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Former officer to serve jail time

Richmond man will also lose peace officer license for illegal firearm discharge

By Tom Cherveney
West Central Tribune

GRANITE FALLS — A former law enforcement officer will serve 15 days in jail and two years of probation, and has lost his peace officer license, as the result of a felony conviction for reckless discharge of a firearm in a municipality.



Schlangen

Alex John Schlangen, 29, of Richmond, pleaded guilty May 5 to reckless discharge of a firearm in a municipality as part of an agreement in which a charge of domestic assault was dismissed.

An amended sentencing order issued by the District Court in Yellow Medicine County on July 12 requires that he serve 15 days in jail with credit for four days served and probation for two years. The sentence is a stay of imposition, and becomes a misdemeanor conviction on successful completion of probation, according to the court record.

The Minnesota Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training last week completed the revocation of the defendant's peace officer license following his felony conviction. According to information from Erik Misselt, the board's executive director, the board's rules make it clear that, for licensing purposes, the felony conviction stands regardless of the stay of imposition, meaning the license cannot be reinstated whether or not Schlangen successfully meets the requirements of his probation.

The Minnesota Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training records show that Schlangen's license was issued

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Patty Wetterling, left, and Pam Wold share an embrace following the memorial walk for missing Danny Newville on Saturday at Old Gray Park in New London.

KEEPING HIS MEMORY ALIVE

Crowd turns out Saturday for Danny Newville memorial walk

By Macy Moore
West Central Tribune

New London

Dozens gathered in New London on Saturday morning to keep Danny Lee Newville's memory alive as work continues to be done in bringing him home for the 20th anniversary of his disappearance.

During the early morning hours of Aug. 1, 2002, Newville was seen at a party in New London. It was the last time anyone saw the 18-year-old. Twenty years later, his family and the Kandiyohi County Sheriff's Office are still looking for answers.

Following the mile-long

walk from Peace Lutheran Church in New London to Danny's tree in Old Gray Park in downtown New London, friends, family and supporters gathered to listen to Detective Sgt. Kent Bauman with the Kandiyohi County Sheriff's Office speak about the updates with Newville's case. Although no major details were released due to the ongoing investigation, Bauman gave the crowd hope moving forward.

Danny's father, Russ Newville, thanked such a large crowd for coming to support his son and for keeping his memory alive 20 years following his disappearance.



Detective Sgt. Kent Bauman with the Kandiyohi County Sheriff's Office speaks about the updates in Danny Newville's case Saturday after a memorial walk for Newville at Old Gray Park in New London.

WPS hires teachers from other countries

By Linda Vanderwerf
West Central Tribune

WILLMAR — Willmar Public Schools will have five new teachers from other countries when the school year starts Sept. 6.

Once visas and teaching licenses are approved, four women from the Philippines and a man from Nicaragua will be teaching at Roosevelt and Kennedy elementary schools.

All are experienced teachers who speak fluent English. They are expected to arrive in August.

Filling teaching positions and other jobs in the district has been a struggle in recent years. Even with five international teachers coming, the district continues to have multiple openings for teachers, paraprofessionals and other positions, according to Human



Windingstad

Resources Director Liz Windingstad.

Windingstad first saw a marketing email about hiring teachers from other countries and she took the idea more seriously when a professional association offered a webinar about International Teach Alliance.

"I immediately reached out and said, 'Let's talk,'" she said.

Windingstad said she hopes it will benefit students to have teachers from another culture.

"They're going to be teaching the same subjects and the same curriculum, and they'll bring their flavor just like any other individual would," she said. "I'm excited ... It's some-

thing so new, to have people from another country under an exchange program like this."

ITA President Jason Hammond, a former school human resources officer, said in a telephone interview that he worked five years to develop the concept, and his company became a J-1 visa sponsor two years ago.

A J-1 visa allows non-immigrants to participate in work or study exchanges. Teachers are allowed to stay three years with an option to extend their stay for two more years before returning home for at least two years.

Hammond said a teacher shortage led him to recruit at universities in northern Mexico. His efforts grew into ITA.

The company started by placing 75 teachers in Arizona and California schools in

its first year. This year, 400 teachers will work in 16 states.

Willmar is the first Minnesota district to work with ITA, Hammond said.

The teachers are thoroughly vetted, Hammond said. The company screens and interviews them before they are accepted.

They must pass multiple criminal background checks to be accepted by ITA, to obtain visas and to receive a state teaching license.

After joining ITA's service, Windingstad was allowed to see teachers' information, including resumes and videos of interviews and of them teaching lessons.

Roosevelt and Kennedy principals conducted interviews over Zoom.

After the candidates were chosen and accepted the job

offers, Windingstad started working on the paperwork.

The process takes dedication on both sides, she said, and they've come across roadblocks that were "aggravating, but not insurmountable."

The district needed a letter from the Minnesota Department of Education to certify that it was an accredited school and the teachers would have jobs when they arrived.

The teachers contacted American embassies to be interviewed for their visas.

College transcripts and fingerprints are needed to get a Minnesota teaching license.

They have applied for Social Security cards but will have to go to an office in person when they arrive in the United States.

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Ice cream, pedal pull at Corn Capital Days

By Macy Moore
West Central Tribune

OLIVIA — Folks who enjoy a sweet ice cream treat or a little friendly competition were more than pleased with Olivia's Corn Capital Days festivities in the heart of the community Friday evening.

Over at the First United Methodist Church, youth group youngsters Riley Daak, 12, Colton Baumgart, 11, and Charles Leesman, 11, were busy scooping ice cream for folks who stopped by during an ice cream social.

Across the street, children tested their might in a pedal pull competition, where children pedaled a tractor hauling weight across the parking lot to a roar of fellow families and young ones cheering them on.

Festivities went well into the night, with a street dance and fireworks show. Olivia's festival will run through Sunday, with the annual Corn Capital parade occurring at 3 p.m. in downtown Olivia.



Photos by Macy Moore / West Central Tribune
Millie Ahlquist, 4, uses all her might to keep her tractor moving Friday evening while competing in the Corn Capital Days Pedal Pull in downtown Olivia.



Left: Luna LaPierre, 6, left, and grandmother MaryElla Clouse cheer on contestants in the Pedal Pull during Olivia's Corn Capital Days. Right: Colton Baumgartner, 12, left, and Riley Daak, 12, scoop vanilla ice cream Friday during the Faith United Methodist Church's ice cream social hosted by the youth group during Corn Capital Days in Olivia.



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in October 2014 and he had been employed during his law enforcement career with the Kanabec County and Isanti County sheriff's offices, the Belgrade-Brooklyn Police Department and Upper Sioux Tribal Community Police.

Schlangen was not on duty as a tribal police officer at the time of the incident for which he was charged, according to the special prosecutor for the case, Christo-

pher Reisdorfer.

According to the criminal complaint, Schlangen was arrested at a residence in Granite Falls shortly after 11 p.m. on Feb. 5 by a police officer responding to a report that the defendant had discharged a firearm in the house.

The defendant and his girlfriend had been at Prairie's Edge Casino Resort and had received a sober ride home from his parents due to being intoxicated. The couple argued, and the complaint alleged that Schlangen pushed the female in the house. She suf-

fered bruises.

The complaint stated that Schlangen went to the basement of the house and discharged a firearm. "I'll admit it, it was discharged," the defendant later told a police officer after initially not answering questions about whether he fired a firearm, according to the complaint.

In an order for protection sought by the woman, she stated that he threatened suicide before going to the basement of the home and discharging a Glock handgun.

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The teachers need to pay a variety of fees and foot the bill for their transportation to the United States and their living expenses while here.

The teachers are required to maintain ties to their home countries, give community presentations about their home countries and arrange communication between students in the two countries.

One of the requirements is that they share their culture with their host communities and to make connections between students between Willmar and their home communities.

As licensed MN teachers they will be paid under the Education Willmar contract and will be treated like other employees of the district, she said. Based on their experience, the international teachers will land on the fourth, eighth and tenth steps of the Education Willmar pay scale.

A home for rent is available about halfway between Kennedy and Roosevelt, large enough for the five of them to share. Landlord Gabe Heiling has been helpful and supportive of the effort to bring the teachers here, she said.

Windingstad said she hopes that the school community can help them navigate the culture shock they are sure to feel when they first arrive.

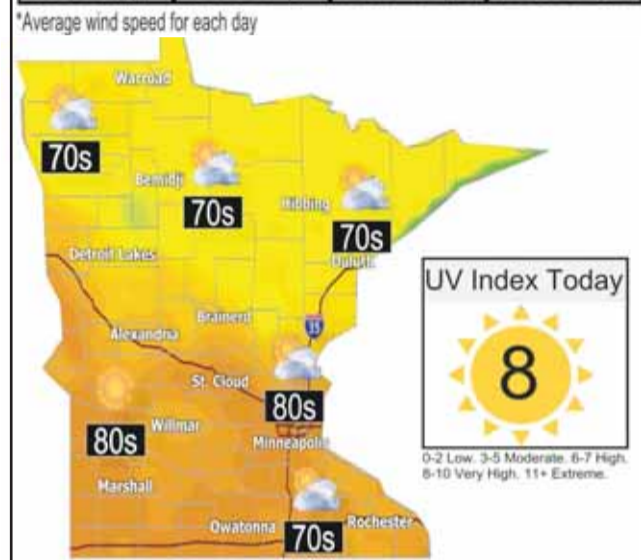
She also hopes other staff members and the public may help outfit the house with gently used furniture and kitchen basics to help the teachers settle in.



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Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
92/69 Mostly Sunny Wind: S 18 mph	88/67 Scattered Thunderstorms Wind: SW 11 mph	86/64 Partly Cloudy Wind: N 12 mph	85/63 Partly Cloudy Wind: SW 11 mph



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Duluth, MN	76 / 60	74 / 67	Minneapolis, MN	82 / 66	93 / 77
Eau Claire, WI	79 / 58	87 / 75	Rochester, MN	79 / 63	88 / 76
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International Falls, MN	75 / 57	82 / 66	St. Cloud, MN	81 / 63	93 / 71



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Arrest made in stabbing that left 1 dead, 4 hurt on Wisconsin's Apple River

Suspect identified as 52-year-old man from Minnesota

St. Paul Pioneer Press Authorities in western Wisconsin have announced an arrest in a Saturday stabbing incident on the Apple River that left a Minnesota teenager dead and four young adults seriously injured.

A 52-year-old Prior Lake man was taken into custody later on Saturday, according to the St. Croix County Sheriff Scott Knudson. The man's name has not been released but jail records show a 52-year-old Prior Lake man being held without bail in St. Croix County Jail on suspicion of first degree murder, four counts of mayhem and four counts of aggravated battery.

The sheriff said the victims were tubing on the Apple River when the incident occurred shortly before 4 p.m., about 100 to 200 yards upstream from the Highway 35-64 bridge in Somerset.

People began calling 911 at about 3:45 p.m., Knudson said during a news conference early Saturday evening.

"Deputies responded and as we were bringing resources to the area, reports were that a number of people had been stabbed," Knudson said.

Due to it being an "inaccessible area," the sheriff said, it took some time to get to the site.

"On arrival," Knudson said, "they located five individuals that were suffering from stab wounds. The suspect of that stabbing had left the scene at that time."

Deputies, tubers and others came together to assist the victims, the sheriff said, performing "lifesaving measures," including evacuation.

A 17-year-old Stillwater boy was taken to Lakeview Hospital in Stillwater, where he was pronounced dead, the sheriff said.

The other victims included a 24-year-old Burnsville woman, a 22-year-old Elk River man, a 20-year-old Luck, Wis. man and a 22-year-old Luck, Wis., man.

They were evacuated by air and ground

ambulance to Regions Hospital in St. Paul, Knudson said. Their injuries ranged from critical to serious, he said, citing a number of torso wounds.

The suspect was reportedly with another tubing group at the time of the stabbings.

Although he initially fled, the sheriff said he was located about a mile upstream some 90 minutes later after being spotted by witnesses. A cellphone photo taken around the time of the stabbings helped to identify the man.

"He was taken into custody without incident," Knudson said, and jailed in Hudson. His name and hometown were not disclosed.

The sheriff said the investigation, including a search of the river for the weapon, was continuing Saturday evening. Recreational traffic on the river was being diverted around the crime scene.

The sheriff said authorities were still sorting out what happened on Saturday.

"I believe the gentleman that is our suspect was with another group of six to eight, and then we have the other individuals, so we're probably talking about 15 to 20 people altogether that we're trying to get good interviews on," the sheriff said. "They all appeared to be tubing ... at this time we're not sure what started this incident."

Saturday's emergency response was assisted by agencies from western Wisconsin and the east metro area of the Twin Cities, including the Washington County sheriff's office, Oak Park Heights police and Lakeview Hospital EMS.

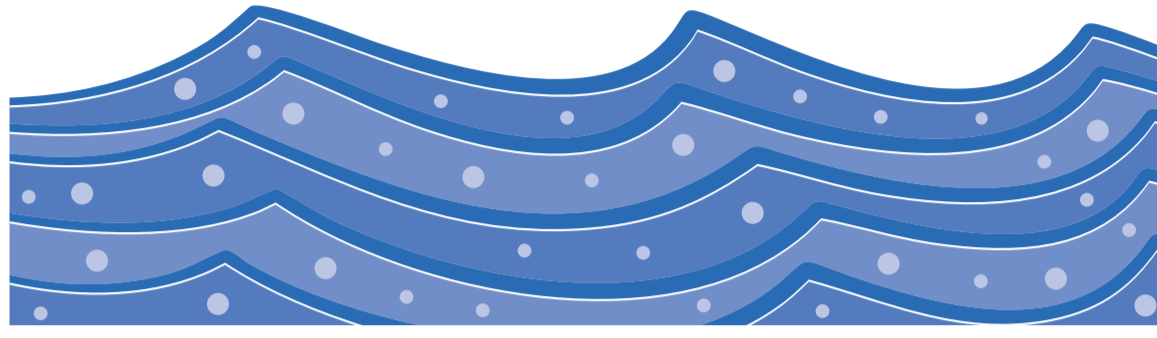
Tubing on the Apple River, which flows through Polk and St. Croix counties in western Wisconsin before joining the St. Croix River on the Minnesota border, is a popular summertime pastime. However, officials have long struggled to limit some of the more disruptive behavior on the river, including public intoxication and nudity.

But Knudson said Saturday's "chaotic" and "scary" scene was exceptional.

"I'm sure anybody who witnessed this will never forget it," he said. "It is tragic."



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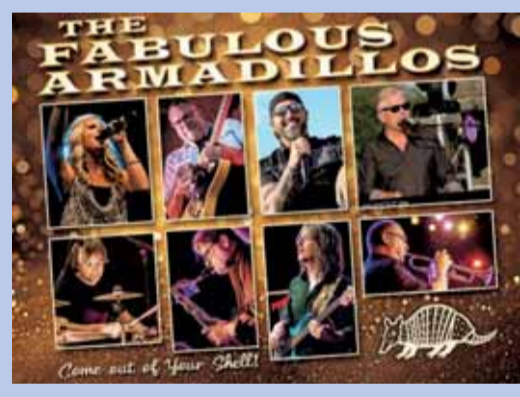
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New budget deal would be a big win for Congress

By Bloomberg Opinion Editorial Board

Rather unexpectedly, the 117th Congress is shaping up to be one of the most productive in recent memory. A new compromise reached by Sen. Joe Manchin and Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer could prove to be its most significant achievement yet.

After months of often-acrimonious debate over President Joe Biden's "Build Back Better" plan, Democrats have apparently ditched the sobriquet in favor of the substance. The new deal, intended to be passed along party lines in accordance with the Senate's budget reconciliation rules, would accomplish nearly all of the most important goals of Biden's initial proposal without its most controversial baggage. It would offer some \$433 billion in new spending, bring in \$739 billion in revenue and reduce deficits by \$300 billion over a decade.

Promisingly, the proposed spending is well focused. A summary of the deal Democrats put out on Wednesday says it would offer fully \$369 billion for climate and energy proposals, the most urgent parts of Biden's original \$3.5 trillion proposal. That should turbocharge the administration's plans to reduce carbon emissions and lay the groundwork for a clean energy economy, while avoiding some of its less defensible outlays. The new bargain would also put \$64 billion toward extending COVID-era subsidies for Obamacare health insurance, thus helping millions of Americans avoid significant premium increases.

More or less true to its grandiose name — the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 — the proposal also takes budgetary restraint more seriously than its predecessors in this Congress. To raise revenue, it would establish a 15% corporate minimum tax for large companies, allot \$124 billion to the IRS for enhanced tax enforcement, and close the so-called carried interest loophole, which allows investment fund managers to pay income taxes at a preferential rate. Realistically, such reforms will be subject to plenty of gamesmanship and gimmickry going forward. But this is a sober attempt at fiscal responsibility.

Perhaps more consequentially, the plan would remove a legal prohibition that has long prevented Medicare from bargaining with pharmaceutical companies on behalf of the 49 million Americans in its drug insurance program. This barrier has kept U.S. drug prices the highest in the world — \$1,300 per person per year, on average. A previous proposal along these lines was expected to save taxpayers almost \$290 billion through 2031, with greater savings in subsequent years as more drugs become eligible for negotiation. Advancing this reform alone would've been a momentous achievement.

Plenty of details remain to be ironed out, of course, and serious pitfalls still lie ahead. But all told, this compromise would be a big win for Democrats, for the White House and — not least — for the U.S. taxpayer. As America's loquacious president once said in another context, it's a big effing deal.

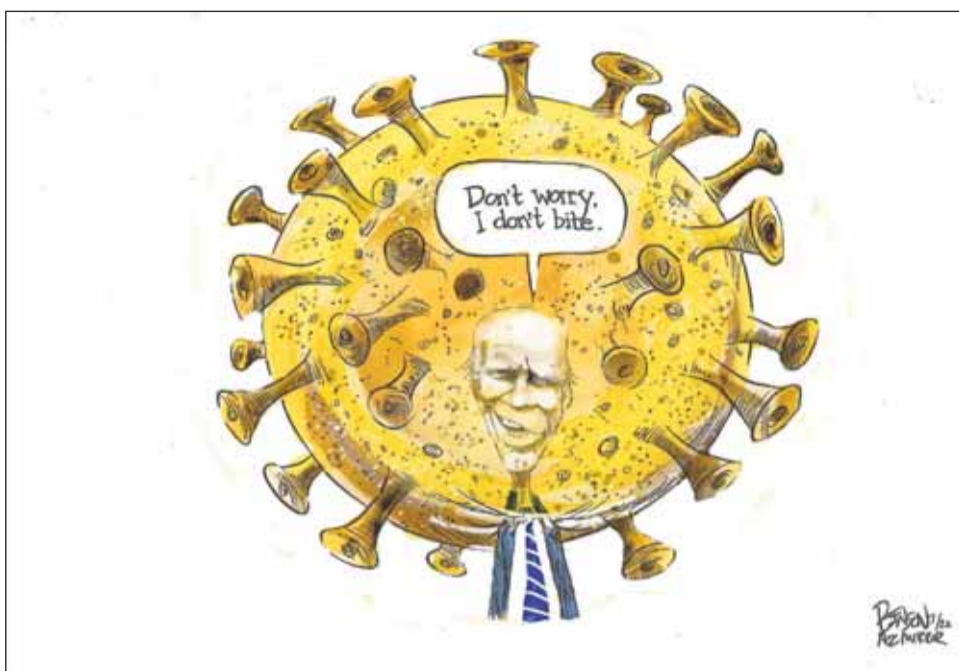
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Welcome to the era of antisocial media

By Tyler Cowen
Bloomberg Opinion

Have we reached peak social media?

Many of the United States' leading social media companies, such as Snap, Twitter and Pinterest, are now worth less than they were the day they went public. Shares of Meta (formerly Facebook) now trade at less than half of their all-time high. The company has announced it is changing its news feed to emphasize content from its "discovery engine" instead of from friends and family. Instagram, a Meta subsidiary, has announced a similar change, to much criticism.

The decline in market value may prove temporary, and there is a good chance the sector will make a comeback through new companies and new products. Still, the notion that social media is past its prime is no longer unthinkable. What would a future with less social media look like?

For me, one of the most fundamental questions about human nature right now is just how much people enjoy exhibiting their lives to a broader public, whether through words, photos or videos. I am reminded of the decline of blogging, from its golden age (roughly 2001 to 2012) to now. There are still many good blogs, but they don't have the broad cultural relevance that Andrew Sullivan, Daily Kos or Instapundit had in their heyday.

Why did such blogging fade? I can think of at least three reasons. First, many of the people who produce content preferred writing for more narrow or more private audiences, and did so once Facebook became more popular. Second, YouTube became more popular, and many of the people who consume content prefer videos to blogs. Finally, the rise of Twitter showed that short bits are often more fun to read than turgid blog posts.

Set this last reason aside, because the future of Twitter at the moment is not obviously bright, as the company is caught between a buyer who seems to no longer want it and a current management team that does not run it very well. I expect Twitter to continue (and I enjoy it greatly myself), but it is not the future of social media.

If I consider my own social media use, it is WhatsApp (also owned



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Is social media past its prime?

by Meta) that is steadily on the rise, which is consistent with the trend toward private and small-group messaging.

So is writing for a private, selected audience poised to eclipse writing for a broader public on social media? What would more private messaging, more texting and more locked social media accounts mean for public discourse?

Public intellectuals might still write on open social media, but the sector as a whole would shift toward more personal and intimate forms of communication. Again, this is not a prediction. But is it such an implausible vision of the future?

One of the more robust forms of social media is online dating, though these companies do not have the largest valuations. The percentage of couples who have met online continues to rise, and that trend is unlikely to reverse anytime soon. But online dating may not be as "social" as other forms of social media: People view some profiles and then switch fairly rapidly to private communications.

Private communications would seem to solve many of the problems cited by critics of social media. Social media wouldn't corrupt so much public discourse because there would be less public discourse to corrupt. And criticizing the new manifestations of these (formerly?) social media platforms would be akin to criticizing communication itself.

Video, too, might continue its rise. Even as many U.S. social media companies decline in value, TikTok and its short videos have been the big winner over the last few years. Regardless

of whether the company keeps its current market lead, it is easy to imagine that, more and more, video will displace text. Even on airplanes with buggy seatback screens, I have noticed, people seem to prefer watching something to reading a book.

In this hypothetical future, social media may seem a lot more like old-fashioned gossip. Instead of whispering in somebody's ear, or picking up the telephone, people would simply click on their favorite messaging service. They might give the "scoop" privately and then refer to it obliquely in public. Or, more directly, people would just use social media to talk about each other instead of debating the issues of the day. A lot of video is a mix of talk and a kind of "show and tell." On TikTok, for example, props and pantomime are popular on many channels.

I have mixed feelings about this potential rise of gossip at the expense of the social side of social media. Over the last decade, hundreds of articles have been published about how social media will bring about the death of democracy and ruin the lives of teenage girls. That now seems unlikely: Valid or not, such concerns may turn out to be obsolete.

The new villain might well be gossip — magnified by the power of instantaneous communications. In many ways, the problems of the post-social media world may mirror those of the pre-social media world. So much for progress.

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Joe Manchin finally blinks in his moves in Congress

On Wednesday, just as the bad news was coming on the economy, West Virginia Sen. Joe Manchin announced that he had reached



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an agreement with Majority Leader Chuck Schumer on the president's signature legislative package. Build Back Better has now become Stop Inflation Now, or some such name, but what it really is is America's signature move to fight climate change. If the bill becomes law, according to the legislative summary, it will cut our greenhouse gas emissions by roughly 40% by 2030.

That is huge. It is, or will likely be, Joe Biden's signature legislative accomplishment, his equivalent of Obamacare.

Will it save Democrats in November? Maybe not. Talk of a recession, much less the reality of one, is something the White House is fighting against, with mixed success.

But calling it by another name — "banana" was the name in the Carter administration — doesn't change the reality. The layoffs have already begun in tech, but they won't stop there. Gas prices hit almost everyone's pocketbook. Inflation means your dollar buys less; high-interest rates and falling home prices mean your most valuable possession is worth less. Not the ideal recipe for a midterm.

But if the new legislation won't save the Democrats, it could go a long way to saving the planet. It puts our country where it should be, which is in a leadership role in fighting a global threat. Whatever else they accomplish, the Biden/Schumer success in winning Manchin's support — even with concessions for fossil fuels — is exactly the reason those two legislative maestros are in the positions they are.

The wild card for November, in many respects, is the abortion issue and, more broadly, the social agenda.

But that could change, at least in key states like Pennsylvania, where pro-choice majorities could shift the balance. The conventional wisdom is that if the midterm turns into a nationalized election, with the economy as the dominant issue, the Democrats will get clobbered. But what if other factors, like social issues and what the law will be in your own state, come to play a bigger role?

And then, of course, there is the planet. Talk to young people today, and the hopelessness comes through. They believe they are living at the end of a planetary cycle in which we — the baby boomers, the adults, the ones who were supposed to be trustees of our precious planet — have abdicated our responsibilities.

Add this to the economic woes facing our kids: the fact that they, realistically, don't expect to do better than we did. Heck, they don't even expect to own their own homes, which most of us did. Such hopelessness can easily translate into the apathy that makes younger people much less likely than their parents or grandparents to vote. But that, too, could change. After all, if Manchin could change his mind, anything is possible.

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UN group calls for release of Leonard Peltier

Document alleges anti-Native American bias in prolonging imprisonment

By April Baumgarten
The Forum

NEW YORK — A United Nations document is calling for the United States to release a Native American activist who was convicted of killing two FBI agents during a controversial trial.

In a 17-page document made public last month, an arbitrary detention working group for the U.N. Human Rights Council said the U.S. government should free Leonard Peltier. It also said the country should conduct an independent investigation into whether the Native American's rights were violated.

Peltier was convicted in 1977 in connection to the killing of FBI Special Agents Ronald Arthur Williams and Jack Ross Coler during a shootout in June 1975 on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. The trial was held in Fargo.

Two of his co-defendants were found not guilty due to self-defense.

Despite providing alibis that he did not participate in the shooting, Peltier, who was part of the American Indian Movement meant to protect Native Americans against civil rights violations and racism, was given two consecutive life sentences.

Peltier, 77, is being held at a prison in Florida.

Some have alleged trial misconduct in Peltier's case, including claims that witnesses were coerced into testifying against him.

The working group alleged the FBI targeted Peltier because of his political activism in promoting Native American rights and said Bureau agents harassed Peltier before his arrest.

The group questioned sev-



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A "Free Leonard Peltier" sign is seen in Detroit in March 2009.

eral aspects of Peltier's legal proceedings, including why his case wasn't overseen by a judge who presided over the trials of his co-defendants. Instead, his case was given to a judge whose previous criminal case was overturned due to using anti-Native American stereotypes in jury instructions, the document said.

The U.N. group also alleged Peltier was not properly evaluated for parole, and his incarceration has been arbitrarily prolonged. The document attributed that, in part, to anti-Native American bias.

The U.S. government has denied that it violated Peltier's rights, according to the document.

The U.N. document noted Peltier has multiple health conditions that cannot be treated appropriately while he is incarcerated. He contracted COVID-19 in January, and he is at "heightened risk of death" due to complications caused by the virus, the document said.

"Mr. Peltier poses no threat to anyone," the document said. "There is no legitimate purpose for the government to continue his detention. Doing so, despite the lack of a

legitimate purpose, amounts to arbitrary detention. ..."

Former President Bill Clinton considered granting clemency to Peltier in 2000, but that was protested when roughly 500 FBI agents marched near the White House. The decision has been passed on to several presidents until former President Barack Obama denied Peltier clemency in 2017.

In a statement to The Forum, the FBI said it is against Peltier's release.

"We must never forget or put aside that Peltier intentionally and mercilessly murdered these two young men and has never expressed remorse for his ruthless actions," the FBI said. "Peltier's conviction, rightly and fairly obtained, still stands, and has withstood numerous appeals to multiple courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court. No amount of prison time changes the facts surrounding Coler and Williams' deaths, and commuting Peltier's sentence now would only serve to diminish the brutality of his crime and the suffering of their surviving families and the FBI family."

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SERVICES LISTING

Leila Arndt, 86, of Willmar, died July 29. Service 11 a.m. Aug. 2 at United Methodist Church, Willmar. Harvey Anderson Funeral Home, Willmar.

Angelita Arreazola-Juarez, 76, of Willmar, died July 3. Service 5 to 7 p.m. Aug. 2 at Harvey Anderson Funeral Home, Willmar.

Joan Barrett, 77, of Clara City, died July 28. Service 2 p.m. Aug. 2 at Buffalo Lake Lutheran Church, rural DeGraff. Harvey Anderson Funeral Home.

Nicolasa "Niko" (Rodriguez) Bernabe-Lopez, 56, of Willmar, died July 26. Service 2 p.m. Aug. 2 at Peterson Brothers Funeral Home, Willmar.

Nuvillo Bjork, 94, of Sunburg, died July 20. Service 4 p.m. July 30 at Hope Lutheran Church, Sunburg. Peterson Brothers Sunburg Funeral Home.

Theresa Frank Chiarelli, 60, of

California, died June 18. Service 1 to 3 p.m. July 31 at Calvin and Dorothy Quimby's, Spicer.

Paul "Doug" Glesne, 83, of Sunburg, died July 24. Service 11 a.m. July 30 at Hope Lutheran Church, Sunburg. Peterson Brothers Funeral Home, Willmar.

June Krogstad, 93, of Granite Falls, died July 1. Service 1 to 3 p.m. July 30 at Wing-Bain Funeral Home, Granite Falls.

Jon McClenahan, 64, of Willmar, died Aug. 21, 2021. Service noon to 6 p.m. July 30 at Hilltop Shelter, Robbins Island, Willmar. Peterson Brothers Funeral Home, Willmar.

Michele Okuly, 45, of New London, died July 20. Service 10 a.m. Aug. 1 at Open Door Christian Church, Spicer. Johnson Funeral Home, New London.

Pastor Paul Peterson, 83, of Sauk Rapids, formerly of Raymond, died Jan. 14. Service

11 a.m. Aug. 5 at First Covenant Church, Willmar. Peterson Brothers Funeral Home, Willmar.

Richard Reyer, 91, of St. Louis Park, formerly of Willmar, died July 17. Service 11 a.m. Aug. 12 at Calvary Lutheran Church, Willmar. Peterson Brothers Funeral Home

Kelly Fosso Rodenberg, 55, of New London, formerly of Pennock, died July 25. Service 11 a.m. July 30 at Mamrelund Lutheran Church, Pennock. Harvey Anderson Funeral Home, Willmar.

Elenora Sandstrom, 76, of Benson, died July 22. Service 1 p.m. Aug. 5 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Benson. Zniwski Funeral Home, Benson.

Arden Trandahl, 85, of Willmar, died June 16. Service 11 a.m. July 30 at Calvary Lutheran Church, Willmar.

This funeral services listing is presented as a public service by the West Central Tribune.

One hurt in Redwood County crash

REDWOOD FALLS — A passenger was injured in a two-vehicle crash reported at 3:15 p.m. Friday on Highway 71 at 120th Street, Charlestown Township, Redwood County.

Jeffrey Ivan Stephenson, 43, address not listed, was transported to the Redwood Falls Hospital for non-life-threatening injuries, according to a Minnesota State Patrol report.

He was a passenger in a 2007 Nissan Frontier driven by Rory Alan Stephenson, 39, of Minneapolis.

A 2010 GMC Savana driven by Matthew Michael Hensch, 22, of Sanborn, was traveling southbound on Highway 71 when it collided with the Nissan Frontier. Both vehicles were southbound at the time of the collision, according to the Patrol.

Alcohol was not a factor. The drivers and the passenger were all wearing seat belts.

The Sanborn Fire and Ambulance, Springfield Ambulance Redwood County Sheriff's Office responded.

Two drivers hurt in Redwood County crash

REDWOOD FALLS — Two drivers were injured when their vehicles collided on U.S. Highway 71 at the Wacouta Trail in Paxton Township of Redwood County at around noon on Friday, according to the Minnesota State Patrol.

A 1985 Chevrolet S10 driven by a 17-year-old male driver not identified in the accident report was driving eastbound on Highway 71. A Pontiac Grand Prix driven by Isaac Joseph Hillesheim, 18, of Franklin was also traveling eastbound on Highway 71. The vehicles collided.

Both were transported to the Redwood Falls Hospital for non-life threatening injuries. Both were wearing seat belts and alcohol was not a factor.

The Redwood County Sheriff's Office, Lower Sioux Police, and Centra Care Ambulance responded.

Man wounds foot with handgun

NEW LONDON — A New London man suffered what was described as a minimal injury to his foot when he accidentally shot himself while reloading a handgun at a property on the 5000 block of Highway 9 Northeast, New London, it was reported at 9:20 p.m. on Saturday. He was treated at the emergency room at the Paynesville Hospital.

Pursuit vehicle recovered

RAYMOND — A vehicle that had been sought by Willmar Police Department for a pursuit was recovered on the 300 block of First Street in Raymond after 9 p.m. on Saturday. It was towed to the Law Enforcement Center in Willmar for investigation by the police department.

Burglary

WILLMAR — A residence on the 6500 block of Country

RECORDS

Road 5 Northwest, Willmar, was burglarized, its owner reported Saturday afternoon.

Contraband in jail

WILLMAR — A 33-year-old inmate in the Kandiyohi County Jail was taken for medical treatment after admitting to have taken drugs after contraband was located in her cell on Friday afternoon.

Criminal damage to property

WILLMAR — Tires were slashed on a vehicle on the 400 block of 11th Street SW, Willmar, it was reported Sunday morning.

WILLMAR — A 52-year-old man was arrested after he used a sledgehammer to cause significant damage to a vehicle on the 1100 block of Fifth Street Southwest, Willmar at 8 a.m. on Saturday.

WILLMAR — A vehicle was egged on the 3100 block of Seventh Avenue Northwest, Willmar, it was reported Friday afternoon.

Traffic complaint

WILLMAR — A caller reported seeing vehicles drag racing with a person holding a stopwatch in a park on the 600 block of Business Highway 71 North, Willmar, at 8:30 p.m. Saturday. Officers were unable to locate the suspect vehicles.

Attempted theft

WILLMAR — A man reported that he was sleeping in the back seat of his vehicle on the 200 block of Second Street Southwest, in downtown Willmar at 3:40 a.m. on Saturday when a man opened the driver's side door and asked him for a cigarette. The unidentified man then reached for \$25 on the center console of the vehicle. The vehicle owner told him to put it down and he did so and left the scene. Responding officers searched for the suspect but were unable to locate him.

Assaults

WILLMAR — Police responded to a report of a female being beaten at a residence on the 1500 block of 15th Street Southeast, Willmar at 1:14 a.m. Saturday.

WILLMAR — Police responded to a report of a man swinging a bat at a woman on the 1400 block of Fifth Street Southwest, Willmar at 12:40 a.m. Saturday. The apparent victim and alleged assailant were not cooperative.

Group breaks lock to take to a new field

WILLMAR — An estimated 30 people were verbally kicked out of the new turf field on the Willmar Public Schools High School campus on the 2700 block of 30th Avenue when discovered there on Friday. They were believed to have broken the gate lock to gain access.

Hit-and-run

WILLMAR — A hit-and-run crash involving two vehicles was reported on the 3000 block of First Avenue Northwest, Willmar, at 10:55 a.m. on Friday.

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Twins drop series as MLB trade deadline approaches

By Betsy Helfand
St. Paul Pioneer Press

SAN DIEGO — There's still time remaining to affect the Twins' roster. But that time is dwindling.

The Major League Baseball trade deadline will come and go on Tuesday at 5 p.m. CDT, affording the Twins just a couple more days to make meaningful outside additions — particularly to the pitching staff.

While things are expected to heat up in the next couple of days — Cincinnati starter Luis Castillo was traded to Seattle but otherwise things have been mostly slow — this week's road trip gave the Twins a chance to see how they stack up against other playoff contenders.

The Twins fell on Sunday 3-2 to the Padres at Petco Park, dropping two of three games to a team bidding for a National League wild card spot. Before that came two tough losses in Milwaukee to the National League Central Division leaders.

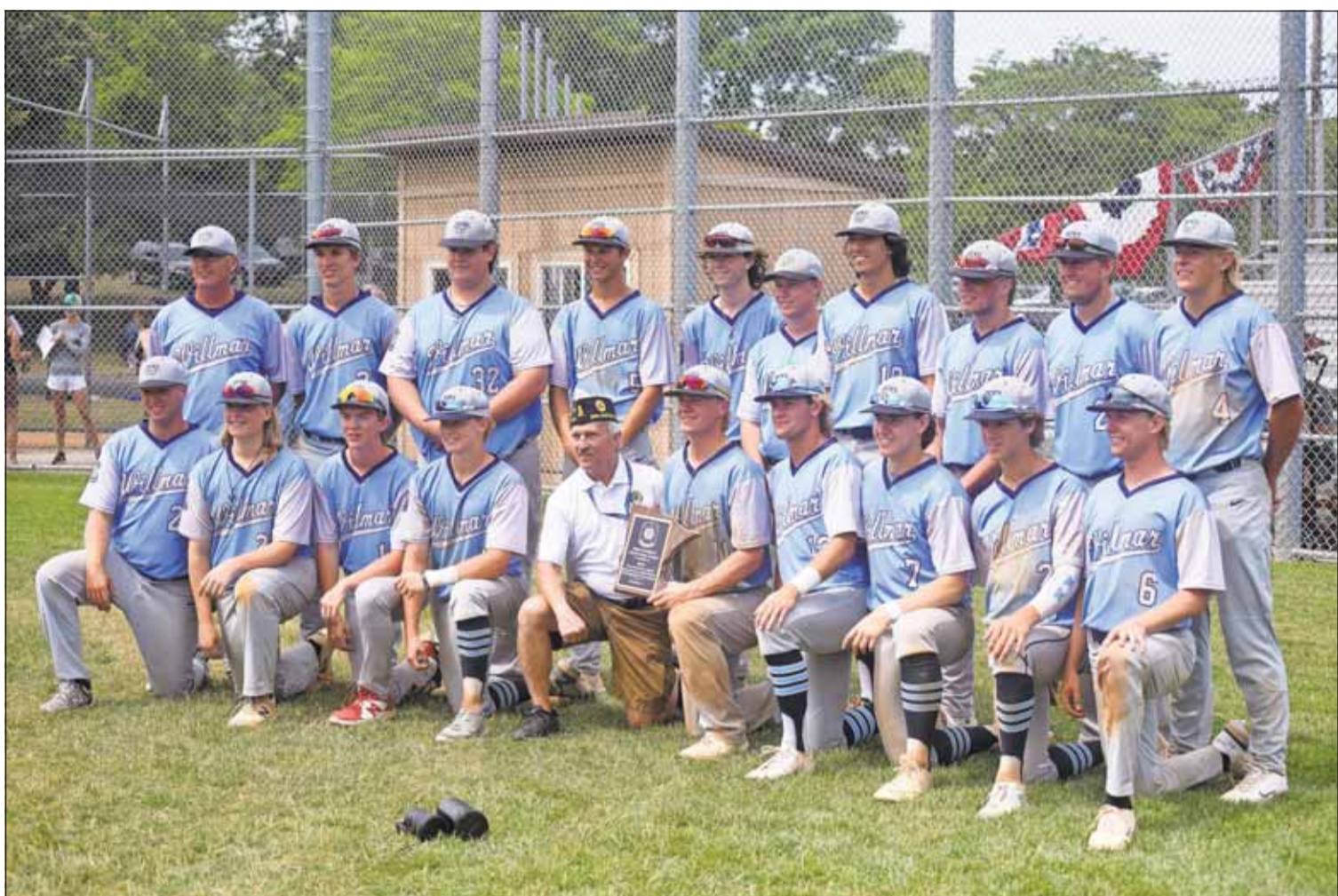
With Sunday's loss, the Twins (53-48) currently have a one game edge over the Cleveland Guardians and a two-game lead over the third-place Chicago White Sox.

"We haven't played our best baseball all year. We haven't been healthy all year. Those are two true things," president of baseball operations Derek Falvey said Sunday on WCCO-AM. "But for us right now, looking at our group and trying to figure out ways to add to these pieces, to get better in the second half, our focus is to put the best team out there that we can every night. That's maybe not the case in every market in every season. We're going to try to find ways to add to this group."

Things got a little harder this road trip on the injury front when Max Kepler was hit by a pitch on the foot, suffering a fractured pinky toe. Alex Kirilloff was taken out of Saturday's game with right wrist pain and will be further evaluated on Monday. So will Miguel Sano, who returned from the injured list and then landed right back on it days later after tweaking his surgically-repaired knee during his rehab assignment.

In Sunday's loss, Twins hitters collected just four hits — solo home runs from Luis Arraez and Jose Miranda in consecutive innings produced their only runs — and the Padres (57-46) surged ahead in the sixth inning.

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Photos by Michael Lyne / West Central Tribune

Willmar Post 167 takes a team photo with third-place state hardware Sunday at AliMagnet Bunnell Field in Burnsville.

A FAMILIAR PLACE

Willmar defeats Edina to take 3rd at DI Legion state tourney

By Michael Lyne
West Central Tribune

Burnsville

Willmar Post 167 took third place at the 2022 Division I Minnesota State Legion Baseball Tournament after completing a 6-3 comeback against Edina Post 471 on Sunday.

The third-place finish marks the second consecutive summer Willmar has accomplished this feat.

"The boys executed," Willmar head coach Doug Ruter said. "When we outhit teams, we are tough to beat. We got the defense."

Post 167 starting pitcher Jaydon Garnhardt, who did not pitch this summer, threw a complete game.

Garnhardt allowed six hits and three runs, striking out two batters.

"I gave him a pretty hard hug," Ruter said. "It was probably his biggest win ever. I'm really happy for him."

Cayden Hansen led Post 167 offensively. He went 3-for-4 with a stolen base, two runs and an RBI.

Sam Etterman and Brandt Sunder both had multi-hit performances. Etterman went 2-for-4 with a triple, one run and an RBI, while Sunder went 2-for-4 with a stolen base.

Dylan Arndorfer, Carter Schow and Sam Raitz scored the remaining runs for Willmar.

Ian Koozman and Hunter



Jaydon Garnhardt smiles after leading Willmar Post 167 to a third-place finish at the state Legion baseball tournament Sunday at AliMagnet Bunnell Field in Burnsville.

Magnuson rounded out the four RBIs for Post 167, both with one.

Willmar loses seven starters next summer.

"It'll be a new group, but Willmar baseball is strong," Ruter said. "What we have accomplished is really special."

Sunday

Willmar 6, Edina 3

Willmar 002 301 0-6 10 1
Edina 300 010 0-3 6 5
Hitting - Willmar: Cayden Hansen 3-4 sb r-2 rbi, Sam Etterman 2-4 3b r bi, Ian Koozman 1-3

rbi, Hunter Magnuson 1-4 rbi, Brandt Sunder 2-4 sb, Dylan Arndorfer 1-4 sb r, Carter Schow 0-4 r, Sam Raitz 0-4 r ... Edina: Adam Berghult 2-4 r, Jack McCoy 1-3 r, Dan Geyer 0-3 r rbi, Jack Dobesh 1-3 rbi-2, Kam Chrysler 2-3 2b

Pitching (lp-h-r-er-bb-so) - Willmar: Jaydon Garnhardt (W) 7-6-3-0-0-2 ... Edina: Tyler Munson 3-6-2-2-0-2, Michael Simonson (L) 2-2-3-0-0-1, Dobesh 2-2-1-1-0-1

Saturday

Mankato 8, Willmar 1

Willmar Post 167 left nine runners on base in a loss to Mankato National Post 11 in the semifinals round of the Legion state tournament at Vanderlaan Field.

A four-run fifth inning

helped fuel Mankato. Post 11 scored runs in three other innings in the victory.

"It was a frustrating game. We expected a lot out of Dylan [Arndorfer], probably too much since he played catcher the previous game," Ruter said.

Arndorfer, Willmar's starting pitcher, exited the game after earning one out due to an elbow injury. He allowed one run with three hits and a walk.

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Tri-Town finishes 4th at DII state

Wadena gets revenge in semis; Sibley East beats Black Sox for 3rd



Joe Brown / West Central Tribune

Tri-Town second baseman Keegan Kessler-Gross makes a throw to first for an out during the DII American Legion Baseball State Tournament semifinals against Wadena on Saturday at Redbird Field in Luverne.

By Joe Brown
West Central Tribune

LUVERNE — Wadena got to reverse roles with Tri-Town in their second straight matchup in the Division II American Legion Baseball State Tournament semifinals.

In 2021, Wadena Post 171 lost 10-0 in six innings to the Black Sox as Josh Kingery blasted three home runs for Tri-Town.

This time around, the bats never got going for the Black Sox. Courtesy of a complete-game effort from Wadena pitcher Isaac Hamann, Post 171 advanced to the championship with a 4-0 victory Saturday at Redbird Field.

"It feels so good to get some revenge," Hamann said. "And

now, we get to play for a state championship."

Wadena went on to win the state championship Sunday, beating Morris 14-0 in five innings.

Tri-Town lost the third-place game 10-3 against Sibley East on Sunday. The Black Sox had a 1-0 lead after the first inning before Sibley East scored all 10 of its runs before Tri-Town could respond in the seventh.

The Black Sox finished the season with a 13-6 record.

"It's frustrating; I know my guys are frustrated, too," Tri-Town head coach Chris Fellows said on Saturday. "But I'm very, very, very proud of them for sticking it through and working their tails off to

get to this point."

There was an air of mystery to how Wadena would perform on Saturday. Post 171 advanced to the semis after beating host Luverne 1-0 in a marathon 15-inning game on Friday.

"It was a grind," Hamann said about the win over Luverne.

Said Fellows, "We came in with confidence thinking that after 15 innings, they'd be exhausted and what-not. We watched the whole game, so we knew what they had and from playing them last year. We knew what they had."

Hamann never let Tri-Town get comfortable in the batter's

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NORTHWOODS LEAGUE

Stingers' streak hits double digits

Willmar with 11 straight wins after weekend sweep of Bismarck

By Joe Brown
West Central Tribune

WILLMAR — A steady stream of Willmar Stingers crossed home plate on Sunday afternoon.

In front of 1,112 baseball fans at Bill Taunton Stadium, Willmar won its 11th straight game after piecing together 20 hits in a 27-2 Northwoods League victory over the

Bismarck Larks.

Seven Stingers finished the game with multiple hits.

Will Safford, the team's No. 9 hitter, was 4-for-5 with a home run, two doubles, four runs scored and three RBIs. Zac Corbin, Will Hodo and Josh Fitzgerald each had three hits. Drey Dirksen, Aidan Byrne and Nick Terrell each tallied two hits.

Corbin also scored five runs. Hodo and Fitzgerald each had four RBIs. Along with Safford, Hodo, Dirksen and Fitzgerald

each had a home run.

While the offense hit the laces off the ball, Jack Habeck kept his record spotless on the mound. The St. Cloud State red-shirt sophomore tossed six innings to move his record to 8-0. He has a 1.76 ERA with 37 strikeouts.

Willmar 27, Bismarck 2
Bismarck 001 010 000-2 11 1
Willmar 551 270 43x-27 20 2
Hitting - Bismarck: L Glascoe 3-5 r-2, A Barraza 2-4 bb, G Macias 2-4, S Surratt 1-4, B Preap 1-4, A Axtell 1-4, J Hjelte 1-4, S Sarringar 0-5 rbi-2 ... Willmar: Zac Corbin 3-6 r-5 rbi bb sb, Will Hodo 3-5 hr r-2 rbi-4, Drey Dirksen 2-4 hr 2b r-3 rbi-2 bb-2 hbp, Aidan Byrne 2-2 2b r-4 rbi bb-2 sb, Josh Fitzgerald 3-5 hr 2b r-3 rbi-4 hbp-

2, Nick Terrell 2-6 2b r rbi-2, Will Safford 4-5 hr 2b-2 r-4 rbi-3 bb, Graysen Tarlow 1-1 r-2 rbi-2 bb, Joey Walls 0-2 r-2 bb-2, Jordan Sagedahl 0-1 r hbp-2, Dalton Pearson 0-1 rbi bb-2, Jakob Christian 0-5 rbi-3 bb sf
Pitching (ip-h-r-er-bb-so) - Bismarck: Josh Combs (L, 0-4) 2-8-10-10-3-0, Alec Danen 2-4-3-3-1-1, Julio Romero 0.2-4-7-6-2-0, Ryan Curran 1.2-2-4-4-4-1, Kaiden Cardoso 0.2-0-0-0-0-0, Jackson Beaman 1-2-3-3-2-0 ... Willmar: Jack Habeck (W, 8-0) 6-8-2-2-1-3, Will Roguske 3-3-0-0-1-5

Saturday
Willmar 7, Bismarck 6
Drey Dirksen sent the 1,200 hometown fans happy after cracking a walk-off home run to give Willmar the 10-inning victory over Bismarck at Bill Taunton Stadium.

Dirksen, a Willmar High School grad and Augustana sophomore, belted a two-run homer over the left-field fence. It was his eighth home run of the season.

Joey Walls also went deep for the Stingers. The California State-Long Beach junior hit his ninth homer of the summer with a solo shot in the first inning. He finished 2-for-5.

Making his third appearance of the season, Brian Baker got his first win after tossing three innings of relief.

Kaiden Cardoso was 2-for-5 for the visiting Larks. Spencer Sarringer went deep for Bismarck, hitting a solo home run to lead off the top of the second.

Bismarck 012 100 001 1-6 8 0
Willmar 101 003 000 2-7 7 1
Hitting - Bismarck: AJ Barraza 1-4 2b r bb, Adam Axtell 1-4 rbi-2 sf, Spencer Sarringar 1-4 hr r rbi-2 bb, Seth Surratt 1-4 2b r bb, Kaiden Cardoso 2-5 r rbi, Tommy Takayoshi 1-5 2b, Khalid Collymore 1-3 hbp sb, Luke Glascoe 0-3 r-2 bb-2 ... Willmar: Aidan Byrne 1-4 rbi bb, Joey Walls 2-5 hr rbi-2, Drey Dirksen 1-4 hr r-2 rbi bb sb, Brett Bateman 2-2 2b r bb-2 sb, Will Safford 1-2 rbi sf sb, Will Hodo 0-3 r bb-2, N Terrell 0-0 r, G Tarlow 0-3 rbi sf, Dalton Pearson 0-4 rbi
Pitching (ip-h-r-er-bb-so) - Bismarck: Austin Luther V 5-3-2-3-7, Jack Payne 0.2-1-3-3-3-0, Adolfo Iturralde 3.1-2-0-0-0-6, Justin Goldstein (L, 3-4) 0.2-1-1-1-0-0 ... Willmar: Logan Samuels 2-1-1-1-1-3, Seth Miller 4-6-3-3-1-6, Michael Chevalier 1-0-0-0-0-3, Brian Baker (W, 1-0) 3-1-2-1-3-3

AMATEUR BASEBALL

Starbuck earns County Line playoff championship

Stars beat Atwater 4-1 to claim the league's top seed in Region 4C

By Tom Elliott and Joe Brown
West Central Tribune

ATWATER — The Starbuck Stars earned the top seed in the County Line League playoffs Sunday with a 4-1 victory over the Atwater Chuckers at Kingery Field.

Drew Olsonawski and Aaron Verg Steeg combined on a five-hitter. Olsonawski went seven shutout innings, striking out seven and walking one. He allowed four hits. Ver Steeg got the save, allowing an unearned run.

Matt Gruber and Jackson Hendrickson led the Stars offensively. Gruber went 2-for-4 with two doubles and two RBIs. Hendrickson was 2-for-3 with an RBI.

Jordan Olson was 2-for-4 with an RBI and a stolen base and Eli Albrecht went 2-for-4

with a double for Atwater.

Atwater gets the No. 2 seed out of the County Line heading into the Region 4C playoffs in Spicer.

Starbuck plays Willmar, the fourth seed from the Corn Belt League, at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Green Lake Diamonds.

Atwater plays the Milroy Yankees, the Corn Belt's No. 3, at 3 p.m. Saturday.

The Region 4C tournament begins with Granite Falls playing New London-Spicer at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Green Lake Diamonds. The winner of the game faces top-seeded Raymond at 5:30 p.m. Saturday.

Paynesville, the No. 3 team from the County Line, plays Bird Island, the No. 2 team from the Corn Belt, at 12:30 p.m. Saturday. Play continues Sunday and concludes Aug. 14 with the top three teams from Region 4C advancing to the state tournament in Faribault, Dundas and Miesville beginning Aug. 19 and concluding

Sept. 5.

Starbuck 4, Atwater 1
Starbuck 001 003 000-4 5 2
Atwater 000 000 010-1 5 1
Hitting - Starbuck: Matt Gruber 2-4 2b-2 r rbi-2, Jackson Hendrickson 2-3 rbi, Torii Johnson 1-2 r bb, Michael Gruber 0-2 r bb-2 sb, Aaron Verg Steeg 0-3 r bb ... Atwater: Kobe Holtz 1-4, Jordan Olson 2-4 rbi sb, Eli Albrecht 2-4 2b, David Kingery 0-4 r
Pitching (ip-h-r-er-bb-so) - Starbuck: Drew Olsonawski (W) 7-4-0-0-1-7, Ver Steeg (Sv) 2-1-1-0-1-1 ... Atwater: Kingery (L) 6-5-4-3-3-2, Holtz 3-0-0-0-1-5

Starbuck 000 002 04x-6 8 2
Hitting - Paynesville: Grayson Fuchs 4-5 2b-2 rbi, Blake Vagle 2-5, Grady Fuchs 3-5 3b r, Abe Bullard 1-5 rbi, Drew Tangen 2-5 2b r rbi-3, Sam Oehrlein 1-4, Garrett Luesink 0-3 r bb-2, Tanner Stanley 0-3 r-2 bb-2 ... Starbuck: Michael Gruber 1-4 sb, Darion Alexander 2-3 hr r-2 rbi bb sb, Matt Gruber 1-4 r sb, Austin Ver Steeg 1-4 hr r rbi-2, Mike Andreas 1-3 rbi bb, Andrew Toop 1-4 rbi-2, Mitchell Gruber 1-4 sb, Jackson Hendrickson 0-2 r bb-2
Pitching (ip-h-r-er-bb-so) - Paynesville: Bennett Evans 7-5-3-3-3-5, Luke Johnson (L) 1-3-3-3-1-2 ... Starbuck: Ma Gruber 7-8-2-2-1-5, Drew Olsonawski 0.1-1-2-2-1-0, Mic. Gruber (W) 1.1-3-1-1-2, Alexander (Sv) 0.1-1-0-0-1-0

Madison 5, Minneota 4
With the top-seeded Minneota Mudhens loading the bases in the ninth inning, the fifth-seeded Madison Mallards got out of the jam, advancing in the Region 9C playoffs at Nelson Field in Dawson.

With the win, Madison takes on No. 2 seed Dumont at 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 7 in Rosen. Dumont advanced with a 1-0 win over No. 3 Clinton.

inning to take control.

Jaxon Nickels went 3-for-5 with three RBIs and Devon Swanson was 2-for-4 with a home run. Patrick Minchow and Samuel Lenarz had two hits apiece for Benson, which saw its season end.

Chokio played Ortonville in an elimination game late Sunday. Ortonville beat Rosen 6-1 on Saturday in an elimination game.

Chokio 006 102 000-9 11 0
Benson 002 013 000-6 15 3
Hitting - Chokio: not available ... Benson: Patrick Minchow 2-4 r rbi sb, Samuel Lenarz 2-5 2b r, Jaxon Nickels 3-5 rbi-3, Daniel Lenarz 1-5, Sam Grussing 1-4, Devon Swanson 2-4 hr r rbi, Matthew Lenarz 1-3 r hbp sb, Matthew Goossen 1-4 r, Isaac Minchow 1-3 r rbi sb, Matthew Ebnert 1-1
Pitching (ip-h-r-er-bb-so) - Chokio: not available ... Benson: S. Lenarz (L) 6-11-9-5-1-2, D. Lenarz 3-0-0-0-3-5

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Jason Malmgren entered and threw the rest of the game for Post 167. Over 6-2/3 innings, he allowed 10 hits and seven runs with three walks and two strikeouts.

"Malmgren was awesome. He came in and throw strikes," Ruter said. "We just didn't hit."

Willmar loaded up the bases in the first inning with no outs and Mankato starting pitcher Wilson Magers struck out the next three batters he faced to keep Post 11 ahead 1-0 after one inning.

Magers frustrated Willmar all night long. He went six innings with eight strikeouts and three walks,

allowing four hits and one run.

Zach Benson cemented the victory on the mound for Mankato. He pitched the seventh inning with two strikeouts and one walk, allowing one hit.

There were a handful of situations throughout the game that Willmar had runners in scoring position and could not hit them home.

"That's just the way baseball is," Ruter said. "But overall, five hits is not going to win too many ball games."

Mankato outhit Willmar 13-5. Post 11 had five batters record multi-hit performances, while Josh Liebl had the lone extra-base hit.

Magers (2-for-4) and Avery Stock (2-for-5; one RBI) led Mankato with two runs scored. Tanner Shumski led Post 11 with two RBIs

after hitting 2-for-5.

In the loss, Etterman and Alex Schramm both hit doubles.

Etterman's double came in the fifth inning, where he drove in Hansen for Willmar's lone run of the game.

Mankato 102 041 0-8 13 0
Willmar 000 010 0-1 5 1
Hitting - Willmar: Cayden Hansen 0-3 bb r, Sam Etterman 1-2 bb-2 2b rbi, Ian Koonsman 1-3 bb, Hunter Magnuson 1-3, Alex Schramm 1-3 2b, Brandt Sunder 1-3 ... Mankato: Max Goertzen 1-4 bb r rbi, Avery Stock 2-5 r-2 rbi, Louis Magers 2-4 bb, Tanner Shumski 2-5 rbi-2, Riley Bersaw 0-2 bb r, Wilson Magers 2-4 r-2, Jace Liebl 1-4 2b rbi, Zander Dittbenner 2-3 bb r, Luke Johnson 1-3 rbi
Pitching (ip-h-r-er-bb-so) - Willmar: Dylan Arndorfer (L) 0.1-3-1-1-1-0, Jason Malmgren 6.2-10-7-7-3-2 ... Mankato: W. Magers (W) 6-4-1-1-3-8, Zach Benson 1-1-0-0-1-2

Willmar 5, Princeton 2
Opposite of a slow start Friday, Willmar Post 167 wasted no time Saturday evening, utilizing a three-run first inning en route to a 5-2 victory over Princeton Post 216.

Willmar never trailed at any point against

Princeton. The closest point of the game came in the first inning with the score at 3-2.

"The team keeps finding a way to win," Ruter said. "They grind it out and it's really a good feeling."

Koosman hit an RBI double in the game's third at-bat to score Etterman to open up the three-run first inning.

Schramm hit a sacrifice fly, scoring Koosman, before Malmgren hit an RBI single to bring home Magnuson, eventually proving to be the game-winning run.

Hansen commanded the mound for Willmar Post 167, tallying a 97-pitch complete game.

Number three in baby blue, Hansen threw seven innings, striking out four and walking

two. He allowed five hits and two runs.

"It was huge," Schramm said of Hansen's complete game. "We're getting lower on pitching as the day goes on and he held it down for us."

Hansen not only had a productive day defensively, he went 2-for-4 at the plate with one run scored on a wild pitch.

Magnuson tied Hansen for the team-high in hits. He went 2-for-4, adding a team-high two runs.

Outside of runs scored, Schramm led Post 167 in RBIs with two. He went 1-for-3.

"Alex is a great guy. He's really fast, but today his bat came up clutch," Hansen said. "It was good to get those two RBIs out of him."

Princeton scored its pair of runs in the first

inning before Willmar added two more to its total.

Adam Johanson drove home Eli Gibbs with an RBI single. Then, Tyler Peters hit an RBI double to score Johanson.

Schramm hit his second RBI of the day in the fifth inning, a double, to score Magnuson and cement Post 167's victory.

"I settled in well and was able to get outs as I needed to," Hansen said of his performance on the mound. "It felt really good to shut them out after the first inning."

Willmar 310 010 0-5 9 2
Princeton 200 000 0-2 5 2
Hitting - Willmar: Cayden Hansen 2-4 r, Sam Etterman 0-1 bb-3 r, Ian Koonsman 1-3 bb 2b rbi, Hunter Magnuson 2-4 r-2, Dylan Arndorfer 1-3 3b, Alex Schramm 1-3 2b rbi-2, Jason Malmgren 1-3 bb rbi, Brandt Sunder 1-4 sb ... Princeton: Daniel Minks 1-3 bb, Eli Gibbs 1-2 2b r, Adam Johanson 1-3 rbi, Tyler Peters 1-3 2b rbi, Eli Christopher 1-3, Ryan Krone 0-2 bb
Pitching (ip-h-r-er-bb-so) - Willmar: Hansen (W) 7-5-2-2-2-4 ... Princeton: Krone (L) 5.2-8-5-4-5-1, Cameron Jensen 1.1-1-0-0-1-0

TWINS

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Starter Dylan Bundy, who had retired 13 of the past 14 hitters leading into the frame, allowed a pair of hits, spelling

the end of his day. Emilio Pagan followed him and allowed a pair of singles — a ball hit at 80.4 miles per hour that got by Arraez at first base and then a soft single that dropped into right field — giving San Diego the lead for good.

"Just two bloop hits again under 80 miles an hour. It's bad luck and we keep saying, 'It's bad luck,' but eventually we're going to have to change that luck," Bundy said. "I thought EP threw the ball great. ... Two bloop hits. Ain't

nothing you can do about it."

The loss sends the Twins home having lost four of seven games on the road trip — they swept Detroit to begin the trip — just a couple of days before Tuesday's important deadline.

"We've got a good team. We

know we've got to get better," Miranda said. "We've played some good teams this road trip, some playoff contenders. We know we've got to get better ... But we've just got to keep grinding, keep battling and give our best out there."

Jack Peterson 1-3 2b, Connor Barker 1-3, Terrell Renne 1-3, Jaxon Drange 1-2 ... Wadena: Isaac Hamann 1-3 r, Josh Dykhoff 1-2 r bb, Payton Rondstedt 1-3 hr r rbi-3, Connor Davis 1-3, Teshe Loer 1-2 rbi, Evan Lundie 0-2 rbi
Pitching (ip-h-r-er-bb-so) - Tri-Town: Barker (L) 6.5-4-3-2-5 ... Wadena: Hamann (W) 7-5-0-0-0-11



Joe Brown / West Central Tribune

Tri-Town's Jack Peterson watches the ball head toward the outfield during the DII American Legion Baseball State Tournament semifinals against Wadena on Saturday at Redbird Field in Luverne.

TRI-TOWN

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box. With a steady mix of curveballs and sliders, he struck out 11 without surrendering a walk. No Black Sox player got past second base. Logan Straumann, Jack Peterson, Connor Barker, Terrell Renne and Jaxon Drange each had hits for Tri-Town.

"I'm not a real overpowering pitcher, so I like to mix speeds," Hamann said. "And the defense

played great behind me. I just kept throwing strikes and everything panned out."

All of Wadena's runs came with two outs.

In the bottom of the third inning, Payton Rondstedt sent a Barker pitch over the left-field fence for a three-run home run. Then in the fourth, Teshe Loer, the No. 9 hitter, poked the ball through for an RBI single.

On Friday and Saturday, Wadena's defense

didn't register an error. It also had two double plays that quickly halted any momentum Tri-Town put together.

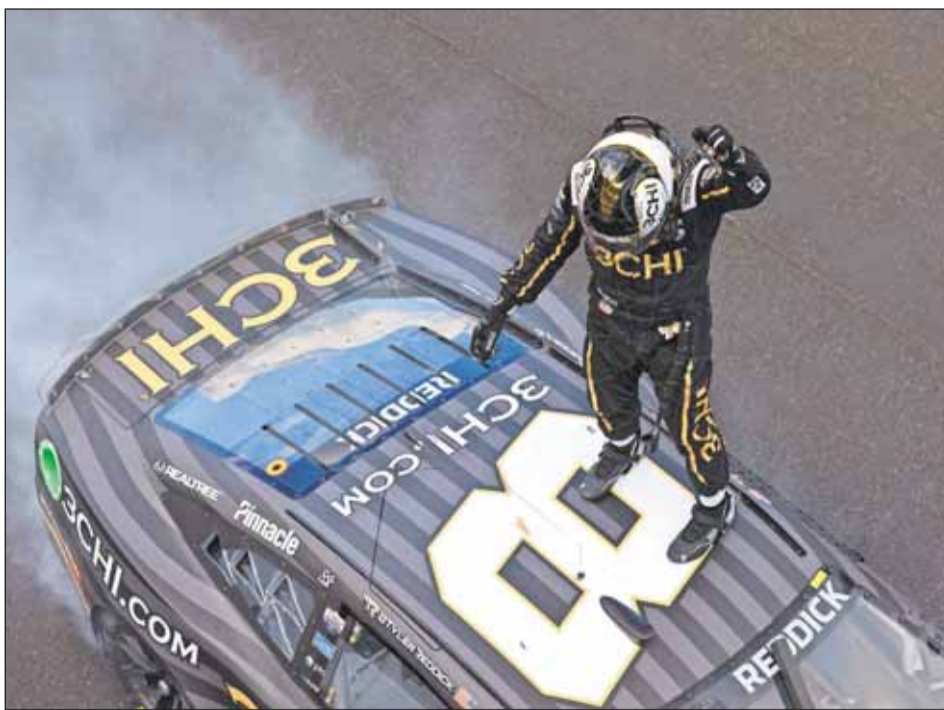
"They were at the right spots at the right time," Fellows said of Wadena's defense. "It's good coaching on their part and putting them in the right spots. We couldn't get one to fall at the right time."

Division II state semifinals
Wadena 4, Tri-Town 0
Tri-Town 000 000 0-0 5 1
Wadena 003 100 x-4 5 0
Hitting - Tri-Town: Logan Straumann 1-3,

Jack Peterson 1-3 2b, Connor Barker 1-3, Terrell Renne 1-3, Jaxon Drange 1-2 ... Wadena: Isaac Hamann 1-3 r, Josh Dykhoff 1-2 r bb, Payton Rondstedt 1-3 hr r rbi-3, Connor Davis 1-3, Teshe Loer 1-2 rbi, Evan Lundie 0-2 rbi
Pitching (ip-h-r-er-bb-so) - Tri-Town: Barker (L) 6.5-4-3-2-5 ... Wadena: Hamann (W) 7-5-0-0-0-11

Third-place game
Sibley East 10, Tri-Town 3
Sibley East 013 330 0-10 7 1
Tri-Town 100 000 2-3 9 2
Hitting - Sibley East: Caleb Pautsch 1-5, Jake Schmidt 2-4 hr r-2 rbi-4 bb, Caden Willmsen 1-2 r-2 rbi bb-2, Hunter Stearns 1-3 rbi bb-2, Riley Drexler 1-3 hbp sb, Nathan Colling 1-2 2b r-2 bb hbp, Brody Serbus 0-3 r-2 bb hbp, Zachary Kettner 0-3 r bb ... Tri-Town: Logan Straumann 1-4 2b r, Jack Peterson 2-4 hr r-2 rbi-2, Connor Barker 1-4, Jaxon Behm 2-4 rbi, Terrell Renne 1-4, Zach Bagley 2-3
Pitching (ip-h-r-er-bb-so) - Sibley East: Serbus (W) 5.2-6-1-1-1-7, Samuel Ebert 0.1-0-0-0-1-1, ... Tri-Town: Bagley (L) 2.1-1-4-2-2-3, Behm 2.1-4-6-6-5-4, Straumann 2.1-2-0-0-1-3, Zachary Dahke 1-3-2-2-0-1

Reddick wins Verizon 200 at Indy



Justin Casterline / TNS

Tyler Reddick celebrates after winning the NASCAR Cup Series Verizon 200 on Sunday at the Brickyard at Indianapolis Motor Speedway in Indianapolis, Indiana.

and decided to take the NASCAR access lane out there,” Chastain in explaining his costly move.

Reddick claimed his first Cup Series victory in the first race of the month, also on a road circuit, when he prevailed at Road America in Elkhart Lake, Wis. Elliott ended up second on that day, but he finished 16th following Sunday’s late bad luck.

Reddick was the pole-sitter, but Elliott had won two of the past three Cup Series events and three of the past five. They were the focus for much of the race.

“Well, we just know what we’re capable of, and we did that at Road America,” Reddick said. “And if we change nothing, we keep working really, really hard, we find a way back to Victory Lane.”

Reddick grabbed the lead on the 50th lap, but headed to the pits on the next lap, putting Ryan Blaney in front.

But after a series of pit stops, Reddick was back in the lead.

The first caution because of an accident came on the 62nd lap after 2021 series champion Kyle Larson, racing on his 30th birthday, went over the curb and rammed Ty Dillon’s car in what appeared for an instant might be a head-on collision. Still, Dillon exited with significant damage to the car.

“It was an impact unlike anything I’ve felt in my life,” Dillon said. “Just a string of bad luck we’ve had this season.”

The biggest edge in that restart went to Ryan Blaney, who moved to the second-place spot, and Bell dropped from second to sixth.

Chase Briscoe was the Stage 1 winner. Bell claimed points for Stage 2.

Aric Almirola was the first driver to fall significantly off the lead-lap pace because of a flat tire.

“With about a dozen laps remaining, Alex Bowman was black-flagged with his car’s hood coming loose.

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When Tyler Reddick won for the first time in the NASCAR Cup Series, it was a monumental task.

His result Sunday was pretty special, too.

Reddick mastered a road course for the second time in July, withstanding late restarts to win the Verizon 200 at the Brickyard at Indianapolis.

“Just really glad to be able to do it here in Indianapolis,” Reddick said. “This is one really special place to race, and really excited to kiss the bricks here in a little bit.”

Austin Cindric placed second, followed by Harrison Burton, Todd Gilliland and Bubba Wallace. Burton and Gilliland are rookies who both notched their best finishes.

The last half of the 86-lap race was largely a showcase for Reddick at Indianapolis Motor Speedway’s road course.

Reddick held more than a 3-second lead and appeared to have a clear path to victory. But with

four laps to go, a blown tire on Christopher Bell’s car resulted in track debris and a caution. That set the stage for a potential showdown between Reddick and Chase Elliott.

Elliott spun in the first turn of the restart. The

ensuing mess resulted in another restart.

This time, Reddick held off Ross Chastain for the victory. However, Chastain was penalized for cutting Turn 1, so he’ll move down the list when official results are confirmed. Chastain was

listed 27th in the unofficial results.

Chastain’s illegal maneuver put him in front of Reddick, but it didn’t matter because of the obvious violation.

“I thought we were four-wide and couldn’t go any farther right,

Rodgers loving underdog rookie WR

Aaron Rodgers’ penchant for donning his GM cap persists even after the Packers paid up to keep the Green Bay quarterback content.

Rodgers, working with a reshuffled stack of talent at wide receiver in the aftermath of No. 1 target Davante Adams moving on via trade to the Las Vegas Raiders, said he likes what he sees so far in training camp.

Rodgers said he envisions Allen Lazard replacing Adams as his top option, and they’ve connected early and often in training camp.

“Allen Lazard is going to

step into the No. 1 role,” Rodgers said, “and I think it’s going to be a very seamless transition for him as a primary blocker and kind of a niche guy for us, to get an opportunity to get more throws, be No. 1 in the progression more often.”

But there could be big things in store for fourth-round pick Romeo Doubs, who is winning over Rodgers in training camp and making headlines with his big-play flair. Doubs has taken advantage of second-rounder Christian Watson spending the first week of camp on the physically unable to perform list, and Sammy Watkins being slowed out of the gate.

“Romeo Doubs has had a really nice start to the camp,” Rodgers said. “He’s been getting a lot of attention based on some of the plays that he’s made. I like the approach. Very understated kid, very humble kid from kind of inner city L.A., made his way to Nevada.”

Doubs, 6-foot-2 and 204 pounds, was All-Mountain West at Nevada with 80 receptions and 11 touchdowns in 11 games in 2021. Before opening eyes at the Senior Bowl on the pre-draft circuit, Doubs caught national attention with a 19-catch, 203-yard showing at Fresno State last October.

“I was sitting with him at lunch the other day and really just marveling,” Rodgers said.

“It’s surprising how many teams passed on him. Whatever reason it was, we all feel really good about Romeo and the start he’s gotten off to.”

Reports: 49ers extend WR Deebo Samuel

The San Francisco 49ers are giving wide receiver Deebo Samuel a three-year, \$71.55 million contract extension, ESPN and NFL Network reported Sunday.

He will be guaranteed \$58.1 million, and the deal could be worth up to \$73.5 million, per the reports.

Samuel, 26, hauled in 77 receptions for 1,405 yards and six touchdowns last season in 16 games (15 starts). He was

also vital to the rushing game, adding 365 yards and eight touchdowns on the ground.

The former second-round pick has spent his entire career with San Francisco, where he has recorded 167 receptions for 2,598 yards to go along with 10 touchdowns. He made his first Pro Bowl appearance last season, was named first-team All-Pro and led the league in yards per reception (18.2).

Samuel reported to the 49ers’ training camp but was “holding in” and not practicing while contract negotiations were ongoing. He had requested a trade out of San Francisco last April.

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Raj Mehta / USA Today Sports

Tony Finau tees off on the par 3 11th hole Saturday during the third round of the Rocket Mortgage Classic golf tournament in Detroit. Finau won the tournament Sunday, making him the first person to win back-to-back PGA tour events since 2019.

'WINS ARE SO SPECIAL'

Finau victorious for second straight week, claims Rocket Mortgage title

Field Level Media
Tony Finau became the first player in three years to win back-to-back PGA Tour events Sunday, as his final-round 67 gave him a comfortable five-shot victory at the Rocket Mortgage Classic in Detroit.

Finau carded a tournament record 26-under 262, one week after he surged ahead late on Sunday to win the 3M Open in Minnesota.

Brendon Todd's consecutive wins at the Bermuda Championship and Mayakoba Golf Classic in November 2019 marked the last time a PGA Tour player went back-to-back.

"Wins are so special out here because they're so rare," Finau said. "I think I'm gonna really be able to soak these up probably when I'm home. It probably hasn't hit me yet, the magnitude of what I've accomplished these last couple weeks."

Finau spent all week atop the leaderboard with Canadian

Taylor Pendrith. They shared the lead after Thursday, Pendrith took a one-shot lead through 36 holes and Finau tied it back up during Saturday's third round.

But on Sunday, Pendrith struggled to an even-par 72 and settled for a tie for second with Patrick Cantlay (66) and Cameron Young (68) at 21 under.

"It was tough," said Pendrith, who bogeyed the second hole on his way to three bogeys and three birdies. "Couldn't really get anything going and didn't get off to the best start like I did the last three days, but kind of hung in there. You know, middle of the round I hit some really nice iron shots and just couldn't get anything to fall. I left a lot of putts short and obviously those have no chance of going in."

Finau had a quiet front nine, only birdieing the par-5 fourth and seventh holes. He went birdie-bogey-birdie after the turn, culminating in a 30-foot

birdie putt at the par-4 12th. By that point, he was comfortably ahead of Pendrith and the pack.

Cantlay, the defending FedEx Cup champion, made a run by sinking five birdies on the front nine. After a bogey at No. 12, he eagled the par-5 14th by sticking his second shot just 5 feet from the pin. But he couldn't get closer, finishing birdie-bogey at the final two holes.

"I played well all week, really solid and that's what I've got to keep doing, just keep knocking on the door," Cantlay said. "And got three big tournaments to close the season out (in the FedEx Cup Playoffs)."

Finau was projected to move up 10 spots to No. 7 in the FedEx Cup points standings. Cantlay will move from sixth to fifth in the standings, and Young — a PGA Tour rookie who picked up his seventh top-three finish of the season — will move from 13th to ninth.

Germany's Stephan Jaeger shot a final-round 68 to finish in fifth at 20 under, and Taylor Moore placed sixth at 19 under (including a 66 Sunday).

Earlier in the day, Joohyung Kim carded an eagle and seven birdies to the course record of 9-under 63. The promising 20-year-old from South Korea received a special temporary membership for the remainder of the season that allows him to play on an unlimited number of sponsor exemptions as he aims to earn his PGA Tour card.

Kim, who finished seventh at 18 under, holed out for eagle from 126 yards away at the par-4 10th.

"It was a soft pitching wedge in the wind," Kim said. "I saw it land, I didn't know it went in and I kind of turned over to put my club in the bag and everyone just went kind of crazy. Yeah, it was just one of those shots where you don't expect it, but it was a great shot."

Furue wins at Women's Scottish Open

Field Level Media
Rookie Ayaka Furue of Japan captured her first LPGA title Sunday after carding a course-record 10-under-par 62 in the final round of the Women's Scottish Open in Ayrshire, Scotland.

Furue, 22, recorded 10 birdies — including a string of six in a row starting on the sixth hole — to claim a three-stroke win at Dundonald Links. The reigning Japan LPGA player of the year finished at 21-under 267 for the tournament and pocketed \$300,000.

"I had the right mindset: I thought I had to go low, and I played very well," Furue said, per Golf Channel. "I hit good shots. All around my game was good, and the birdie putts I wanted to make and had to make, I was able to make."

Furue sank a 40-foot putt for birdie at the par-3 15th hole to take her first lead. She added birdies on her final two holes to join Thailand's Atthaya Thitikul (JTBC Classic) as the second LPGA Tour rookie to win a tournament this year.

"I didn't think I would win as a rookie," Furue said. "I'm very grateful and very happy that I was able to win at a links course."

Furue also joined Thitikul, Jennifer Kupcho (Chevron Championship), Denmark's Nanna Koerstz Madsen (Honda LPGA Thailand) and Ireland's Leona Maguire (LPGA Drive On Championship at Crown Colony) as first-time winners.

France's Celine Boutier (69) collected seven birdies against four bogeys on Sunday to finish in second place. She was bidding for her third LPGA victory and first since winning last year's ShopRite LPGA Classic.

Boutier admitted she felt a bit of pressure upon hearing Furue was making a charge up the leaderboard.

"A little bit towards the beginning of the back," Boutier said. "I started making some bogeys and I feel like it's not easy, you know, playing in the final group. Then obviously when someone just has their day, you just can't do anything about it really."

South Korean Hyo Joo Kim (66) and Cheyenne Knight (67) finished in a tie for third place, while Alison Lee (66) and World No. 4 Lydia Ko (71) of New Zealand ended up tied for fifth, five shots back.

Defending champion Ryann O'Toole (65) finished in a tie for 15th place with China's Xiyu Lin (70).

"I've been waiting for a round like this. Nine birdies, two bogeys. Can't complain much about the round at all," O'Toole said. "You have to stay patient. I look at a round like Evian my second round, 5-over. I didn't even play 5-over. It was one of those. Didn't make any birdies."

"I knew that the game is there. So see where it takes me into next week."

Stenson wins LIV Golf debut: 'I played like a captain'

Reuters
Henrik Stenson won his first start on the LIV Golf Invitational Series on Sunday in New Jersey less than two weeks after he was stripped of his role as Europe's Ryder Cup captain over his decision to join the Saudi Arabian-funded circuit.

Stenson shot a two-under-par 69 in the final round of the 54-hole event to reach 11-under at Trump National Golf Club Bedminster where he finished two shots clear of Dustin Johnson and Matthew Wolff to collect the \$4 million first prize.

"I guess we can agree I played like a captain," Stenson joked after his win. "It's been a good first week obviously, nice to be here with the guys and getting a feel for it. It's been a busy 10 days and I'm extremely proud that I managed to focus as well as I did."

It marked an impressive LIV Golf debut for Stenson, who was named Ryder Cup captain in March, having helped Europe to victory



John Jones / USA Today Sports

Henrik Stenson hits a tee shot on hole 4 Saturday during the second round of a LIV Golf tournament at Trump National Golf Club Bedminster in New Jersey. Stenson won the tournament Sunday to collect the \$4 million first prize.

in three of five of his appearances as a player before serving as vice captain last year.

The 2016 British Open champion said two weeks ago he was stripped of the captaincy despite making specific arrangements with LIV Golf, who he said had been supportive of

his role and willing to ensure that he could fulfill his obligations.

Stenson, who began the day three shots clear of former world No. 1 Johnson, birdied his first and fifth holes to reach the turn at two-under 33 and in full control.

The Swede added another birdie at the

14th and then saw his lead cut to two shots after a bogey at the par-five 15th but he sealed the win with three consecutive pars.

"It was a little wobbly coming home here," said Stenson.

"We haven't finished the deal in a couple of years with any wins so

it's always a little added pressure when you are up in contention but I did well."

Twice major champion Johnson's 4 Aces squad of Patrick Reed, Pat Perez and Talor Gooch won the team competition for a second straight event with a 25 under total.

This week's event marked the third in the inaugural season of the LIV Golf Invitational Series, which in a short time has already disrupted the dynamics of men's professional golf.

The LIV Golf circuit, which this week had 11 major champions in the field, has lured some of the game's biggest names away from the PGA Tour with the promise of guaranteed, big-money paydays and a reduced schedule.

Critics say LIV Golf, which is bankrolled by Saudi Arabia's Public Investment Fund, amounts to blatant "sportswashing" by a nation trying to improve its reputation in light of its history of human rights abuses.

Lynx hold on to defeat Sparks

Field Level Media
 Moriah Jefferson scored 22 points on 9-of-14 shooting to help the Minnesota Lynx notch an 84-77 victory over the host Los Angeles Sparks on Sunday.

Sylvia Fowles added 16 points on 8-of-9 shooting and collected nine rebounds for the Lynx (12-19), who won their second straight game. Kayla McBride scored 15 points and Rachel Banham added 10 for Minnesota.

Nneka Ogumike scored 23 points and Brittney Sykes added 15 for Los Angeles (12-17), which has dropped three straight games and six of its last eight. Chennedy Carter and Katie Lou Samuelson tallied 10 points apiece for the Sparks.

The result tightened the battle for the eighth and final playoff berth. Los Angeles still holds the spot but is just a half-game ahead of the Atlanta Dream, a full game in front of the Lynx and New York Liberty.

Minnesota shot 54.4 percent from the field, including 6 of 11 from 3-point range. Jessica Shepard grabbed 10 rebounds to help the Lynx hold a 38-29 edge on the glass.

Los Angeles made 36.1 percent of its shots and was 6 of 25 from behind the arc.

Jefferson scored five points during a 7-0 fourth-quarter run that saw Minnesota open up a 79-59 lead with 6:26 left. But the Sparks answered with an 18-3 charge.

Sykes scored nine straight points to bring Los Angeles within 11 with 3:59 remaining. McBride hit a short baseline jumper for the Lynx with 2:26 left, but Sykes scored the next four points and Ogumike added a 3-pointer to pull the Sparks within 81-75 with 1:05 remaining.

Los Angeles moved within five before McBride hit two free throws with 22.9 seconds left as the Lynx held on.

Minnesota shot 69 percent (20 of 29) from the field in the first half while holding a 52-43 lead at the break. Jefferson scored 16 points on 7-of-9 shooting in the half.

Jefferson's basket increased Minnesota's lead to 50-34 with three minutes left before Los Angeles went on a 9-2 run to end the half.

Banham and Shepard made the last two baskets of the third period to give Minnesota a 69-55 advantage entering the final stanza.



Minnesota Vikings cornerback Cameron Dantzler arrives at training camp Tuesday at the TCO Performance Center in Eagan holding a Jeff Gladney No. 20 jersey. Dantzler is dedicating this season to the memory of Gladney, who was a starting Vikings cornerback in 2020 and died in a May 30 car accident.

Vikings cornerbacks dedicating season to late teammate Gladney

Dantzler, Hand, Boyd were very close to former starter who died in May car accident

By Chris Tomasson
 St. Paul Pioneer Press

When Vikings cornerback Cameron Dantzler arrived for training camp last Tuesday, he held up a No. 20 Jeff Gladney jersey. When he took the field for practice the next day, he wore a helmet visor that had an image of Dantzler and Gladney alongside one another.

Gladney, a first-round pick by the Vikings in 2020 and a starting cornerback as a rookie, died in a car accident in Dallas on May 30. Dantzler, a good friend, is dedicating this season to him.

He's not the only one. Minnesota cornerbacks Harrison Hand and Kris Boyd also say they are using 2022 as a tribute to Gladney.

"We were very close," said Dantzler, a third-round pick in 2020 who also started as a rookie. "He was like my blood brother, my mother's child. Everything I do (this season) for the first time, I'm doing it for him. Every good play, I'm going to point to the sky."

The No. 31 overall draft pick out of Texas Christian, Gladney started 15 of the 16 games he played in 2020 but was released by the Vikings last August after being indicted in Dallas on a charge of domestic violence. He sat out last season.

At trial in March, Gladney was found not guilty and then signed with the Arizona Cardinals. Dantzler said he was excited to see him resume his career.

"I know how bad he wanted to be out there," Dantzler said. "It still doesn't seem real."

Gladney, 25, and his girlfriend, Mercedes Placios, 26, were killed in an accident at 2:30 a.m. on Memorial Day on a Dallas freeway. According to police reports, Gladney's Mercedes SUV was traveling at an excessive rate of speed and spun off the road before crashing into a brick wall and igniting into flames.

Dantzler learned of Gladney's death while sitting on a plane in Houston, where he had been for the weekend before returning to Minnesota for the May 31 resumption of organized team activities. He had been planning to visit Gladney in early June.

"I had talked to him that night (of May 29)," Dantzler

said. "My mom texted me (May 30) and asked if I was all right on the part of Jeff. I was like, 'What happened to Jeff?' And she was like, 'He died in a car accident.' I didn't believe it."

When Hand heard the news, he was at his home in Cherry Hill, N.J.

"My mom sent it to me," said Hand, a fifth-round pick in 2020. "We have a group chat. It just shocked me. I almost broke out into tears. It's sad. It's a tragedy."

Hand wore No. 38 as a rookie before he switched to No. 20 last season after Gladney was released. He also plans to use this season as a tribute to Gladney.

"Definitely trying to keep his memory alive," he said. "I'm actually wearing his number now, and that's a blessing, as well, this season for Jeff. ... We were definitely pretty close. We were both the nickels (in 2020) and we were always talking and laughing and comparing notes."

Hand expected Gladney to have a bright future with the Cardinals.

"He really would have excelled," he said. "He came in (to the NFL) and already had a top-tier game."

Boyd, who was in his second NFL season when Glad-

ney arrived in 2020, had known Gladney longer than any Vikings player. Boyd is a native of Gilmer, Texas, an hour south of Gladney's native New Boston.

"Me and Jeff grew up in East Texas together and we'd known each other since high school, my freshman year (of 2011)," said Boyd, who played for TCU's Big 12 rival Texas. "I'm dedicating this season to him. I'm going to give it my all and leave everything I can out there on the field and do it in his name."

Boyd said he was the only current Vikings player to attend Gladney's funeral on June 4 in New Boston, although he said former Minnesota guard Dakota Dozier also was there.

"It was a (sad) experience," Boyd said. "You can't really say too much unless you were there, but it was definitely what I needed. ... That's my brother. I know he's looking down on us now."

Dantzler had planned to attend the funeral but his son got sick. He sent flowers to the family and plans at some point to visit Gladney's grave in New Boston.

"With him not being able to play the game, I just feel like everything I do will be dedicated to him," he said.

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BIDEN ADMINISTRATION CHALLENGES GOP TO GET BURN PITS BILL PASSED

By Victoria Cavaliere
Bloomberg News

Washington

U.S. Veterans Affairs Secretary Denis McDonough expressed confidence the Senate has enough votes to pass a bill to provide health care and benefits to 3.5 million veterans exposed to toxic burn pits, even after Republicans stalled the legislation.

Forty-one Republican senators switched tactics and moved to force a debate on amendments that would reduce future mandatory spending in the bill. The majority of those lawmakers had supported an essentially identical version of the bill last month.

"There's been one change since then" on "something completely unrelated to this issue," McDonough said on CNN's "State of the Union" on Sunday. "So if everybody does what they did before, this has 84 votes, so I think they should just get on with it. Have the vote."

The bill has drawn support from comedian Jon Stewart and President Joe Biden, who told veterans protesting for expanded benefits outside the U.S. Capitol that he'll invite them to the White House once his COVID-19 infection clears. Some veterans exposed to burn pits, used



Jon Stewart speaks to the press before a news conference about the Honoring Our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act on Capitol Hill on Thursday in Washington, D.C.

to burn trash at military sites, have reported illnesses ranging from respiratory difficulties to cancer.

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer said he will bring the legislation back to the floor this week, and that he'll allow Pennsylvania Republican Sen. Pat Toomey to bring an amendment addressing his party's concerns for debate.

Toomey, who has consistently voted against the bill, says it creates an

additional \$400 billion in discretionary spending unrelated to veterans, allowing Congress to hide a spending binge.

Toomey said Sunday he's sticking to his demand for a fix. "We could bang that out tomorrow night, literally," he said on CNN.

Sen. Joe Manchin, a West Virginia Democrat, said Toomey's budget concerns will be addressed.

"Pat's going to get his amendment and then we

will see where it goes," he said on CBS' "Face the Nation."

The House passed the bill on a 342-88 vote in mid-July. An issue for Senate Republicans are nontaxable benefits. The Constitution requires all bills with tax items to originate in the House.

Louisiana Sen. Bill Cassidy, a Republican who initially voted for the legislation but switched his position, said ultimately

he believes the health care funding will pass.

"We have to stand by our veterans who have been exposed to these chemicals," Cassidy said on ABC's "This Week." "There was a drafting error, a \$400 billion drafting error."

McDonough pushed back on the \$400 billion cited by Toomey, saying "you won't see it" in the bill. It might be "deep in some charts" in the back of the Congressional Budget Office's report on the legislation's budgetary impact, he said.

A spending cap proposed by Toomey's amendment could eventually amount to "rationing care for vets, which is something I just can't sign on to," McDonough said.

The Department of Veterans Affairs opened a voluntary registry in 2014 for service members who might have been exposed to airborne hazards from burn pits.

The issue is personal for President Joe Biden, who lost his son Beau to brain cancer. Beau, who was a major in the Delaware National Guard, served overseas near burn pits, and Biden has suggested that the toxins from the pits may have caused the disease.

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OPEC says Russia's membership in OPEC+ is vital

By Moataz Mohamed and Nayera Abdallah
Reuters

OPEC's new secretary general said that Russia's membership in OPEC+ is vital for the success of the agreement, Kuwait's Alrai newspaper reported on Sunday, quoting an exclusive interview with Haitham al-Ghais.

He said OPEC is not in competition with Russia, calling it "a big, main and highly influential player in the world energy map," Alrai reported.

OPEC+ is an alliance of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and allies led by Russia.

Al-Ghais, Kuwait's former OPEC governor, will head his first OPEC+ meeting on Aug. 3, in which the group will consider keeping oil output unchanged for September, despite calls from the United States for more supply.

Although, a modest output increase is also likely to be discussed, eight sources told Reuters last week.

AL-Ghais told Alrai that "OPEC doesn't control oil prices, but it practices what is called tuning the markets in terms of supply and demand," describing the current state of the oil market as "very volatile and turbulent." He added of the recent

hikes in oil prices: "As for me, I still stress that the recent rise in oil prices is not only related to the developments between Russia and Ukraine.

"All the data confirm that prices began to rise gradually and cumulatively, and before the outbreak of the Russian-Ukrainian developments, due to the prevailing perception in the markets that there is a shortage of spare production capacity, which has become confined to a few and limited countries," al-Ghais said.

Oil has soared in 2022 to its highest since 2008, climbing above \$139 a barrel in March, after the United States and Europe imposed sanctions on Russia over its invasion of Ukraine. Prices have since eased to around \$108, as soaring inflation and higher interest rates raise fears of a recession that would erode demand.

Replying to a question about the factors that will affect oil prices by the end of the year, al-Ghais said: "In my view, the most important factor will be the continued lack of investments in the field of drilling, exploration and production."

"This will push prices in an upward direction, but we cannot determine the level they will reach."

Beirut silo collapses, reviving trauma ahead of blast anniversary

By Issam Abdallah, Yara Abi Nader, Laila Bassam and Timour Azhari
Reuters

BEIRUT — Part of the grain silos at Beirut Port collapsed on Sunday just days before the second anniversary of the massive explosion that damaged them, sending a cloud of dust over the capital and reviving traumatic memories of the blast that killed more than 215 people.

There were no immediate reports of injuries.

Lebanese officials warned last week that part of the silos — a towering reminder of the catastrophic Aug. 4, 2020, explosion — could collapse after the northern portion began tilting at an accelerated rate.

"It was the same feeling as when the blast happened, we remembered the explosion," said Tarek Hussein, a resident of nearby Karantina area, who was out buying groceries with his son when the collapse happened. "A few big pieces fell and my son got scared when he saw it," he said.

A fire had been smoldering in the silos for several weeks which officials said was the result of summer heat igniting fermenting grains that have been left rotting inside since the explosion.

The 2020 blast was caused by ammonium nitrate



Mohamed Azakir / Reuters

People ride on a motorboat near partly-collapsed Beirut grain silos, damaged in the August 2020 port blast, in Lebanon on Sunday.

unsafely stored at the port since 2013. It is widely seen by Lebanese as a symbol of corruption and bad governance by a ruling elite that has also steered the country into a devastating financial collapse.

One of the most powerful non-nuclear blasts on record, the explosion wounded some 6,000 people and shattered swathes of Beirut, leaving tens of thousands of people homeless.

Ali Hamie, the minister of transport and public works in the caretaker government, told Reuters he feared more parts of the silos could collapse imminently.

Environment Minis-

ter Nasser Yassin said that while the authorities did not know if other parts of the silos would fall, the southern part was more stable.

The fire at the silos, glowing orange at night inside a port that still resembles a disaster zone, had put many Beirut residents on edge for weeks.

There has been controversy over what to do with the damaged silos.

The government took a decision in April to destroy them, angering victims' families who wanted them left to preserve the memory of the blast. Parliament last week failed to adopt a law that would have protected them from demolition.

Israel demands UN disband Gaza war panel

By Maayan Lubell
Reuters

JERUSALEM — Israel on Sunday demanded that a United Nations' panel investigating its 2021 war with Palestinian militants be disbanded, condemning remarks made by one of its members as anti-Semitic. In a letter to U.N. Secretary General Antonio Guterres, Israeli Prime Minister Yair Lapid cited comments by the U.N.'s Human Rights Council

commission of inquiry member Miloon Kothari in an interview. "We are very disheartened by the social media that is controlled largely by, whether it is the Jewish lobby or specific NGOs, a lot of money is being thrown in to try to discredit us," Kothari said in a July 25 Mondoweiss podcast. Israel has boycotted the inquiry and barred entry to its investigators. It said the panel's June interim finding was the latest in a series of

biased reports. "The fight against antisemitism cannot be waged with words alone, it requires action. This is the time for action; it is time to disband the Commission," Lapid said. "This Commission does not just endorse antisemitism — it fuels it." U.N. spokespeople did not immediately respond to requests for comment. But Mondoweiss published a letter by the head of the commission Navi Pillay, in which she

said Kothari's comments were deliberately taken out of context. The United States and other Western countries, including Germany, Britain and Austria have also condemned Kothari's remarks as anti-Semitic. "These unacceptable remarks sadly exacerbate our deep concerns about the open-ended nature & overly broad scope of the COI and the HRC's disproportionate & biased treatment of Israel," U.S. envoy to the

council Michele Taylor tweeted. While prompted by the 11-day May 2021 Gaza conflict, the inquiry mandate includes alleged human rights abuses before and after that and seeks to investigate the root causes of the tensions. At least 250 Palestinians and 13 people in Israel were killed in the fierce fighting, which saw Gaza militants fire rockets toward Israeli cities and Israel carry out air strikes across the coastal enclave.

US asks victims to pay for fire

New Mexico blaze sparked by Forest Service burns

By Andrew Hay
Reuters

TIERRA MONTE, N.M. — After the U.S. government started the largest wildfire in New Mexico's recorded history in April, it is asking victims to share recovery costs on private land, jeopardizing relief efforts, according to residents and state officials. The blaze was sparked by U.S. Forest Service (USFS) prescribed fires to reduce wildfire risk. The burns went out of control after a series of missteps, torching 432 residences and over 530 square miles (1373 square km) of mostly privately owned forests and meadows, much of it held by members of centuries-old Indo-Hispano ranching communities.

'I didn't cause this damn fire'

Biden's measure was meant to bridge FEMA relief and a congressional bill that may pass in the fall to provide 100% federal compensation for losses from the so-called Hermit's Peak Calf Canyon fire. Daniel Encinias was among survivors who met Biden and was told by U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) officials he would get timely support at little or no cost.

He, his wife Lori, three teenage children, four dogs and eight cats are living in a camping trailer next to the ashes of their home in Tierra Monte, 35 miles northeast of Santa Fe.

Encinias submitted an application to the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to fix his well, but was told to share 25% of costs based on a federal statute that could not be waived as it did not fall under Biden's declaration.

Encinias said he was told by NRCS officials his application would be considered in September and recovery work would begin six to 12 months thereafter if he was accepted.

So like many fire survivors in this low-income area who have no insurance, the rancher and retired electrician did the work himself.

"Why the hell am I going to pay anything when I didn't



Nathan Burton / Reuters

Daniel Encinias stands in the remains of the home he built, which was lost in a wildfire sparked by U.S. Forest Service prescribed burns that were supposed to reduce wildfire risk, and which later went out of control, in Tierra Monte, New Mexico.

cause this damn fire?" said Encinias, 55, as he fed his cattle hay he was forced to buy after his baler was torched.

An official for the NRCS' local office in Las Vegas, New Mexico, where Encinias applied for support, directed questions to the national office. Officials there did not respond to requests for comment.

The White House did not respond to a request for comment.

Many fire-hit families cannot afford sharing at least 25% of costs on the USDA's Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP) which

offers relief such as stabilization of burn areas prone to flash flooding, according to New Mexico State Forester Laura McCarthy. Residents sometimes own large areas of land passed down from 1800s Spanish-Mexican land grants while working blue-collar jobs.

"They're really struggling," said McCarthy.

That has left locals, state officials and federal agencies counting on cost shares to be dropped and passage of the congressional bill.

Democratic Representative Teresa Leger Fernandez sponsored the legislation

which passed the House and will probably need help from Republicans in the Senate. The office of Senate minority leader Mitch McConnell did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Leger Fernandez is in talks with the USDA and White House on dropping cost shares and helped negotiate a waiver with the NRCS for flood mitigation work on private lands.

"The federal government burns your house down so they are responsible in my mind to pay 100% of the cost of rebuilding," said Leger Fernandez.

Kentucky floods kill at least 26, governor says



U.S. Army National Guard/Handout via REUTERS

Kentucky National Guard helicopter crew members carry a victim of flooding, during their deployment in response to a declared state of emergency in eastern Kentucky on July 27.

By Kanishka Singh
Reuters

At least 26 people, including children, have died in floods unleashed by torrential rains in eastern Kentucky, and more fatalities are predicted with authorities expecting to continue finding bodies for weeks, Governor Andy Beshear said on Sunday.

"There is widespread damage with many families displaced and more rain expected throughout the next day," the governor wrote on Twitter on Sunday.

"I know of several additional bodies, and we know it's going to grow," the governor told NBC News. "We are going to be

finding bodies for weeks."

Four children were confirmed dead as of Saturday, and the governor told NBC News he feared that number would go up at least by two on Sunday. The governor said that bodies will keep turning up as responders reach more remote areas.

More rain may arrive in the coming days with the National Weather Service saying several rounds of showers and storms were expected through Tuesday. A flood watch was in effect through Monday morning for areas in southern and eastern Kentucky, the agency said.

The floods were the second major national disaster to strike Kentucky in seven months, fol-

lowing a swarm of tornadoes that claimed nearly 80 lives in the western part of the state in December.

Beshear on Thursday declared an emergency and described the disaster as "one of the worst, most devastating flooding events" in Kentucky's history.

President Joe Biden declared a major disaster in Kentucky on Friday, allowing federal funding to be allocated to the state.

There were over 14,000 reports of power outages in the state on Sunday afternoon, according to PowerOutage.US.

The damage from the storms could take years to repair, Beshear said.

BRIEFS

Actress Nichelle Nichols, 'Star Trek's Uhura, dies at 89

Nichelle Nichols, whose portrayal of starship communications officer Lieutenant Uhura on the 1960s sci-fi TV series "Star Trek" and subsequent movies broke color barriers and helped redefine roles for Black actors, has died at age 89, her family said.

Nichols, whose fans included Martin Luther King Jr. and a young Barack Obama, "succumbed to natural causes and passed away" on Saturday night, her son, Kyle Johnson, wrote on Facebook.

"Her light however, like the ancient galaxies now being seen for the first time, will remain for us and future generations to enjoy, learn from and draw inspiration," John-

son wrote.

The series, which became a pop culture phenomenon, shattered stereotypes common on U.S. television at the time by casting Black and minority actors in high-profile roles on the show.

In 1968 she and "Star Trek" star William Shatner broke a cultural barrier when they engaged in U.S. television's first interracial kiss.

Kosovo closes two border crossings after local Serbs block roads

MITROVICA, Kosovo — Kosovo police said they closed two border crossings in the volatile north after local Serbs blocked roads and fired shots at police in protest at an order to switch Serb car license plates to Kosovan ones within two

months.

Fourteen years after Kosovo declared independence from Serbia, some 50,000 Serbs living in the north use license plates and documents issued by Serbian authorities, refusing to recognize institutions under the capital, Pristina. Kosovo has been recognized as an independent state by more than 100 countries but not by Serbia or Russia.

The government of Prime Minister Albin Kurti said it would give Serbs a transitional period of 60 days starting Aug 1 to get Kosovo license plates, a year after giving up trying to impose them due to similar protests.

The protesters parked trucks filled with gravel and other heavy machinery on roads leading to the two border crossings, Jarinje and Bernjak,

in a territory where Serbs form a majority.

As a consequence, Kosovo police said they had to close the border crossings. "We call on all citizens to use other border crossings," the police said on their Facebook page.

Police said there were shots fired "in the direction of police units but fortunately no one was wounded."

Hundreds of firefighters battle blaze near Lisbon

MAFRA, Portugal — Hundreds of firefighters battled a blaze raging in a Portuguese municipality near the capital Lisbon on Sunday as high temperatures and strong winds made it harder to put out the flames.

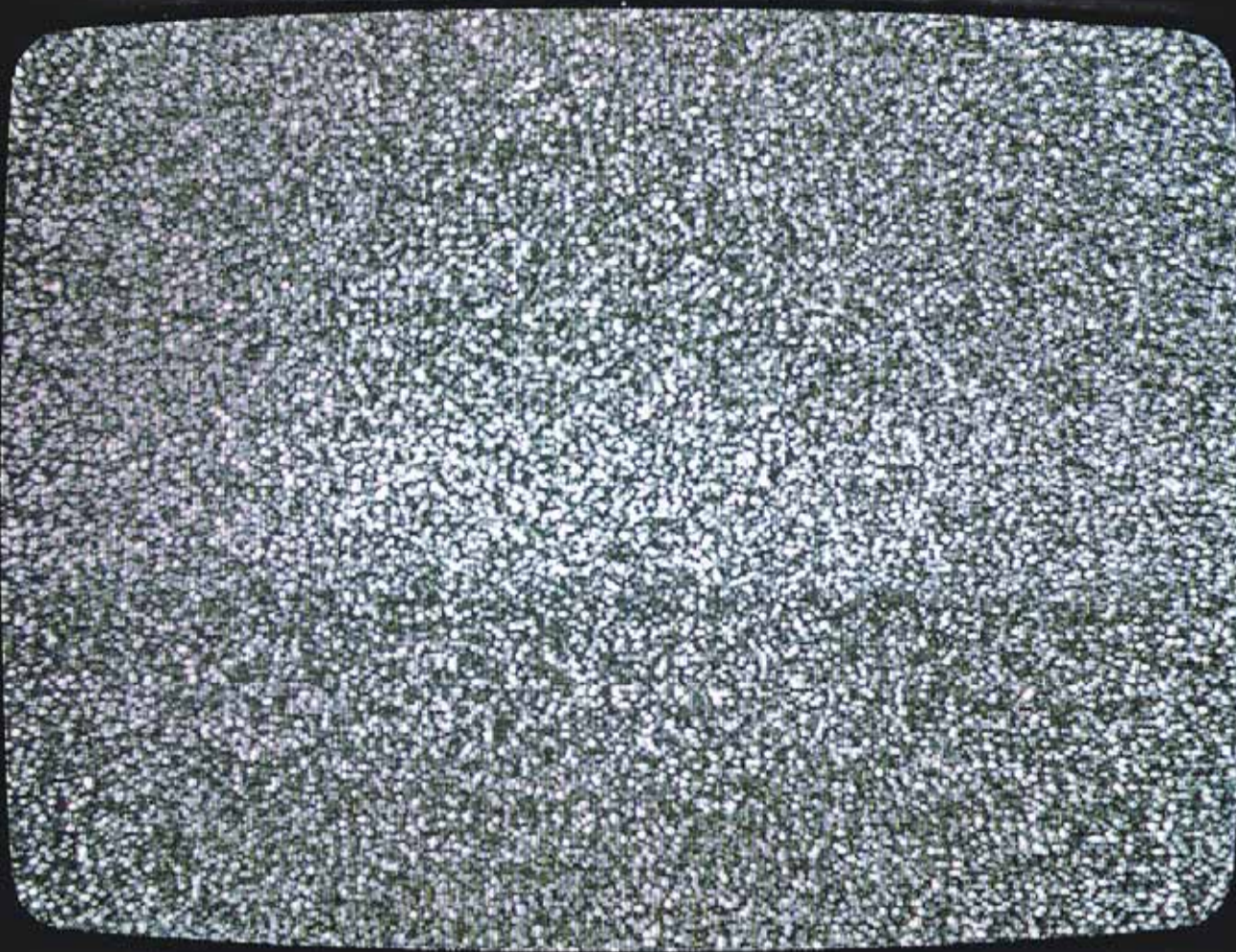
Backed by water-bombers and 123 vehicles, more

than 400 firefighters were brought in after a fire erupted in a mountainous area of the municipality of Mafra at around 3 p.m. local time (1400 GMT) on Sunday.

A huge cloud of black smoke billowed over the town of Venda do Pinheiro, in Mafra, with the fire forcing authorities to block several roads and evacuate a care home. Many locals left their homes out of fear.

Smoke rising from the fire could be seen from Lisbon's city center, around 33 km (21 miles) south, according to a Reuters witness.

Other fires were raging elsewhere in Portugal, including in the central municipality of Ourem, where flames destroyed thousands of hectares two weeks ago. More than 1,000 firefighters were mobilized across the country.



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Some service providers do provide for reimbursement for outages but place specific parameters around what's covered, when it can be reported and how old the outage can be before it's no longer considered for reimbursement.

Should cable or satellite companies reimburse for outages?

By Jeffrey L. Seglin
Tribune News Service

I have this vague recollection from when I was a kid in the late 1960s of watching a football game between the Oakland Raiders and the New York Jets. During the last minute of the game when the Jets were ahead in the score, the network broke away from the game to begin the scheduled broadcast of the movie version of "Heidi." This was in the days before the internet or social media, so it took a while for those of us who had been watching to learn that Oakland scored two touchdowns in that last minute to win the game 43-32. Apparently the final score was announced during the movie, but I didn't watch

the movie.

Fans who were watching missed out on an exciting conclusion, but aside from collectively grousing, there was no real way to compensate for the lost viewing time.

I was reminded of the incident after receiving an email from a reader I'm calling Fiona, who had been watching some live proceedings of something or other on television recently and then had her cable service go out before the proceedings ended. The "Heidi" game was broadcast in pre-cable-television days when advertising rather than monthly fees paid for the broadcast. Now that cable and satellite-dish users pay for their service, Fiona wants to

know if she's right to believe her cable provider owes her a rebate for the time her service was down.

"I pay a lot for monthly service," wrote Fiona. "Shouldn't they reimburse me when they can't provide that service?"

Fiona is not the first reader to raise such a question. Do I believe cable or satellite companies should prorate monthly fees if they can't provide service? Yes.

Many service providers, however, include language on the agreements we sign off on that ask us to agree that they are not liable for such periodic service interruptions. That likely covers them legally from being expected to reimburse customers even if it doesn't feel right to have

to pay for something we don't receive.

Some service providers do provide for reimbursement for outages but place specific parameters around what's covered, when it can be reported and how old the outage can be before it's no longer considered for reimbursement. Few if any make it as clear as it could be to users about what they should do in the event of an outage when it comes to seeking reimbursement.

The right thing for cable and satellite-dish companies is to make their policies clear and as simple as possible for users to use. But while users are waiting around for their providers to do this, the right thing for them to do after experiencing such outages

is to contact the service provider to report the outage as soon as possible and to ask for reimbursement. Even if a company representative points to where its contract indicates no outage reimbursements are made, there are times when a service representative might have some leeway to keep a loyal customer relatively satisfied.

If access to television is limited by a power outage, that's not the cable or satellite company's fault, and they shouldn't be expected to reimburse in such instances. But when it comes to its own services, if the company can't provide the service, the right thing is not to charge for that time it can't.

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Are oil companies really greener?

Or are they just practicing more greenwashing?

E/The Environmental Magazine

Dear EarthTalk: Are oil companies actually taking steps to cut emissions overall or are their claims mostly just "greenwashing"?

— J.B.S., Waukesha, Wisconsin

It's no secret that the climate crisis is intensifying and the world is looking for solutions. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) stated in its latest report that we are facing a "code red" for humanity if we are unable to make substantive changes. According to the IPCC we must cut our carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions in half by 2030 to secure a livable future. Even though there has been a push for emissions reduction, global emissions are not showing signs of declining.

As top contributors of pollution, oil companies are under a microscope. In response to increased pressure, many have begun to make promises that they are working towards being part of the solution. The scientific journal PLOS One reports that major oil companies are using terms like "climate," "low-carbon" and "transition" more frequently in their reports and claim that they are striving to go "carbon neutral."

Carbon neutral is as much of an oxymoron as there can be when applied to oil companies, which begs the question: How do



Dreamstime / TNS

Oil companies have made big strides when it comes to embracing clean energy, but they're still holding up the transition to a greener future.

they plan to accomplish this goal? One way they are trying to achieve net-zero emissions is by investing in nature-based carbon credits. Essentially, they are pledging money to plant trees that absorb the CO2 equivalent of the output of their company.

While this solution seems promising enough, common criticisms of oil companies' responses are that net-zero promises are solely based on facility operations and not on the fuel sales themselves; additionally, oil companies have continued to invest in more acreage for the express purpose of extracting more oil — thereby showing their true priorities. Researchers at Tohoku University and Kyoto University conclude that transitioning to clean

energy is not occurring because investments and actions by oil companies simply do not match the public promises they are making.

It's important to understand that nature-based credits come with complications. It takes years for trees to mature so it's often unclear how much CO2 they'll absorb. In addition, the lifespan of these trees is not a guarantee either: With increasingly warm and dry conditions, there is an increased likelihood that these trees could die due to drought or fire, in which case the carbon offset becomes worthless.

So, are oil companies simply greenwashing? Some have made minor efforts but it is not nearly

enough. That being said, it is important to know how we as individuals can still make a difference. Divesting from oil companies will help reduce the amount of money going towards these polluters. Even if you are not giving money directly to oil companies, your money can indirectly exacerbate the problem. Doing your due diligence to make sure that your bank is not funding oil companies along with other investments in your portfolio can make a world of difference. Reallocating money to make sure you are investing in a clean energy future will help to take the fate of our planet out of the hands of big oil companies.

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Jan. 6 hearings; Biden's COVID diagnosis

Tribune News Service

1. When will the House committee investigating the Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol resume its hearings?

- A. Two weeks
- B. The third week in August
- C. September
- D. There won't be more hearings

2. A volcano erupted in what country over the weekend, prompting evacuations?

- A. Guatemala
- B. Japan
- C. Chile
- D. Greece

3. What drug was President Joe Biden prescribed after being diagnosed with COVID-19?

- A. Hydroxychloroquine
- B. Ivermectin
- C. Remdesivir
- D. Paxlovid

4. Who testified before the Jan. 6 federal grand jury last week?

- A. Marc Short
- B. Tony Ornato
- C. Mike Pence
- D. Mark Meadows

5. The prime minister of which country resigned last week?

- A. New Zealand
- B. Italy
- C. Egypt
- D. Haiti

ANSWERS

- 1. C
- 2. B
- 3. D
- 4. A
- 5. B

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WEDDING FRENZY

How pandemic drives demand for venues, vendors, planners

Myesha Johnson
The Detroit News

Anna Connolly's birthday surprise for her longtime boyfriend took a sudden turn along the Detroit River roughly 14 months ago when Jonah Newblatt popped the question.

Newblatt tells Connolly, 25, they're going to meet his parents for drinks at Atwater Brewery. She didn't give the evening much thought — until Newblatt, 25, suggested they walk on Detroit's riverfront before going to Atwater.

They celebrated their engagement that night in a rolling pub in Detroit with their friends and family. What Connolly did not foresee for her 225-person wedding at The Crofoot in Pontiac was the planning challenges ahead for her, Newblatt and so many couples like them.

"It's just been me, (while) working full time, it's definitely been a lot," said Connolly, a trainer at Detroit Sweat in Royal Oak. First lesson: She wished she'd booked a wedding planner to manage communication with venues and vendors busily trying to satisfy soaring demand from others for wedding-related services.

Many venues and businesses in the wedding industry are scrambling to meet pent-up demand from the COVID-19 pandemic, forcing many to upsize space and increase employees to keep pace with needs of brides and grooms during this wedding season.

The Circ and Root of Ann Arbor, Saint John's Resort in Plymouth and Roostertail on Detroit's riverfront each invested in outdoor space that allowed them to service weddings during the pandemic or help them manage their current increases in bookings.

The Roostertail's outdoor deck and side patio made co-owner Michael Schoenith proud that the venue did not have to cancel any weddings amid the pandemic and were able to reschedule 75.

"There's still a ton of weddings happening but for our unique scenario, because we had so much outdoor space, we were able to maneuver a lot," Schoenith said. "But I think a lot of places had to just postpone 'til now."



Tom Fox/The Dallas Morning News/TNS

Soon-to-be bride Lauren Garcia of Dallas watches as custom tailor Benita Rimi of Warren Barron Alterations adjusts her wedding dress after having it altered in Dallas. Garcia is among brides dealing with the rising cost of weddings due to inflation and supply chain issues. It took Garcia eight months to get her dress and have it altered.

During the pandemic, Roostertail added a 6,000-square-foot tent, the largest tent it could fit, costing \$100,000 and giving it a total of three outdoor spaces in 2020. It features chandeliers, hanging flower chandeliers, theatrical lighting, and custom bars "to accommodate those brides and grooms that were planning on getting married when the pandemic hit," Schoenith said.

"People are able to still say they're on the water," he added. "The Roostertail is famous for being on the water, so we made it work."

Couples do struggle with the higher labor and food costs associated with financing their wedding. But "people are spending a lot more on weddings than they ever have because during COVID everyone saved their money," Schoenith said.

"They had nothing to spend it on, they weren't buying new dresses and clothes, so they're spending it on their weddings now or their milestone birthday," he said. "We see thousands of people a week at events, but I still run into someone at every party that says 'this is my first time out since the pandemic.'"

According to the Wedding Report, a wedding market research site, the average wedding in Michigan cost \$17,500 in 2019, and in 2020 it decreased to \$14,800. Last year, \$20,600 was the average, about \$3,000 more than the years before the pandemic.

Anticipating difficulty with finances and scheduling for couples, the Circ and Root is offering a "brunch wedding package" to help with demand. It allows couples to rent its space during the afternoon, Kate Anderson, the venue's coordinator, said in an email.

The Ann Arbor venue started offering weddings in 2019, but when the pandemic hit in 2020 the venue had to reschedule all of its weddings to 2021. "It was difficult for a long time to find staff just to minimally staff these weddings, so that was a bit of a struggle," Anderson said, on top of it being the venue's first wedding season.

Many couples were in the hunt for venues with outside space, so during the pandemic they added a mural courtyard and railway patio in addition to The Circ and Root's roof deck.

"2021 and 2022 have been

really busy years for us," Anderson said. "I do have the opportunity to speak to plenty of wedding planners and some of the vendors and they all say that this year has just been crazy. And it looks like it's the same thing happening for 2023."

Both last year and this year the venue did about 20 weddings, and has 10 wedding dates confirmed for 2023. Michigan ranks 13th among 50 states with the most weddings, at 50,996, according to the Wedding Report.

Books are open as far as 2024 for the 200-acre wedding venue now called Saint John's Resort, formerly known as the Inn at St. John's. The resort currently is expanding its venue space, adding an additional 15,000-square-foot indoor and outdoor ballroom, and a 6,200-square-foot pavilion for non-denominational weddings.

This expansion will allow them to hold up to six weddings at the same time, and the new Garden Pavilion gives customers an additional non-Catholic space to choose from. The new pavilion is expected to be finished this year, and would cost a couple about \$30,000 to rent.

"2022 has been really strong for us," said Fadi Sabini, the resort's marketing director. "It's surpassing our expectations." Last year, Saint John's Resort hosted nearly 220 weddings, and this year it has over 250 on its calendar.

"We are sold out every weekend — we do about five weddings a weekend right now," he said, adding that hotel guest rooms at the resort sell out every weekend because brides and grooms bring their families. "I just got off the phone with a groom. He called because he needs more rooms and he's trying to ask me how we can make it happen."

Saint John's has space to host more weddings but it risks sacrificing quality, Sabini said: "We don't want to have four ballrooms booked at the same time, because we want to make sure that we're providing incredible service to the weddings that we have."

For that reason, the Monarch Ballroom, expected to open October 2023, will accommodate up to 2,000 guests and will aid the resort in comfortably meeting the demand of its customers.

"A lot of that is for the wedding demand, because we don't see it stopping," said Paul Wegert, the resort's managing director. "I think when the governor opened (COVID-19 guidelines) back up, there was pent-up demand from people not being able to get married."

Mike Staff Productions, a wedding production company that often partners with Saint John's resort, says wedding dates for this year and next are booking 35% to 45% faster than pre-COVID wedding seasons.

"I've seen prior to COVID versus now couples seem extra excited," said Lauren Wallis, the production company's marketing manager. She called this year an "anomaly" compared to years before the pandemic.

"Everyone's always excited for their wedding," she added. "But there is a new type of excitement around it knowing that we always took for granted having all of our loved ones, friends and family in one space celebrating someone's love story."

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What is Pink Sauce and why is it all over TikTok?

Ebony Williams

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

A Miami-based chef with over 80,000 followers on TikTok has stunned the internet with her signature pink-colored sauce.

Chef Pii posted her sauce on the app in June and quickly tacked up more than 755,000 views. Combined, her videos have reached over a million views.

Chef Pii claimed the sauce

contains sunflower seed oil, honey, chili, Himalayan salt, garlic and dragon fruit. But the Pepto-Bismol-colored dipping sauce left viewers questioning its real ingredients and packaging.

Questions started rolling in about its plastic bag packaging and the product's ability to withstand heat and long shipping times. Not to mention the fact that the color of pink can differ wildly for each bottle.

"We changed the color due

to the audience's perspective because they were complaining that the pink was too bright," Chef Pii explained to "TODAY." "So then we made it a little lighter. Everything that they're judging, those are all prototypes."

The internet, however, isn't sold on the chef's reasoning and continues to ask questions.

"First of all, the label says 444 servings but the serving size is 1 tablespoon. That's

around 28 cups," said TikTok user Anna Reports News on a video with over 1.9 million views.

As social media began to dissect the secret sauce, they noticed that it contained milk, but there was no mention of it on the ingredients, nor did the packaging provide refrigeration instructions or a valid expiration date.

Chef Pii has responded with a 50-minute YouTube video. She claims that there's been

an issue with the labels — among other things they plan to correct.

"I do want to let you know that we paused productivity," Chef Pii told "TODAY." "Our customers' health is our number one priority. Their trust is our number one priority, making them happy. And bringing the pink sauce out properly is our number one priority."

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Changing jeans styles

Ellen Warren

Tribune News Service

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: Are ripped jeans still in style? I see them out and about and still like them. A friend of mine (who's not very fashion-forward) said she heard they are out of style and now I just wonder. Please let me know what you think.

— Pam M.

Dear Pam: My advice: Wear your ripped, distressed jeans now, but don't buy any more. Denim trends are — as always — changing. How else would retailers be able to get you to buy new jeans? A search of what jean styles are popular among the fashion-forward — on runways, celebrities and music festival-goers — shows fewer are wearing ripped styles (except cut-offs, which are still popular) and instead baggier, droopy, higher-waist denim is in vogue.

Dear Answer Angel Ellen:

Do you know of any place that sells bathing suits for women with VERY small breasts? Adding to that problem is the fact that I need a bottom that is modest, like a semi-skirt or something, but several sizes larger than my top. If there is no place that sells them, what can I do to fill out the huge cups that come with bathing suits?

— Elaine K.

Dear Elaine: You and so many like you have truly forced change in the swimwear options now available. More and more stores and sites offer mix-and-match tops and bottoms. Huge retailers like Target (target.com) sell swimwear tops and bottoms separately. So do many (primarily) online stores like Land's End (landsend.com) and Swimsuits for All (swimsuitsforall.com). No more worries about how to "fill out" tops that are a different size than your bot-

tom half.

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: As a frequent traveler, I want to continue to wear a fanny pack. Everything I need is right at my fingertips — on my tummy! I do realize I'm not looking all that fashionable, but I want to continue as long as I can to go places and wear that handy pack. Am I hopelessly out of style?

— Shirley W.

Dear Shirley: Call them "belt bags" instead of fanny packs and you're totally in style! You cannot beat the convenience, especially when traveling and concerned about keeping valuables (ID, passport, cash, credit card, vaccine record) close at hand and safe. Wearing them on your stomach might not be the most flattering placement, though. I'd shift yours a bit to the side and still keep those hands free. If you had any doubts, just consider that all the designers



Dreamstime / TNS

Answer Angel Ellen Warren's advice: Wear your ripped, distressed jeans now, but don't buy any more.

are offering their belt bags — Gucci, Saint Laurent, Stella McCartney, Prada — at prices that soar to over \$1,000. With the adjustable straps, you can also wear the bags cross-body. I prefer the bags that are rectangular and I splurged on a Lululemon model (shop.lululemon.com, \$58) I've been

wearing almost every day. Just don't take it off while dining and throw it on the back of your chair. That's inviting trouble.

Send your questions and rants — on style, shopping, fashion, makeup and beauty — to answerangellen@gmail.com.

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Difficulty Level ★ 8/01

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's answers:

5	6	4	8	3	1	9	7	2
3	7	9	4	5	2	8	1	6
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Difficulty Level ★★★★★ 7/30

8-1 CRYPTOQUIP

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ODDFY? NDSX-ODJY.
Saturday's Cryptoquip: FAMOUS DISNEY FILM WITH A PRINCESS WHO'S WILD ABOUT CATCHY RHYTHMS: "BEAUTY AND THE BEATS."
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: F equals K

CROSSWORD By Eugene Scheffer

ACROSS
1 Newt
4 Former Delta rival
7 Very dry
11 Bjorn of tennis fame
13 Documentarian Burns
14 Portrayal
15 Afrikaner
16 Fire sign?
17 Pinnacle
18 Lieu
20 Trumpet
22 Actress Vardalos
24 Trite
28 Basking venue
32 Skiing spot
33 Twistable treat
34 TV's Danson
36 Autobahn auto
37 Open-mouthed
39 Swiss cheese
41 Wards off
43 Resort
44 Pleasing

DOWN
1 Recedes
2 Shoe insert
21 "Kid-napped"
22 Banner mono-gram
23 Shade provider
24 Play part
25 Aspiration
26 Mimic sound
27 Prefix with conference
28 Fly high
29 Incite
30 Tide type
31 Small barrel
35 Hosp. workers
38 Football's Manning
40 Boom times
42 Discard
45 — St. Vincent Millay
47 "Nope!" neighbor
49 Artist
50 "CSI" ailer
51 Solo in space
52 Altar constellation
54 Novelist Rand

Solution time: 21 mins.

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Saturday's answer 8-1

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Stick to what you know and do best.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Look over your options and consider who is a good fit for you to work alongside.

My sister has two faces?

Dr. Wallace: My older sister still lives at home even though she's 19 and goes to a local junior college. Sometimes my mom and my sister get into arguments, but fortunately, they end up being fairly mild, and they both get over it quickly.



ROBERT WALLACE 'Tween 12 and 20

But the other day, my mother and sister seemed to get into a deeper and more heated argument than usual. During their harsh words back and forth, my mother called my older sister "two-faced" in a way that I know for sure was not meant in a good way. Who in the world has two faces? What does that even mean? Is mom referring to my sister's face without makeup and then with makeup? Sometimes my sister puts on a ton of makeup and goes out with her friends wearing a short skirt and high heels. I don't get it at all. — Confused

Younger Sister Confused Younger Sister: First of all, it's too bad that your mother and older sister argue so much. It would be better if they could take some time when they are both calm to speak reasonably about their differences and try to come to a suitable compromise that would better keep the peace in your family's home.

As to the phrase "two-faced," it generally is used to tell another person that they are not being honest or not keeping their word about something. It's basically also saying one thing and acting in a completely different way. Young people these days often use the phrase "gaslighting," so I'd say that these two phrases have a lot in common, and even if they don't mean precisely the same thing, I'd say they are both roughly in the same family of thought.

Dr. Wallace may be reached at rwallace@thegreatestgift.com.

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Opposites can complement, clash

Dear Annie: I wanted to offer a little encouragement to "Opposites" about his relationship. You were correct in saying that sometimes relationships between opposite personality types can be the best.



ANNIE LANE Dear Annie

I've been in one for 28 years. My husband and I were definite opposites when we were married. I'm an extroverted introvert, and he was definitely an extrovert, though he's developed some introvert traits over the years. We also had vastly differing tastes in music, movies and much more.

Below is a letter from someone whose marriage to an "opposite" did not work out.

Dear Annie: Your advice to "Opposites," who worries about his relationship with his extroverted girlfriend, was too rosy. These relationships are very difficult, and he is wise to look long-term.

Based on my long marriage (which ended in divorce after 26 years) to an introvert, I'd tell him not to do this to her or to himself. My husband hated going to movies, dinners, weddings, concerts, community events — you name it. I ended up either alone with him at home or doing everything by myself.

In my experience, the extrovert does most of the compromising, and as people grow older and set in their ways, introverts just stop trying.

His keeping her isolated from the things she loves can be cruel. Her trying to get him to be around other people can also be cruel. These relationships are best terminated early, before both sides waste valuable time and just give up. — Won't Do That Again

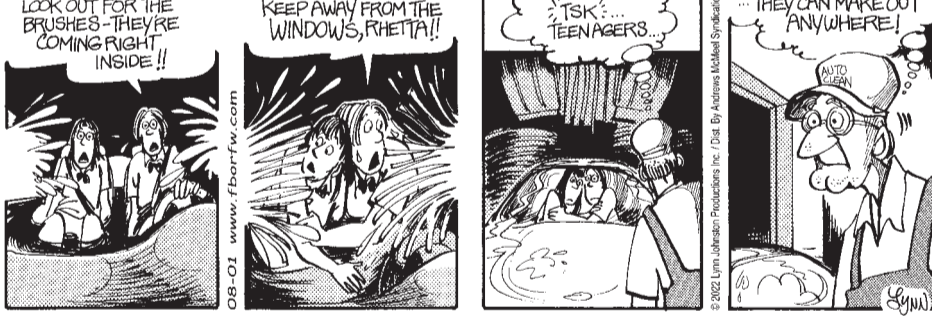
Dear Won't Do That Again: I'm sorry that you had such a bad experience. It sounds like your ex-husband was extremely rigid. No compromise, no communication and no attempt to understand how you were feeling.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com.

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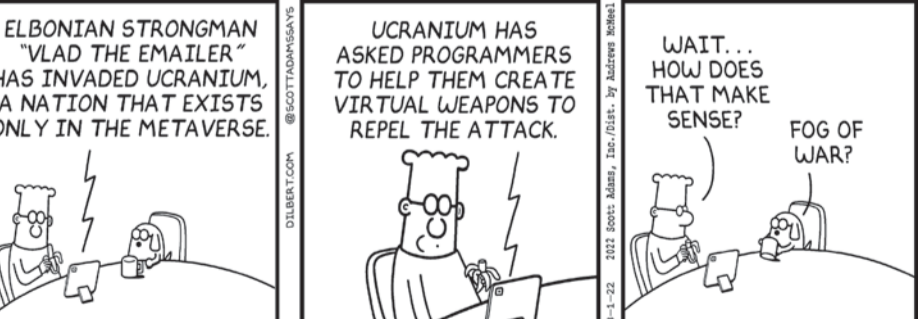
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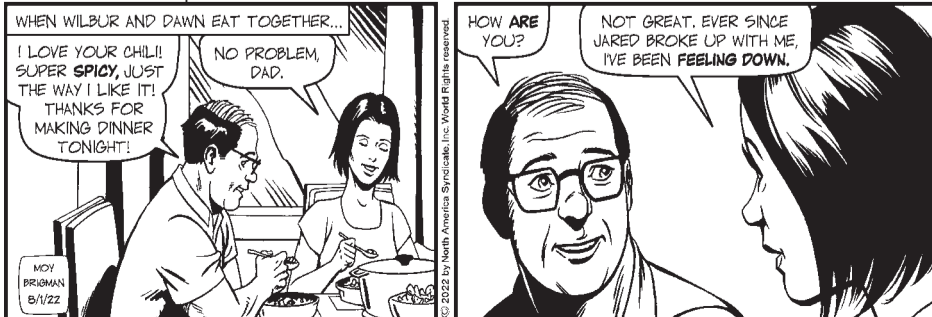
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Q: What is a tornado's favourite game?

A: Twister!



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Q: What animal is always at a baseball game?

A: A bat!



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Q: Why did the woman put money in her freezer?

A: She wanted cold hard cash!



JUST kidding

Q: What's worse than finding a worm in your apple?

A: Finding half a worm.



JUST kidding

Q: What do you call a boomerang that won't come back?

A: A stick!



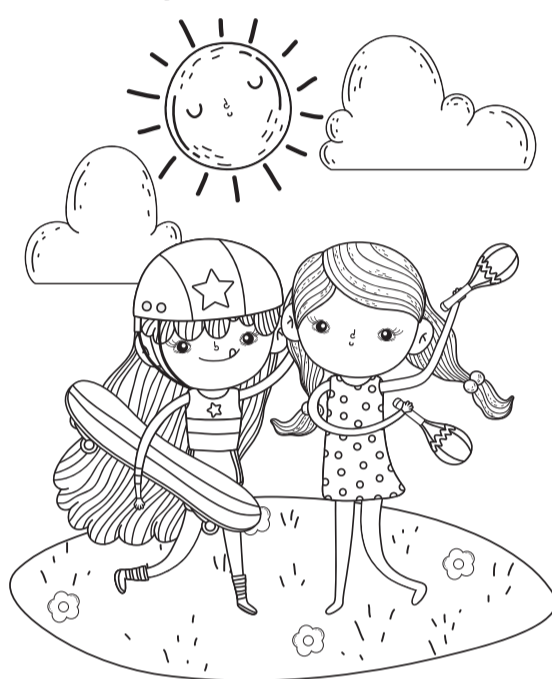
JUST kidding

Q: What do you call a droid that takes the long way around?

A: R2 detour.



For the up-and-coming artist



Private eye

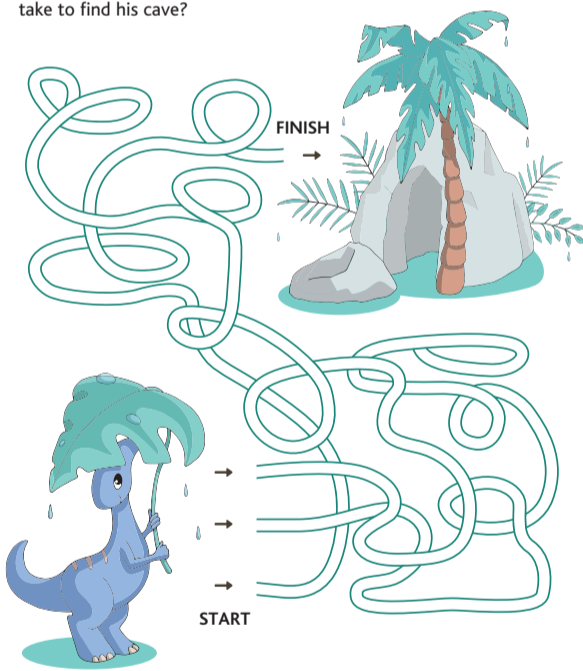
Which two are exactly alike?



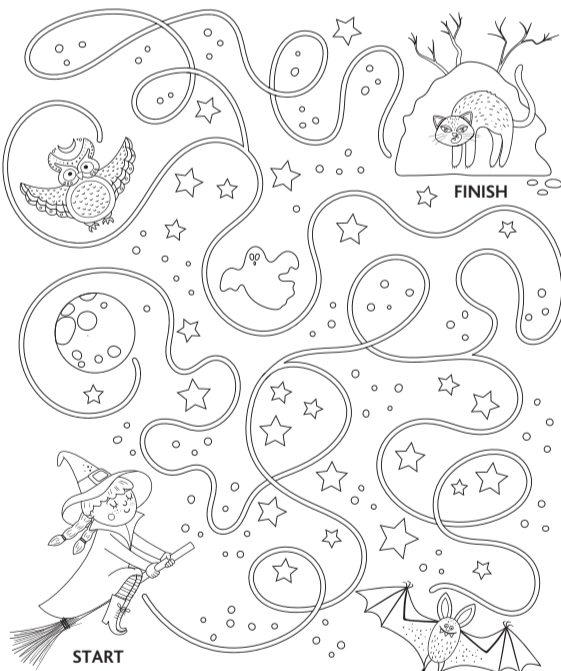
ANSWER: 3 AND 7

Amazing maze

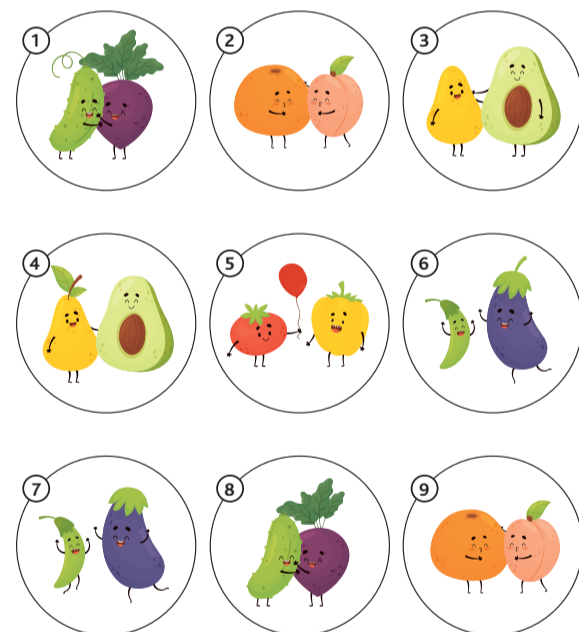
Which path must the dinosaur take to find his cave?



Help the witch find her cat.



Which two are exactly alike?



ANSWER: 2 AND 9

SUDOKU 6X6

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	△			×	
		△	◇		○
		◇			×
	+			□	
×	◇				

COMPLETE EACH GRID WITH THESE SIX SYMBOLS. Symbols can only appear once in each line, once in each column and once in each box of six squares. Each box of six squares is marked by darker lines. Some symbols are already included in each box to help you get started. Don't forget: a symbol can't be repeated in the same line, column or box.

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×	▽	□	◇	○	+
○	+	◇	▽	×	□
□	×	○	+	▽	◇
+	◇	▽	□	◇	○

ANSWER

		4	5		
2				3	4
				2	5
5	4				
				5	3
	5	6			

COMPLETE EACH GRID WITH NUMBERS FROM 1 TO 6, KEEPING IN MIND THAT:
- a number can only appear once per row
- a number can only appear once per column
- a number can only appear once in each box of 6 squares

1	2	3	4	5	6
2	3	4	5	6	1
3	4	5	6	1	2
4	5	6	1	2	3
5	6	1	2	3	4
6	1	2	3	4	5

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×	+	□	○	◇	▽
▽	□	○	◇	+	×
+	◇	▽	□	◇	○

ANSWER