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# Tobacco treatment training program expanding to secondary school pros

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More than 80 health professionals from all over the state completed West Virginia University School of Dentistry's Certified Tobacco Treatment Training Program (CTTTP) in May.

Participation in the three-day, continuing education course indicated providers acknowledge

a patient benefits most when the people who care for them collaborate and offer consistent terminology, resources and steps to cessation.

A total of 84 participants represented a dozen or more different realms of patient wellness, including physicians, nurses, advanced nurse practitioners,

respiratory therapist, dentists, dental hygienists, quit line director and coaches, health education specialists, counselors, social workers and wellness counselors.

The goal is to train those specialists to treat tobacco use and dependence with evidence-based cessation strategies they can take

back to the communities they serve.

Suann Gaydos, director of the WVU training program, reported a new trend in participants at the fifth annual course.

"There was an increase in attendees who were counselors, social workers and nurses at

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## THIS WEEK IN W.VA. HISTORY



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On June 30, 1944, Harpers Ferry National Historical Park was authorized as a national monument, the first in West Virginia.

### A look at happenings in the Mountain State over the years

WV Humanities Council

Charleston — The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history. To read more, go to e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia at [www.wvencyclopedia.org](http://www.wvencyclopedia.org).

■ June 25, 1811: Bridge builder Lemuel Chenoweth was born near Beverly, Randolph County. His many bridges included the earliest covered bridge at Beverly and the famous Philippi covered bridge.

■ June 26, 1887: Sheriff Don Chafin was born in Logan County. Chafin was a bitter foe of union organizers and, with financial support from coal companies, used his many deputies to keep labor organizers out of Logan County.

■ June 26, 1892: Pearl Buck was born in Hillsboro in the home of her maternal grandparents. She received the Pulitzer Prize for The Good Earth and was the first American woman to win the Nobel Prize for Literature.

■ June 26, 1936: Basketball star Hal Greer was born in Huntington. Greer was the first Black athlete to play at Marshall College (now University). When his pro career ended in 1973, he held the NBA record for most games played and ranked in the top 10 in points scored, field goals attempted, and field goals made.

■ June 27, 1897: Musician Maceo Pinkard was

**ON JUNE 27, 1961, HONEY IN THE ROCK WAS FIRST PERFORMED AT GRANDVIEW STATE PARK NEAR BECKLEY. THE PLAY BY KERMIT HUNTER DEPICTS THE FOUNDING OF THE MOUNTAIN STATE IN 1863.**

born in Bluefield. Pinkard became one of the most successful songwriters of the 1920s Jazz Era.

■ June 27, 1961: Honey in the Rock was first performed at Grandview State Park near Beckley. The play by Kermit Hunter depicts the founding of the Mountain State in 1863.

■ June 28, 1936: Athlete Chuck Howley was born in Wheeling. Howley played linebacker for 12 seasons for the Dallas Cowboys. He was an All-Pro six times and named to six Pro Bowls.

■ June 28, 2010: Robert C. Byrd died at the age of 92. He was first elected to the U.S. Senate in 1958 and served until his death.

■ June 29, 1845: George W. Atkinson was born in Charleston. In 1896, Atkinson was elected governor in an upset victory over Cornelius C. Watts of Charleston, ending 26 years of Democratic rule.

■ June 29, 1952: Writer Breece D'J Pancake was born in South Charleston and grew up in Milton, Cabell County. Many of Pancake's stories are set in Milton, fictionalized as "Rock Camp."

■ June 29, 2012: A violent storm called a derecho raced across West Virginia, leaving downed trees and damaged homes in its wake. About 688,000 homes and businesses lost power for a week during a widespread heat wave.

■ June 30, 1914: Statewide prohibition of alcohol sales became law years before it was enacted for the whole nation.

■ June 30, 1929: The Wheeling Symphony Orchestra gave its first concert at Oglebay Park.

■ June 30, 1944: Harpers Ferry National His-

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CHARITY

### Area doc runs for local Ronald McDonald House

Monteleone to participate in the Chicago Marathon

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When Morgantown physician, Guy Monteleone, decided to run in the Chicago Marathon, he wanted to do it for a reason bigger than himself.

Inspired by the stories of the families staying at Ronald McDonald House Morgantown, he chose to do it for them.

Dr. Monteleone, a family physician and sports medicine physician at WVU School of Medicine, began his running career nearly two decades ago for health and fitness reasons.

"I thought as a physician, I had an obligation to live the same way as I was telling my patients to," said Monteleone.

Over the years, he participated in several half marathons and ran in the Marine Corps Marathon. Wanting to give back to his community, this fall he will participate in the Chicago Marathon, fundraising for Ronald McDonald House Morgantown. This is the first time he will be running for a charity.

"Morgantown has its own Ronald McDonald House that helps many kids and their families when difficulty strikes and their child gets an illness that only WVU School of Medicine can help with," said Monteleone.

To join Monteleone in supporting the families at RMHC Pittsburgh and Morgantown, visit the event donation site at [http://support.rmhc.org/goto/guy\\_monteleone-the\\_running\\_doctor](http://support.rmhc.org/goto/guy_monteleone-the_running_doctor).

The Ronald McDonald House Charities of Pittsburgh and Morgantown Inc. keeps families who must travel to the Pittsburgh and Morgantown areas together and near the pediatric medical care they need. The charity provides family members with a place to sleep, eat, relax and find support from other families in similar situations.



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WORLD

With Russia revolt over, mercenaries’ future, direction of Ukraine war uncertain

Associated Press

Russian government troops withdrew from the streets of Moscow on Sunday and the rebellious mercenary soldiers who had occupied other cities were gone, but the short-lived revolt has weakened President Vladimir Putin just as his forces are facing a fierce counteroffensive in Ukraine. Under terms of the agreement that ended the crisis, Yevgeny Prigozhin, who led his Wagner troops in an aborted march on the capital Saturday, will go into exile in Belarus but will not face prosecution. But it was unclear what

would ultimately happen to him and his troops. Few details of the deal brokered by Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko have been released, and neither Prigozhin nor Putin has been heard from. Top Russian military leaders have also remained silent. U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken described the weekend’s events as “extraordinary,” recalling that 16 months ago Putin appeared poised to seize the capital of Ukraine and now he has had to defend Moscow from forces led by his onetime protege. “I think we’ve seen more cracks emerge in the

Russian façade,” Blinken said on NBC’s “Meet the Press.” “It is too soon to tell exactly where they go and when they get there, but certainly we have all sorts of new questions that Putin is going to have to address in the weeks and months ahead.” It was not yet clear what the fissures opened by the 24-hour rebellion would mean for the war in Ukraine. But it resulted in some of the best forces fighting for Russia being pulled from the battlefield: the Wagner troops, who had shown their effectiveness in scoring the Krem-

lin’s only land victory in months, in Bakhmut, and Chechen soldiers sent to stop them on the approach to Moscow. The Wagner forces’ largely unopposed, rapid advance also exposed vulnerabilities in Russia’s security and military forces. The mercenary soldiers were reported to have downed several helicopters and a military communications plane. The Defense Ministry has not commented. “I honestly think that Wagner probably did more damage to Russian aerospace forces in the past day than the

Ukrainian offensive has done in the past three weeks,” Michael Kofman, director of Russia Studies at the CAN research group, said in a podcast. Ukrainians hoped the Russian infighting could create opportunities for their army, which is in the early stages of a counteroffensive to take back territory seized by Russian forces. “Putin is much diminished and the Russian military, and this is significant as far as Ukraine is concerned,” said Lord Richard Dannatt, former chief of the general staff of the British armed forces.

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torical Park was authorized as a national monument, the first in West Virginia. ■ July 1, 1861: Francis Pierpont, governor of the Reorganized Government of Virginia, called the legislature into session. The general assembly re-established governmental functions, provided for the raising of military units, and elected new U.S. senators and representatives. ■ July 1, 1937: Watoga State Park was opened to the public. The Pocahontas County park is the largest of the state parks and among the oldest. ■ July 1, 1971: Southern West Virginia Community College was formed by joining the Marshall University branch campuses at Logan and Williamson. In 1995, the name changed to Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College.



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schools. They are concerned with the popularity of vaping among our state’s middle school and high school students. They were seeking tobacco prevention resources and guidance to tackle the increasing vape use among our youth,” Gaydos said. From 2017-19, the state Department of Health and Human Resources reported a 150% increase in high schoolers who vape. In 2019, more than a third of West Virginia high school students used e-cigarettes. The rapidly rising number prompted the DHHR to be among those groups to generously support scholarships for attendees of the WVU CTTTP course. Participants who completed a survey about the 2023 course were asked what they would do differently as a result of the lectures and simulation exercises. Feedback ranged from general to specific. ■ “Begin offering tobacco cessation at my agency” ■ “Change how I approach patients about tobacco cessation” ■ “I will address vaping/smokeless tobacco at a higher level since I am more confident with therapies to address the use of these products as well” ■ “The pregnant section and the available incentives will be shared and used” More than 80% of the participants who registered for the course chose to take the exam required to earn their tobacco treatment specialist certification. The program at the dental school is offered in conjunction with WVU Dental, patient care clinics and clinicians. The WVU School of Dentistry is the only dental school granted accreditation by the Council for Tobacco Treatment Training Programs. It is also the only school within a Health Sciences Center where the competencies are integrated into curricula for students. The in-depth, accelerated program has been offered free or at a discounted cost to several participants who meet the requirements through scholarships are generously supported by: ■ Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation ■ Department of Health and Human Resources ■ WVU Community Engagement Grant ■ VVU Institute for Community and Rural Health CTTTP consists of a minimum of 24 hours of education that uses case-based discussions, interactive lectures, problem solving, role playing and a written final comprehensive examination. Coordination is currently underway to convert the training to an online format as a non-degree course for teachers to be certified tobacco treatment specialists. “THERE WAS AN INCREASE IN ATTENDEES WHO WERE COUNSELORS, SOCIAL WORKERS AND NURSES AT SCHOOLS. THEY ARE CONCERNED WITH THE POPULARITY OF VAPING AMONG OUR STATE’S MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS. THEY WERE SEEKING TOBACCO PREVENTION RESOURCES AND GUIDANCE TO TACKLE THE INCREASING VAPE USE AMONG OUR YOUTH.” Suann Gaydos Director of the WVU training program



UTILITY

# Mon Power given lead role in pole usage

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To streamline the review process for line attachments involving jointly owned communication line poles, state regulators issued an order designating Monongahela Power Co. as the focal point of contact.

The case's significance is highlighted by the fact that telecommunications carriers are currently applying for pole attachments as part of a massive deployment of broadband communications services in West Virginia.

The staff of the Public Service Commission of West Virginia filed a petition in May to simplify the application process in a case that involved Monongahela Power, The Potomac Edison Company and Frontier West Virginia Inc. Both Mon Power and Frontier had been accepting and dealing with the carrier applications and fees in the case of their jointly owned poles.

Since Mon Power has specialized software, the Public Service Commission designated it as the point of contract. Mon Power will

issue or deny permits. It will solely charge fees, perform billing services, and distribute payments. It will perform required engineering work.

Both Mon Power and Frontier, however, will invoice applicants for work each must perform — called "make ready" in the order — to accommodate third-party attachments on the poles.

The commission said it had hoped that the effect of its acceptance of the joint agreement by the parties involved would have resulted in one stop shopping for

applicants, but "the parties have agreed that Frontier must be responsible for make-ready in the telecommunications space."

The parties involved in the case reached general agreement, which was embodied in a joint stipulation filed with the commission on June 9.

More information on this case can be found on the PSC website: [psc.state.wv.us](https://psc.state.wv.us). Click on "Case Information" and access Case No. 22-0885-T-E-SC.

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## DIY: Tea party ideas for inside and out

### Visit thrift shops to find old tea cups and decor

BY ALDONA BIRD

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A homemade, DIY tea party is the perfect summer meal and activity to enjoy between rain showers.

You can bake and prep all the special details during summer rain showers, and when the sun pops out, take it outside for a picnic style tea party.

You can make your tea party sweet and simple, or fill it with little details — especially if you enjoy the process of decorating, baking and preparing a party.

Start preparing for the party by going thrifting. It may take a little looking, but cute teacups are available at many thrift shops — you may find a whole matching set, or mismatched cups and saucers. Nice table cloths are also good second-hand items — Animal Friends Thrift Shoppe is a particularly likely place to find table cloths.

While looking for these tea party staples, keep an eye out for décor items and inspiration for a theme for your party.

You could choose a color as a theme, or an aesthetic — woodlands, or floral, etc. — or even go for a classic Alice in Wonderland theme.

Pick wildflowers to match your party aesthetic, and arrange them in a centerpiece or use them to decorate each place setting. This can be in individual vases, laid directly on the plates, bundled with the silverware, or sticking out from under plates.

While you are gathering flowers and foliage, pick some edible plants from which to make your tea. Good tea plants are rose leaves, yarrow flowers, blackberry or raspberry leaves, spicebush leaves, mints, lemon balm, red clover and others.

Make a blend and fill a teapot. For a special touch, add a flower (such as a red clover) or a leaf (such as mint) to each cup. Try different blends in different pots.

Use flowers or leaves, which are easy to remove, so guests can drink around them or scoop them out if they prefer. Be sure to use plants that have not been sprayed with herbicides or pesticides, and be sure to double check identification of all plants before consuming.

Add honey in a cute pot or sugar cubes to your table, put some lemon slices in a cute dish, and milk in a creamer.

You can bake the goodies yourself, or pick up an assortment from a local baker.

If you are making your own, consider making buckwheat scones with jam. Whisk together one cup of buckwheat flour, one and a quarter cups of all-purpose flour, half a



Aldona Bird photo

Old tea cups and table cloths can often be found in thrift shops.

cup of sugar, two teaspoons baking powder and half a teaspoon salt.

Add one stick of butter cut into small pieces, and rub between your fingers until it is in pea size pieces. Add one and a quarter cups cream and mix together until just combined.

Roll the (sticky) dough into a rectangle eight by 16 inches, making sure it doesn't stick to your rolling surface. Spread jam over the dough, roll it up to form a log. Use a sharp knife to cut the log in half. Refrigerate for 30

minutes, up to two days. Cut each log into six slices and place on parchment-lined baking sheets. Bake at 350 for 35-40 minutes — until the undersides are golden brown.

These scones are nutty and delicious with tea. Tarts, cookies, mini sandwiches and other small finger foods are ideal for tea parties.

For a picnic style tea party lay a picnic or other blanket out on a grassy area. You can put a table cloth on top, and pillows around.

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EDUCATION

## Next Arts Walk July 8

Main Street Morgantown to host fourth of 2023

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Main Street Morgantown will hold its fourth Arts Walk of the year from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. July 8 on High Street in Downtown Morgantown.

The event's theme, "Kids and Kids at Heart," will place creative hands-on family activities on the Monongalia County Courthouse Square, as well as artists and musicians throughout the downtown district.

Arts Walks are monthly street fairs showcasing local arts and crafts from our creative community. Arts Walk season kicked off in April, with July's event being the last Arts Walk to occur this year on a Saturday. From August to October, Arts Walk move to second Fridays to embrace the summer evening atmosphere.

The Arts Walk program draws significant foot traffic to downtown, attracting people of all ages from across the city and state.

July Arts Walk 2023 will feature over 60 artists from Morgantown and surrounding areas. To stay updated on which artists will be featured and their location, follow @mainstreetmorgantown on Facebook and Instagram.

Arts Walks are organized by Main Street Morgantown with support from the City of Morgantown, Monongalia County Commission, Morgantown Parking Authority and West Virginia University.

Main Street Morgantown is a nonprofit (501c3) organization. Its mission is to develop and promote vibrant and prosperous Downtown and Wharf Districts.

## Appalachians topic of next Arboretum Tuesday talk

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Local and regional experts on a variety of nature-related subjects give public talks at the Arboretum each summer as part of the WVU Core Arboretum Nature Connection Series.

Nature Connection Series talks happen at 6 p.m. Tuesdays at the WVU Core Arboretum Amphitheater now through late August.

These talks are free and open to the public, and no registration is required. All the talks are outdoors, so dress for the weather. Talks will be canceled and rescheduled if the weather is inclement.

### The remaining schedule

■ Tuesday: Chris Rota, WVU Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Resources, associate professor, will speak on From the Central Appalachians to the Columbian Andes and back: The amazing migratory journey of the Canada warbler.

■ July 4: Independence Day, no talk scheduled

■ July 11: Madison Ball, Friends of the Cheat, conservation program director, Cheat River cryptids

■ July 18: Bill Beatty, Wild and Natural — nature education and consulting director, Creature feature: Nature investigation with

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EXTENSION

Rocket scientist credits 4-H in discovering her passion

WVU Extension

A lifelong 4-H'er, Shannon Adams, credits West Virginia University Extension's 4-H program with helping her discover her dream career and teaching her the skills it took to get there.

Adams is a graduate of the Benjamin M. Statler College of Engineering and Mineral Resources with a dual bachelor's degree in mechanical and aerospace engineering and a master's degree in aerospace engineering, but her interest in rocketry started long before that at a 4-H club when she was only 9 years old.

Adams was introduced to 4-H by a family friend who was a 4-H leader and suggested that she join her local club. She attended her first 4-H club meeting, and the rest is history.

"The first time I attended county camp was when I was 9 years old, and I loved it because I enjoyed spending time outdoors and with my friends," Adams said. "There were STEM activities at camp, and I participated in bottle rockets. I ended up going to the national rocketry competition through the 4-H program, which sparked my interest in becoming an engineer."

Adams is now a propulsion engineer and the head of research and development in the technology development department at Allegany Ballistics Laboratory, operated by Northrop Grumman in Mineral County. She teaches STEM classes for her local West Virginia 4-H program in Mineral County, where she



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works with rocketry projects, such as building air powered rockets, bottle rockets and model rockets. Adams ensures that the kids get the opportunity to build rockets in an easy and safe way.

Throughout her life, Adams has served in various roles for 4-H. While in college, she was a 4-H Extension camping instructor and the WVU Collegiate 4-H club president, where she coordinated the National Collegiate 4-H Conference. She has completed the 4-H

Charting program, is a 4-H All Star, 4-H camp counselor and helps coordinate the Cloverbuds day camp in Mineral County.

Adams recently became a 4-H club organizational leader for the club in Mineral County. After the previous leader left, she wanted all the youth in the county to have the opportunity to experience a 4-H club.

"Shannon is one of those volunteers that you can trust to fully manage and take care of a program," Margaret Miltenberger,

WVU Extension 4-H youth development agent in Mineral County, said. "We need more mid-level 4-H volunteers because they are the ones who can really make a difference with expanding the program to reach more youths and provide quality programs."

I have a nine-year-old daughter and a seven-year-old son involved in 4-H, and I want them to love 4-H from a young age and have the same experience I had because I know the positive long-term effect the program can have on you,

Adams said. I have already seen the growth and impact 4-H has had on both of my kids. For example, now they are comfortable with public speaking, when before they were too shy to do that. I want to make sure my kids and all the kids in the county can have that experience and opportunity to grow.

The 4-H program gives youths the opportunity to learn a variety of topics and skills. Adams credits 4-H for teaching her skills that she has been able to use throughout her life and

WILDLIFE



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A baby skunk moves among the grass in Terra Alta recently.

DIY

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Alternatively, you can set up the meal on a table with chairs or stumps around it for seating.

Start by adding your centerpiece, then dishes, and fill in with other décor. Adding different levels of décor can give a nice result, so experiment with putting items on upside-down flower pots and other items.

Dress up to complement your tea party, invite your guests to sit down and enjoy.

**START PREPARING FOR THE PARTY BY GOING THRIFTING. IT MAY TAKE A LITTLE LOOKING, BUT CUTE TEACUPS ARE AVAILABLE AT MANY THRIFT SHOPS.**

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■ July 25: Ryan Tomazin, Brooks Bird Club of West Virginia president, 90 years of the Brooks Bird Club and 83 years of Foray: How a group of friends cre-

NATION

No toxic gases detected after train plunged into Yellowstone River

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Mont. — Crews on Sunday were testing the water and air quality along a stretch of the Yellowstone River where train cars carrying hazardous materials fell into the waterway following a bridge collapse.

The mangled cars that carried hot asphalt and molten sulfur remained in the rushing river a day after the bridge gave way near the town of Columbus, about 40 miles west of Billings, Montana. The area is in a sparsely populated section of the Yellowstone River Valley, surrounded by ranch and farmland.

Water testing began Sat-

urday and will continue throughout the incident, a spokesperson for train operator Montana Rail Link, Andy Garland, said in a statement Sunday. Montana Rail Link was working with the Montana Department of Environmental Quality and the federal Environmental Protection Agency on the cleanup, removal and restoration efforts, he said.

Meanwhile, EPA's contractors monitoring the air downwind of the derailment have not detected any toxic gases, said Rich Mylott, a spokesperson for the agency's regional office. Contractors working for Montana Rail Link were doing the water testing, he said.

EQUALITY

LGBTQ+ Pride Month reaches its grand crescendo on city streets from New York to San Francisco

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Thousands of effusive marchers danced to club music in New York City streets Sunday as bubbles and confetti rained down, and fellow revelers from Toronto to San Francisco cheered through Pride Month's grand crescendo.

New York's boisterous throng strolled and danced down Fifth Avenue to Greenwich Village, cheering and waving rainbow flags to commemorate the 1969 Stonewall uprising, where a police raid on a gay bar triggered days of protests and launched the modern movement for LGBTQ+ rights.

While some people whooped it up in celebration, many were mindful of the growing conservative countermovement, including new laws banning gender-affirming care for transgender children.

"I'm trying not to be very heavily political, but when it does target my community, I get very, very annoyed and very hurt," said Ve Cinder, a 22-year-old transgender woman who traveled from Pennsylvania to take part in the country's largest Pride event.

"I'm just, like, scared for my future and for my trans siblings. I'm frightened of how this country has looked at human rights, basic human rights," she said. "It's crazy."

Parades in New York, Chicago and San Fran-

cisco are among events that roughly 400 Pride organizations across the U.S. are holding this year, with many focused specifically on the rights of transgender people.

One of the grand marshals of New York City's parade is nonbinary activist AC Dumlaio, chief of staff for Athlete Ally, a group that advocates on behalf of LGBTQ+ athletes.

"Uplifting the trans community has always been at the core of our events and programming," said Dan Dimant, a spokesperson for NYC Pride.

San Francisco Pride, another of the largest and best known LGBTQ+ celebrations in the United States, drew tens of thousands of spectators to the city Sunday.

The event, kicked off by the group Dykes on Bikes, featured dozens of colorful floats, some carrying strong messages against the wave of anti-transgender legislation in statehouses across the country.

Organizers told the San Francisco Chronicle that this year's theme emphasized activism. The parade included the nation's first drag laureate, D'Arcy Drollinger.

"When we walk through the world more authentic and more fabulous, we inspire everyone," Drollinger said at a breakfast before the parade.

Along Market Street, House Speaker Emerita

Nancy Pelosi and Rep. Adam Schiff of Burbank were spotted riding together.

In Chicago, a brief downpour at the beginning of the parade didn't deter parade goers, who took shelter under awnings, trees and umbrellas.

"A little rain can't stop us!" tweeted Brandon Johnson, the city's newly elected mayor.

Chicago's 52nd annual celebration on Sunday featured drag performers Marilyn Doll Traid and Selena Peres, as well as the Bud Billiken dancers, who drew loud praise from the crowd as they represented the celebration of Black roots in Chicago's South Side.

"It's very important to have a Chicago Pride parade," Traid said. "And those that wanna go against us, you have to realize that we all stand together."

Thousands of people also flooded the streets Saturday night in Houston to celebrate pride parades and embrace the LGBTQ+ community.

"Houston is one big diverse family. Today is about celebrating people who are themselves, their authentic selves and letting everyone know that this is a city full of love, not division, not hate," said Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner.

Also Saturday, first lady Jill Biden made an appearance at the Pride parade in Nashville, Tenn.



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GUEST EDITORIAL

Dems attempt to keep third-party names off ballot

Democrats have crafted a relentless narrative that Republicans are intent on preventing people from voting. It's based on the ridiculous premise that even the most rudimentary election requirements and safeguards — voter ID, ballot deadlines — amount to insurmountable impediments for a significant swath of the electorate.

Never mind that voter turnout remains robust or on the rise even in states that leftist activists have ludicrously tarred as imposing “Jim Crow” election laws. In fact, much like the hard-to-find single mother of liberal lore supporting a family of four on the minimum wage, it's becoming increasingly difficult to dig up actual victims of laws limiting mail-in voting or requiring identification to cast a ballot.

But it turns out that Democrats aren't really all that interested in democracy when their hold on power might be threatened. Consider an op-ed this week in The Wall Street Journal by Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., the civil rights leader now involved with No Labels, a group that promotes bipartisanship and centrist politics. It is prepared to run “a unity ticket of common-sense candidates” in the 2024 election if Republicans nominate Donald Trump and Democrats stick with Joe Biden.

In response, Chavis notes, “some 40 leading Democratic officials, including President Biden's former chief of staff, met in Washington to find ways to keep potential candidates endorsed by No Labels off 2024 presidential ballots in all 50 states.”

The effort to deny voters more choices is on full display in Arizona, where No Labels collected signatures to gain ballot access next year. Democrats “responded with fury,” Chavis writes, taking legal action to block the effort. In court papers, the party made the astonishing assertion that allowing No Labels on the ballot would “make it more difficult to elect Democratic Party candidates” and force Democrats to “expend and divert and staff time on voter education to accomplish its mission in Arizona.”

To be fair, an antipathy for third-party candidates is the purview of both major political parties — which is why ballot access laws in many states are a steep hill to climb for Libertarians, Greens and others. And consider the lengths to which both the Democratic and Republican establishments will go to keep third-party presidential hopefuls out of the debates.

But for Democrats to pass themselves off as caped defenders of democracy and the American Way while scheming to prevent voters from having additional choices is the height of hubristic hypocrisy. Progressives like to prattle on about voter “suppression.” What's it called when you rig the game to make sure nobody else can get on the ballot?

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Global heat records are being beaten. A little panic might be in order

**MODERN HUMANS GENERALLY THINK OF PANIC AS UNHELPFUL, TRIGGERING STAMPEDES AT CONCERTS, COLLAPSES AT COOKOUTS AND ENDLESS HOURS OF THERAPY. BUT OUR SPECIES EVOLVED PANIC AS A KIND OF SUPERPOWER** to avoid being eaten. In certain circumstances, and in measured doses, a little existential dread can still be helpful.

Take our rapidly changing climate. The planet could easily set a record-high average temperature in 2023, especially with an El Niño weather pattern kicking in later this year. We have already suffered through the hottest early June on record, with global land temperatures briefly touching 1.5C above the pre-industrial average. Ocean temperatures this spring have been the hottest ever at this time of year, in records going back 174 years.

Many people, including myself, have warned against panicking about such stunning new highs, given the temporary nature of El Niño's boost. Even if we temporarily hit 1.5C of warming this year, it will still be theoretically possible to avoid long-term warming beyond that level and all the catastrophic consequences that would come with it.

But first we must kick our fossil-fuel addiction and stop spewing greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. And judging by how little the world's policymakers seem to be interested in taking such steps, perhaps a smidgen of panic might be helpful.

Scientists agree the world must zero out its emissions by 2050 in order to keep warming to 1.5C, a target set at the Paris climate accords in 2015. And so far 95 countries have made net-zero pledges.

That's the good news. The bad news is that the vast majority of those pledges aren't credible. Current policies and practices have the world on pace to hit nearly 3C of warming by the end of the century. Even the most dependable net-zero pledges would still lead to close to 2.5C of warming, a recent study found.

The outlook is even worse in the short term.

The world must slash emissions by 43% by 2030 in order to hold warming to 1.5C, by one estimate. Only three members of the G20 — the U.S., the UK and Australia — have even pledged to achieve such a thing, according to BloombergNEF's Zero-Carbon Policy Scoreboard. And none have actually implemented policies to make it happen.

One big problem is that significant numbers of net-zero countries have zero plans to stop burning oil, gas and coal, according to a new study from the Stockholm Environment Institute. Forty-five of the 95 pledging countries, in fact, talk about continuing or expanding fossil-fuel production right there in their net-zero pledges, according to the study. Two countries, Lebanon and Senegal, don't currently produce oil and gas but listed it as an ambition. What is the opposite of aiming high?

Only five of the 95 countries, in contrast, discuss transitioning out of fossil-fuel production as part of their net-zero pledges.

This discouraging lack of ambition looks likely to carry into the next UN climate conference later this year, COP28 in Dubai, which will be hosted by an oil-company CEO. At a preliminary two-week conference in Bonn, where negotiators met to draft declarations that will be considered at COP, countries couldn't even agree on “minutiae such as whether to say ‘on the basis of’ or ‘informed by,’ ” BloombergNEF's Victoria Cumming reported. This was a warning sign, she wrote, that COP28 “may generate the same level of noise as previous climate sum-

mits but result in little substantive headway toward implementing the Paris climate deal.”

Even having the repercussions of climate change get literally right up in our faces doesn't seem to inspire much action. After a week in which toxic smoke from Canadian wildfires descended on Washington, D.C., lawmakers are pushing a few bills to address forest management, “wildfire evacuation and resilience planning” and “to help establish public clean air centers and distribute air filtration units to certain households,” Axios reported this week. All are worthy efforts, but none get anywhere near the root of the issue, which is that continuing to heat up the planet will only make wildfires more frequent and destructive.

To imagine the effects of the 2C or 3C of warming that will follow if we don't respond much more aggressively, consider how chaotic the climate has already become after just 1.2C of warming over pre-industrial levels. Deadly heatwaves, droughts and wildfires are more common. Storms and floods are more intense. Millions of people have died, been displaced or suffer long-term health effects from such disasters. Species are going extinct en masse. This is just a taste of what may come.

This grim course doesn't have to be our fate. Governments right now could decide to not only make more-aggressive climate pledges at this year's COP, but also to adopt the policies that will give those pledges real teeth. Individuals can put more pressure on policymakers to act, reminding them it's what most voters want.

Full-on panic isn't an appropriate response, particularly if it leads to paralysis. But neither is the apathy currently on display. Whatever the motivation, if we're stuck in place while the planet changes rapidly, then we are quickly backsliding.

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Is the Hunter Biden plea deal really a slap on the wrist?

**HUNTER BIDEN'S TENTATIVE FEDERAL PLEA AGREEMENT IS BOUND TO DISPLEASE PARTISANS ON BOTH SIDES**, which is one sign that it's a fair and suitable disposition of the long-standing investigation of the president's son.

The deal revealed in court papers Tuesday requires the younger Biden to plead guilty to two misdemeanors stemming from a failure to pay taxes owed for 2017 and 2018. The government also levels a felony charge that Biden lied about his drug use when he acquired a gun in 2018. Rather than require him to plead guilty to that crime, the government agrees to drop the charge if Biden keeps his nose clean for two years under a practice known as pretrial diversion.

Biden haters will assail the arrangement as a sweetheart deal proving that the Justice Department is in the tank for President Joe Biden. Hater in chief Donald Trump has already accused the

“corrupt Biden DOJ” of giving Hunter Biden a “traffic ticket.”

The charge is of course spurious: Not only President Biden but also Attorney General Merrick Garland kept their hands off the case. Delaware U.S. Attorney David Weiss, a Trump holdover, was allowed to remain in office precisely so that he could finish the case, even though new administrations typically appoint their own top prosecutors.

That arrangement kept the case at arm's length from the administration but could warrant an objection from Biden's defenders. As the late Justice Antonin Scalia once observed of special prosecutors, Weiss' presence exerted a nearly irresistible pull toward bringing some charge against Hunter Biden. A dismissal of the case might have been plausible given an unremarkable defendant and a prosecutor appointed through the standard process, but it was basi-

cally off the table from the time Weiss was allowed to stay in office to oversee this case.

Biden family supporters could also note that while the charges in the proposed plea agreement are bona fide, they're not exactly the crimes of the century. Hunter Biden has reportedly paid the more than \$100,000 in taxes he allegedly failed to pay on time. That doesn't excuse the crime, but it does distinguish him from the typical tax defendant.

As for the felony count, Biden apparently had the gun in question for less than two weeks before his then-girlfriend threw it away. More important, as UCLA law professor Adam Winkler has pointed out, the Justice Department rarely charges anyone for lying on gun applications, especially not for false statements about drug use. When it does, the case nearly always involves a defendant who, unlike Biden, is

suspected of using the weapon to commit a crime.

The charge may be even more questionable under the federal courts' recent 2nd Amendment jurisprudence. Last year, the Supreme Court struck down a New York law that required a special reason for carrying a gun. And this month, the U.S. 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals, which includes Delaware, held that a Pennsylvania law prohibiting felons from possessing guns was unconstitutional if applied to people convicted of nonviolent crimes.

The bottom line is that both sides had plenty to gain or lose from the Hunter Biden case, and that may well have helped produce a sensible bargain.

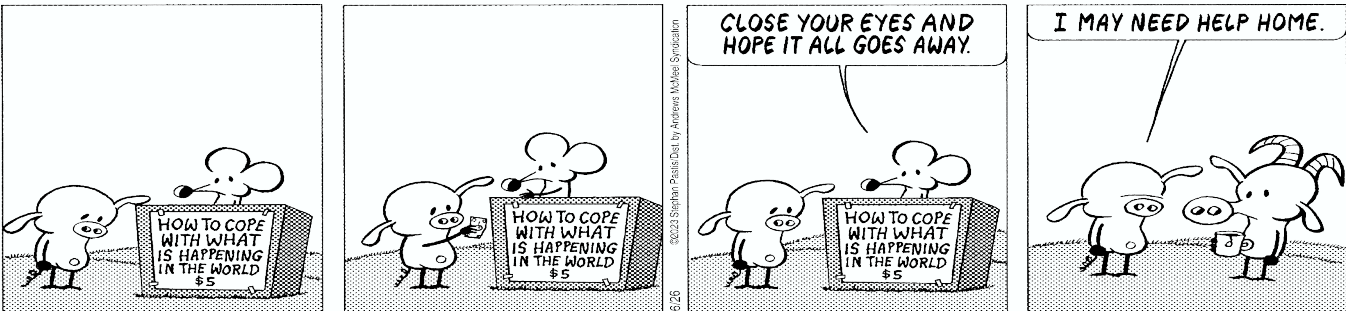
The proposed deal, which is subject to approval by a judge, would allow Biden to avoid going to jail and turn the page on an extremely dark chapter of his life.

And it would enable Weiss and his department to obtain a conviction and avoid trying a case with dubious prospects before a jury. A prosecution of a defendant who committed tax crimes during a period of drug addiction, and then turned his life around and paid the taxes, would be very losable.

None of this will prevent Trump and his congressional minions from screaming about Justice Department corruption. We can only hope that it will be apparent to many observers on both sides of the aisle that literally nothing the administration could do would fail to trigger the same response. If the department were guided by such wild-eyed detractors, it truly would be corrupt — much as Trump himself has promised it will be if he regains the reins of power.

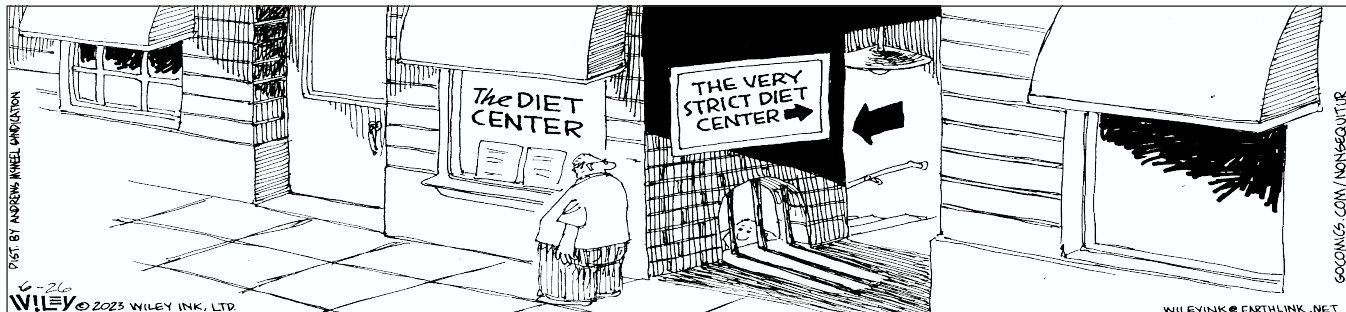
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WVU BASKETBALL

# Point guard Kerr Kriisa exits portal, back at WVU

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Kerr Kriisa is back with the WVU men's basketball team again.

The senior point guard from Tartu, Estonia put his name in the transfer portal last Friday, but withdrew it on Sunday, after it was announced that Josh Eilert was taking over as head coach on a one-season interim basis.

"The support and love that the Mountaineer fan base has showed me in (two) months is



Kerr Kriisa

seasons.

Kriisa averaged 9.9 points last season, while shooting 36.6% from 3-point range for the Wildcats.

unmatched," Kriisa tweeted Sunday. "I feel so lucky to call Morgantown home."

Kriisa came to Morgantown in April after transferring from Arizona, where he played for three

He's led the Pac-12 in assists the last two seasons, the first player to accomplish that feat in more than 20 years.

Along with Kriisa, Joe Toussaint and Tre Mitchell also entered their names into the portal. Mitchell made a visit to Kentucky on Saturday, while Toussaint has visits set up with both Kansas State and Texas Tech.

It's possible both players could also return to WVU after weighing their options.

The three players elected to enter the portal after the resig-

nation of Bob Huggins on June 17. Huggins was arrested and charged with driving under the influence (DUI) of alcohol in Pittsburgh on June 16.

"It's been a crazy and busy week," Kriisa told ESPN. "I'm deeply sorry about the situation, as I was really looking forward to playing for coach Huggins. Huggs will always be my guy. I've only known him for a few months now, but he is the most genuine man I have ever met. He is the man."

Eilert's hiring came with the thought from WVU officials he

would be able to stabilize the roster. He's spent the last 16 years at WVU in different roles and was elevated to assistant coach last season.

Sources have told The Dominion Post the WVU players had always favored WVU hiring someone who was already on staff.

With Kriisa back in the fold, the Mountaineers are at 11 scholarship players for next season. The NCAA limit is 13.

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RECRUITING

## WVU gets commit from quarterback

BY KEENAN CUMMINGS

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West Virginia has filled their need at quarterback in the 2024 recruiting class with a commitment from Upper Marlboro (Md.) Wise signal caller Khalil Wilkins.

Wilkins, 6-foot-4, 190-pounds, has been on the Mountaineers radar since the spring when quarterbacks coach Sean Reagan stopped by his school to see him throw during the evaluation period.

That led to a scholarship offer from the program but things really picked up significantly after he made multiple trips to Morgantown in order throw in front of the coaches. First his performance in a workout at a one-day camp stop caught the interest of the coaching staff, but after impressing with his abilities in the annual 7-on-7 passing tournament with an eye-opening showing it only cemented things.

That performance lead frogged Wilkins to the top of the quarterback board for the program and it didn't take long for him to commit and join the Mountaineers recruiting class.

The Rivals.com three star impressed throughout the day with both his accuracy and ball placement showcasing the ability to connect at every level of the field. He made a number of very impressive throws and given his size the upside is there for Wilkins as he progresses.

Wilkins is coming off a season where he tossed for 3,100 yards and 28 touchdowns at Roosevelt before transferring over to Wise. He bypassed offers from Pittsburgh, Boston College, Maryland and several others but the Mountaineers shot to the top of the list.

On top of developing a strong connection with Reagan, Wilkins also had strong ties with secondary coach ShaDon Brown.

Wilkins fills the need for a quarterback in the 2024 class for West Virginia and now the focus will shift elsewhere on the board, as the program looks to continue its run of commitments.

The addition of Wilkins makes 11 pledges since the calendar flipped to June and 14 in total in this class.

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BASEBALL

# Perez, Marlins shut out Bucs

## Pittsburgh has lost 12 out of its last 13 games

Associated Press

MIAMI — Rookie Eury Pérez scattered four hits and struck out nine in six dominant innings to lead the Miami Marlins to a 2-0 win over the Pittsburgh Pirates on Sunday.

Jonathan Davis homered, Bryan De La Cruz had three hits and Yuli Gurriel drove in the game's second run for the Marlins, who won the series 3-1 and improved to 11 games over .500 at 45-34.

Miami's Luis Arraez went 1 for 4, and his major league-leading batting average slipped to .399.

The 20-year-old Pérez (5-1) extended his scoreless string to 21 innings. The right-hander has allowed one run over 28 innings in five starts in June. His ERA dropped to 1.34 since being promoted from Triple-A on May 12.

"I'm focused on having fun with my teammates, going out there and competing," Pérez said. "Put on a great game. Put on a great show. I have not checked out any numbers, but just go out there and do my job."

Steven Okert and Andrew Nardi followed Pérez, throwing one inning each. Two days after blowing a one-run lead in the second game of the series, A.J. Puk closed with a perfect ninth for his 11th save.

"This is a crazy run and I just don't see it going in a different direction because of how easy and fluid his mechanics are," Marlins manager Skip Schumaker said of Pérez's first six weeks in the major leagues.



AP photo

Miami's Bryan De La Cruz celebrates after scoring a run in the eighth inning Sunday to help give the Marlins a 2-0 victory against Pittsburgh.

Andrew McCutchen had two hits for the Pirates, who have lost 12 of 13.

"We're getting elite starting pitching right now, we just have to figure out a way to score runs," Pirates manager Derek Shelton said. "We have to figure it out because we're not doing anything offensively, especially

early in games."

Davis's shot to lead off the third put the Marlins ahead. Davis drove a slider from Pittsburgh's Johan Oviedo into the seats in left field for his second homer.

"I knew he had a good fastball and I was just trying to be ready for the fastball," Davis said. "I

wanted to put the ball in play, put a good swing and it went."

With the absence of star outfielder Jazz Chisholm Jr. because of a turf toe injury, Davis has provided valued depth after Miami acquired him in a trade May 22.

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COLLEGE BASEBALL

# Florida beats LSU, forces deciding Game 3 in CWS

## Gators set a scoring record in 24-4 romp

Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Florida scored the most runs in College World Series history and came up one short of the record for largest margin of victory in a 24-4 rout of LSU on Sunday that forced a deciding Game 3.

The Gators hit six home runs

on a windy day at Charles Schwab Field and pounded LSU pitching for a CWS record-tying 23 hits a day after Ty Floyd struck out 17 in the Tigers' 4-3, 11-inning win in Game 1.

The teams play the final game of the College World Series on Monday night, with the winner earning the national championship.

"Obviously we can't take any of these runs into tomorrow," Gators coach Kevin O'Sullivan said. "We'll have to reset, reboot. But awfully proud of the way they responded from last night's tough loss."

Florida (54-16) came in having been involved in four of the CWS record-tying eight one-run games. The Gators had totaled 17 runs in four games here before the offense broke loose.

Ty Evans and Jac Caglianone each homered twice, with Evans' grand slam breaking things open early. Wyatt Langford and BT Riepelle also went deep.

Florida's 24 runs broke Notre Dame's CWS record, set in a 23-2 win over Northern Colorado in 1957. The 20-run win over the Tigers (53-17) ranks second to that game for largest margin.

The Gators hadn't scored so

many runs since a 28-5 win over Winthrop on March 3, 2019.

LSU hadn't given up so many in any of its 245 NCAA Tournament games. The Tigers committed a season-high five errors that led to six unearned runs.

Langford was 5 for 5 with six RBIs with two doubles and his homer.

Evans' shot down the left-field line off Nate Ackenhausen (3-1) tied it 1 in the second. His grand slam off Gavin Guidry in the third was a high fly that looked to be headed foul, but the 20-mph wind blowing left to right pushed

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Oral Roberts 6, TCU 5	June 20	LSU 5, Tennessee 0, Tennessee eliminated	
Florida 6, Virginia 5	June 21	LSU 5, Wake Forest 2	
June 18	June 22	LSU 2, Wake Forest 0, 11 innings, LSU advances	
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New York	35	42	.455	15
Washington	29	47	.382	20 1/2
CENTRAL DIVISION	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	41	37	.526	
Milwaukee	40	37	.519	1/2
Chicago	37	39	.487	3
Pittsburgh	35	42	.455	5 1/2
St. Louis	32	45	.416	8 1/2
WEST DIVISION	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	47	32	.595	
Los Angeles	43	33	.566	2 1/2
San Francisco	44	34	.564	2 1/2
San Diego	37	40	.481	9
Colorado	31	49	.388	16 1/2

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Chicago Cubs 9, St. Louis 1  
N.Y. Mets 4, Philadelphia 2  
San Francisco 7, Arizona 6  
Cleveland 4, Milwaukee 2  
Miami 4, Pittsburgh 3, 11 innings  
Atlanta 7, Cincinnati 6  
L.A. Dodgers 8, Houston 7  
Washington 2, San Diego 0  
L.A. Angels 25, Colorado 1

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St. Louis 7, Chicago Cubs 5  
Miami 2, Pittsburgh 0  
Milwaukee 5, Cleveland 4, 10 innings  
Philadelphia 7, N.Y. Mets 6  
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Milwaukee (Rea 3-4) at N.Y. Mets (Verlander 2-4), 7:10 p.m.  
Minnesota (Gray 4-1) at Atlanta (Strider 8-2), 7:20 p.m.  
Washington (Williams 4-4) at Seattle (Castillo 4-6), 9:40 p.m.

GOLF

KPMG Women's PGA Championship

Sunday	At Lower Course	Springfield, N.J.	Purse: \$9 million	Yardage: 6,621; Par: 71	Final Round
Ruoning Yin, \$1,500,000	67-73-69-67—276				
Yuka Saso, \$875,130	69-73-69-66—277				
Carlota Ciganda, \$423,070	72-73-69-64—278				
Megan Khang, \$423,070	74-70-67-67—278				
Xiyu Lin, \$423,070	67-71-73-67—278				
Stephanie Meadow, \$423,070	73-68-67-70—278				
Anna Nordqvist, \$423,070	74-73-66-65—278				
Avaya Furue, \$214,811	69-75-69-66—279				
Jenny Shin, \$214,811	69-72-66-72—279				
Rose Zhang, \$214,811	70-74-68-67—279				
Perrine Delacour, \$188,170	71-75-70-64—280				
Nanna Koerstz Madsen, \$168,170	71-73-69-67—280				
Leona Maguire, \$168,170	69-68-69-74—280				
Grace Kim, \$147,571	70-73-69-69—281				
Allisen Corpuz, \$125,531	70-71-72-69—282				
Lauren Coughlin, \$125,531	75-67-68-72—282				
Jodi Ewart Shadoff, \$125,531	75-70-69-68—282				
Brooke Henderson, \$125,531	67-74-72-69—282				
Sarah Schmelzel, \$125,531	74-68-70-70—282				
Linn Grant, \$104,451	71-71-72-69—283				
Hyo Joo Kim, \$104,451	76-70-70-67—283				
Jin Young Ko, \$104,451	72-69-69-73—283				
Minjee Lee, \$104,451	72-67-75-69—283				
In Gee Chun, \$86,483	74-72-68-68—284				
Mina Harigae, \$86,483	73-68-70-73—284				
Ariya Jutanugarn, \$86,483	71-76-71-66—284				
Mel Reid, \$86,483	71-67-77-69—284				
Gabriela Ruffels, \$86,483	73-71-68-72—284				

BUCS

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lead with a two-out, RBI single off reliever Cramen Mlodzinski in the eighth. Oviedo (3-8) was lifted after seven innings. The right-hander allowed six hits and struck out six. Winless since May 19, Oviedo dropped his fifth

straight decision. Pirates starters limited the Marlins to five runs in the series.

“These days the starting pitchers did a really good job to keep us in games,” Oviedo said. “I believe in this team and not what’s going on right now. We’re going to be back.”

HOCKEY

Broken windows, records helped Bedard get top position in NHL draft

Associated Press

The tales of how much time Connor Bedard devoted to developing his precise and productive puck-shooting skills while growing up in the secluded neighborhood of Lynn Valley, tucked amid Vancouver’s North Shore mountains, have become the stuff of lore.

Marred floors, broken windows, the thud of shots keeping neighbors up at night and Bedard turning down a family vacation to Disneyland are among them. They all paved the way for the 17-year-old to be the presumptive No. 1 pick when the Chicago Blackhawks open the two-day NHL draft in Nashville, Tennessee, on Wednesday.

And that doesn’t include the time Bedard’s mother, Melanie, was pulled over by police because of a license plate chipped by various errant attempts.

“I don’t think I was missing that bad,” Bedard said with a laugh while attending the NHL combine earlier this month.

“Maybe hit a post, ricocheted and hit the car or something,” he added. “My mom probably had some valuable things broken by me. But, you know, I



Connor Bedard

hope she doesn’t mind too much.”

Why would she? Those lengthy practice sessions, which

eventually shifted to the family’s backyard to reduce the din and potential damage, have resulted in Bedard being labeled a generational talent.

He is drawing comparisons to hockey’s other Connor — the McDavid one, who went first overall to Edmonton in the 2015 draft.

“It’s just the next generation,” NHL Central Scouting chief Dan Marr said.

“These young players’ hockey sense is so quick to adapt and read plays and the skill levels, it’s getting better and better, and it’s getting faster,” Marr added. “Connor McDavid started that trend, and Connor Bedard is going to lead it into the next trend.”

And forget windows. At just under 5-foot-10 and 185 pounds, Bedard is better known for breaking records and the loftiest of expectations over the past

three seasons with the Western Hockey League’s Regina Pats and on the international stage.

He was the WHL’s first player — and seventh in Canadian Hockey League history — to be granted exceptional status, allowing Bedard to play in the major junior ranks at 15. In 2021-22, he became the youngest WHL player to score 50 goals, finishing with 51 in 62 games. Last season, his 143 points (71 goals, 72 assists in 57 games) were the most in the league since 1995-96.

Internationally, his 36 points (17 goals, 19 assists) in 16 world junior championship games rank fourth on the tournament list behind Peter Forsberg (42 points in 14 games), Robert Reichel (40 in 21) and Pavel Bure (39 in 21).

“Incredible,” is how Swedish prospect Leo Carlsson referred to Bedard.

“Exceptional,” was the word friend and fellow Canadian prospect Zach Benson used. “I wouldn’t say there’s a way to slow him down.”

Bedard is the complete offensive package with deft moves — which he put on display with his over-time goal in Canada’s 4-3

win over Slovakia in the world junior quarterfinals in January — passing ability and an exceptional shot. Adding another tale to the Bedard lore, at 13, he strengthened his shot by continuing to practice solely using his left hand after breaking his right wrist.

His shot has been honed into one fluid, quick-release snapping motion. Bedard uses a stick that’s larger than most for a player of his size, which adds extra torque and gives him an ability to maneuver the puck away from defenders.

Chicoutimi defenseman Matteo Mann learned firsthand how difficult it is to defend Bedard when the two practiced together at the CHL prospects game in January.

At 6-6, Mann thought he had the angle and reach, only to have Bedard drag the puck around and snap off a shot.

“I don’t think people understand how far across he really brings the puck, because if you watch on TV, it’s easy to point out defensemen’s errors in terms of the way they’re positioning their stick,” Mann said. “I’d even go to say it’s deceptive.”

GOLF

Yin for the win in Women’s PGA

Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, N.J. — Ruoning Yin made a birdie putt from about 10 feet on the final hole and became the second woman from China to win a major, beating Yuka Saso by one shot in the Women’s PGA Championship on Sunday.

After Saso made birdie ahead of her on the par-5 18th hole at Baltusrol to move into a tie for the lead, Yin found the rough with her tee shot, then hit her third shot into an ideal spot and curled in the right-to-left breaking putt, pumping her fist after it dropped.

The 20-year-old Yin closed with a 4-under 67, finished at 8-under 276 and joined Shanshan Feng, who won this event — then known as the LPGA Championship — in 2012 as Chinese winners of women’s majors. Feng is currently the Chinese national team coach.

Rose Zhang, who won in her professional debut three weeks ago, also in New Jersey, made a charge with a final-round 67 and finished in a tie for eighth, three shots back.

Saso, the U.S. Women’s Open champion in 2021, shot 66. The championship had a mid-round delay of nearly two hours because of severe weather.

Xiyu Lin, who either led or shared the lead during most of her back nine, found the water with her drive on the 18th and made bogey to shoot 67 and finish two shots back alongside Carlota Ciganda (64), Anna Nordqvist (65), Megan Khang (67) and Stephanie Meadow (70).



AP photo

Ruoning Yin tees off on the 18th hole during the final round of the Women’s PGA Championship on Sunday. She won the major tournament with a four-round total of 8-under 276.

Leona Maguire, who won last week and led after the second and third rounds, shot 74, ending a run of eight straight rounds in the 60s. She finished four shots back.

PGA Tour

CROMWELL, Conn — Keegan Bradley built a big enough lead in front of adoring New England fans that he broke the tournament record at the Travelers Championship despite a shaky closing stretch, closing with a 2-under 68 for a three-shot victory on Sunday.

Bradley, who went 62-63-64 in the first three rounds, finished at 23-under 257 at TPC River Highlands, a shot better than Kenny Perry’s previous record from 2009.

With fans chanting his name, the 37-year-old walked up to his ball on the 18th green, sank a 2-foot par putt and threw his arms into the air and let out a yell. He finished three shots ahead of Zac Blair, who shot 62, and Brian Harman, who closed with a 64.

“This is for all the kids who grew up in New England and had to endure the winters and watch other people play golf,” said Bradley, who was born in Vermont and also lived in Massachusetts. “I am just so proud to win this tournament.”

Bradley had only made one bogey for the week before dropping three shots in his final six holes as the nerves seemed to get to him at the PGA Tour even he said he most

wanted to win. This was his sixth tour victory and second this season; he won the Zozo Championship in Japan in October.

Bradley birdied the par-4 12th hole to move for 5 under for the day and take a six-shot lead. But he sliced his tee shot into the water on the next hole, leading to bogey. He also bogeyed the 14th and 16th holes.

He settled down with a par on the 17th to all but guarantee himself a triumphant walk up the last hole.

“I played great until the last like five or six holes and luckily I had a big enough lead to coast home,” Bradley said.

He became the first New Englander to win the title since Connecticut’s J.J. Henry in 2006.

FLORIDA

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it inside the left-field foul pole.

The Tigers should have been out of the third before Evans came to bat, but shortstop Jordan Thompson’s fielding error cost them a chance at a double play and kept going what became a six-run inning.

Langford connected in the fifth, and Caglianone followed with his nation-leading 32nd and 33rd homers.

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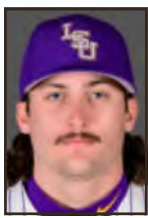
COLLEGE BASEBALL

LSU outfielder Dylan Crews wins Golden Spikes Award

Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — LSU center fielder Dylan Crews, projected to be the No. 1 pick in the amateur draft next month, on Sunday was honored as the winner of the Golden Spikes Award as the top amateur baseball player in the country.

Crews, the Southeastern Conference player of the year for the second straight season, led the Tigers to the College World Series finals and is among the national leaders in most offensive



Dylan Crews

(.418).

WVU standout J.J. Wetherholt was a finalist for this season's award.

Crews is the 10th Golden Spikes winner from the

categories. He's first in runs scored (94), second in on-base percentage (.562), fifth in hits (104) and sixth in batting average

Southeastern Conference and the second from LSU. The Tigers' Ben McDonald won the award in 1989.

"Dylan Crews has been one of the nation's best college baseball players since he arrived at LSU in 2021," USA Baseball executive director and CEO Paul Seiler said. "His extraordinary 2023 season, in addition to his generous charitable work off the baseball field, make him an extremely worthy winner of this award."

Of the 44 previous Golden Spikes winners, three have won the Cy Young Award, three have been a Most Valuable Player and 20 have been selected to at least one All-Star team as a player or manager.

The winner was selected through voting by national baseball media, select professional baseball personnel, USA Baseball staff and previous winners.

Golden Spikes winners

2023—Dylan Crews, of, Louisiana State  
2022—Ivan Melendez, inf, Texas  
2021—Kevin Kopps, p, Arkansas  
2019—Adley Rutschman, c, Oregon State  
2018—Andrew Vaughn, 1b, California  
2017—Brendan McKay, 1hp/1b, Louisville  
2016—Kyle Lewis, of, Mercer  
2015—Andrew Benintendi, of, Arkansas  
2014—A.J. Reed, inf-p, Kentucky

2013—Kris Bryant, inf, San Diego  
2012—Mike Zunino, c, Florida  
2011—Trevor Bauer, p, UCLA  
2010—Bryce Harper, c, Southern Nevada  
2009—Stephen Strasburg, p, San Diego State  
2008—Buster Posey, c, Fla. State  
2007—David Price, p, Vanderbilt  
2006—Tim Lincecum, p, Washington  
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BEGINNING at a stake in the right of way line of U.S. Route No. 19-West Virginia Route No. 7, known locally as Star City Boulevard, which stake is 90 feet from the center-line of said road, and which stake is also located S. 50° 06' 30" E. 207.37 feet from the place of beginning of a certain tract, containing 8.035 acres, heretofore conveyed to Parketta Big Boy, Inc., a West Virginia corporation, by Victor Zeni and Anna Zeni his wife, by deed dated February 2, 1968, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Monongalia County, West Virginia, in Deed Book No. 670, at Page 283; thence from said beginning point first above mentioned, with call reversed, N. 39° 53' 30" E. 178.97 feet to a corner stake; thence, with call reversed, S. 50° 06' 30" E. 336.33 feet to a corner stake in the original line of the aforesaid 8.036 acre tract; thence following an original boundary line of said 8.035 acres tract, with call reserved, S. 34° 47' W. 152.35 feet to a stake, thence with 25 feet radius, 41.50 feet arc, to a stake in the right of way line of U.S. Route No. 19-West Virginia Route No. 7 (Star City Boulevard), 90 feet distance from the center-line of said road; thence with said road, with call reserved, N. 50° 06' 30" W. 325.00 feet to the place of beginning, containing 1.4110 acres, more or less.

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The West Virginia University Board of Governors authorized the sale of the property described above pursuant to WVU BOG Governance Rule 5.1 at a regular meeting held on April 23, 2021 (See Consent Agenda Item 12).

The public hearing that may be continued or adjourned, and at which persons may appear and present their views on the sale of the property described above, will be held on Thursday, June 29, 2023, at 9:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in Room 157 at the West Virginia University College of Law, 101 Law School Dr, Morgantown, WV 26506.

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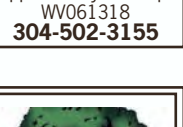
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# Compression socks on long flights helps with dtv

**DEAR DOCTORS:** My job requires a lot of travel, including long-haul flights. My mom says that I need to start wearing compression socks so I do not get a blood clot. I'm 27, not overweight and in good health. Plus, our company books lie-flat seats, and I always get up and walk around. Am I really at risk?

Dear Reader: Your mother is concerned about deep vein thrombosis, often referred to simply as DVT. It's a condition that can occur when a blood clot develops in one of the veins that are, as the name says, found deeper inside the body.

Most often, these types of clots form in the larger veins in the legs. However, it's possible for DVT to occur in the cerebral veins, which serve the brain; the mesenteric veins, which are found in the abdomen; and the veins of the arms.

While often associated with heart attack, stroke, cardiovascular disease and inflammation, DVT can also occur due to prolonged immobility. This includes individuals required to spend long

periods of time in bed, those with limited movement due to spinal injuries and passengers on long flights. Additional risk factors include anesthesia and surgery, being pregnant, being overweight, smoking, physical injury and a range of clotting disorders. And while it's true that older adults are at increased risk of DVT, it can happen at any age.

Whatever the cause or physical location of DVT, it is dangerous. That's due to the potential for these clots to impede or even completely obstruct the flow of blood. If they break free and enter the bloodstream, they can travel to the lungs, again blocking the flow of blood. When this occurs, it's known as a pulmonary embolism.

Symptoms of DVT include swelling in the legs, tenderness, cramping or pain that is often located in the calf, unusual warmth in the leg and a darkening of skin color.

When DVT is suspected, immediate medical care is crucial.

## Monday, June 26, 2023

Take control and simplify your life by decluttering, organizing and replacing bad habits with healthy living. Call the shots and designate time and effort where they count most. Refrain from making unnecessary changes or listening to someone with big but empty ideas. Stick to what you know and do best.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** — An introduction will be important. Demonstrate who you are and what you have to offer.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** — Control your emotions. Don't make an impulsive move based on hearsay. Get the lowdown before you let anger or disappointment surface.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — Look into something new and exciting, and you'll find a way to incorporate it into your daily routine.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** — Review what you know and what you want to find out. Connect with people who have something to offer.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** — Remain calm, listen and gather information. Put more thought into stabilizing your home life.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** — Follow the



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money, look for opportunities and be true to yourself.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — Learn from your mistakes regarding trust issues. Share only what you feel comfortable divulging.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** — Live with what you have for now, and you'll avoid debt, arguments and stress.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** — Stabilize your domestic situation. How you handle your finances will impact your important relationships.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** — Self-improvement will enhance your attitude. Get involved in activities that allow you to show off your attributes.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** — Consider every angle before making a decision. It's best not to let your emotions interfere.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** — Stick to the facts and ask questions. Look for financial opportunities. A chance to increase your income or branch out in a direction that pays the bills and puts more money in your pocket is apparent.

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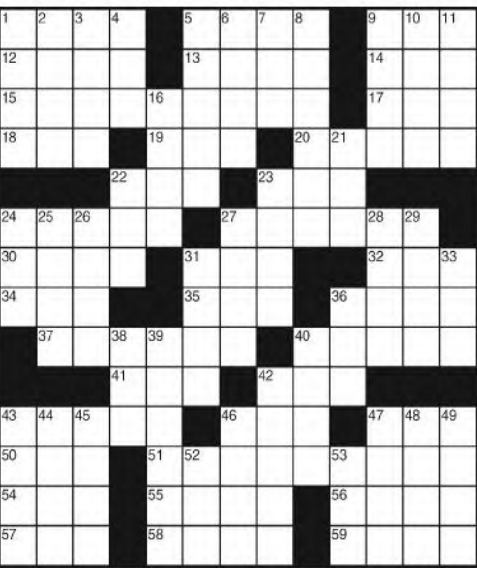
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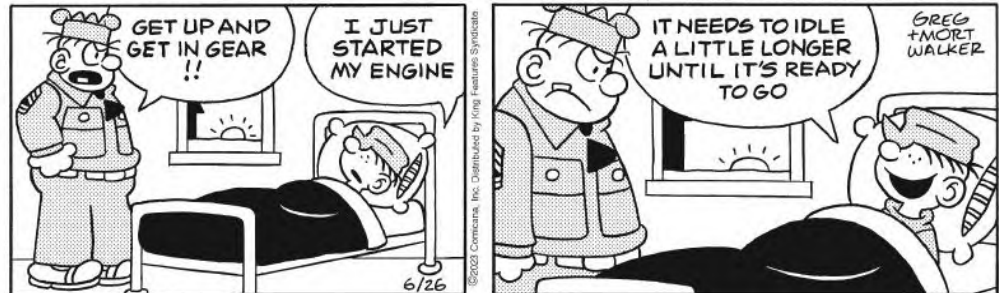
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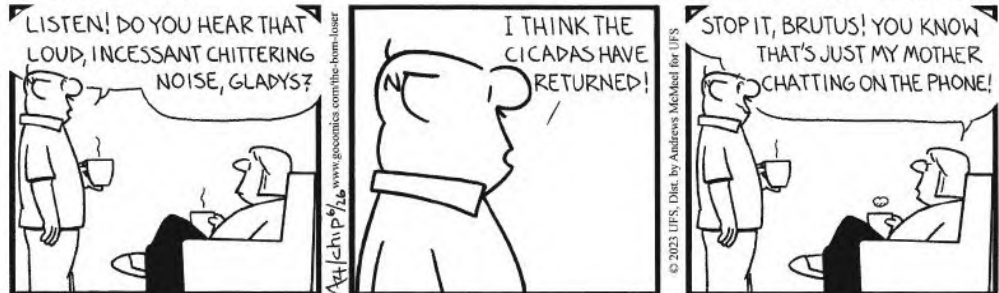
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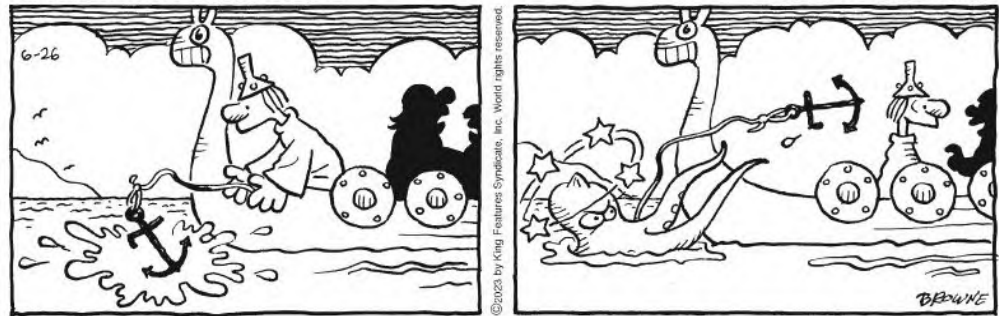
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"Forget it. I am NOT trading places with you."

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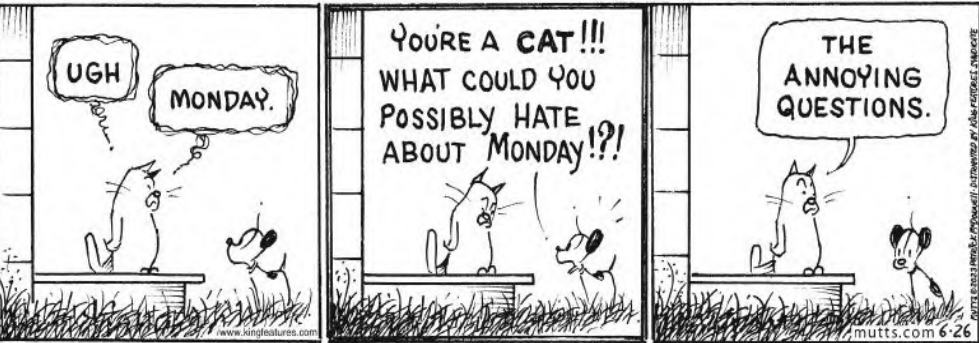
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