
• Sophie Schulz of Freeland
• Tyler Swircek of Hazleton
• Nilson Tejeda Jr. of Hazleton
• Ethan Ungemach of Sugarloaf

10th grade

• Anthony Arias Tejeda of Hazleton
• Gabriella Carsia of Sugarloaf
• Isabella DeStefano of Freeland
• Anna Drobnock of West Hazleton
• Benjamin Drobnock of West Hazleton
• Lucas Edmonds of Jim Thorpe
• Kayleigh Erickson of Mountain Top
• Jack Farrell of Mountain Top
• Arianna Larsen of Drums
• Maia Laverty of Mountain Top
• Calli Mason of Drums
• Jackson Moore of Hazleton
• Olivia Moore of Hazleton
• Patrick Moore of Hazleton
• Zach Naugle of Hazle Township
• Arianny Nieves of Hazleton
• Thomas Pantages of Lake Harmony
• Shreeya Parikh of Mountain Top
• Justin Park of Hazle Township
• Siya Patel of Sugarloaf
• Andrew Pedri of Drums
• Bianca Perez-Serrano of Hazleton
• Evan Polanco of Berwick
• Derek Radzwich of Conyngham
• Angel Reymunde Wittmer of Mountain Top
• Xavier Reymunde Wittmer of Mountain Top
• Jared Santana of Freeland
• Gavin Serock of Sugarloaf
• Haden Stash of Hazle Township
• Denna Stellar of Weatherly
• Max Temchatin of Drums
• Marissa Yamulla of Sugarloaf
• Clark Young of Freeland
• Madalynn Young of Mountain Top

11th grade

• Yoreimy Aponte of Hazle Township
• Katherine Arias of Hazleton
• Philip Benyo of Drums
• Maximus Bleiler of Mountain Top
• Christina Chrin of Barnesville
• Ian Composto of Freeland
• Gavyn Corchado of Mountain Top
• Avari DeAngelo of Mountain Top

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COMMUNITY NEWS

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For birthdays, include phone number, name, age and birthday, names and ages of siblings, parents, grandparents and towns of residents. For weddings, anniversaries and engagements, provide the names and hometowns of the individuals in the couple, the names and hometowns of the couple's parents, and some details about the ceremony; i.e., location, officiant, date to be wed.

Submissions can be emailed to ae@timesleader.com or sent to: Times Leader, 90 E. Market St., Wilkes-Barre, PA, 18701. Photos are not returned unless requested. Time-sensitive material should be received no later than two weeks prior to the event.

WHAT'S UP, NEPA?

GREATER WYOMING VALLEY

Orpheus Choral Society of the Wyoming Valley, under the direction of Gabriel Jenceleski and accompanied on piano by Susan Lauer, will present its Spring Concert at St. John the Evangelist Church on Saturday, May 30, at 2 p.m. The program will run approximately 45 minutes and include beloved religious, secular, and patriotic selections. A free-will offering will be accepted.

Greater Wyoming Valley Audubon Society will host a birding field trip on Sunday, May 31, at Nescopeck State Park, with a start time of 8:30 a.m. To register, email jeffrey.stratford@wilkes.edu

Celebrate America Concert. Singers are invited to participate in an Independence Day concert, set for 3 p.m. Sunday, June 28, at First Presbyterian Church, 97 South Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre. Co-sponsored by the church and the Pennsylvania Northeast Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, the program will include organ and choral music as well as readings related to the holiday. Choir rehearsals will be on Thursday, June 25, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. and on Sunday, June 28, at 1:30 p.m. at the church. Singers are asked to contact conductor John Vaida at jvaida@wyomingseminary.org or call 570-650-6459.

King's College Head Coach Bernie Kachinko will hold his annual girls' volleyball camp July 6-9 from 9 .m. to 1 p.m. in the Scandlon Gymnasium. The camp is open to girls entering grades 8th-12th. The cost of the camp is $140 with a reduced rate of $100 if paid by June 6. You can go to the King's College athletics website for information. Any questions, please contact Coach Kachinko at bernardkachinko@kings.edu

KINGSTON/ WEST SIDE

Kingston Historical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 28, in the council chambers, Kingston Municipal Building, Wyoming Avenue, Kingston. Anyone wishing to join may attend a meeting or request information by mail at PO Box 1702, Kingston, PA 18704.

Good Shepherd Polish National Catholic Church, 269 E. Main St., Plymouth, will join Plymouth Celebrate250 on May 30 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. in front of the church. We will serve halushki with homemade noodles, pierogi in butter and onion, piggies and a bake sale. In case of inclement weather, we will serve in the hall. Parade begins at 11 a.m. Festivities will be held throughout the town.

Edwardsville Hometown Committee is accepting vendor applications for the 12th annual Edwardsville Pierogi Festival, set for June 12-13 in John Hopkins Memorial Park, Edwardsville. We expect more than 80 vendors, carnival rides, a pierogi cookoff, a parade, live entertainment and fun for all. Sponsors are also needed. Please visit edwpierogi.com for vendor applications, cookoff entry forms, parade participation forms and sponsorship forms. This year's theme is "Celebrating America's 250, Patriots and Pierogi."

SUGAR NOTCH

The annual Sugar Notch Memorial Day Service will be held Monday, May 25, at 11 a.m. at the FDR Monument on Main Street. It was one of the first monuments to FDR in the country and honors both the former president and local military veterans. Eleanor Roosevelt visited Sugar Notch in 1948 to unveil and dedicate the monument. It is featured as one of the historical locations on the Visit Luzerne County History Trail.

BACK MOUNTAIN

Roast Beef Dinner at Northmoreland Township Volunteer Fire Co., 1618 Demunds Road, Centermoreland, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. May 27, eat in or take out. Dinner includes roast beef, real mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetables and dessert. Next dinner will be Aug. 26.

Rummage Sale at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 105 Irem Road, Dallas, PA (across from the Country Club Shopping Center), 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, June 5, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 6. Saturday is a $3 per bag day. Clothing, shoes, purses, jewelry, household items, small appliances, holiday decor, books, and toys will be available.

Order of the Eastern Star Spaghetti Fundraiser, 3 to 6 p.m. June 6 at Wyoming Masonic Lodge, 821 Wyoming Ave., Wyoming, $12 meal includes spaghetti with meatballs, salad,

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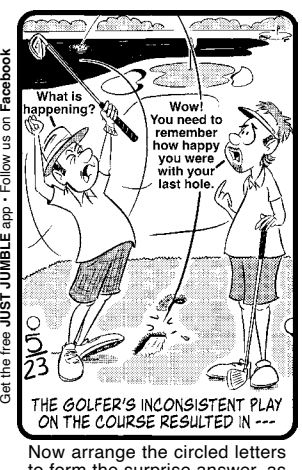
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Answer here:

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: OCCUR WHACK ABSORB THROAT
Answer: They would be playing "Fugue in D Minor" and then "Prelude No. 9 In E" — "BACH" TO "BACH"

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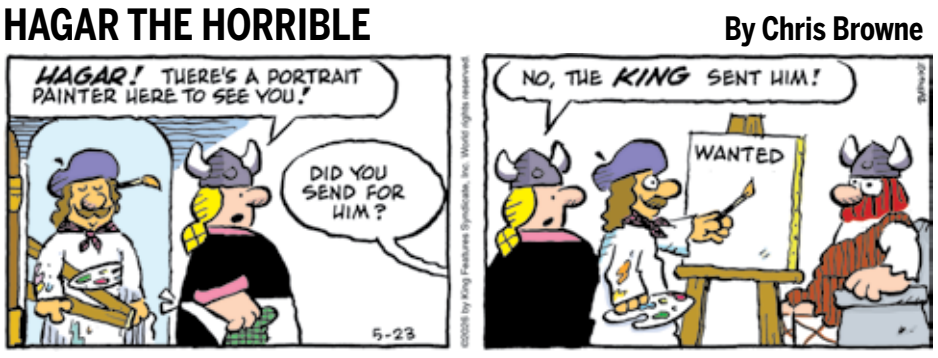
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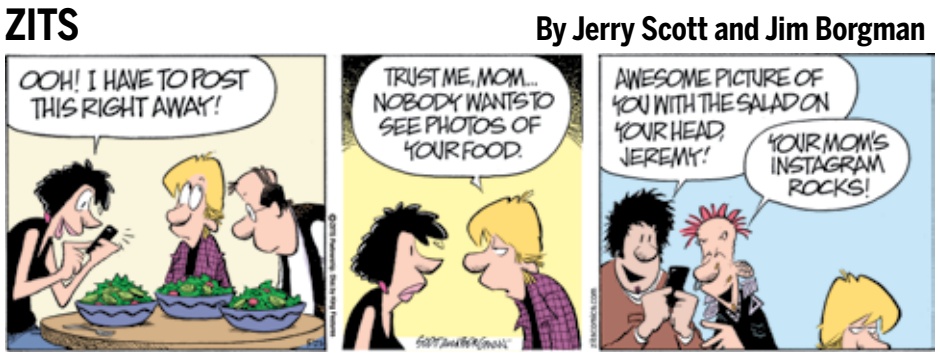
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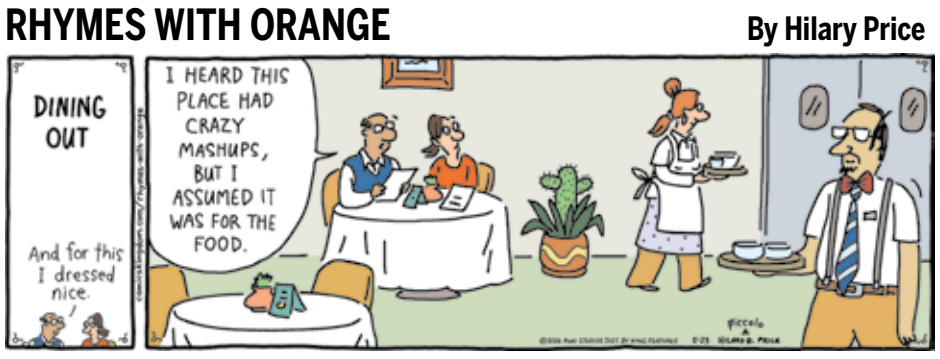
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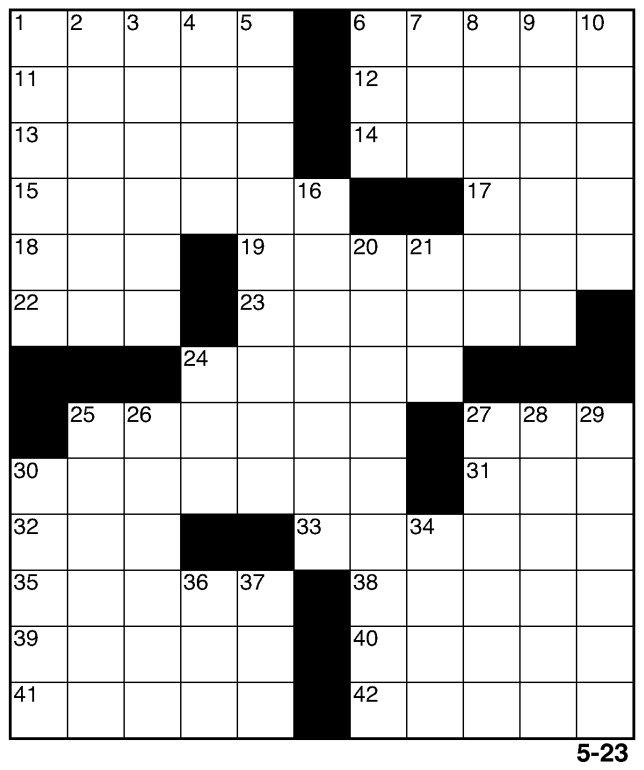
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12 Sung story
13 Iron output
14 Ship's crane
15 Forms
17 Wall climber
18 "— Misérables"
19 Finger pointer
22 Before, in odes
23 Relax
24 Frosh housing
25 Al Jolson song
27 Imitating
30 Mythical monster
31 Was a pioneer
32 Fall behind
33 Was inclined
35 Audibly
38 Midwest airport
39 Get more out of
40 More polite
41 Martin's auto-making partner
42 Urges on

DOWN

1 Nuisance
2 Purim honoree
3 Relaxed
4 Sting operation
5 1990 hit movie
6 Atlantic catch
7 — tree (cornered)
8 Modify
9 Motivated
10 Nymph chaser
16 Game officials
20 "Follow me"
21 Naval initials
24 Block up
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26 Go wild
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29 European vipers
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37 Retreat

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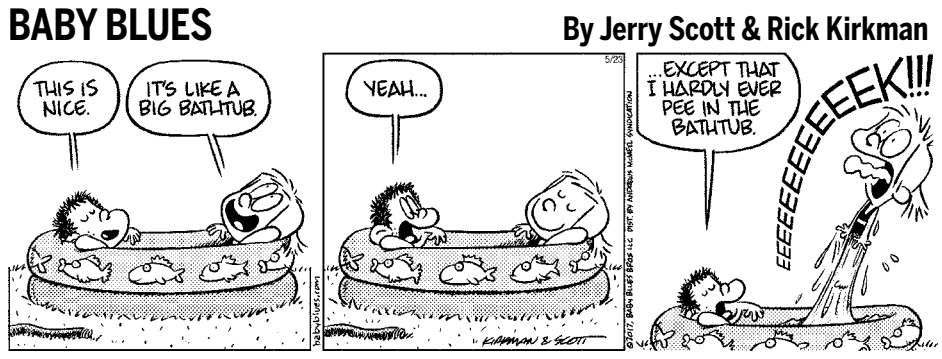
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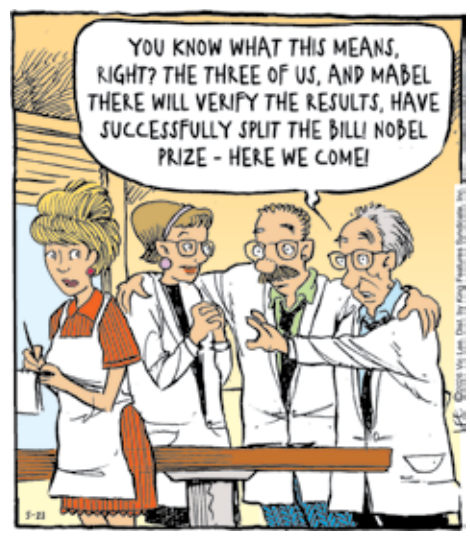
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PARDON MY PLANET

By Vic Lee



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by Dave Green

King Classic Sudoku

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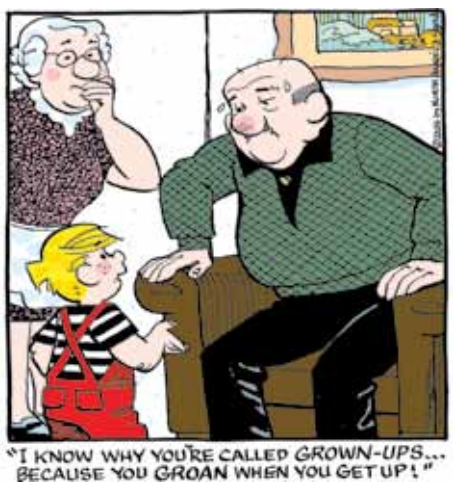
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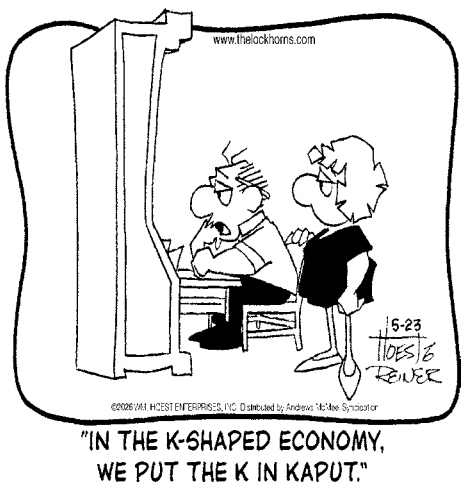
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DENNIS THE MENACE



THE LOCKHORNS

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil and Jeff Keane





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When a rock becomes sand



Dear Annie

Annie Lane

Dear Annie: My husband of five years has dementia. We've known about it for two or three years. He retired last year, and I work full time.

It's getting harder. He argues every point, doesn't want me to go anywhere without him and repeats himself. He says he will just "wait for me" when I ask for things to be done or when I try to get someone to help him with things. I financially can't stop working yet. To make it harder? Almost everyone has ghosted us.

He's home by himself most of the day. His family doesn't call or come by. Some of my family and a couple of my friends do come to help me, but it will reach a point where I'm going to need more help with him. He has three sisters and many cousins close by who have all gone no-contact. His kids barely check in.

I can't do this alone indefinitely. I can't afford care when the time comes unless it's a nursing home. I'm tired and frustrated. I get it — it's hard dealing with dementia and all that encompasses. When your rock becomes sand, it's rough. Maybe it would be easier if we had been together for 10, 20, 30 years, but we were barely married when things went sideways.

I don't know how things are going to go, but maybe you can ask your readers to remember that we caregivers need a break, a friend, an ear and inclusion. — Caregiver's Plea

Dear Caregiver: What you're carrying is heavy, and it's no wonder you feel overwhelmed. Caring for a spouse with dementia while working full time is more than one person should have to manage alone.

You're right that you can't do this indefinitely, and it's OK to ask for help. Contact your local Area Agency on Aging or an Alzheimer's support organization, which can connect you with respite care, support groups and guidance as your husband's needs change.

As for the people who've drifted away, perhaps they haven't stepped up not because they don't want to but because they don't know how. Be specific about support, whether it's a weekly visit, a meal they can bring or an hour they can spend with your husband so you can step out.

To my readers: "Caregiver" is right. If someone in your life carries a similar burden, please don't leave them to carry it alone.

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HOROSCOPE

Moon Alert: After 3 a.m. EDT today there are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions. The Moon moves from LEO into VIRGO.

Happy Birthday for Saturday, May 23, 2026:

You're vibrant, enthusiastic and charming. You're constantly curious about life's mysteries. This is a slower paced year. Take time to rejuvenate your energy. Focus on business and personal relationships with people who are kind, helpful and have your back. Concentrate on your needs and what brings you happiness.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Your confidence is strong today and you're ready to take action at work. You might take over a project or you might initiate something. You'll have no trouble expressing your ideas to others. You see that someone has to take the lead. Tonight: Work.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ This is a strong day for you! It's a wonderful day to socialize and enjoy the company of kids, as well as friends. Sports events, theatrical outings and fun get-togethers will appeal because you have high energy. Today in particular you appreciate the beauty of your daily surroundings. Tonight: Play!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Today you might be keen to make improvements at home or within your family. You want to initiate something or start a new program or a new regimen. The key might be to get others on board. Fortunately, with your ruler Mercury in your sign right no, you've got the gift of gab! Tonight: Family discussions.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Although you're happy to take a backseat right now and be low-key, today you're full of clever ideas that you want to share with friends or perhaps a group or an organization. Speak up. People respect you now. (And you've earned it.) Tonight: Conversations.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ This is a popular time for you, and today you have some ideas related to money or something that you own. Perhaps you want to buy something that will benefit everyone. (Very much your style.) Or perhaps you have a moneymaking idea. Why not run it up the flagpole to see if anyone salutes? Tonight: Check your money.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Today the Moon is in your sign bouncing off a number of planet, but one of them is fiery Mars. This is why you feel energized and proactive! You might want to make travel plans. You might want to talk to a boss or someone in authority about a revolutionary new idea. Tonight: You win!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Behind-the-scenes research might reveal some interesting data that will impress someone today. It also might relate to future travel plans. You are keen to do something to expand your horizons. You're also happy to study and learn more right now. Tonight: Enjoy your own company.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Today you will be vivacious and enthusiastic when dealing with friends, groups and teams. You might take charge and lead the way! Meanwhile, be patient with those who are closest to you; they could be annoying. Remember, patience is a virtue. Tonight: Be friendly.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Today your energy level is high and you might be keen to take on a new project or direct something. You might assume the role of leadership

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Friday's unlisted clue: INSTANT

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Saturday's unlisted clue hint: SCOOBY-DOO'S BEST FRIEND

Checkered	Furrowed	Ridged	Stringy
Corky	Mottled	Rough	Thorny
Fissured	Papery	Scaly	Warty
Flaky	Peeling	Smooth	

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5-23 CRYPTOQUIP

JTLK QZV UHYFMCLKWQ VYL DWZN-DWLMOHKN YFVAA HK FTL JOZKN YHKC, FTMF DZVWR IL M ROMKZ IOMHKZ.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHAT MIGHT SOMEBODY BUY WHEN THEY WOULD LIKE TO WIN FREE ALCOHOL FOR LIFE? BLOTTO TICKETS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: D equals C



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Bat is longer. 2. Number is smaller. 3. Arm is lower. 4. Fence is not as long. 5. Collar is missing. 6. Tree trunk is different.

SATURDAY EVENING — MAY 23, 2026

LOCAL	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
WNEP 16	News (N)	World News	Newswatch	Wealth	NBA Tip-Off	NBA Basketball New York Knicks at Cleveland Cavaliers (L) (N)				
WNEP2 16.2	Maude	Maude	Partridge	Partridge	Hazel	Hazel	Jeannie	Jeannie	News (N)	Bewitched
WYOU 22	News (N)	CBS-News	Entertainment Tonight (N)		WNBA Basketball Teams TBA (L) (N)				48 Hours (N) (TV14)	
WBRE 28	TBA	NBC News	To Be Announced (TVPG)		Password (TVPG)		Dateline NBC			
WYLN 35	Gaither Homecoming		Gaither Homecoming		Dr. Charles Stanley		David Jeremiah (TVG)		Christian Life Assembly	
WSWB 38	(5:00) NASCAR O'Reilly Charbroil 300 (L) (N)				From Roger Moore With Love (N) (TVG)				WOW - Women	
METV 38.2	The Three Stooges "A-Plumbing We Will Go" (TVG)				Svengoolie "Dr. Cyclops" (TVPG)					Batman
WVIA 44	Horizons (N)	Hoover (N)	Lawrence Welk (TVG)		Pa Polka "John Stevens"		RFDS: Royal (TV14)		Broadchurch (TV14)	
WQMY 53	Law & Order: SVU (TV14)		NCIS: Hawai'i (TV14)		NCIS "Nightwatch" (TV14)		Fire "A Cry for Help" (TV14)		Fire Country (TV14)	
WOLF 56	(5:00) The American Rodeo		MLB Baseball Los Angeles Dodgers at Milwaukee Brewers (L) (N)						News First at Ten (L) (N)	
WQPX 64	NWSL- Show	NWSL Soccer Denver Summit at Utah Royals FC (L) (N)				NWSL- Show /(:45) NWSL Angel City FC at Houston Dash				:45 NWSL-Post
KYW 3	CBS News	CBS-News	Entertainment Tonight (N)		WNBA Basketball Teams TBA (L) (N)				48 Hours (N) (TV14)	
WWOR 9	The 6 O'Clock News		Mercy Ships	Paid Prog.	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	Caught "Hearn-Slover"	
WPXI 11	11 News (N)	NBC News	Jeopardy!	Wheel	Password (TVPG)		Dateline NBC			
WPHL 17	(5:00) NASCAR O'Reilly Charbroil 300 (L) (N)				From Roger Moore With Love (N) (TVG)				Action News at 10 (N)	

CABLE	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
A&E	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage Wars (TVPG)		Storage Wars (TVPG)		Storage Wars (TVPG)	
AMC	(5:00) ★★★ Top Gun: Maverick ('22) (TVG)				★★★ The Dark Knight Rises ('12) Christian Bale. (TVG)					
BBCA	4:45 Weekend at Bernie's		★★ Ace Ventura: Pet Detective ('94) (TVG)				★★ Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls ('95) (TVG)			
BRAVO	Below Deck (TV14)		Below Deck (TV14)		Below Deck (TV14)		Below Deck (TV14)		Below Deck (TV14)	
CNBC	American Greed (TVPG)		American Greed (TVPG)		American Greed (TVPG)		American Greed (TVPG)		American Greed (TVPG)	
CNN	CNN Newsroom (N)		CNN Newsroom (N)		CNN Special Program		CNN Special Program		CNN Special Program	
COMC	Movie	★ Grown Ups ('10) Adam Sandler. (TVG)			(:45) ★★ Vacation ('15) Ed Helms. (TVPG)					
CTV	The Faithful	(N)/ Marilee	Daily Mass: Olam (TVG)		St. Rita Pt. 1			(:45) Gospel	Living Right (TVPG)	
DISC	Expedition (TVPG)		Expedition (TVPG)		Expedition (TVPG)		Expedition (TVPG)		Expedition (TVPG)	
DISN	Big City	Big City	★★★ Frozen ('13) Kristen Bell. (TVG)		(:45) Kiff		(:10) Kiff	(:35) Kiff	Phineas	Phineas
E!	4:00 A League of Their O...		★★★ Mrs. Doubtfire ('93) Robin Williams. (TVG)						Mrs. Doubtfire (TVG)	
ESPN	(5:00) College Softball		Softball NCAA Tournament: Arizona State at Texas (N)				College Softball NCAA Tournament: UCF at UCLA (L) (N)			
ESPN2	(5:00) College Softball		Peyton's	College Baseball Big 12 Tournament, Championship: Teams TBA (L) (N)						Peyton's
FNC	Weekend (L) (N)		Weekend (L) (N)		Life, Liberty & Levin (L) (N)		View- Lara Tru. (L) (N)		Saturday Night (L) (N)	
FOOD	Kitchen Nightmares (TV14)		Kitchen Nightmares (TV14)		Kitchen Nightmares (TV14)		Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive
FREE	(5:15) ★★★ Big Hero 6 ('14) (TVG)		(:25) ★★★★ Finding Nemo ('03) Albert Brooks. (TVG)						(:55) Finding Dory (TVG)	
FS1	(4:00) MLB Baseball		MLP Pickleball MLP Opening Weekend: Saturday (L) (N)				Summer of '94			
FX	(5:00) ★★★ Star Wars: Revenge of the Sith (TVG)				★★★★ Star Wars: A New Hope ('77) Mark Hamill. (TVG)					
FXM	(5:10) ★★ 65 ('23) (TVPG)		(:05) ★★★ Rise of the Planet of the Apes ('11) (TVG)				★★★ Dawn of the Planet of the Apes ('14) (TVG)			
HALL	Missing the Boat ('26) Emilie Ullerup. (TVG)				True Justice "True Justice: Eye for An Eye" (N) (TVPG)				All's Fair in Love & Mahj...	
HGTV	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters (N)	Hunters
HIST	The UnXplained (TV14)		The UnXplained (TV14)		The UnXplained (TV14)		The UnXplained (TV14)		(:05) UnXplained (TV14)	
LIFE	Reba McEntire's The Hammer ('23) (TV14)				When I Said I Do ('26) Sarah Drew. (P) (TVPG)				Faith & Forgiveness: A D...	
MTV	Big Bang	Big Bang	★★★ The Hangover ('09) Bradley Cooper. (TVPG)				(:20) ★★ The Hangover Part II ('11) (TVPG)			
NBCSP	(4:00) MLB Baseball		Phil. Postgame (L) (N)		Birds Huddle	Brewing (N)	Eagle Eye	Phillies	MLB Baseball	
NGEO	Catch a Smuggler (TV14)		Catch a Smuggler (TVPG)		Catch a Smuggler (TV14)		Dublin Narcos (N)		Catch a Smuggler (TVPG)	
NICK	(5:00) Trolls World Tour		★★ Hotel Transylvania: Transformania ('22)				Friends	Friends	Big Bang	:40 Big Bang
OVA	Leverage (TVPG)		Leverage (TVPG)		Leverage (TVPG)		Leverage (TVPG)		Leverage (TVPG)	
PARMT	(:10) Yellowstone (TVMA)		(:20) Yellowstone "Blood the Boy" (TVMA)		(:35) Yellowstone (TV14)		(:50) Yellowstone (TVMA)			
SYFY	Movie	★★★ Mission: Impossible II ('00) Tom Cruise. (TVPG)					(:05) ★★★ Mission: Impossible III ('06) (TVPG)			
TBS	4:00 Lost World: Jurassic ...		★★ Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom ('18) Chris Pratt. (TVG)					Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang
TCM	★★★ Take the High Ground ('53) Richard Widmark.				Looney	★★ Midway ('76) Charlton Heston.				
TLC	The Single Life (TVMA)		Last Resort (TV14)		Last Resort (TV14)		Last Resort (TV14)		Neighbor.	Neighbor.
TNT	NHL on TNT (L) (N) (TVPG)		NHL Hockey Montreal Canadiens at Carolina Hurricanes (L) (N)						Post-Game	Collision (N)
TOON	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Rick Morty
TRAV	Ghost Adventures (TVPG)		Ghost Adventures (TV14)		Ghost Adventures (TV14)		Ghost Adventures (TVPG)		Ghost Adventures (TV14)	
TVL	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld
USA	(5:30) ★★★ Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince ('09) Daniel Radcliffe. (TVG)						Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 (TVG)			
VH1	★★ You Again ('10) Kristen Bell. (TVG)				★★ Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle ('03) Cameron Diaz. (TVG)					Movie
WE	NCIS (TV14)		NCIS "Recovery" (TVPG)		NCIS "Phoenix" (TVPG)		NCIS "Lost at Sea" (TVPG)		NCIS (TVPG)	
YOUTOO	(4:00) ★ Yoga Hosers		America's Auction Live! (N)							

PREMIUM	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
HBO	(:55) ★★ Mary Shelley's Frankenstein ('94) (TVPG)				★★ The Bride! ('26) Jessie Buckley. (P) (TV14)				(:10) Josh Johnson (TVMA)	
HBO2	(5:40) Task	(:40) Task (TVMA)		(:40) Task (TVMA)		(:40) Task (TV14)		(:45) Task (TV14)		(:45) Task
MAX	(5:35) Pitch Perfect 3		(:05) ★★★ The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel ('11) (TVG)				(:10) ★★ Monster-in-Law ('05) (TVG)			Movie
MMAX	4:35 Post	(:35) Adult Best Friends ('24)			(:55) ★★ It's Complicated ('09) Meryl Streep. (TVG)				Sunshine Cleaning	
SHOW	(5:45) ★★★★ Million Dollar Baby ('04) (TVPG)				★★ Quantum of Solace ('08) (TVPG)			(:50) ★★★ Top Gun: Maverick (TVG)		
STARZ	(5:50) ★★ The Housemaid ('25) (TV14)				(:05) Amadeus (TVMA)		★★★ Knocked Up ('07) Seth Rogen. (TVPG)			

Prepping for the next morning



Hints from Heloise

Heloise

Dear Heloise: Before I go to bed, I spend about 3 minutes preparing for the next morning. I set up the coffee maker, put anything that I need to take with me by the door, and leave out anything I'll need on the counter rather than tucking it away in a cabinet. It isn't a dramatic change, but in the morning, you'll appreciate the effort that you put in.

There's a real difference between waking up and having to figure things out versus waking up and just doing them. Everything's already in place, nothing needs deciding, and somehow the whole morning moves more easily because of it — even when nothing about your day actually changed.

I also make sure to check the kitchen sink before bed. Seeing dishes in the sink first thing in the morning bothers me more than it should, so now I always clear them before I go to sleep. It only takes about 90 seconds, and it makes the morning feel better. — Sandra Jo H., in Chattanooga, Tennessee

GREASY CABINET DOORS

Dear Heloise: Here's a surface that gets neglected until you can't ignore it anymore: the cabinet doors near your stove. Cooking grease is sneaky — it doesn't look like much while it's happening, but over time, it builds into a dull, sticky film that a damp cloth just kind of smears around. Regular all-purpose sprays barely make a dent in the older stuff. You need something that actually cuts grease, not just moves it.

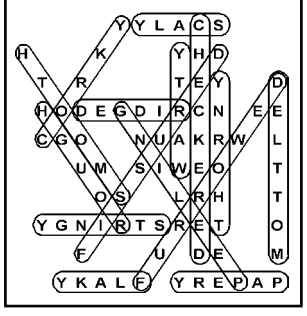
Dish soap is the trick. Put a few drops on a damp cloth – not a spray bottle, just straight-up dish soap — and rub it into the surface in small circles. It cuts through grease in a way that most all-purpose cleaners don't. Wipe clean with a damp cloth and dry thoroughly. Wood cabinets especially need this drying step, or the moisture will cause problems over time.

For really neglected doors, a paste of baking soda and dish soap that is applied with an old toothbrush reaches the edges and hardware where grease collects most. Rinse well. It's an unpleasant job but extremely gratifying once it's done. — Rhonda T., in Baton Rouge, Louisiana

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Today's Answers

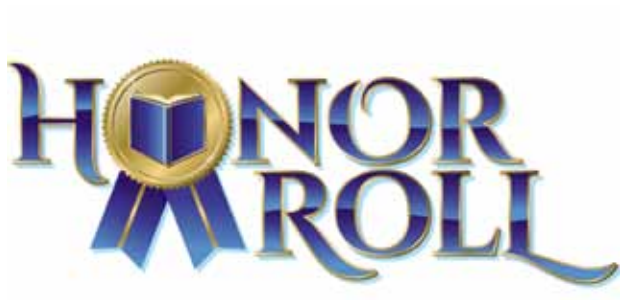
DESCRIPTIVE WORDS FOR TREE BARK



Lehman-Jackson Elementary 3rd period honor roll

Tabitha Miscavage Spagnuolo, principal of Lehman-Jackson Elementary School, announced in April the sixth grade honor roll for the third marking period, as follows.

- Jayden Beach
- Aubrie Brittain
- Gwen Campbell
- Lena Falcone
- John Fedor
- Jackson Fife
- Emily Fishel
- Kendall Grabinski
- Henry Graboske III
- Elizabeth Hadaway
- Mac Hanson
- Audrick Hawk
- Keira Hozempa
- Jackson Katyl
- Abraham Keen
- Maxwell Kovach
- Cora Kukosky
- Corey Kyttle
- Annie Layaou
- Joseph Lingobardo
- Christian Martin
- Margaret McCormack
- Maddox Morreale
- Everleigh Morris
- Olive Nevin



- Adelyn Piekara
- Camdin Renfer
- Charlee Sadowski
- Andrew Salko
- Lucas Scavone
- Michael Simmons
- Parker Titus
- Deacon Tkaczyk
- Aedan Toll
- Madelyn Vinciarelli
- Isabella Wojtowicz

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- Nicholas Erickson of Mountain Top
- Alexa Fazio of Freeland
- Eliza Garcia of Drums
- Jacob Gatts of Conyngham
- Katelyn Gera of Weatherly
- Zachary Jordan of Drums
- Nathaniel Kringe of Drums
- Kenedy Lutz of Lake Harmony
- Ali Mehran of Mountain Top
- Akshay Narayanashetty of Mountain Top
- Amber Quijandria of Hazleton
- Savannah Romero of Hazleton
- Angelina Seeba of Mountain Top
- Ruhani Shah of Mountain Top
- Amanda Stoffa of White Haven
- Nicholas Swaditch of White Haven
- Delilah Yatsko of Drums
- Anna Zaroda of Mountain Top
- Sharon Zhuang of Conyngham

12th grade

- Cedrah Abdulrahman of Hazleton
- Hasan Arain of Bear Creek Township
- Frederick Blaine of Weatherly
- Alexis Bleiler of Mountain Top
- Jozef Dovicak of White Haven
- JT Ferry of Drums
- Adam Frask of Drums
- Ava Genetti of Sugarloaf
- Benjamin Gombeda of Freeland
- Gabe Horvath of Conyngham
- Joseph Mayernik of Freeland
- Cassidy McDermott of White Haven
- Yeleiny Paniagua of West Hazleton
- Sharan Parikh of Mountain Top
- Rishi Patel of Drums
- Erica Schwear of Sugarloaf
- Caleb Skuba of Drums
- Arushi Solgama of Mountain Top
- Jayden Unger of Conyngham
- Georgia Washko of Drums
- David Yamulla of Sugarloaf
- Madelyn Young of Freeland

What's up

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bread with butter, dessert. Take out only. To purchase tickets, call 570-472-5352.

Spring Tea at the Greens at Irem, sponsored by Wilkes University Polish Room, noon June 10, with a wide selection of teas, pastries, tea sandwiches & other delectable food items. The event will also feature a Basket/Gift card raffle, with tickets available at the door. All are welcome, especially those interested in learning more about the club, its purpose & future events. To ensure your reservation, contact Susan at 570-357-3583 by June 4.

Dallas Order of Eastern Star Pork BBQ Platters, 4 to 6 p.m. Friday, June 12, at the Eastern Star Hall on Foster Street, Dallas, behind the CVS Drug Store. Pork BBQ on a bun with baked beans and coleslaw, $14. Also available are "our famous Welsh cookies," $8 per dozen. Call 570-675-4893 to pre-order your dinner and cookies.

GREATER PITTSTON AREA

Cash Bingo, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 21, at Wyoming Hose Co., 70 East Third St., Wyoming. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Cost is $25 in advance and $30 at the door. Cards are 6 on. There are 15 regular games with a $100 payout, and three bonus games. Proceeds benefit Zara Court #113. Purchase is not tax-deductible. Call 570-332-9272 or any Zara Member for tickets. Seating is limited. Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

Exeter Borough All-Community Yard Sale, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 23. Sell your clothes, furniture, kitchen stuff, games, toys, baby items, bags, and more. It is free to register your yard, porch, or driveway on our Google Form. Please register before Monday, May 18, to be added to our Yard Sale Treasures Searchable & Printable Map.

Flower Sale, all varieties, hanging baskets, potted plants and annuals, 11 a.m., May 23 at the Brick United Methodist Church, 935 Foote Ave., Duryea, 18642.

Beer For Books, a fundraiser for the Wyoming Free Library, 6 to 8 p.m. May 29 at The Lighthouse Inn, 1019 Shoemaker Ave., Wyoming. $30 per ticket. Buffet includes hot dogs, mac 'n cheese, and salad. Drink tickets may be redeemed for either two domestic beers, one glass of wine or a signature drink. This is a 21+ event. Entertainment will be by Jon and Kate. Tickets available at beerforbooks.com.

Festa San Cataldo Picnic, 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, June 20, American Legion Pavilion, 203 Vine St., Pittston. Music by Mike Millennium from 2 to 5 p.m. Buffet catered by Gary at 1 p.m., with baked ziti, meatballs in sauce, breaded chicken tenders, sausage and peppers and more. Water Balloon Toss Competition, 50/50 drawing. Cost $30 per adult, $15 for ages 7 through 17; free for ages 6 and younger. Payment due at the time of reservation, in cash or with a check made out to San Cataldo Society. Call Carla Scarantino, 570-655-1551.

HUNLOCK CREEK

Oakdale Memorial Cemetery Association will hold its annual Memorial Day Service, Dinner, and Ice Cream Sale on Monday, May 25, at Oakdale Independent Community Church, 485 Oakdale Drive, Hunlock Creek. The Memorial Day Service begins at 10:30 a.m., followed by dinner from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dinner includes roast pork and homemade sides, with eat-in or take-out available. Homemade ice cream will also be available for purchase following the service. All are welcome.

LAKE SILKWORTH

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, 2011 PA-29, Hunlock Creek, will hold a chicken barbecue on Saturday, May 30, from noon to 3 p.m. Dinner includes a half barbecue chicken, parsley potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, and a dinner roll for $15. Eat-in or take-out available. Pre-orders are encouraged; call Steve Maurer at 570-417-5167.

MOUNTAIN TOP

Mountain Top Social Club will meet May 26 at 1:30 p.m. at the American Legion, 1550 Henry Drive, Mountain Top. All bus trips are open to the public, call Dolores Kelly Zajac, Trip Coordinator 732-690-9609. For club information, call Ady Burner, president, 347-397-8356. Club membership is closed.

GLEN LYON

American Legion Post 539 and its Auxiliary, will hold a Bingo fundraiser in the social hall, 64 Newport St., Glen Lyon, on May 31 from 1300 to 1600 hours (1 to 4 p.m.). Doors open to the public at 1200 hours. A $15 fee is assessed for a bingo package, and additional card purchases will be available for Special Bingos. There will be a Bake Sale and Basket Raffle (donations will be accepted) and a 50/50 drawing during the event. For more info: Tim Derr, 570-706-6658; Danielle, 570-592-4251; Faith, 570-417-8899.

MESHOPPEN

Guiding Light Christian Cafe, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on the first Fridays of the month at Meshoppen Community Church, 128 Church Road, Meshoppen, Pa., 18630. With entertainment from Yvonne Harman on June 5, Cedar Routes on Aug. 7, Devoted Band on Sept. 18, and Paul and Mary Good on Oct. 2.

REUNIONS

Coughlin High School, Class of 1959, will meet at 2 p.m., Thursday, May 21, 2026, at Bettelli's Villa, 560 Kidder St., Wilkes-Barre. All classmates, spouses and members of Coughlin High School classes of 1958 and 1960 are welcome. Call Fran at 570-261-4121 if you plan to attend.

The Pittston Area High School Class of 1981 is planning a 45th anniversary reunion for June 6 at Colarusso's La Palazzo on Birney Avenue in Moosic, and the committee is attempting to contact classmates. If you have contact information for yourself or any other classmate, please get in touch with Kelly Gowran Steiner at 480-414-5671 or kellysteineraz@gmail.com/. For more information, see the Pittston class of 1981 Facebook page.

Coughlin High School, Class of 1972, will hold its 72nd birthday bash from 5 to 10 p.m. Saturday, June 13, at the Polish American Veterans, 2 South Oak St., Plains. The $30 per person cost includes a buffet meal, beverages, and a DJ. A Friday evening ice breaker at Leggio's in Wilkes-Barre and a Sunday farewell brunch are also planned. For reservations, please visit the Coughlin High School Class of 1972 Facebook group or contact Eileen Wellner at eileenw72@gmail.com or Mike Teller at michaeltteller12@yahoo.com. Payment can be made to Eileen Wellner, 81 Franklin Dr., Mechanicsburg, Pa. 17055 or Venmo @ Eileen-Wellner.

Hanover High School class of 1963 will holds its 63rd year reunion 4 p.m. July 17 at Kelsey's Ale House, 199 Division St., Kingston. Cost $35, buffet-style meal and cash bar. Payment is due by July 1 to: Elwood Larson, 101 Perrin Ave., Shavertown, Pa. 18708. Any questions, call Woody at 272-298-8732.

James M. Coughlin High School Class of 1966 will celebrate its 60th reunion from 1 to 6 p.m. Aug. 15 at American Grill, 1320 Wyoming Ave., Exeter. Please respond with any interest, questions or plans to attend to Marie Dorrance Hartz at 570-574-5744 or mariehartz@me.com. or to Joe Christopher at 570 706-1499 or thevoyager826@gmail.com. Or post to our Facebook page - Coughlin66.

Hanover Area High School Class of 1976 will celebrate its 50-Year Reunion on Saturday, September 5, 2026, at the Wyoming Valley Country Club in Hanover Township. Classmates are encouraged to contact the reunion committee with updated contact information or questions by emailing hahs50reunion@gmail.com. Classmates may also register for the reunion online at www.tinyurl.com/hahs50.

Annie

From page 4C

Dear Annie: We have a co-worker who has a distinct odor for a few days a month. We work in patient care and feel bad that her time-of-the-month odor may be giving people the idea that she's generally unclean.

How can we politely tell her that others are noticing and prevent her from being embarrassed? — Trying to Be Tactful

Dear Tactful: This is a sensitive situation, and your instinct to spare this woman embarrassment is the right one.

If something must be said, it should come from a supervisor or HR, not a group of co-workers. In a patient care setting, hygiene concerns should be addressed professionally and privately, without speculating or singling her out.

Tread carefully. Kindness here means discretion — and letting the right person handle it.

"Out of Bounds: Estrangement, Boundaries and the Search for Forgiveness" is out now! Annie Lane's third anthology is for anyone who has lived with anger, estrangement or the deep ache of being wronged — because forgiveness isn't for them. It's for you. Visit http://www.creatorspublishing.com for more information. Follow Annie Lane on Instagram at @dearannieofficial. Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com.

Hints

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HAVE SMOOTH SHEETS WITHOUT IRONING

Dear Heloise: Ironing sheets is time-consuming, but wrinkled beds look messy. The key is timing. Remove sheets immediately when the dryer stops because warm fabric is still pliable. Shake them out and put them on the bed while they're hot, smoothing them flat to cool them down. Even a 10-minute delay allows wrinkles to set. For tough creases, lightly mist the sheet with water and smooth it by hand. This method eliminates the need for an ironing board. — Alice P., in Roanoke, Virginia

CONTAINER ORGANIZATION

Dear Heloise: Organizing plastic containers often fails because people struggle to maintain the system. To fix this, store containers in a kitchen drawer for better visibility, or keep the lids attached even if doing so uses up more space. Discard any pieces without a match immediately.

For separate lid storage, use a dish rack or a file organizer on its side to keep the lids upright and prevent them from avalanching. This affordable solution keeps the cabinet orderly. — Frances O., in Eugene, Oregon

PET PAL

Dear Heloise: This is our dog, Coco Puff, running in the snow for the first time. —Beth Ruiz, via email

Readers, to see Coco Puff and our other Pet Pals, go to Heloise.com and click on "Pet of the Week."

Do you have a furry friend to share with our readers? Send a photo and a brief description to Heloise@Heloise.com. — Heloise



Horoscope

From page 4C

in part because you're radiating an inner excitement, plus the fact that you understand what needs to be done. "Power 10!" Tonight: You're admired.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Today you're full of enthusiasm and eager to travel, explore new ideas and meet interesting people. Sports and fun outings will particularly appeal to you. Don't hesitate to explore new avenues that offer excitement and a change of pace. Why not? "Eat, drink and be merry!" Tonight: Explore!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ In discussions with someone about wills, inheritances, taxes, debt or anything to do with shared property, you'll have no trouble standing your ground. You feel confident and determined. Fortunately, you are charming and fun-loving as well. (You'll get what you want.) Tonight: Check your finances.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You might attract someone to you today who is enthusiastic. Or perhaps you will be the enthusiastic person who bowls somebody else over. Either way, discussions at home about repairs and family matters will be lively! Tonight: Cooperate.

BORN TODAY

Actress Joan Collins (1933), comedian, game show host Drew Carey (1958), filmmaker Ryan Coogler (1986)

Hanover Area 3rd Quarter Honor Roll

John Sipper, principal of Hanover Area Junior-Senior High School, announced in April the honor roll for the 3rd quarter of the 2025-26 school year, as follows.

7th Grade High Honors

- Mia Acosta Aranda
- Harley Ankner
- Skyler Baptiste
- Lily Benson
- Dylan Cadas
- Leanna David
- Paula De Los Santos Alcantara
- Emmanuel Garcia
- Ella Grilz
- Ava Gurns
- Maxwell Hall
- Stephen Harkenreader
- Kaylia Hedrington
- Adriel Hernandez
- Parker Hogan
- Allison Johnson
- Gianna Leiby
- Chelsea Lenahan
- Elizabeth Malloy
- Laycie Mazur
- Chloe McDaniels
- Brenton Mihalko
- Heavenly Moreno
- Julianna Morio
- Callie Mullin
- Liam Nicely
- Kara Norvell
- Gianna Pericci
- Ariadne Rodriguez Celedonio
- Marleigh Rothumel
- Bailey Scholl
- Belle Seiger
- Jalissa Shortz
- Parker Siconolfi
- Marianna Vergara
- Aubrey Wesstrom
- Emma Wilson
- Sarah Wright
- Kylie Zavislak
- Kaitlyn Zotte

8th Grade High Honors

- Hazel Ameller
- Grace Boyle
- Grey De Paula De La Rosa
- Olivia Eastman
- Hayleigh Fisher
- Julia Gawronkiewicz
- Audrina Gianelli
- Aralyn Hatten
- Lauryn Hatten
- Paisley Hliwski
- Raegan Jayne-Paisley
- Dylan Kohn
- Abegael Lawson
- Lena Maclusky
- Madeline Martin
- Mary Matthews
- Emily May
- Elizabeth Miscavage
- Sabrina Morocho Suarez
- Amiratou Ouandaogo
- Gabriella Pericci
- John Quinn III
- Jakara Radcliff
- Yandriel Rivera
- Kylee Rodriguez
- Aubriana Romanowski
- Braden Rutkoski
- Harry Sager
- Grace Sapulak
- Harper Schiel
- Ava Schlingman
- Alexander Schultz
- Asa Sposto
- Gianna Stevenson
- Stella Styczen
- Jayden Thompson
- Michael Valdez Garcia
- Destiny Valenzuela
- Angel Vergara Jr.
- Isaac Wassel
- Jillian Weidner
- Cameryn Wellington
- Nevaeh Wilson

9th Grade High Honors

- Victoria Louise Araujo
- Damien Bain
- Kevin Bartman Jr.
- Adrien Chatelier
- Dairianys Chevalier Perez
- Destiny Duran
- Kitara Garrison
- Jaylanie Genao
- Maliyah Holt
- Tina-Yana Khrypta
- Allyn Malloy
- Anna Malloy
- Sophia McKenzie
- Jameson Rutt
- Aniya Safriwe
- Nikolaus Schultz Jr.
- Leo Seiger
- Kaylen Torres
- Alex Traver
- Crystal Trepanier
- Derek Ulerio
- Alana Velez
- Camila Vicioso Ramirez
- Mason Yenchik
- Olivia Younker

10th Grade High Honors

- Ameerah Alrefai
- Joseph Bly
- Wiktor Bogusz
- Abigail Buckman
- Christopher Caines Jr.
- Emma Cunard
- Samantha Emo
- Ashley Garcia Herrera
- Aiden Hollock
- Olivia Jarmolowich
- Tzaliah Lewis
- Channel Lopez De La Cruz
- Lily Lux
- Olivia Mihalchik
- Lyla Minsavage
- Ambria Mulroy
- Lucianna Nelson
- Pablo Nunez
- Jaxon Pierce
- Mikaela Ramos-Sherman
- Conor Richardson
- Nathan Ross
- Alexandra Rutkoski
- Bethany Santey
- Hannah Siene
- Brooke Snyder
- Manuel Turvi De La Cruz
- Natalie Weidner

11th Grade High Honors

- Kaylee Barancho
- Roxy Brandolino
- Lucas Cruz
- Evan Dewey
- John Garnett
- Chloe Griffith
- Alexander Hogan
- Chase Karabon
- Jett Kelsall
- Camden Kratz
- James Lewis
- Connor Mihalko
- Angelica Ocasio Velez
- Jeremy Panetta
- Jeffery Peck Jr.
- Genesis Rivera Aragon
- Olivia Russoniello
- Eliana Schlauch
- Addison Shovlin
- Jace Thomas
- Rodney Williams
- Sophia Zadzura

12th Grade High Honors

- Alyana Anderson
- Carleigh Baker
- Lukas Balas
- Madison Brown
- Aiden Carrell
- Lydia Chafin
- Le'kayla Constantine
- Greiny De Paula De La Rosa
- Amelia Gawronkiewicz
- Taylor Karasek
- Elijah Kopko-Green
- Lyndsay Laguerre
- Kiori Lewis
- Gavin Lohnes
- Amelia MacLunny
- Spencer Martinez
- Saubel Mejia Rosario



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- Nicole Mercedes Gomez
- Hailey Mizell
- Kimora Moore
- Aiden Nealon
- Adrianna Nelson
- Morgan Qualters
- Jayvon Quarterman Fulwood
- Michael Ralston
- Jayden Rivera
- Yamillette Rivera Aragon
- Yendy Rodriguez Martinez
- Kelsey Ryan
- Noah Sabecky
- Emma Schlingman
- Jake Scholten
- Charles Seiger
- Nathan Wright
- Preston Zadzura

7th Grade Honors

- Tara Barancho
- Brooke Belawicz
- Edward Belawicz
- Daniella Bralczyk
- Jasarrah Cato
- Dominic Chado
- Luis Cholico
- Zoey Corriveau
- Joseph Costabile
- Natalia Coyne
- Eva Marie Cunningham
- Korrileigh Davis
- Le'Shae Dempsey
- Javian Fermin
- Michelle Gatusky
- Kylie Hall
- Adrian Jacquet
- Cayla Keita
- Evan Kemp
- Jaden Kreitzer
- Madilyn MacDonald
- Kayeri Machuca Colon
- Ruby Mejia
- Cole Minnick
- Khloe Moore
- Henrry Gabriel Nicolas Martinez
- Olivia Noll
- Jeramy Perdomo
- Mariah Perez
- Bradley Potsko
- Daziyah Rivera
- Aubrey Robertson
- Edson St Sauveur
- Michael Urbanski
- Noellys Uvina
- Sincere Wilson
- Jace Wolf
- Gage Zabiegalski

8th Grade Honors

- Porter Alansky
- Zaina Alrefai
- William Balbi Rodriguez
- Messiah Bickerstaff
- Melissa Cuacuanoxtala-Ramirez
- Keily De La Cruz Arias
- Riley Ent
- Kaylib Fox
- Shane Gushock Jr.
- Cian Hummer
- Norberto Jaquez
- Ayomide Keshinro Jr.
- Kassie Maldonado
- Jason Martin
- Zachary Martz
- Gabriela Mercedes
- Madeline Mizell
- Yoelis Munoz
- Ar'Mean Parker
- Destiny Perez
- Bella Pissarra
- Thomas Potsko
- Juanita Rodriguez
- Adam Shamaski
- Gary Steidenger
- Nashaun Stokes
- George Stritzinger Jr.
- Coby Williams Jr.

9th Grade Honors

- Aayden Amigon
- Rafael Arias Diaz
- Michael Belawicz
- Domenic Belcak
- Fateen Belfield Jr.
- Ryan Bennett
- Chase Brown
- Mason Burke
- Jose Del Orbe King
- Hazel Fermin
- Brody Frame
- Matthews Garcia Manzueta
- Kenley Graboske
- Gabriella Grffith
- Audrey Hornick
- Molly Kocher
- Charlotte Kosch
- Kenza Kouda
- Alexandra Lainez
- Keiver Linares Acosta
- Christopher Lyons Jr.
- Ayden Mazur
- Naneishka Medina Rosario
- Nathan Myzick
- Dylan Norvell
- Maddison Noss
- Macey Ponko
- Selena Pottage
- Brynlee Predniss
- Aviana Rivera
- Ivanna Rodriguez
- Alondra Romero
- Braiden Russoniello
- Danelis Sanchez Paulino
- Ledwyn Santana
- Bryan Savercool Jr.
- Demetrius Sharpe
- Landon Snyder
- Demetre Speller. Robert Spencer
- Patricia Spielmann
- Emmett Strosser-Thomas
- Hunter Tarity
- April Vanderhorst Ojeda
- Matthew VanWhy
- Cheris Wilson

10th Grade Honors

- Emil Almanzar Castillo
- Aylin Alvarez
- Ayden Austin
- John Boem III
- Ki'ymani Bowman
- Gianna Capone
- Daelyn Carbajal
- Axel De La Cruz Rodriguez
- Landon Donovan
- Zulimar Fernandez Romero
- Diana Flores
- Jether Franco-Colon
- Christopher Griffin
- Isabella Hornick
- Ethan Huff
- Lillianna Inglese
- Benjamin Kolbicka
- Haylee Lindgren
- Revan Madden
- Jahmair Marshall
- E'Anna Martinez
- Fabiola Martinez Ramirez
- Ruby Matthews
- Alexa Minnick
- Jaiden Perdomo
- William Richards
- Logan Richardson
- Brody Richardson Arianna Robinson
- Yamir Robinson
- Miley Sarochinsky
- Juliette Suarez
- Kaycee Tomko
- Isabella Urbanski
- Alejandro Urena Polanco
- Daniel Valenzuela Jr.
- Danashaly Vargas Reyes
- Gregory Vassallo Jr.
- Caitlyn Wardaski

11th Grade Honors

- Joshua Bermudez Jr.
- Kaitlyn Bradfield
- Auriana Burrell
- Joseph Cadwell
- Geanelly Cardona
- Ashton Carmelo
- Maizie Conway
- Nouriatou Dansoko
- Yaradelise Diaz Figuero
- Aiden Fisher
- Ally Hall
- Jacob Halliday. Jackson Huff
- Roman Ixcoy Sandoval
- Destiny Jones
- Clifford Klaiber Jr.
- David Lapallo
- Anaiyah LaRocque
- Emma Leeman
- Angel Lopez
- Trayvon Lucas
- Shamilka Marte Mena
- Aubree Mathis
- Kaedin McArdle
- Madilynn Meyers
- Heaven Miller
- Elaisa Montilla Villalona
- Katherine Mullen
- Kennedy O'Donnell
- Michael Perez
- Noah Rivera
- Jacob Rivera
- Angel Rivera
- Magdalis Rodriguez Montero
- Ronny Santos Paulino
- Brendan Searfoss
- Stella Rose Shaffer
- Mellany Sims Sanchez
- Brock Snyder
- Ryleigh Sypniewski
- Audrey Tarity
- Liana Tate
- Bellayne Theodore
- William Thompson
- Mariah Trujillo
- Jacob Vanderhoff
- Chelsea Viloria Diaz
- Jailynn Washington
- Spencer Welfel
- Kamarii Wilson

12th Grade Honors

- Brian Amparo
- Allen Anderson
- Wilmen Beltre Espinal
- Jolene Booth
- Sebastian Borum
- Grace Bralczyk
- Kenedi Cabrero Soto
- Vanessa Cole Graziano
- Mackenzie Coryell
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- Cailyn Yelland

Jazz

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Miroslav Vitous and Dave Holland. has performed and recorded with many renowned artists, Ben's selected discography includes work with Kurt Rosenwinkel - The Next Step, The Enemies of Energy and Heartcore (Verve); Danilo Perez - Til Then (Verve), Live at the Jazz Showcase(Artist Share); David Sanchez - Coral (Sony Music) Ed Simon - La Bikina (Mythology); Anthony Coleman - Morenica (Tzadic), Shawn Colvin - Holiday Songs and Lullabies (Columbia); Cyndi Lauper - At Last (Epic); Ethan Iverson, Jorge Rossy, Chris Cheek - Guilty (Fresh Sound); Barney Mcall - Widening Circles (MJC); Ben Monder Trio - Dust (Arabesque); Space Cowboys - Original Motion Picture Soundtrack (Warner Bros.)

Abraham Burton — Showcased as a soloist on two Grammy award-winning albums, Abraham has performed and recorded with notable contemporaries and legendary jazz artists, including Art Taylor, Jackie McLean, Louis Hayes, Roy Haynes, Rashid Ali, Cindy Blackman, Mulgrew Miller, Roy Hargrove, Christian McBride, Jimmy Smith, and Reggie Workman. As a band leader, Abraham's repertoire includes a vast collection of albums, compositions and renowned international performances at venues including the North Sea Jazz Festival, Moors Jazz Festival, and Pori Jazz Festival. An anchor of the tenor chair in the Mingus organization for the past twenty-five years, Abraham continues to perform globally with the Mingus Big Band and the Mingus Dynasty. Off the bandstand, Abraham is a faculty member of both the Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers University and the Jackie McLean Institute of Jazz at the University of Hartford, where his lectures are in high demand.

Eric McPherson — Born and raised in New York, Eric McPherson was immersed in music from birth. Richard Davis, his godfather and an icon among jazz bassists, was present at his birth. It was Richard who suggested he be named after Eric Dolphy. Before Eric was three months old, his mother, a superb dancer-choreographer deep in the jazz scene, was taking him, strapped to her back, to rehearsals and performances. Her wide orbit of friends included lots of drummers, major jazz artists like Max Roach, Michael Carvin, Charles Moffett and Freddie Waits. Small wonder that Eric was beating on pots and pans before he could walk. At three, he told Elvin Jones, another household friend, that he was definitely going to be a drummer.



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HANOVER TWP.

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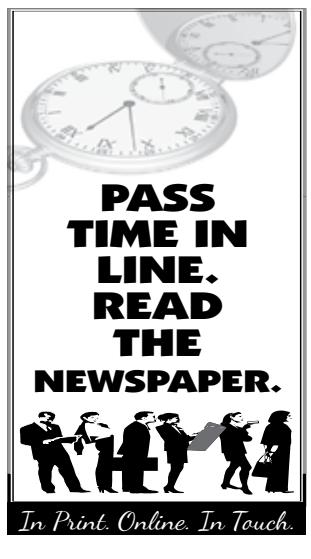
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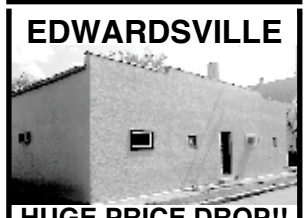
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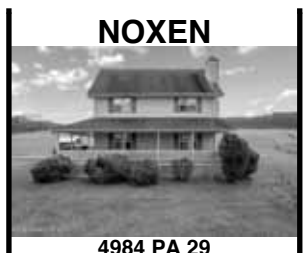
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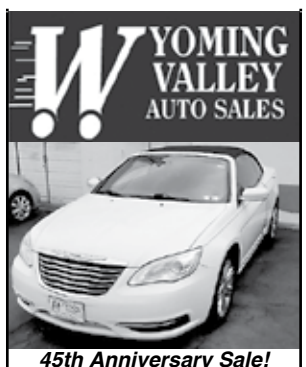
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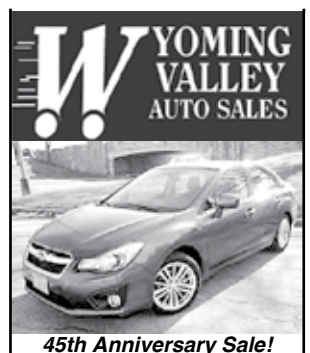
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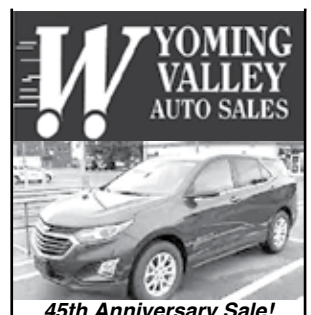
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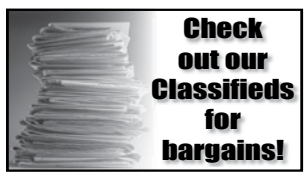
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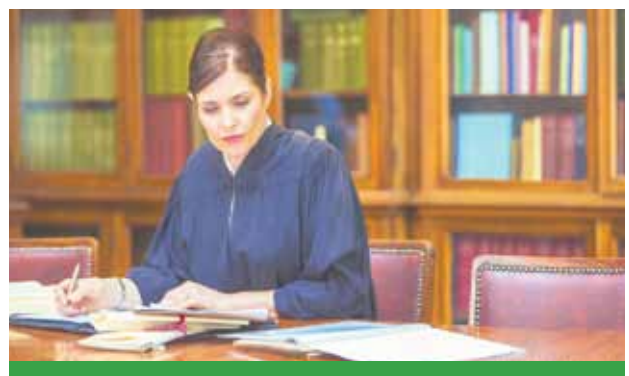
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ACROSS

1 "The Jeffersons" or "The Simpsons," notably

8 Team with the mascot Big Al, familiarly

12 In time

14 Dish purportedly invented in Los Angeles's Little Tokyo neighborhood

15 New York's ___ Valley

16 Thawing

17 Treat

18 New outfit or accessory for a character, in video game-speak

19 Things that shouldn't be hidden

20 Non-eco-friendly refrigerant

21 Term in the bedroom, maybe

23 Unite

24 Two-pronged

26 Metros in the 1990s

27 "Wait just a sec"

29 Cowboy's friend, informally

30 Name that spiked in popularity following a 2013 Disney movie

31 Finalized

34 "You've got nothing to worry about"

36 All-time scoring leader for the Miami Heat, familiarly

38 Routine surfaces

39 Browns, on a scoreboard

40 Mathematics writer Gardner

41 Words of endorsement

43 Arrived

44 Make-believe sorrow

46 Cause of amusement to a vet, maybe

47 Daredevil's calculation

48 Some fairy tale characters

DOWN

1 Did business with, in a way

2 Blowgun projectile

3 Words before "a penny" or "a treat"

4 Fifth-most abundant element in the universe

5 Lieutenant in "Catch-22"

6 Into

7 Breakfast dish that might go over well?

8 How people get into a swimming pool, typically

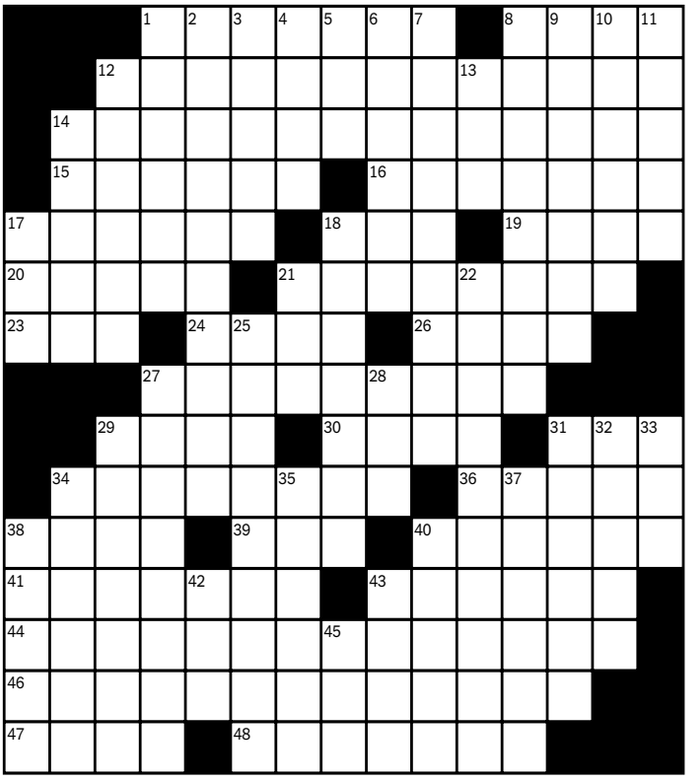
9 Yom Kippur observers

10 Like the cheese in fondue

11 Backdrop for many van Gogh paintings

12 Blitzed

13 ___ pull-downs (exercise)



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14 Item in a list on the fridge, maybe

17 Texas air hub, for short

18 Silky-haired toy

21 Start to give

22 "Hey, no backing out now!"

25 Still waffling

27 Relatives of ottomans

28 Texter's affectionate sign-off

29 It's not fit for human consumption

31 Cutting stuff

32 Cuts a line?

33 It takes two hands to show

34 Musketeer's tool

35 Nissan model

37 Brings about, as havoc

38 Less than milli-, more than nano-

40 Paint option

42 Metric for a venture capitalist, in brief

43 Play (with)

45 Calc. calculation

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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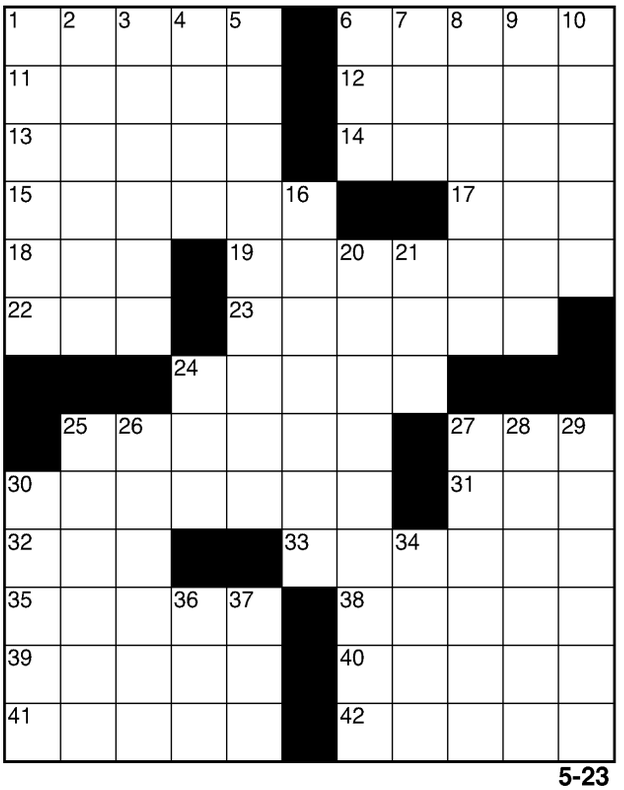
1 Moor plant
6 Part of Miss Muffet's meal
11 Texas player
12 Sung story
13 Iron output
14 Ship's crane
15 Forms
17 Wall climber
18 "— Misérables"
19 Finger pointer
22 Before, in odes
23 Relax
24 Frosh housing
25 Al Jolson song
27 Imitating
30 Mythical monster
31 Was a pioneer
32 Fall behind
33 Was inclined
35 Audibly
38 Midwest airport
39 Get more out of
40 More polite
41 Martin's auto-making partner
42 Urges on

DOWN

1 Nuisance
2 Purim honoree
3 Relaxed
4 Sting operation
5 1990 hit movie
6 Atlantic catch
7 — tree (cornered)
8 Modify
9 Motivated
10 Nymph chaser
16 Game officials
20 "Follow me"
21 Naval initials
24 Block up
25 Sedimentary rocks
26 Go wild
27 Woolly mammal
28 Looked lewdly
29 European vipers
30 Healer Barton
34 River from Pittsburgh
36 GI-entertaining org.
37 Retreat

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H	O	T	E	L	■	T	E	N	E	T

Yesterday's answer



5-23

ACROSS

1 Director Lee
4 Oil cartel
8 Expansive
12 Zodiac cat
13 Celestial bear
14 K thru 12
15 Expert
16 Rip
17 Reddish horse
18 Breakfast in a cup
21 Soak (up)
22 Kimono sash
23 Chill out
26 Apply cream
27 Bake sale org.
30 Done with
31 Skedaddled
32 Baby horse
33 Plead
34 "Braveheart" star Gibson
35 1053, in old Rome
36 Goal
37 Green shade
38 Paperback alternative
45 Eager
46 South Asian flatbread
47 Street, in Montreal
48 Spanish ayes
49 Baseball card info
50 HIV-treating drug
51 Cod cousin
52 Morays
53 Parking place

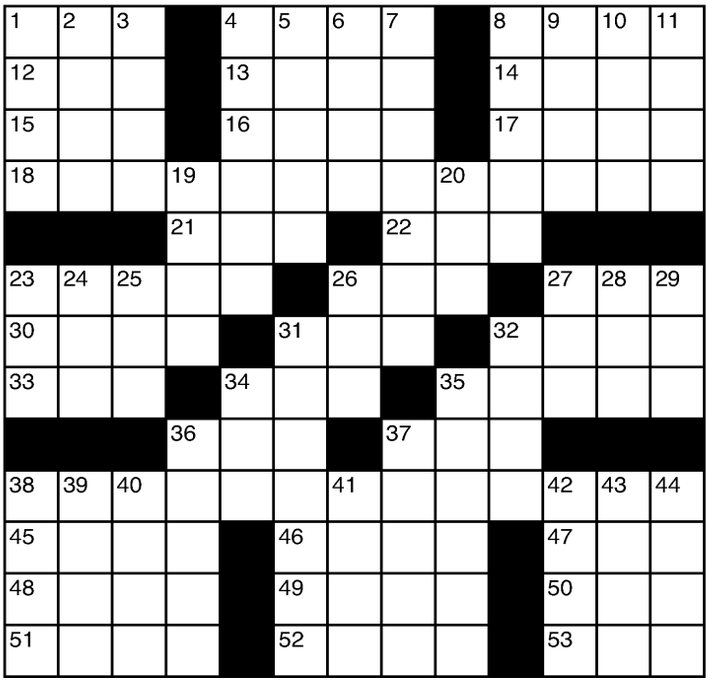
DOWN

1 Swiss peaks
2 Emperor after Claudius
3 Blunder
4 Place for completed work
5 Hosp. prep area
6 Actor Morales
7 Auto buyer's need, at times
8 "Aida" composer
9 Balm ingredient
10 Carpet type
11 Small bell sound
19 Romanov ruler
20 Flow out
23 Filch
24 Prior night
25 Piano support
26 The Cowboys, on a scoreboard
27 Luau bowlful
28 — chi
29 Actress MacGraw
31 Contrition
32 Exerciser's target
34 Amp plug-in
35 Deserves
36 "Paper Moon" tyke
37 Daisy part
38 Corned beef recipe
39 Athletic shoe brand
40 Jeopardize
41 Cast a ballot
42 Spoken
43 Greek liqueur
44 Etta of old comics

Solution time: 26 mins.

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Yesterday's answer **5-23**



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Friday's unlisted clue: INSTANT

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Saturday's unlisted clue hint: SCOOBY-DOO'S BEST FRIEND

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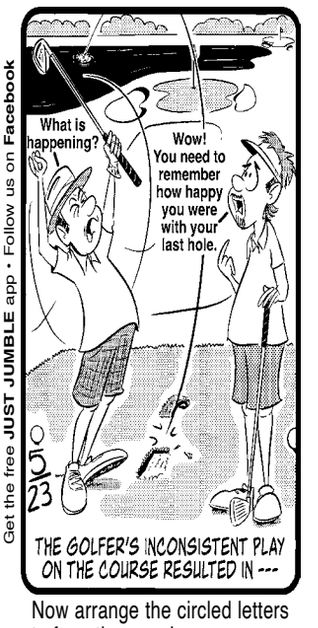
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Answer: They would be playing "Fugue in D Minor" and then "Prelude No. 9 In E" — "BACH" TO "BACH"

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5-23 CRYPTOQUIP

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1. His girlfriend was named Minnie.
Answer_____
2. She is befriended by seven dwarves.
Answer_____
3. She disguises herself as a man to take her elderly father's place in battle.
Answer_____
4. His nephews were named Huey, Dewey and Louie.
Answer_____
5. He wants to be a real boy.
Answer_____

GRADUATE LEVEL
6. He is also known as Edward Bear.
Answer_____
7. She loses a slipper.
Answer_____
8. His giant ears enable him to fly.
Answer_____
9. His father was "the great prince of the forest."
Answer_____
10. He serves as Pinocchio's official conscience.
Answer_____

PH.D. LEVEL
11. This fairy appeared in the film "Peter Pan."
Answer_____
12. His catchphrase is "To infinity and beyond!"
Answer_____
13. This "Tangled" princess is raised in a secluded tower.
Answer_____
14. The bear character in the "The Jungle Book."
Answer_____
15. This dog character is a close friend of Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck.
Answer_____

ANSWERS: 1. Mickey Mouse. 2. Snow White. 3. Mulan. 4. Donald Duck. 5. Pinocchio. 6. Winnie the Pooh. 7. Cinderella. 8. Dumbo. 9. Bambi. 10. Jiminy Cricket. 11. Tinker Bell. 12. Buzz Lightyear. 13. Rapunzel. 14. Baloo. 15. Goofy.

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