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'I made a bad decision'

Teen gets nearly 12 years for robbery that led to a stray bullet hitting boy

By April Baumgarten
The Forum

FARGO — An 18-year-old was sentenced to almost 12 years in federal prison for his role in a robbery that led to a stray bullet hitting a 6-year-old boy in the head while he was in bed in his West Fargo home.

Germond Edward Johnson Jr. showed little emotion as the 6-year-old boy's parents testified on Wednesday, July 6, in Fargo's federal courthouse.

"It's a journey we didn't ask for and hope it is one no one has to go through," said the boy's father, Mark Frey.

Johnson previously pleaded guilty to aiding and abetting robbery and conspiracy to interfere with commerce by threats or violence. A third charge, aiding and abetting use of a firearm in furtherance of a crime of violence, was dropped as part of a plea deal.

Court documents filed in North Dakota's U.S. District Court said Johnson and CJ Jesse James Carruthers, 20, planned

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MIDSUMMER SURREY RIDE



Ramesh Gurung, front right, Puja Rai, front left, Roshan Gurung, back right, and Usha Monger, back left, drive a surrey Wednesday along Roger Maris Drive in Fargo's Lindenwood Park. Bike rentals are available noon-9 p.m. daily.

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Prosecutors cite self-defense

Shooter faces no charges after police interview victim

By Matt Henson
WDAY

FARGO — A south Fargo man detained for attempted murder after shooting his best friend multiple times has been released from jail.

Prosecutors are saying the shooting was

self-defense, and they do not plan to file charges against Kyle Lovaas.

Officers responded to the Countryside Trailer Court just after 7 a.m. Monday, July 4, after Lovaas, 22, called 911.

"He (expletive) came

at me like a mad man, and I (expletive) shot him," Lovaas can be heard saying to the 911 dispatcher.

He told the dispatcher he fired six shots from a handgun.

Tin Nguyen, 24, was shot in the chest and

stomach. A detective can be heard commenting on body camera video that Nguyen lost so much blood that his heart stopped.

Doctors at Sanford were able to revive him, according to police.

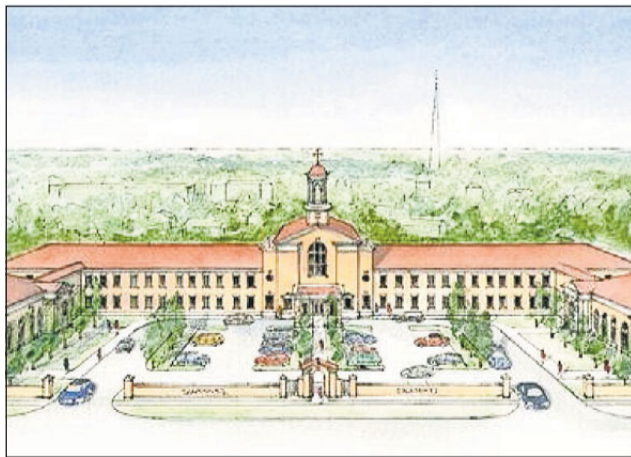
Lovaas did not elabo-

rate on what happened inside his bedroom other than to say there was a fight, and the shooting was in self-defense.

He demanded a lawyer and did not give any statements to police.

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Private academy selects site for campus



Special to The Forum

Architectural design of Capstone Classical Academy.

Capstone Classical Academy to be built at 43rd Street and 64th Avenue South

By C.S. Hagen
The Forum

FARGO — A new private school has found a construction company to build a campus in south Fargo.

The future site for Capstone Classical Academy, a religious and tuition-based school, will

be built on 18 acres at the corner of 43rd Street and 64th Avenue South.

The private academy is being designed by Duncan G. Stroik Architect of South Bend, Indiana, and a building contract has been signed with the Fargo-based Gehrtz Construction Services, Capstone Classical Academy said Tuesday, July 5, in a press release.

The project will be broken up into two phases, the first being a 77,000-square-foot

educational building with classrooms, a gym, chapel and outdoor athletic field, according to the academy.

Hoping to enroll up to 560 students, founders believe the school will offer a distinct method of education not offered by any other area school, and it plans to educate students through 12th grade.

The school will offer a "classical education," which for the founders means the "cultivation

of wisdom and virtue through the study of liberal arts," a philosophy that is Christian and rooted in ancient Greek education methods.

Capstone Classical Academy will open this fall for pre-K through sixth-grade students in its temporary home at 3910 25th St. S. in Fargo.

Construction of the new campus may be finished during the fall of 2025.

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High demand could shrink hero checks

By Dana Ferguson
The Forum

ST. PAUL — Minnesota workers who stayed on the job during the height of the pandemic could see lower than expected hero checks from the state after hundreds of thousands of front-line workers applied for benefits over the last several weeks.

To date, 901,000 people have applied for the benefits, Gov. Tim Walz and officials from the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry said Wednesday, July 6. And officials estimated that the pool of applicants

could exceed 1 million before the online application closed on July 22.

When lawmakers approved the \$500 million plan to send money out to health care workers, meat packers, janitors, teachers and others, they anticipated that about 667,000 people would be eligible for the payments. And broken out between that many people, they expected that each would get about a \$750 check.

But with the boosted applicant pool, workers could receive less than that target — at least

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Dana Ferguson / Forum News Service

Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz, during a news conference Wednesday at the Capitol, encouraged front-line workers to apply for hero pay from the state and said more than 901,000 had applied so far.

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'ARE WE SO DIFFERENT?'

Exhibit at Fargo City Hall examines race, racial discrimination

By C.S. Hagen
The Forum

Fargo partnership between the city of Fargo and YWCA Cass Clay showcasing an exhibit on racial issues at Fargo City Hall was announced Wednesday, July 6.

Situated in the City Hall lobby, the exhibit is free and open to the public and is titled "Race: Are we so different?"

"It is a good learning tool for everyone to come out and discover what race and race discrimination is about," said Terry Hogan, the city's first director of diversity, equity and inclusion.

The exhibit features census information categorizing slaves in 1790 and continues through the Civil Rights Movement to the present, showing that although housing discrimination is illegal, real estate agents still steer people into housing based on race, a process known as redlining.

"The exhibit will make us aware of who we are and of cultural differences. Different in many ways, but we're still the same," Hogan said.

Allison Pillar, communications manager for the YWCA, said the same exhibit has been installed at the Hjemkomst Center, YWCA and other places and has been a conversation driver for visitors.

"We're excited for people to view the exhibit and explore at your own pace," Pillar said, adding she hopes the exhibit will encourage people to have conversations and look for ways to increase diversity.

To thoroughly go through the exhibit would take about two hours. There are videos, interactive screens, census data and even a game to guess the ethnicity of a person based on their voice,



Michael Vosburg / The Forum

Terry Hogan, Fargo director of diversity, equity and inclusion, and Allison Pillar, YWCA, introduce the RACE exhibit Wednesday at Fargo City Hall. The exhibit, on loan from the Science Museum of Minnesota, will be in place through September.

Pillar said.

The exhibit will close on Sept. 30, but visitors can register to take part in later discussions at the Fargo Public Library, she said.

"I want people to ask the questions they've always wanted to ask. We know that race is a socially constructed idea, and I just want you to come out and educate yourself and also cross-reference anything that you might have issues with. That is important," Hogan said.

Studying the exhibits reveals information that some may find shocking, including that interracial

marriages were once illegal in the United States, and in the 1920s, "undesirables" was used to describe anyone from Asia or Africa, and legislation blocked many from immigrating to the United States.

More recent studies included in the exhibit show local demographic shifts, achievement gaps between white students and students of color, and how the greed for gold and land stripped Native American tribes of their ancestral homes.

Hogan understands that some in the Fargo-Moorhead community might not agree

with the exhibit's message.

"I'm not trying to convince you to change your ways. I just want you to think outside the box, because this is America," said Hogan, who holds a doctorate in public administration and policy. "As long as, like we say in Chicago, I planted the seed, whether you agree or disagree, I just want to show: Are we so different?"

For Pillar, the exhibit is part of the YWCA's agenda of eliminating racism, she said.

"The hope is that even if only the people who are already engaged visit the exhibit, that they will bring

these ideas home and discuss with family and those who may not agree," she said.

Community discussions pertaining to the exhibit will begin at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, July 29; Thursday, Aug. 18; and Thursday, Sept. 29, at the Fargo Public Library, 101 Fourth St. N.

Those interested in attending can ask questions of the YWCA's Racial Justice Committee and can register for the events at the YWCA Cass Clay website or at ywcacassclay.eventbrite.com.

Readers can reach Forum reporter C.S. Hagen at 701-241-5535 or at cshagen@forumcomm.com.

Body found in Red River along Moorhead shore

Forum staff report

MOORHEAD — The body of a man was recovered from the Red River on Wednesday, July 6, according to Moorhead police.

Juveniles found the body at about 12:30 p.m. Wednesday along Moorhead's shoreline by Original Homestead Park in the 1000 block of Seventh Street North, police said.

It appeared the body had been in the river for a "significant period of time," police said.

The man's cause and manner of death was not immediately known. Authorities have sent the body to the Ramsey County Medical Examiner's Office in St. Paul for an autopsy.

Capt. Deric Swenson, a Moor-

head police spokesman, said investigators "don't suspect foul play, but we have to wait for the autopsy results to get a positive identification."

Swenson said he didn't have a timeline on when those results would be available.

Personal property with the body led police to believe he was an adult male. Swenson said clothing and a wallet with an identification card was found nearby.

The man's identity is expected to be released after the autopsy.

Swenson didn't know what the juveniles who found the body were doing by the riverbank, but he said there's a new bike path in the area that many people have been using.



The Minnesota side of the Red River is seen in the foreground, near where juveniles discovered a man's body in the water along the shore on Wednesday by the 1000 block of Seventh Street North in Moorhead.

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Chauvin's federal sentencing set today

By Jon Collins
MPR News

MINNEAPOLIS — Former Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin will be sentenced to between 20 and 25 years in federal prison Thursday. He pleaded guilty late last year to federal charges that he violated George Floyd's civil rights when he took Floyd's life in May 2020.

Chauvin is currently serving a 22-and-a-half-year sentence for his conviction on state murder and manslaughter charges at the Minnesota Correctional Facility in Oak Park Heights. As part of his federal plea agreement, Chauvin will serve his state and federal sentences at the same time in federal prison.

al plea deal reached last year also admits guilt for a 2017 incident where he repeatedly struck a 14-year-old boy and knelt on his neck and upper back for about 15 minutes. Chauvin was convicted in April 2021 in state court of second-degree unintentional murder, third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter.

Floyd was killed on May 25, 2020, after Chauvin knelt on his neck for more than nine minutes. Floyd's murder sparked unrest in the Twin Cities and across the country, as well as calls to re-envision American policing.

Prosecutors asked U.S. District Court Judge Paul Magnuson last month to sentence Chauvin to 25 years in prison, arguing



Reuters file photo

In this still image from video, former Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin, right, and his defense attorney, Eric Nelson, attend closing arguments April 19, 2021, during Chauvin's trial for second-degree murder, third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter in the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis.

that Chauvin's actions against Floyd were "cold-blooded," and that Chauvin deserves a higher sentence for an

earlier incident where he used a similar tactic on a 14-year-old boy.

Prosecutors also argued that a higher

sentence would send a message to other police officers "that although they undoubtedly have a difficult job, and one that sometimes carries life and death responsibilities, their role in our criminal justice system is a limited one, and does not include imposing punishment."

Chauvin's attorney, Eric Nelson, asked the court last month to sentence Chauvin to no more than 20 years in federal prison followed by five years of supervised release.

Nelson cited sealed letters from friends and family and "thousands" of letters of support he says Chauvin received from across the country that "speaks to his character and qualities as a human being." Nelson argued that it's clear

Chauvin has expressed remorse for his actions and is ready to "continue to atone for his wrongdoing."

Three other former Minneapolis officers charged in Floyd's killing were convicted in federal court in February of violating Floyd's civil rights. They've yet to be sentenced.

Former officer Thomas Lane pleaded guilty to aiding and abetting second-degree manslaughter in state court in May. He's scheduled to be sentenced in September. Former officers Tou Thao and J. Alexander Kueng's trial on state charges of aiding and abetting murder and manslaughter is scheduled for October. Both men rejected plea deals from prosecutors.

Dems tout THC edible policy, urge full pot legalization

By Dana Ferguson
The Forum

MINNEAPOLIS — Days after Minnesota businesses got the green light to start selling cannabis-infused gummies and other food and drink products, Democratic-Farmer-Labor legislators said the new law helped ramp up consumer protections but still needed to be tweaked to help enforce restrictions around the edibles.

And given the positive public response over the weekend to the rollout of the sale of products containing servings of up to 5 milligrams of THC, the lawmakers said the state ought to move forward with a broader plan to legalize marijuana for recreational use for those 21 and older.

"Minnesota strongly favors this change," House Majority Leader Ryan Winkler, DFL-Golden Valley, said during a news conference Tuesday, July 5, outside of Indeed Brewing Company. "It was an intentional step forward, and it is an opportunity for Minnesota businesses and consumers to have access to a product that can be safe and is widely available and in use today, however, through an illicit marketplace."

The celebratory comments came after a new state law took effect on Friday, July 1, allowing those 21 and older to buy food and drink products that contain up to 5 milligrams of tetrahydrocannabinol, the psychoactive part of cannabis. State law stipulates that consumers can buy packages of hemp-derived THC products, as long as they don't exceed more than 50 milligrams and are not shaped like people, animals or fruit, nor can they be modeled after products marketed to children. Producers of commercially available candy and snacks are also barred from adding THC to existing products.



Dana Ferguson / Forum News Service

Minnesota House Majority Leader Ryan Winkler, right, along with fellow Minnesota lawmakers, marijuana legalization advocates and hemp farmers, on Tuesday spoke in support of a state law allowing some THC food and drink products during a news conference in Minneapolis.

Hemp and smoke shops around the state saw strong demand for the products as soon as they hit the shelves. And while the businesses were ready to field the demand, some lawmakers and state regulators said they didn't anticipate that the policy would pave the way for access to allowing recreational cannabis products in the state.

Senate Majority Leader Jeremy Miller, R-Winona, on Friday said the legislation was a bipartisan effort to curb access to delta-8 products for those under the age of 21 and noted that the changes "were absolutely necessary." Miller on Tuesday blasted Democrats for holding the news

conference on THC products rather than discussing violence in Minneapolis the night prior.

"While Senate Republicans are focused on making communities safer, Democrats continue to turn a blind eye to violent crime," Miller said. "Republicans will continue to make public safety a priority by putting more good cops on the streets and holding criminals accountable for their actions."

Both the Senate and the House earlier this year put up hundreds of millions of dollars in new funding for law enforcement initiatives around the state but they were unable to reach an agreement that could bring them back to

St. Paul to approve a supplemental funding plan.

Other members of Miller's caucus, meanwhile, seemed unaware of the impact the legislation would have when they voted to approve it. Sen. Jim Abeler, R-Anoka, told the Star Tribune that he didn't realize at the time he voted for it that the policy would allow additional edible products to be sold in Minnesota. And he said lawmakers should roll back the policy in later sessions.

DFL lawmakers said the public wouldn't support rolling back the policy. But additional enforcement mechanisms should be added to ensure that the products are sold and consumed safe-

ly, they said. They said provisions such as creating a cannabis oversight board weren't included in the legislation because they would've spurred opposition in the GOP-led Senate.

"Yes, there are going to be some problems in terms of how we enforce this but I will say that this law makes a very clear step of what is legal. And I think that is a help for the state of Minnesota," the bill's author Rep. Heather Edelson, DFL-Edina, said Tuesday. Edelson said she was working with the League of Minnesota Cities to write additional guidance around enforcement provisions that she planned to make public later in the week.

Edelson said she brought the legislation to set restrictions around unregulated products that contained delta-8, a derivative of hemp that can cause the sensation of being high. She and Winkler said that while some lawmakers or state agencies voiced surprise about the law and the changes in it, hearings around the proposal were open to the public and supporters were clear about their intent to set clearer parameters for THC and cannabinoid (or CBD) products in the state.

"Sometimes legislation benefits from a lot of publicity, and sometimes legislation benefits from the ability to do the work more quietly," Winkler said. "We just didn't put a spotlight on it for everybody."

The Minnesota Board of Pharmacy is set to regulate the production and sale of cannabis-containing products. Last week, the board issued guidance noting that it wouldn't test or approve the THC products before they go to market.

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New dashboard shows PFAS levels in Minnesota's drinking water

By Mary Divine
St. Paul Pioneer Press

ST. PAUL — State officials have unveiled a new tool to help Minnesotans see if there are toxic industrial compounds in their drinking water.

The Minnesota Department of Health debuted a new interactive online dashboard that shows the status and results of testing for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, also known as PFAS, in community water systems.

“With this new tool, Minnesotans will be able to see for themselves whether PFAS is a concern for the health of their communities and their families,” Commissioner Jan Malcolm said. “Our statewide testing and dashboard are just two examples of how Minnesota continues to be a national leader in providing safe drinking water.”

Known as “forever chemicals” for their persistence in the environment, PFAS have been popular with manufacturers for decades and can be found in everything from nonstick cookware coating to fire-extinguishing foam.

Higher levels of exposure to PFAS have been linked to increased cancer risk, developmental delays in children, damage to organs such as the liver and thyroid, increased cholesterol levels and reduced immune functions, especially among young children.

Health department officials started the PFAS testing project last year, prioritizing sampling in systems that are most vulnerable to PFAS contamination to address the highest potential public health risks first.

According to the map posted on the dashboard on June 7, only one site in Minnesota — in St. Paul Park in southern Washington County — had a concerning level of PFAS. The city, however, primarily uses two wells that are treated to remove PFAS and that provide water at a health-risk index near zero; the city's third well, which is not treated and exceeds the state level of health concern, is not typically used, health department officials said.

The rest of the completed tests across the state — 401 out of about 900 public drinking systems in the state — did not detect

PFAS or found levels that are below the current state levels of health concern. The 401 systems that were tested serve about 75 percent of Minnesotans who get drinking water from such systems, health department officials said.

Stricter guidelines regarding PFAS levels in drinking water could be coming, said Doug Schultz, a spokesman for the health department. Officials with the Environmental Protection Agency have indicated that within the next year they hope to have maximum contaminant levels established for PFAS, he said.

“We don't have MCLs now, so it wouldn't be surprising in the meantime if they were to revise their guidance and for the health-risk index levels to get lower,” he said. “We're preparing for that to possibly happen in the future and will work with systems to meet whatever standards might arise.”

Access the dashboard here: <https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/pfasmap.html>

BRIEFS



Chris Darnell and his Shockwave jet truck.

Jet truck performer, known to Fargo AirSho fans, dies in fiery accident

FARGO — Chris Darnell, who drove a truck powered by three jet engines and performed on the air show circuit, died in a crash while racing two airplanes on Saturday, July 2.

The accident happened at the Field of Flight Air Show in Battle Creek, Michigan, according to the Washington Post.

Darnell performed at the Fargo AirSho, most recently in 2021, and was in North Dakota two weeks before his fatal crash when he performed at the Northern Thunder show at Grand Forks Air Force Base.

The Fargo AirSho posted a tribute to Darnell on its Facebook page.

“Darnell was a motorsports pro, and his expertise was enjoyed by the thousands of fans every year on the air show circuit,” the Fargo AirSho post said. “He will be sorely missed.”

Man arrested after leading police on bike chase in Fargo

FARGO — One man is in jail after leading Fargo police officers on a chase on his bike Tuesday night, July 5.

Officers tried to stop Nicholas Peltier, 29, around 11 p.m. Tuesday for not having a head lamp on his bicycle. He tried to flee the traffic stop by cutting through several yards.

An eyewitness saw police following the

cyclist down 42nd Street South. Near the intersection with 18th Avenue South, he was chased off his bike by officers and then tackled and arrested, the witness said.

Peltier, who has no permanent address, was arrested on an open warrant, police said.

He faces charges of refusing to halt, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia and theft of property in excess of \$1,000 and less than \$10,000, according to Cass County Jail records.

Forum staff reports

Grand Marais woman dies in automobile crash

GRAND MARAIS, Minnesota — A 79-year-old Grand Marais woman was killed in an automobile crash Tuesday afternoon on Minnesota Highway 61 and County Road 14, according to a report from the Minnesota State Patrol.

Barbara Helen Wright was driving east on Highway 61 around 4:20 p.m. when she made a left turn onto County Road 14. The vehicle, a 1993 Jeep Grand Cherokee Sport, then traveled across County Road 14 and struck a large pine tree with its front bumper, killing Wright.

Responding agencies included the Colvill and Hovland fire departments and first responders, as well as the Cook County Sheriff's Department and ambulance and rescue.

Duluth News Tribune

Man dies after being found unconscious in Stearns County grain bin

OAK TOWNSHIP, Minnesota — A 34-year old man was pronounced dead Tuesday afternoon after being found unresponsive in a grain bin in Oak Township of Stearns County.

According to a press release from the Stearns County Sheriff's Office, a caller around 1:49 p.m. Tuesday, July 5 reported that the man, identified as Thomas Holdvogt, had been found unresponsive in the grain bin by a family member at a property located on Oakland Road.

Fire personnel were able to remove Holdvogt from the bin and lifesaving efforts were started. Holdvogt was transported to Centra Care Hospital in Melrose where he was later pronounced dead, the release said. An autopsy will be performed by the Midwest Examiner's Office as part of the investigation.

Assisting at the scene were the Stearns County Sheriff's Office, Melrose Police Department, Freeport Fire Department, Melrose Fire Department and the Melrose Ambulance Service.

West Central Tribune

Douglas County man injured in house explosion

HOLMES CITY, Minnesota — A Holmes City man was injured when an explosion happened inside his home Tuesday, July 5.

The Douglas County Sheriff's Office was called to a residence at 6128 County Road 4w southwest in Holmes City at 11:51 a.m.

The homeowner, Scott Bany, 62, was the only one home at the time. He was injured in the explosion, receiving burns to several parts of his body, according to a family member on scene. Bany was treated by North Memorial Ambulance personnel and then airlifted by LifeLink III for further medical treatment.

The State Fire Marshal's Office was summoned to the scene to assist with the investigation. The Alexandria Fire Department also responded to the scene.

Holmes City is six miles southwest of Alexandria.

Alexandria Echo Press

Audubon man escapes Becker County Courthouse in Detroit Lakes, remains at-large

DETROIT LAKES — An Audubon man escaped the Becker County Courthouse in Detroit Lakes on Wednesday following a 1:30 p.m. scheduled court appearance on a separate escape charge.

Details of the escape are currently unknown, but the courthouse house's security staff contacted the Detroit Lakes Police Department for assistance with the search after Robare fled the building, one official said.

Anyone who sees Robare should not approach him, a law enforcement official said, and instead call the Becker County Sheriff's Office at: 218-847-2661.

Robare was wearing a charcoal gray t-shirt, possibly with the sleeves cut off, blue shorts and dark shoes at the time of his escape.

Robare, 26, was being sentenced for a May 2021 felony escape attempt in which he cut off his ankle monitoring device while on home confinement in Audubon.

Members of the Detroit Lakes Police Department are assisting Becker County Sheriff's Office deputies with the search.

On June 14, a warrant was issued for Robare's arrest for failing to appear for his first sentencing hearing on the same charge.

Detroit Lakes Tribune

Broadway Square seeks donations for Day of Dignity drive

Forum staff report

FARGO — Broadway Square in downtown Fargo is hosting a personal care product drive leading up to its Day of Dignity event, which is set for Aug. 28.

The Day of Dignity is about connecting those in need with free or discounted items and services.

The list of items to donate includes unopened, full- or travel-sized: sunscreen, bug spray, shampoo, conditioner, soap, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouth wash, feminine hygiene products, razors, shaving cream, bags/backpacks and socks.

All donated items will be given away from noon to 2 p.m. in a “Personal Care Pantry” during the Day of Dignity on Aug. 28.

Any items not claimed during the event are packaged into bundles and distributed through the Gladys Ray Shelter and the Downtown Engagement Center.

Donation items can be dropped off from July 8 through Aug. 24. Collection boxes are located at the following Fargo locations:

► Broadway Square, 201 Broadway N.: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Hennen and Hulett continue to spout misinformation

By Charles Linderman
Carrington, N.D.

The House Select Committee investigating Jan. 6th has recently shown us that the events of that awful day were even worse than they appeared and the disgraced former president was even more involved than we knew at the time. Yet, Scott Hennen and Mike Hulett (July 2 Forum opinion) continue to spout disinformation to downplay the seriousness of that attempted coup and try to discredit those that seek the truth. Both used the phrase “kangaroo court.”

Hennen says it was not a real insurrection because the participants did not fire any guns. I guess beating police officers with flagpoles causing concussions and broken bones does not count. He claims Trump was not responsible. Now we learn that Trump wanted to go to the Capitol with the rioters even when told they were armed and dangerous. He claims Speaker Nancy Pelosi rejected Rep. Kelly Armstrong, R-N.D., to be part of the committee. She did not.

Hulett repeats the falsehood about Speaker Pelosi rejecting Republican nominees. She did reject two of five because they were promoters of the big lie about a stolen election and had already made it known that they would be disruptive of committee procedure. She did not reject the other three, including Kelly Armstrong.

It is the fault of Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy that there are not five Republicans on the committee. Hulett repeats the discredited lie that Speaker Pelosi rejected additional security offered from the president. (Did then Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell reject it also?)

Hennen and Hulett claim the committee is Democrats out to get Donald Trump. The fact is most of the damning testimony is from Republicans, including former Attorney General Bill Barr and former Trump appointees from the Justice Department and the White House itself.

The fact is Speaker Pelosi proposed a national commission to investigate the January 6th attack on the United States Capitol complex. It was to be a 9/11-type commission with an equal number of Democrats and Republicans. It passed the House (with 175 Republicans opposed) but was killed in the Senate by Republicans. Republicans have no legitimate complaints about the makeup of the Select Committee.

The committee does include two very conservative Republicans who have the courage to seek truth, Liz Cheney, R-Wyo., and Adam Kinzinger, R-Ill.). But for some, there is a litmus test for Republicans. One question, answer yes or no. Do you worship Donald Trump? Yes. Good Republican. No. RINO.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Our executive and legislative branches could learn a few things about decorum from the Supreme Court

By Mike Connor
Devils Lake, N.D.

If you are familiar with the Constitution you know the Founding Fathers created three separate, but equal, branches of government: legislative, executive and judicial.

Over the years it has become tradition for members of the executive and legislative branches to often act like two tomcats in a gunny sack, but the Supreme Court has served as a model of decorum. I can never remember reading in history or through

my years of life seeing members of the Supreme Court criticizing either the legislative or executive branches for all their foul-ups. Yet, the other two branches pout and whine when they don't 'get their way'!

The Founding Fathers gave the citizens of our country the ultimate power of what direction our country will take: by casting your vote in all elections held. Not by demonstrating where illegal, defacing/destroying public and private prop-

erty, threatening anyone, but simply stepping into the privacy of the voting booth and casting your ballot.

Maybe the executive and legislative members of our federal government should crawl out of the gunny sack and do the work they were elected to do. Spend more time in the Oval Office and Congressional chambers fulfilling their Constitutional responsibilities and less time running around like chickens with their heads cut off.

Children having children

By Deb Seaberg
Detroit Lakes, Minn.

A pregnant 10-year-old girl from Ohio — yeah that's right, 10 years old and pregnant because of being sexually abused — couldn't get an abortion in Ohio because she was three days past the 6-week limit set in Ohio.

Thankfully caring peo-

ple took her to Indiana where, for now, she was able to have an abortion. Now, I know the pro-lifers — also known as force birthers — are thinking she should have been on birth control. She should have kept her legs shut. She could have said no. She asked for it.

A few legislators' remarks: "Just lay back

and enjoy it," "You play and you pay for it," and "A child is a gift from God." So, a child having a child is a gift?

Let me repeat — 10 years old and pregnant!

Pro-lifers care up to the second of birth. That's it.

Me? I do believe that what comes around goes around.

Those who brag about 'winning' in politics are un-American

By Allyne Holz
Moorhead

In his July 2 opinion piece in The Forum, Scott Hennen wrote "The truth of the matter is — we are winning."

This isn't a competition.

I don't care if you belong to a party or are independent — this isn't a competition.

I expect my president, senators and representatives, regardless of their party, to work toward what is best for the American people and the world. That

should keep all in government so busy that they won't have time to keep score of who is winning the game.

To all who wish to work toward winning in government ... well, that's just un-American.

Hector International Airport should present Fargo better

By Paul H. Gleye
Fargo

It is excellent that Hector International Airport in Fargo is working on expansion plans. As part of that work, I hope they will take a close look at the overall architectural design of the terminal building.

Many people receive their first impression of Fargo at the airport, and the terminal building's current design, with its drab colors and work-a-day character, doesn't do much to present the city in a positive light. In fact, the airport terminal's

blandness unfortunately supports the impression that Fargo is a place where people wouldn't really want to go — until they arrive at our wonderful downtown, of course. The airport should represent Fargo as beautifully as our downtown does.

Minnesotans deserve better

By Chester Rorvig
St. Cloud, Minn.

Something is wrong with the Minnesota Legislature. Sitting on a \$7 billion projected surplus for the biennium ending next June 30, they still failed to deliver tax relief to Minnesotans. The 2022 legislative session ran from Jan. 31 to May 23. Yet, these legislators say they ran out of time to accomplish tax cuts, and to address infrastructure bonding, transportation needs, and increased crime. Just how much time do they need to finish the job? It may be prudent to not use all this projected surplus until it is "in the bank," but certainly some tax cuts are available now.

Inherent to this problem is the politicizing of issues, with strict party loyalty. Caucus leaders fail to negotiate, compromise, and come together. Rank and file legislators sit by, let this happen, and adjourn without completing their work.

With rising inflation, Minnesotans need tax relief that the state can afford, given this surplus projection. But now, these legislators go home and forget that they failed their constituents. They continue to collect a salary of over \$4,000 a month, with state-funded health insurance and pension contributions. Some even get year-round housing in the metro area. If they per-

form legislative business between sessions, they can claim per diems. Who are they serving, themselves or Minnesotans?

Too much time is wasted during the session posturing, clinging to partisan bills that will not be supported by the other party. Then, in the proverbial 11th hour, some effort is made to reach agreement. Too little, too late! Negotiations for compromise need to occur much earlier, rather than later, in the legislative session. In a relatively evenly divided legislature, neither party should think they have a clear mandate from the voters to get their way. Minnesotans deserve better from their legislators!

Choose life

By Ken Sims
Moorhead

There have been several letters to the editor since the Supreme Court's appeal of Roe v. Wade denouncing the decision with outrage and disgust. They are calling it a denial of women's rights. Some of the comments made include: "states that make abortion illegal are in the same boat as North Korea, Russia and Iran," "Roe v Wade reversal last week may have awakened a sleeping political tiger — American women," and Jane Ahlin's, "wouldn't it be nice if abortions could be performed with guns?" It is ironic how Ahlin had no dissension when the Supreme Court was "reengineering the Constitution" in 1973 when it recklessly created a woman's "right" to abort her living unborn child.

Another opinion writer asks the heartless and absurd question, "how will law enforcement know if a miscarriage is intentional or not?" This kind of argument is not only absurd but callous and hurtful.

Why do these liberal writers ignore what science says is life? And like the protesters throughout the country, their hostility and anger are apparent — by their words.

It is disturbing that the pro-choice people are not troubled morally with the many abortions that have nothing to do with health. It seems they are not bothered in the least about whether an unborn child is viable outside the womb.

They don't even acknowledge the possibility of a child's viability. It is a non-issue for them. The truth is if a child is viable outside the womb, then it is a child — with rights separate from the mother. There seems to be an inconsistent morality deficit here.

The overturning of Roe v. Wade ended the false "constitutional right" to kill an unborn human life. In President Biden's address to the American people shortly after the Roe decision became public, he used the word "child" three times when referring to a woman's right to choose. So, Mr. President, is there a child involved in this decision, or not?

It is obvious the goal of the abortion lobby and the Democratic Party is to enshrine "reproductive rights" into federal law. Now that the Democrats were defeated by the Supreme Court, we will see even more aggressive efforts from them to codify abortion into federal law forcing all Americans to embrace and fund abortion in every community.

The key to changing hearts and minds is to change our perception of abortion — from a "procedure" to what it really is — a developing human being. I believe people can change when they are presented with the true humanity of the preborn child and especially if they are shown the horrific violence of abortion. Children in the womb are people and they have a right to life. Words like "pro-choice," "a woman's right to choose," and "fetus" are used by the far left to dehumanize them. The federal government cannot deprive any person of "life, liberty, or property" without due process of law.

The Supreme Court got it right by undoing an erroneous decision. Roe was never meant to be the final say on abortion. Our Founding Fathers knew from their experience that government also does not get the final say. "We the people" have the final say. Each state will decide if they want a culture of death or a culture of life. My hope is that most Americans will choose life.

Sioux Falls SWAT sniper shoots, kills suspect

Suspect was wanted in connection to fatal shooting in Hartford

By Hunter Dunteman
Mitchell Republic

SIoux FALLS — Two people are dead after a double shooting near Hartford on Saturday led Sioux Falls Police to shoot and kill a suspect in a northeastern Sioux Falls neighborhood early Sunday morning.

At approximately 9:30 p.m. Saturday, authorities in Minnehaha County were called to a business near the intersection of 260th Street and 464th Avenue for a report of gunshots and a robbery.

According to Capt. Josh Phillips, deputies quickly arrived on scene to find two victims who had both sustained gunshot wounds. Life-saving measures were performed on both victims before they were transported to a Sioux Falls hospital.

As one victim, a 45-year-old Colton man, received medical treatment, he was able to provide authorities with the identity of the alleged shoot-

er: 57-year-old Glenn Nisich, of Sioux Falls.

The other victim, a 60-year-old Hartford man, died at the hospital from the injuries he sustained in the shooting. The 45-year-old Colton man was in critical, but stable condition late Sunday morning, according to Phillips.

As investigators worked the scene of the shooting near Hartford, deputies with the Minnehaha County Sheriff's Office made contact with the Sioux Falls Police Department and obtained a warrant for Nisich's residence in the 1800 block of East 29th Street North, in northeastern Sioux Falls — roughly 14 miles east of the scene of the shooting.

"The Minnehaha County Sheriff's Office works closely with the Sioux Falls Police Department, so that's obviously on our radar. Understanding that the alleged suspect was in the Sioux Falls area, the Minnehaha County Sheriff's Office obtained

a search warrant ... and turned it over to the Sioux Falls Police Department for service," said Sioux Falls Police Chief Jon Thum. "We immediately, given the severity of what had occurred, partnered with the Minnehaha County Sheriff's Office SWAT team, as well, and the Sioux Falls Police Department SWAT team arrived to serve that search warrant."

As authorities executed the search warrant at approximately 4 a.m. Sunday, a perimeter was established and crisis negotiation units made contact with Nisich over the phone.

"[Nisich] quickly specified that he had no intentions of allowing us to serve that warrant, and that he was not interested in a peaceful resolution in this event," Thum said. "We continued to speak with him through our negotiators, at which point he did acknowledge to us his involvement in the incident in Hartford and provide some details to

our negotiators." Through the use of a drone, authorities say they determined Nisich was sitting in front of his home with a handgun, awaiting police arrival.

"Shortly after 6 [a.m.] ... he did fire his gun in the direction of the neighborhood and in the direction of officers on scene and in the direction of our drone," Thum said. "A Sioux Falls Police Department SWAT sniper returned fire, striking Mr. Nisich. Shortly thereafter, we were able to render aid and he was declared deceased on scene."

As is standard procedure, Thum said, the scene was secured by police and turned over to the South Dakota Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI), a state agency tasked with investigating officer-involved shootings.

In a Sunday morning press conference at the Sioux Falls Law Enforcement Center, which serves as home to both the police depart-

ment and the sheriff's office, Phillips and Thum answered what questions they could, but noted many details cannot be released until the DCI completes their investigation.

Phillips said despite the initial report to law enforcement that the shooting was a robbery, he didn't have enough detail to confidently call the initial incident a robbery. He did note, however, that the incident took place at a business, but did not disclose if the shooting was business-related or drug-related. Thum added that authorities believe the three people involved are not related.

Thum also noted there's no count available as to how many shots were fired by police or Nisich, and did not answer questions on whether less-lethal tactics were used to subdue Nisich before a marksman fired the fatal bullet.

"We desire peaceful resolutions in these types of situations.

That's why we roll out the SWAT team, the crisis negotiators with the SWAT team, that's why we bring in the elements that we can so we can open lines of communication and give people time," Thum concluded. "Ultimately, we respond to people's actions. It's tragic because there's a lot of loss of life in this whole situation. ... We desire people to participate in the criminal justice system, but again, we understand that that's not the reality sometimes and we have to respond to actions."

Sunday's shooting marks the sixth officer-involved shooting in the state, and the third involving the Sioux Falls Police Department, this year.

According to the website for the Office of the Attorney General, all 53 officer-involved shooting investigations in South Dakota have been deemed justified — though two May shootings in Rapid City and Sioux Falls are still under investigation.

SD landowners in pipeline's path challenge constitutionality of law

By Jeff Beach
Agweek

LEOLA, S.D. — A lawyer representing landowners in the path of a pipeline project says a South Dakota law that gives surveyors from the pipeline company access to private land is unconstitutional.

Brian Jorde of Nebraska-based Domina Law filed a legal challenge on June 28, arguing that a state statute cited by Summit Carbon Solutions in letters to landowners violates the South Dakota Constitution as well as the 14th Amendment to U.S. Constitution.

The filing seeks an injunction to keep representatives from Summit from going on to land where the pipeline might run and asks for a trial and a ruling on the constitutionality of the law.

The filing was made in McPherson County in north-central South Dakota, where landowners have been vocal in their opposition to the Summit pipeline.

Summit Carbon Solution is an Iowa-based company behind a \$4.5 billion project to capture carbon dioxide emissions from ethanol plants in five states and pipe it to western North Dakota for underground storage. The main trunk of the hazardous materials pipeline would angle through eastern South Dakota, with about 475 miles of pipeline in total.

Summit filed for a permit to build the

pipeline with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission in February.

In letters to landowners dated June 4, 2022, Summit references state law 21-35-31, which gives entities seeking such a permit access to property to survey it, even if the property owners have refused access.

In some cases where the property is on a floodplain, Summit says it needs to do "deep testing," using a backhoe to dig trenches up to 10 feet long, 10 feet deep and 3 feet wide.

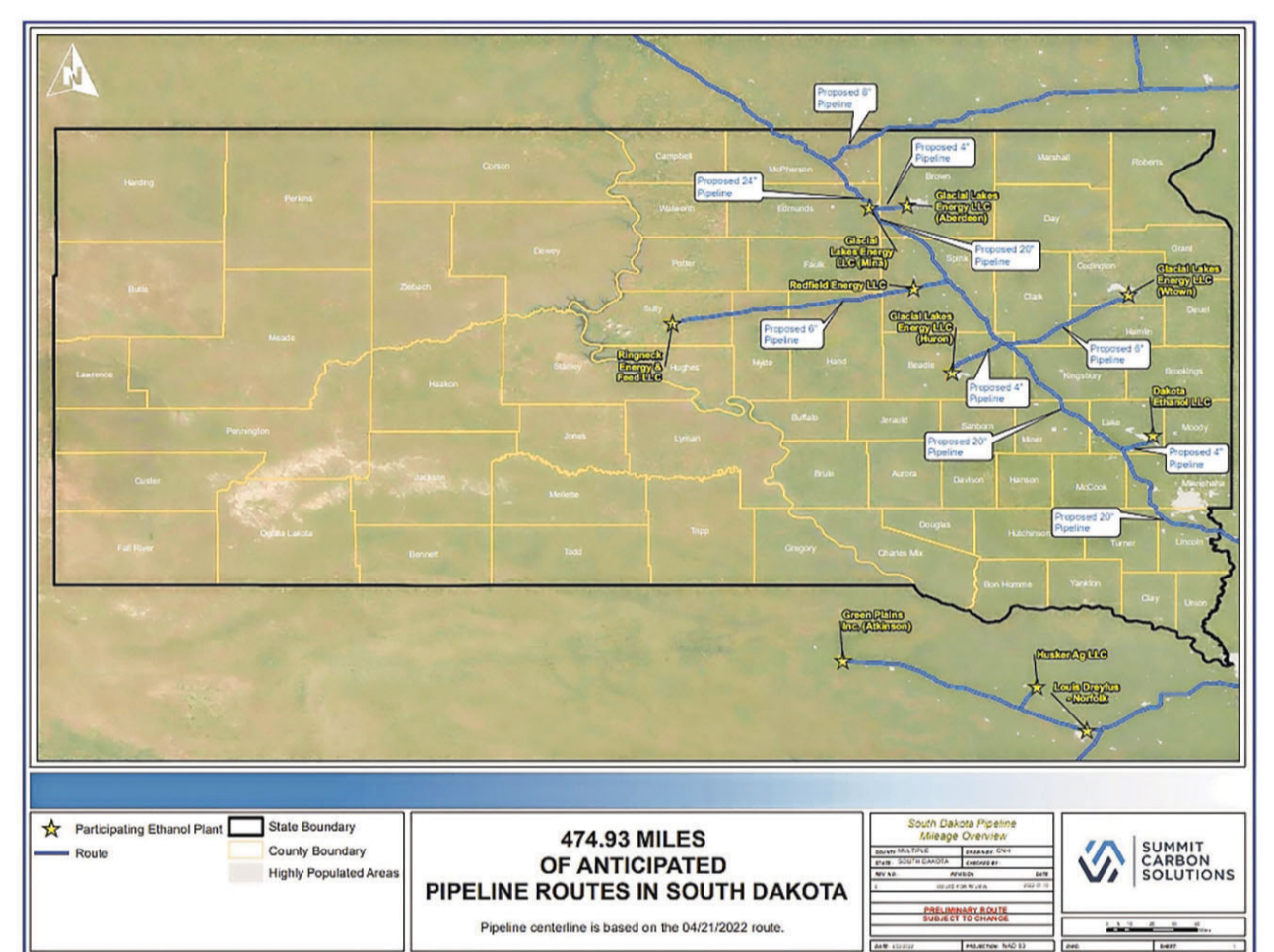
"This will allow archaeologists and cultural resource specialists the ability to determine whether cultural materials are present. Once this deep testing survey work is completed, any trenches will be backfilled and the ground will be graded to near existing conditions."

Summit's letter says it has obtained a bond to compensate landowners for any property damage, as is required by law.

The law also requires a 30-day notice to landowners before entering the property.

Summit provided the following statement from John Satterfield, director of regulatory affairs, in response to the filing:

"Summit Carbon Solutions continues to work closely with landowners across the Midwest to create a mutually beneficial partnership



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Summit Carbon Solutions' proposed pipeline route through South Dakota.

built around voluntary survey permissions and easements. In South Dakota, the company has secured nearly 350 miles of voluntary survey permissions and has signed over 115 miles of voluntary easements.

"While Summit Carbon Solutions doesn't comment on current litigation, we think it's important to highlight the need and role surveys play. Surveys are a critical aspect of the project and permitting process. There are three types of surveys our team is conduct-

ing, each with specific objectives:

- Environmental/Biological — Study and minimize environmental impacts, including sensitive habitat and threatened and endangered species.

- Cultural — Study and minimize impacts on historic and cultural sites, including those important to tribes and Native American nations.

- Civil/Construction Review — Verify land boundaries. Obtain critical information to ensure the safe con-

struction and operation of the system.

"This project represents a nearly \$800 million investment in South Dakota that will open new economic opportunities for ethanol producers, strengthen the marketplace for corn growers, and generate tens of millions of dollars in additional property taxes to help local communities support schools, hospitals, roads, and more. Summit Carbon Solutions will work, as we have over the past year, to help the state realize

these significant and long-lasting benefits, while ensuring the project is also safe for landowners, communities, and the environment."

So far, Summit has only applied for permits in Iowa and South Dakota, but asked for more time to finalize its route in South Dakota.

The project has generated an unprecedented response with the South Dakota PUC, with a record number of comments and intervenors, with the vast majority stating their opposition to the project.

Stearns sheriff asks public for help in search for girl

West Central Tribune
ST. CLOUD, Minn. — An extensive, three-day search along the Mississippi River in Stearns County has not yielded any sign of missing 6-year-old Elle Ragin, of Northfield, Minnesota.



Ragin

The Stearns County Sheriff's Office is asking the public to help out. It issued a request on Thursday for people living along or recreating on the Mississippi River from the Mississippi River County Park in northeastern Stearns County to the Sartell

Dam to monitor the river area over the next few days.

Anyone along the shoreline that related to this investigation should immediately contact the Stearns or Benton County Sheriff's Offices.

Police have been searching for Ragin since her mother, Lisa Wade, 39, was found dead by an apparent suicide on July 2 in her Northfield home.

The Northfield Police Department asked the Stearns County Sheriff's Office on July 3 to assist in searching the Mississippi River park in northeastern Stearns County. After an extensive search, items received at the park led the Sheriff's Office to believe it is possible that at one point the young girl may have been at the park, according to the Sheriff's Office.

The three-day search that followed included more than 100 volunteers on foot, several K-9 units,

water patrol with side scan sonar, UAVs, the Minnesota State Patrol helicopter and the Stearns-Benton County Sheriff Dive Team.

The investigation and search is continuing. Anyone with information related to it can contact the Stearns County Sheriff's Office at 320-251-4240 or the Northfield Police Department at 507-663-9302.

The Mississippi River Park was closed during the three-day search but is now open to the public.

BRIEFS

Stabbing reported in south Fargo

FARGO — One person suffered a stab wound in a disturbance in the 1000 block of Page Drive in south Fargo around 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, July 6.

Fargo police said the injuries sustained were not life-threatening and the individual was transferred to a local hospital.

The two involved in the incident knew each other, police said, and both were interviewed by police.

The investigation is ongoing, and no additional details were immediately available.

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Ben Hanning inspects a vehicle at Fix It Forward Auto Care in West Fargo on Friday. Photos by David Samson/ The Forum

Fix It Forward opens in West Fargo, giving it a third F-M metro location

By Helmut Schmidt The Forum

West Fargo Fix It Forward Auto Care, an auto repair business that prides itself not only on doing good work, but supporting good works, has opened a third Fargo-Moorhead location by Menards in West Fargo.

The shop at 1224 13th Ave. E, was formerly 13th Avenue Auto Repair. It officially opened under the Fix It Forward banner on Friday, July 1, said Matthew Carlson, who co-owns Fix It Forward with his wife, Kristi.

“Our goal is to continue to grow our shops,” Carlson said Friday. “We thought West Fargo would be a great addition.” Fix It Forward has two other shops, the original location at 2620 2nd Ave. N., Moorhead, and a south Fargo location, which opened in November 2020 at 6219 52nd Ave. S.

The newest shop has eight service bays. Fix It Forward hired the technicians from 13th Avenue Auto Repair. Fix It Forward helps support the work of the Fix It Forward Ministry. Fix It Forward Ministry provides no-cost car repairs and fixes donated vehicles to give to community residents in need. The



Co-owner Matthew Carlson is seen Friday in the new Fix It Forward Auto Care location at 1224 13th Ave. E. in West Fargo.

ministry is financed through charitable donations and uses volunteer labor and discounted parts.

Fix It Forward Ministry works with more than 40 social service agencies and organizations in the Fargo-Moorhead area. People who need auto repairs must first contact case managers from those groups to arrange for help from Fix It Forward. “They have clients that need cars repaired but can’t afford it,” Carlson told The Forum at the time of the

south Fargo shop’s opening. “Without transportation, you can’t get a job. Without a job, you can’t be self-sufficient.”

Fix It Forward ministry to date has donated about 365 vehicles to people in need, and repaired more than 700, Carlson said. “Our goal is to actually give away 1,000 cars by 2026,” Carlson said. “In order to do that, we just need to expand our base” of auto shops.

“The big thing is, we’re all about our nonprofit side. This

enables us to continue to grow our nonprofit,” Carlson said.

Matthew Carlson and Jeremy Jensen founded the nonprofit Fix It Forward Ministry (formerly Higher Power Auto Ministries) in 2015. They opened the first Fix It Forward Auto Care shop three years later in Moorhead.

For more information on Fix It Forward, visit FixItForwardAutoCare.com.

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Fix It Forward Auto Care has opened its third location in the metro area.

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ROBBERY

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to rob an unidentified 17-year-old. Carruthers and Johnson knew the 17-year-old sold marijuana, court documents alleged.

A federal indictment did not detail what happened before the shooting on March 22, 2021, in a West Fargo neighborhood near 36th Avenue West and Parkway Drive. Federal Judge Peter Welte noted that a presentence investigation report described Johnson's version of the events.

Johnson claimed he and Carruthers got into the car to smoke marijuana with the 17-year-old before an argument broke out. Johnson said

Carruthers and the 17-year-old drew their guns, but Johnson asserted he didn't know who shot first.

Court documents filed in Cass County District Court alleged Johnson and Carruthers got out of the vehicle before Carruthers fired his gun. The 17-year-old driver fired back, and that bullet went through a nearby house, hitting the 6-year-old in the head, court documents said.

The boy, who was in his bed participating remotely in a Bible study, survived the shooting but had to go through multiple surgeries and procedures, his parents said. The shooting has left the boy with a brain injury and a scar on his head, his parents said.

Frey said his 6-year-old son has a passion for football. While the boy can play a mod-

ified version of the sport, he can never play contact sports, the family said.

"The opportunity to pursue his biggest passion has been taken away," the father said.

One of the bullets went into the room of boy's 14-year-old sister, but it hit a bed leg and not her, the family said. The girl wrote a poem describing the shooting, including the sound of six shots being fired and her begging God to save her brother, the parents said.

Johnson apologized to the family, saying he didn't mean for this to happen to the boy. He asked for leniency.

"I'm not a criminal," Johnson said. "I made a bad decision."

His attorney, Tatum O'Brien, asked for 78 months behind bars, lower than the guidelines of 135 to 168 months. Johnson

feels terrible about the boy's injuries, O'Brien said. He also grew up in Chicago with a dad who was part of a gang, she said.

"He grew up with a real tough situation," O'Brien said.

Prosecutor Richard Lee requested 135 months in prison for Johnson, saying the shooting is an escalation of Johnson's history that involves robbery and gun-related crimes.

The boy's parents said they forgive those involved in the shooting. Welte acknowledged the forgiveness but noted that people have to be held accountable for their actions. That's why he sentenced Johnson to 142 months in prison, Welte said.

"This case is tragic, but it could have been far more

tragic," the judge said.

Welte ruled that Johnson had not accepted responsibility for his actions, which would have allowed for a lighter sentence. The presentencing investigation found Johnson tried to minimize the shooting by saying he didn't plan to rob the 17-year-old.

Welte also ruled that Johnson should not be considered a minor participant in the robbery, despite not shooting a weapon or having a gun on him.

Carruthers was sentenced in February to 10 years in prison. Johnson and Carruthers will each have to pay more than \$62,000 in restitution.

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CHECKS

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right away — since the funds are set to be divided up among those who apply and meet eligibility terms. If all of the 901,000 applicants were deemed eligible, each could receive about \$555.

"We want to make sure that people know that we are trying to get this out to you," Walz said during a news conference at the Capitol. "It's all hands on deck with our teams that are out there."

The governor, front-line workers and lawmakers involved in the legislation's passage lauded the proposal and urged workers who'd not yet applied for the checks to apply at frontlinepay.mn.gov, or to call 866-333-7633 to get help with their application. They noted that Democrats had supported a \$1 billion allocation to provide heftier front-line worker checks during the legislative session but ultimately, the divided

Legislature struck a deal for half that.

"We all worked hard during this pandemic to keep the state up and running, we all took risks without having protective equipment at the beginning and we all deserve to get paid," Prisley Arredondo, a member of Minneapolis-based union Centro de Trabajadores Unidos en la Lucha, said, noting that the application took about 15 minutes to complete and is available in various languages. "We worked for this pay. And we want to encourage you to apply for it in the weeks that we have yet."

They said that lawmakers could consider passing additional worker pay funds if the initial pool doesn't stretch far enough to make a meaningful difference for applicants. That proposal would have to pick up support from Republicans in the Legislature who were initially hesitant to approve the \$500 million fund earlier this year.

"We can always come

back to this issue, based on changing circumstances," Walz said. "We can continue to come back and do more."

Workers have until July 22 to submit their applications, labor and industry officials said. From there, those who are ineligible will receive an email and can appeal during a 15-day window.

Once appeals are processed, workers who will receive the checks will get a notification and will later get the funds sent to them.

Eligible employees would have had to work 120 hours between March 15, 2020, and June 30, 2021, and not have drawn down unemployment benefits for more than 20 weeks.

There would also be an income cap of \$85,000 for individual filers who did not work directly with COVID-19 patients to be eligible. Those who worked with COVID-19 patients could receive the checks if they make \$175,000 or less a year.

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INTERVIEW

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After doctors were able to save Nguyen's life, he provided police with a much clearer picture from his hospital bed.

He said he and Lovaas were drinking for hours around a fire at Lovaas' home and that Lovaas became extremely drunk.

"He was like acting like an idiot. I'm trying to put him to bed," Nguyen told the detective.

He said that turned into a brawl inside the bedroom. Nguyen told the detective he started using UFC fight moves. Lovaas then pulled out a gun and demanded Nguyen leave the home, Nguyen said, adding he tried to grab the gun.

"Grabbed it like this and stuff (inaudible) knock it down," Nguyen told the detective.

"Did you get your hand on the gun at all?" the detective asked.

"No, he shot me right away because I missed," Nguyen said.

After comparing Lovaas' 911 call with Nguyen's bedside interview, prosecutors determined they would not be able to disprove a self-defense claim and opted not to charge Lovaas. He was initially detained for attempted murder and was in Cass County Jail for less than 24 hours.

"This was a mutual fight, and there was a substantial self-defense claim here," said Assistant Cass County State's Attorney Ryan Younggren.

"The most important thing in this case was the statement we got from the victim, and his statement really corroborated much of what the suspect had said. And also, when asked about self-defense, he had said 'I could see how this could be a self-defense case,'" Younggren said. "... Those kind of things we don't often hear from people that are shot."

While being questioned at the hospital, Nguyen repeatedly asked the officer if he was going to be charged for attacking Lovaas. Prosecutors said he will not.

CAMPUS

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Capstone Classical Academy is affiliated with Hillsdale College, according to the academy's website. The

southern Michigan college will provide curriculum and annual training for Capstone's faculty, staff and board members.

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Fargo Post 2 pitchers roll in shutout win over West Fargo

By Andrew Haugland
The Forum

Fargo

When hits have been hard to come by all game, getting a stellar outing from the guys on the mound and playing flawless situational baseball, helps.

Fargo Post 2 cruised by the West Fargo Patriots 5-0, with five pitchers combining for the shutout, in a nine inning non-conference game on Thursday at Jack Williams Stadium.

Luke Rustad, the Post 2 head coach, admitted his team's bats could have been better, but was pleased with the performance.

"We did a good job of getting a lot of different pitchers in to get their work," said Rustad. "I thought our defense was pretty solid. I would have liked to see us find a few more barrels with our bats, but I thought we got the hits when we needed them."

Rustad said that coming off "The Pete" tournament and a holiday weekend. He wanted to implement a lot of guys into the game rather than just having them throw in the bullpen. Rustad said it was a solid outing but that there's always room for improvement.

"I'm glad that they all pretty much threw strikes when they went out there," said Rustad. "There's a few things that we could clean up from some of our pitchers, but overall it was really good."

Post 2 got the first pair of runs across the plate after some sloppy defense from the Patriots in the fourth inning. Fargo got back-to-back walks early in the inning and a uniform malfunction caused an error that allowed one run in and a passed ball added another.

"I don't think we swung at a lot of bad pitches outside of the zone," said Rustad. "When they weren't around the plate, we did a good job of laying off and taking what they were giving us."

Connor Holm's performance led Post 2 offensively going 2 for 3 with a two-run single in the sixth inning and a pair of walks. Holm said his team has been seeing the ball really well all season and everyone in the lineup is trying to set up the guy on deck.

"We just try to get on base anyway we can and create opportunities for the people in the line up behind us," said Holm.

Charlie Kalbrener doubled to right center and later scored on a passed ball. Danny Boutain also singled



Photos by David Samson / The Forum

Fargo Post 2's Zach LaMont pitches against West Fargo at Jack Williams Stadium on Wednesday.

in the inning, extending Post 2's lead to 5-0. Both Kalbrener and Boutain were 2 for 3 with a pair of walks.

Besides the dominant pitching, the team also performed masterfully in other areas of the game including working the counts, defensive play, and being aggressive on the base paths.

"We've been seeing the ball well all season and try to put it in play and get hits," said Holm. "It's huge when you have a team that goes out there and throws strikes and when you have a good defense behind them it really helps."

West Fargo head coach, Jordan Rheault, said his team played well on the



West Fargo's Casey Clemenson grimaces after having been stepped on by Fargo Post 2's Landon Meier at first base during play at Jack Williams Stadium on Wednesday.

defensive side of the ball, but struggled at the plate.

"We just didn't swing it," said Rheault. "I liked how we competed on the

defensive side, whether it was pitching or fielding. It's a long process. The season is long, just get a little bit better each and every day."

'The perfect fit at the perfect time'

Rudy Gobert is right man for the Wolves for so many reasons

By Jace Frederick
St. Paul Pioneer Press

He can defend. He can rebound. He is the epitome of size.

There is so much about Rudy Gobert that fits like a glove in Minnesota's roster.

The All-NBA center is a salve to their warts while providing no hindrance to their existing abilities. He'll make defense easier for everyone — serving as a catch-all on the back line should someone get beat on the perimeter, while taking on the game's best post scorers on the interior.

On offense, he won't demand play calls but will serve as a consistent lob threat while getting others easy looks through his screening, passing and gravity around the rim.

"I think he's the perfect fit at the perfect time for our organization," Timberwolves coach Chris Finch proclaimed at Gobert's introductory news conference Wednesday at Target Center.

That statement extends far beyond the on-court aesthetics.

Tim Connelly, the Timberwolves' president of basketball operations and the man who made the ultimate call on the trade, doesn't hide from the fact Minnesota gave up "a lot of draft capital" in the deal. They don't own their own first-round pick in an odd-year draft until 2031. But that was the cost of this type of massive swing.

It's the biggest move of Connelly's career as a basketball boss, dating back to Denver. He acknowledged such risks are scary to take. Roster management is an "inexact science." There is no guarantee that this will all work out just how Minnesota envisions it.

Gobert stated his goal Wednesday to help Minnesota win a championship. He may well do just that. But that's a mighty feat. Gobert is the main reason Utah won more regular-season games than any other team in the league over the past four years. The Jazz never got a ring to show for it. Championship hunting is a fickle business.

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A look at possible Wild draft choices

A few Minnesotans are possibilities

By Dane Mizutani
St. Paul Pioneer Press

ST. PAUL — Minnesota Wild director of amateur scouting Judd Brackett is thrilled that the 2022 NHL Draft will be conducted in person. Since joining the Wild in July 2020, smack dab in the middle of the pandemic, Brackett has yet to stand on stage during the first round of the summer spectacle.

That will change Thursday night in Montreal.

With the Wild sitting on the No. 19 and No. 24 picks, Brackett will run the draft board, and thus, likely will get a couple of chances to welcome a prospect to the organization.

"Overall, I think everyone

did a great job dealing with a pandemic and continuing on," Brackett said. "We're really grateful for the leagues and everyone behind the scenes that really made it happen for these kids."

The past couple of years have been extremely challenging for those in Brackett's line of work. Whether it was various leagues shutting down completely, or travel restrictions making it difficult to see prospects in person, everyone had to adjust to a new normal.

"For us as a scouting staff, this past fall was the first time we had a chance to meet in person," Brackett said. "Some of the guys I'd already spent a year working with before actu-

ally getting to meet them."

Though the pandemic has undoubtedly impacted this draft class — most prospects lost a year of development when various leagues shut down — Brackett is excited about some of the untapped potential that's out there.

"We're cognizant of the missed time," he said. "Maybe it's physical changes where a player didn't play a year in a league and didn't have an offseason to think about, 'Hey, this is what I need to do. I need to get stronger. I need to get quicker. I need to work on this specifically so that my game can take the next step.'"

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Forward Jimmy Snuggerud, who committed to the Gophers while skating in USA Hockey's National Team Development Program for the 2021-22 season, is projected to be a first-round pick in the 2022 NHL Draft in July.

BRIEFS

RedHawks' offense shut down in late innings of loss to Goldeyes

FARGO — Fargo-Moorhead this season has found a way to score late to win ball games. That was not the case Wednesday as four Winnipeg relievers shut down the RedHawks offense down the stretch and the Goldeyes came away with a 5-3 win before 2,732 at Newman Outdoor Field.

Winnipeg starter Alex Manasa went five innings, allowing three runs on six hits. The Goldeyes turned the game over to four relievers — winner Bryan Blanton, Travis Seabrooke, Erasmo Pinales and Tasker Strobel — who all pitched an inning and limited the RedHawks to one hit. Strobel pitched the ninth for the save.

The Goldeyes took a 1-0 lead in the third on Reggie Pruitt's solo home run, but the RedHawks tied it in the bottom half when Evan Alexander tripled to lead off and scored on Christian Correa's ground out.

F-M's Manny Boscan hit a solo homer in the fourth, and after Winnipeg scored twice in the fifth to retake the lead, the RedHawks' Drew Ward tied it 3-3 with a solo home run in the sixth.

But with Winnipeg's bullpen cruising, the Goldeyes took the lead in the seventh on Max Murphy's RBI double. They added insur-

ance in the eighth when Deon Stafford was hit by a pitch and eventually came around on a RedHawks' error.

The RedHawks and Goldeyes wrap up a three-game series at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, July 7, at Newman.

Moorhead Blues hang on to win wild one against Fargo Post 400

MOORHEAD — The Moorhead Blues looked to have things sewn up early against Fargo Post 400 on Wednesday but — late-inning fireworks later — the Blues had to hold on for a 20-17 win.

The Blues scored eight runs in the first inning, the last three coming on Justin Stalboerger's three-run home run. The Blues scored two more in the second, the big blasts being Carter Heinsch's two-run home run and Tyden Bergeson's two-run double.

But Post 400's Chey-ton Senn hit a grand slam and Easton Rerick hit a solo homer in the fifth, and Rerick capped a six-run sixth with a grand slam that left the Blues clinging to a 13-12 lead.

But Moorhead righted their ship with four runs in the sixth, another run in the seventh and two more in the eighth for a 20-12 lead.

Post 2 rallied once again, scoring five runs in the top of the ninth before the Blues closed the door.

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Cincinnati Reds - Activated LHP Nick Lodolo from the 60-day IL. Activated CF Tyler Naquin. Claimed RHP Ian Gibaut off waivers from the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Designated C Chris Okey for assignment. Optioned 2B Max Schrock and C Mark Kolozsvary to Louisville (IL). Transferred RHP Tony Santillan from the 15-day IL to the 60-day IL.

Los Angeles Dodgers - Optioned RHP Reyes Moronta to Oklahoma City (PCL). Recalled RHP Ryan Peipiot from Oklahoma City (PCL).

New York Mets - Activated RHP Max Scherzer. Designated LHP Chasen Shreve for assignment.

Philadelphia Phillies - Claimed LHP Samuel Clay off waivers from the Washington Nationals, optioned him to Lehigh Valley (IL). Recalled LHP Christopher Sanchez from Lehigh Valley (IL).

Pittsburgh Pirates - Activated LF Yoshito mo Tsutsugo. Activated RF Ben Gamel. Optioned SS Tucupita Marcano to Indianapolis (IL). Optioned SS Hoy Jun Park to Indianapolis (IL).

Placed C Tyler Heineman on the paternity list. Recalled C Jason Delay from Altoona (EL). San Francisco Giants - Activated SS Brandon Crawford from the 10-day IL.

Activated LHP Jose Alvarez. Optioned 2B Donovan Walton to Sacramento (PCL). Placed C Curt Casali on the 10-day IL.

Football National Football League Carolina Panthers - Acquired QB Baker Mayfield from the Cleveland Browns for a 2024 conditional fifth-round draft pick.

National Basketball Association Atlanta Hawks - Signed PG Aaron Holiday to a one-year, \$1.97 million contract.

Brooklyn Nets - Named Adam Capom assistant coach. Named Igor Kokoskov assistant coach. Named Trevor Hendry assistant coach.

Signed SF Kessler Edwards to a two-year contract. Charlotte Hornets - Signed PF Cody Martin. Signed PF Cody Martin to a four-year, \$32 million contract extension.

Chicago Bulls - Signed SF Derrick Jones Jr. to a two-year, \$6.6 million contract extension. Signed C Andre Drummond to a two-year, \$6.6 million contract.

Detroit Pistons - Acquired PF Gabriele Procida, a 2022 second-round draft pick and future draft considerations from the Portland Trail Blazers for SF Jermai Grant and the rights to C Ismael Kamagate.

Signed PF Marvin Bagley III to a three-year, \$37.5 million contract extension. Golden State Warriors - Signed SF Patrick Baldwin Jr. to a four-year contract.

Houston Rockets - Signed SF Jae'Sean Tate to a three-year, \$21 million contract extension. Indiana Pacers - Signed PF Jalen Smith to a two-year, \$9.6 million contract extension.

Los Angeles Lakers - Signed C Thomas Bryant to a one-year, \$1.88 million contract. Signed SG Lonnie Walker IV to a one-year, \$6.5 million contract.

Miami Heat - Signed SF Caleb Martin to a three-year, \$20.5 million contract. (Reported) Signed C Dewayne Dedmon to a two-year, \$9 million contract extension.

Milwaukee Bucks - Signed PF Bobby Portis to a four-year, \$49 million contract extension. Signed SG Wesley Matthews to a one-year, \$2.9 million contract extension.

Signed PG Jevon Carter to a two-year, \$4.2 million contract extension. Waived PG Luca Vildoza and SG Rayjon Tucker.

Minnesota Timberwolves - Acquired C Rudy Gobert from the Utah Jazz for SG Malik Beasley, PG Patrick Beverley, C Walker Kessler, SF Jarrod Vanderbilt, SF Leandro Bolmaro and four first-round draft picks.

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

Sacramento Kings - Acquired SG Kevin Huerter from the Atlanta Hawks for SF Justin Holiday, SF Mo Harkless and a future first-round draft pick. Signed SG Malik Monk to a two-year, \$19 million contract.

San Antonio Spurs - Signed PG Blake Wesley to a four-year, \$12.24 million contract. Toronto Raptors - Signed SF Otto Porter Jr. to a two-year, \$12.4 million contract.

Washington Wizards - Acquired PG Monte Morris and SG Will Barton from the Denver Nuggets for SG Kentavious Caldwell-Pope and PG Ish Smith. Signed SG Bradley Beal to a five-year, \$251 million contract extension. Signed PG Delon Wright to a two-year, \$16 million contract.

National Hockey League Boston Bruins - Signed G Kyle Keyser and D Nick Wolff to a one-year, two-way contract. Colorado Avalanche - Signed C Andrew Cogliano to a one-year contract.

Columbus Blue Jackets - Signed D Adam Boqvist to a three-year, \$7.8 million contract extension. Minnesota Wild - Signed D Jacob Middleton to a three-year, \$7.35 million contract.

New Jersey Devils - Named Kate Madigan assistant general manager. Ottawa Senators - Waived C Colin White, released him.

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Twins blow 5 different leads, lose to White Sox 9-8 in 10 innings

By **Betsy Helfand**

St. Paul Pioneer Press

CHICAGO — Five times on Wednesday, the Twins took the lead. Five times, they gave it back.

Starting pitcher Joe Ryan was responsible for giving the lead back twice. The other three times came from a leaky bullpen, one whose need for help at the trade deadline was on full display on Wednesday.

The Twins and White Sox traded shots back and forth during a nearly four-hour game before Leury Garcia's walk-off hit off Jovani Moran in the 10th inning sent the Twins to a 9-8 loss in the series finale at Guar-

anteed Rate Field.

“Going up there and only being a couple of outs away from sweeping the White Sox, a team we came into the season ready to battle the whole year — so far through six games, we’ve showed up and played them really well. So that gives us confidence,” catcher Ryan Jeffers said. “But I think everybody in here can look in the mirror and say, ‘We can do something better.’”

On Wednesday, their inability to close out the game against the White Sox (39-41) — among the leads they gave back, one came in the seventh and another in the eighth — prevented them from

completing a three-game sweep of the team that won the division last season.

Their bullpen troubles late in games last week against the Guardians, the team closest to them in the standings, led to losses on three straight days in a five-game series they potentially could have swept.

To an extent, Jeffers said, this gives the first-place Twins (47-38) some confidence “knowing that we clearly are the best team in the division.

“With that being said, we also know that if we want to go where we want to go, we need to be able to close these games out,” he continued.

And Wednesday, they did not.

The walk-off loss came after the Twins were unable to convert in the top of the 10th inning despite having a pair of runners — the automatic runner, Nick Gordon, and Jose Miranda, who walked — on base with no outs. Gio Urshela struck out and Jeffers grounded into a double play to send the Twins into the bottom of the 10th empty handed.

After a clean nine-pitch ninth inning from rookie sensation Jhoan Duran, the Twins opted against bringing him back out. Had they had a lead, he would’ve pitched the 10th, manager Rocco Baldelli said. Instead, it

was Moran.

The Twins got to that point after Ryan threw four innings of three-run ball — the starter said not being able to give the team a longer start was “tough” — and relievers Emilio Pagán, Griffin Jax and Trevor Megill all followed by giving up a run or two in the half inning they pitched immediately after the Twins had scored.

“This was tough because we kept coming back over and over again and had good swing after good swing,” Baldelli said. “... We gave up some runs as the game went on, which we’ve got to find a way to get through those innings clean or

limiting some damage to maybe one run instead of giving up multiple runs.”

Jorge Polanco twice gave the Twins the lead with a home run and yet neither of those leads stuck. Urshela homered, too, his giving the Twins their eighth-inning two-run lead. Luis Arraez finished the day with four singles, part of the Twins’ 13-hit day.

And yet despite the offense performances — and despite the fact that they won the series — the Twins leave town on a difficult note.

“We’re walking out of here hungrier than when we walked in and I mean that,” Baldelli said.

Twins (and Saints) pitcher Josh Winder staying flexible with shifting role

By **Betsy Helfand**

St. Paul Pioneer Press

CHICAGO — A rookie season is filled with plenty of learning lessons for a young player. For Josh Winder, perhaps the most prominent lesson is to remain flexible.

After the Twins made a move late in the spring to sign Chris Archer, Winder began the season in the bullpen. But he soon stepped into the starting rotation for a few starts in response to others’ injuries. Then, he moved back to the bullpen.

An injury of his own, a shoulder impingement, cost him a month of the season, and since returning healthy, he has been back and forth between the majors and the minors.

“After the last time I threw in Cleveland, (manager) Rocco (Baldelli) just said, ‘Stay ready,’ and that’s kind of the approach that I have to take,” Winder said. “I just have to be ready whenever the opportunity comes. That’s kind of how it’s been all year this year. Definitely learning how to be adaptable and flexible with my routine. But staying ready and (continuing) to get my work in whether that’s in St. Paul or here. Any part of



David Banks / USA Today Sports

Minnesota Twins starting pitcher Josh Winder throws the ball against the Chicago White Sox during the first inning Tuesday at Guaranteed Rate Field in Chicago.

the United States, really.”

Winder was optioned to Triple-A after making three rehab starts with the Saints, but wound up making his next two starts with the Twins anyway. He rejoined the team as the 27th man in the doubleheader last week in Cleveland against the Guardians and then traveled back to meet the

Saints. Tuesday, he was recalled after Archer’s hip tightness forced him to the injured list.

The right-hander was scratched from his scheduled Monday Triple-A start and given a little more than a day’s notice that he would be traveling to Chicago to start for the Twins against the division-rival White Sox.

While the constant changes in role or location might not be easy, Baldelli said he feels as if Winder is up for the task.

The rookie has a 3.12 earned-run average in his nine major-league appearances — five of them starts — spanning 40 1/3 innings. In his last one, on Tuesday, Winder ran into some trouble late

in his outing but managed to walk away having given up two runs in five innings pitched.

“On the mental side, I think he can handle it. On the physical side, I think he can handle it. I don’t hesitate to put him in these spots,” Baldelli said. “... I know what we need and what we need him to do, and he’s

taking care of business. He’s doing everything that we’ve asked and he’s doing it pretty well.”

Briefly

Chris Paddack, who has been rehabbing from his Tommy John surgery in the Dallas-area, will meet up with his teammates in Texas over the weekend when they head to Arlington to take on the Rangers. ... **Juan Minaya**, who the Twins designated for assignment earlier in the week, has cleared waivers and accepted his assignment to Triple-A St. Paul. ... Top prospect **Austin Martin** was placed on the injured list Wednesday at Double-A Wichita after hurting his left elbow diving for a ball. The Twins are optimistic the injury is not a long-term issue. ... Baldelli said **Carlos Correa** was not available to pinch hit in Wednesday’s 9-8 loss to the White Sox, dealing with leg tightness. The Twins wanted to give him a day off coupled with Thursday’s off day and they expect him to be good to go for their upcoming series against the Rangers. ... **Alex Kirilloff** left Wednesday’s game after tumbling over first baseman **Andrew Vaughn**, but was said to be OK.

WILD

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Now that things are slowly starting to go back to how they were before the pandemic, Brackett theorized that some prospects in this draft class could be in store for a big step forward this year.

Asked if the Wild are targeting specific traits in this draft because there are still so many questions, Brackett mentioned drive as something that could separate someone

from the rest of the pack.

“We want internally driven players that want to be the best and want to get over the hump,” Brackett said. “We think it’s really important to have high character and a great work ethic. Those are the players that are going to continue to succeed and continue to improve.”

Here’s a look at players who might be available when the Wild make their first-round picks:

Ryan Chesley

Originally from Mahtomedi, the 6-foot, 200-

pound defenseman looks the part of a first-round draftee. As a member of the USA Hockey National Team Development Program, Chesley had 12 goals and 17 assists in 59 games this past season with the U18 team. It’s unclear how much his offensive skill set will translate to the NHL, but it seems likely he can turn into a solid defensive player at the highest level. He will play for the University of Minnesota this fall.

Jimmy Snuggerud

Originally from Chas-

ka, the 6-foot-1, 190-pound winger already has the makings of an NHL frame. As a member of the USA Hockey National Team Development Program, Snuggerud had 24 goals and 39 assists in 59 games this past season with the U18 team. Similar to Chesley, Snuggerud is a University of Minnesota commit, which makes him easy to keep an eye on if the Wild decide to go this route.

Jiri Kulich

Several mock drafts have Jiri Kulich going to the Wild. He’s a 5-foot-

11, 180-pound center, and his position alone makes him an intriguing prospect. There’s a premium on centers now, and if the Wild can grab a guy like that in the first round, it might be hard to pass up.

Isaac Howard

Originally from Hudson, Wis., the 5-foot-10, 180-pound winger played with Chesley and Snuggerud on the USA Hockey National Team Development Program. He had 33 goals and 49 assists in 60 games this past season with the U18 team. He will take his talents

to Minnesota Duluth this fall.

Jagger Firkus

If anything is going to deter teams from Firkus, it’s his size. At 5-foot-10, 150 pounds, he’s smallish, at best. But he comes with an incredible skill set that makes him a polarizing talent. He had 36 goals and 44 assists in 66 games this past season with the Moose Jaw Warriors of the Western Hockey League. You can’t always teach that type of offensive prowess.

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If the sole definition of success is to win a title in the next four years, good luck. That may or may not happen. Many will suggest it won’t, pointing specifically to the youth of two of the Timberwolves’ most important pieces in Anthony Edwards and Jaden McDaniels.

Connelly would point to that age as another reason to make this deal.

Are Edwards and McDaniels ready to contribute to deep postseason pushes?

“I think we have to believe that,” Connelly said. “We have to empower those guys.”

Young teams can make runs. See: Memphis, who just this spring, with a younger core than the one Minnesota sported, ousted the Wolves in Round 1 before pushing eventual champion Golden State to six games.

To suggest Edwards can’t do the same in the near future is to admit



Alex Kormann / Star Tribune / TNS

Rudy Gobert was flanked by Wolves coach Chris Finch, left, and team president Tim Connelly on Wednesday at Target Center.

you haven’t watched the 20-year-old rise up and meet just about every challenge with which he’s been presented early in his NBA career.

But it is important to remember Edwards is still in the infant stages of his rise. And while some may think that was a reason for Minnesota to hold back some of its chips this offseason, Connelly thought it to be a determining factor to say “All in.”

The Timberwolves

made a serious leap last season, going from 23 wins to 46 and making just their second playoff appearance since 2004. Gobert noted Minnesota was a “different team” than the one with which he’d done battle in previous years.

“Their will to win was different, their culture and the way they were approaching the games, I felt like something had changed,” Gobert said.

That shift was all part of what Finch called “a

great foundation” the Wolves laid. But he felt Minnesota had to do something to make sure it didn’t drift backward from that point. The Western Conference was down last season, largely thanks to a number of injuries to key players. Just because the Timberwolves were a playoff team last season, didn’t mean they’d be the same next spring.

That all changes with Gobert, who’s been one of the NBA’s consistently most impactful regular-season players in recent years. What he has been as an individual is what the Timberwolves hope to become as an organization.

“We’re trying to develop winning ways and we’re trying to develop into a sustainable team that can enjoy winning at the highest level,” Connelly said. “And he’s seen that (in Utah), he’s seen with the national team. He’s obviously multi-time Defensive Player of the Year. This guy’s gonna be a Hall of Famer.”

He knows the commitment required to work your way to nearly the top of the mountain, then pick yourself up and start the ascent again the following fall.

“You have a guy who comes in here able to impact both ends of the floor and fits seamlessly alongside what we already have and brings a maturity and professionalism in approach and an experience and a worldliness that a young team really needs,” Finch said. “It’s something that I’m very excited to start to see grow and grow.”

Gobert said his goal is to bring grit to Minnesota, serve as a leader and help the younger players continue to build their habits, particularly on the defensive end — where he currently stands as the best in the world. That’s where winning starts for Gobert, and it’s where it will start for the Wolves.

Connelly acknowledged Wednesday that he doesn’t have all the answers. But he does feel like he knows who Rudy Gobert is as a player and

a person. And, in that respect, he does know the impact the 30-year-old center can have on the likes of Towns, Edwards and McDaniels.

“What’s the value in making sure these guys are going to see winning at a high level?” Connelly said. “I know the hardest thing I like to do is get elite talent to learn to win. ... I know what it’s going to mean to show Anthony Edwards what (about) winning is really, really important in the years that I think are most impactful for him — his early years. I think oftentimes it kind of snowballs. Winning begets winning, begets winning.”

Gobert is a proven winner. He should help the Timberwolves earn the same designation — paving a path for success for the likes of Edwards to follow in Minnesota for years to come.

In that way, the center can secure the same future some fear this trade compromised.

Lynx continue recent surge with win over Sky

By Mike Cook
Special to the St. Paul Pioneer Press

MINNEAPOLIS — On Wednesday afternoon the Minnesota Lynx battled through adversity that may have sunk the team just a few weeks ago.

Ultimately, Jessica Shepard made a 3-point play with a minute to play, Sylvia Fowles and Kayla McBride each added two late free throws, and Minnesota continued its successful surge by holding off Chicago 81-78 at Target Center.

Minnesota has won five of seven and, in addition to beating the Sky, the Lynx crushed Las Vegas 102-71 on Sunday. Each foe had the WNBA's best record entering the game. "We are where we always thought we

would be as far as, like, the teams we can beat," said Aerial Powers, who led Minnesota with 22 points and 11 rebounds. "These were top teams, and we always felt like we could (beat them); we just couldn't get over the hump."

The Lynx (8-15), who started the season 0-4 and were 1-6 and 3-13 at various points, now sit 2.5 games out of a play-off spot with 13 games remaining after Sunday's WNBA All-Star Game.

"We feel like we can compete with anybody," McBride said. "We don't think our record shows exactly who we are, and now it's about proving that night in and night out, and I think that's what we've been able to do."

"Their record doesn't dictate how good they are," said Sky coach James Wade, a former Lynx assistant. "... They're a team everybody is going to have to watch out for."

But the Lynx didn't make it easy on themselves Wednesday.

Leading by nine points early in the fourth quarter, Minnesota went 4:36 without scoring a point, allowing the Sky (15-6) to tie the score with four minutes to go.

Earlier this season, the Lynx most likely would have folded further, something the team had myriad conversations about.

"We know the games ebb and flow, it's a game of runs. But how we come back together, that's

where all the talks come in, all the work and all those difficult conversations where we can kind of bring ourselves back together," said McBride, who finished with 15 points.

"We want to have the confidence in each other so when they do make a 9-0 run, instead of it being 9-0, it's 9-4, 9-5 and now we're still playing with that 5-point lead, instead of before they were going on 11-0 runs, 14-0 runs."

Lynx coach Cheryl Reeve said her team has developed a mindset and identity of if we don't score, they don't score. "That's how we were able to come out of here with a W," she said.

Chicago entered averaging a league-best 40.8

points in the paint; it had 28 Wednesday. The Sky shot just 39.7 percent from the field, far from its league-best 47.8 percent entering the game.

"Keeping them out of the paint and keeping them not knowing where their next pass should be. I thought that was where we were really good today," Reeve said.

With most of the Camp Day crowd of 11,103, including many shrieking youngsters, on their feet chanting "De-Fense," Chicago had a pair of chances to tie in the final six seconds, but two 3-pointers by Allie Quigley did not fall.

Quigley has thrice won the league's 3-point contest and will be competing again at the All-Star Game festivities on Saturday.

They made one (3-point shot to win) at their place, missed one at our place," Reeve said. "That's the way it goes sometimes."

Courtney Vandersloot hit a tray at the buzzer to beat the Lynx 88-85 on June 26.

Lynx forward Napheesa Collier made her first Target Center appearance this year and joined in the postgame on-court celebration. The team's top scorer last season and 2019 WNBA Rookie of the Year, Collier gave birth to daughter Mila on May 25 and hopes to return before the season ends.

"Phee being around is a big pick-me-up for the team, regardless of what does or doesn't happen on the court," Reeve said.

Gophers commit Cooley will be a high pick in 2022 NHL Draft

By Dane Mizutani
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Logan Cooley visited Minnesota last month. He spent some time with his future teammates at the U, getting a preview of what college life is going to be like this fall, then headed back to his hometown of Pittsburgh to prepare for the biggest moment of his life.

That comes Thursday night in Montreal.

It is a foregone conclusion that the 18-year-old Cooley will be a high pick in the 2022 NHL Draft. He is a long shot to go No. 1 overall to the Montreal Canadiens. He's entered the conversation to go No. 2 overall when the New Jersey Devils are on the clock. He won't make it past No. 3 with the Arizona Coyotes.

"It's been something I've been dreaming about since I was a little kid," Cooley said. "I'm definitely a little nervous. You never know what's going to happen. It's out of my hands at this point. I'm just going to enjoy it."

No matter what happens at the draft and regardless of which team selects him, Cooley expects to play for the Gophers next season. He said he was drawn to coach Bob Motzko throughout the recruiting process and is excited to be a part of the program's longstanding tradition.

"I felt a really good connection there, and I felt like they could help me develop into a really strong NHL player," Cooley said. "Plus, we're going to have such a good team next season. I think we're going to do some damage. I'm really excited about it."

This has been a long time coming for Cooley. He grew up in Pittsburgh and played for Sidney Crosby's Little Penguins program as a kid. While that gave Cooley someone to look up to in the NHL, he already had some people in his life he was trying to emulate.

His older brothers Eric and Riley both played hockey, meaning from the moment Cooley first laced up his skates at age 3, he had to work his butt off every time he stepped on the ice.

"They pushed me every day," Cooley said. "All of their friends were bigger than me, too, so I had to figure out what worked for me. I was always going against bigger guys as a kid. I think that's a big reason I'm here today."

Nowadays, the 5-foot-10, 180-pound Cooley is more than capable of holding his own. His star started to rise early in his tenure with the USA Hockey National Team Development Program,

proof that it was the right move, even though Cooley admitted it was hard to leave home.

"I was fortunate that my mom moved out there with me," he said. "That helped with the transition. Just being at the program was huge. I got to compete against some of the other top players in the country and it made me a better player."

As a member of the U17 team, Cooley posted 16 goals and 16 assists across 28 games. As a member of the U18 team, he produced 27 goals and 48 assists in 51 games.

"After playing for the U17 team, I started to realize I could do something special with this sport," Cooley said. "Then going my time with the U18 team, I had another really good year. That gave me the confidence that I could go pretty far."

All the while, Cooley has done his best to keep himself insulated, ignoring the hype and focusing on the grind.

"You can't pay too close attention to it," he said. "I've been focusing on controlling what I can control. I think I've done a pretty good job of that."

That said, even Cooley can't help but see himself on social media from time to time. He is capable of doing things on the ice that instantly go viral. He prides himself on his creativity and not surprisingly looks up to rising star Trevor Zegras as someone who is leading the charge for the next generation.

Asked specifically about Zegras, Cooley immediately brought up the play from last season that nearly broke Twitter. With the puck on his stick behind the net, Zegras flipped the puck to teammate Sonny Milano, who batted it out of midair for an incredible goal.

"Just seeing guys like Zegras do special things on the ice is huge," Cooley said. "There were so many people who were talking about that flip. There were even kids trying it. That stuff grows the game. I really like where the game is going. It's about speed, and it's only going to get faster from here. That suits my game."

Maybe one day a future draft pick will be talking about Cooley in the same way he raves about Zegras now.

In the meantime, Cooley is focused on the next steps of his career: Getting drafted, then going to college.

"I'm focused on playing college hockey, and I'm super excited about that," he said. "It's another challenge, and I'm really looking forward to it."

Loons agree to new contract with Dibassy, Lod 'hopeful' to be next

By Andy Greder
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Minnesota United is working toward new contracts with two core players.

Left-sided center back Bakaye Dibassy has agreed to a new deal with the Loons, a source told the Pioneer Press. Plus, MNUFC and midfielder Robin Lod are "very close" and "hopeful" an extension can be reached, manager Adrian Heath and Lod shared Wednesday.

"I really enjoy my time here," said Lod, a native of Finland. "I really enjoy playing in Allianz Field in front of our great fans. Yeah, hopefully we get something (done)."

Lod, who is second on the team with six goals in 2022, has displayed wider versatility this season, playing as a right winger and striker but also in central midfield during Sunday's 3-2 victory over Salt Lake and versus New York City in late May.

"He's got a great feel for the game; it doesn't matter where you play him, he contributes," Heath said.

Lod, 29, has played 70 regular-season games with Minnesota since 2019; he was acquired in a transfer from Sporting Dijon in the Spanish Segunda Division.



Matt Blewett / USA Today Sports
Minnesota United defender Bakaye Dibassy (12) stops a Real Salt Lake pass in the first half Sunday at Allianz Field in St. Paul.

Lod's guaranteed compensation was listed at \$952,496 for 2022, per MLS Players' Association figures shared in April.

Lod, a mainstay member of the Finland national team, led Minnesota with nine goals in 2021 and he is the leading scorer in MNUFC's MLS era with 22 goals.

Dibassy, 32, has played in 54 regular-season games for MNUFC after a transfer from Amiens in France's Ligue 1 in 2020; the Frenchman was brought in when 2019 MLS Defender of the Year Ike Opara was sidelined by concussions.

Dibassy, who is guaranteed compensation is \$743,125 this year, also has been versatile this year, chipping in at left back due to injuries and

absences in the season's early stages.

Heath, who has 12 selections for the MLS All-Star Game at Allianz Field on Aug. 10, has mentioned Lod and Dibassy as two players he is considering for the 26-player squad.

On top of versatility, Lod and Dibassy have been ultra reliable. They have played in 17 of 18 total MLS games this season.

Starters sick

Kemar Lawrence and Joseph Rosales were ill and missed Wednesday's training session in Blaine, putting the status of two projected starters up in the air for Friday night's game against the Whitecaps in Vancouver.

"As a precaution we kept them at home,"

Rafael Nadal, Nick Kyrgios advance to semis at Wimbledon

Field Level Media
Rafael Nadal kept alive his bid for a calendar-year Grand Slam on Wednesday with a 3-6, 7-5, 3-6, 7-5, 7-6 (4) victory over 11th-seeded Taylor Fritz in the quarterfinals at Wimbledon in London.

The second-seeded Spaniard has won this year's Australian Open and French Open. He is looking for his third Wimbledon title (2008, 2010) and 23rd major championship of his career.

Nadal, 36, overcame a medical timeout in the second set after struggling with an abdominal issue. He was able to persevere and dispatch Fritz in four hours and 20 minutes.

"It was a tough afternoon against a great player," Nadal said in his on-court interview. "All the credit to Taylor, he has been playing great during the whole season. From my personal side, it was not an easy match at all, so I'm just very

happy to be in the semifinals."

Nadal punched his ticket to an eighth career semifinal appearance at Wimbledon. He will face Australian Nick Kyrgios, who posted a 6-4, 6-3, 7-6 (5) win over Cristian Garin of Chile on Wednesday.

Nadal has won his last three encounters against Kyrgios and holds a 6-3 all-time edge in the series.

Top-seeded Novak Djokovic will square off against ninth-seeded Cameron Norrie of Great Britain in the other semifinal.

Fritz won the final five games to capture the first set before Nadal bounced back in the second set despite requiring a medical timeout while holding a 4-3 edge.

Fritz broke twice en route to capturing the third set, however Nadal answered by winning 12 of the last 14 points in the fourth.

While advancing at Wimbledon is somewhat



Hannah McKay / Reuters
Spain's Rafael Nadal celebrates winning his quarterfinal match against Taylor Fritz of the U.S. on Wednesday at All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club in London.

customary for Nadal, Kyrgios reached his first Grand Slam semifinal after toppling Garin in two hours and 13 minutes.

Kyrgios, 27, became the first Australian man to advance to the semifinals at a major since Lleyton Hewitt reached the final four at the 2005 U.S. Open.

"An amazing atmosphere out here again. I just never thought that I would be in the semifinals at a Grand Slam. I thought that ship had sailed," Kyrgios said in his on-court interview. "I didn't go about things great earlier in my career and may have missed

my window. I am really proud of the way I have come back out here."

The 40th-ranked Kyrgios became the lowest-ranked men's semifinals and first unseeded men's semifinal at Wimbledon since 2008. Then world-No. 75 Marat Safin of Russia and No. 94 Rainer Schuettler of Germany accomplished the feat that year.

Kyrgios recorded 10 aces over the first two sets to gain control of the match. He then overcame a 3-5 deficit to win the tiebreak before collapsing to the ground to celebrate his victory. He finished with 17 aces.



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Center court of T-Mobile Arena is pictured before the start of the Pac-12 Conference Championship game between the UCLA Bruins and the Arizona Wildcats on March 12.

PAC-12 SURVIVAL GUIDE

Merger options include the obvious (Big 12) and the not-so-obvious

By Jon Wilner

Bay Area News Group

As the Pac-12 fights for survival in the wake of USC and UCLA announcing their joint departure for the Big Ten in 2024, merger, acquisition and going-out-of-business talk is all the rage.

Washington and Oregon are also headed to the Big Ten ...

No, Stanford is really the next target ...

Arizona State, Arizona, Utah and Colorado are preparing to jump to the Big 12 ...

The Pac-12 and Big 12 should merge to form a super-conference ...

Meanwhile, the grandmaster stays quiet, examining the chessboard and plotting its next move.

The future of college football in the western half of the country depends largely, and perhaps entirely, on ESPN — one of the sport's two overlords. The other, of course, is Fox.

How did we get here?

"It's part media companies and part lack of leadership in college sports," a media industry source told us.

"Nobody looking out for best interests of (the) sport — too much self interest and conflicts."

ESPN made the first grand move last summer, quietly orchestrating the SEC's acquisition of Texas and Oklahoma.

Fox countered last month, whispering in the Big Ten's ear that USC and UCLA would make fine additions to the conference.

Now, each network controls a 16-team, blue-blooded super-league.

"The score at halftime is ESPN 7, Fox 7," the source said. "Should be an interesting second half."

From here, it appears that Fox has secured the properties it wants: The 14 teams currently in the Big Ten, plus the arrivals from Los Angeles.

We don't doubt the Four Corners schools (Arizona, Arizona State, Colorado and Utah) are exploring a move to the Big 12 — a step that would leave the Pac-12 with six members and spur its extinction.

But that move doesn't make complete sense for ESPN's chessboard.

Washington and Oregon possess the premier football properties among the 22 schools remaining in the Big 12 and Pac-12. Would ESPN tacitly approve any restructuring of the sport west of the Mississippi that marginalizes the brands carrying the greatest value?

The network assuredly would want Washington and Oregon as the pillars of a strong conference, regardless of size or geographic

Having grabbed USC and UCLA, the superpower now seems focused on luring Notre Dame. Yes, the Irish would need a partner, but we'll deal with the role Washington and Oregon might play in that step if/when it becomes necessary.

center. Maybe the Big 12 gobbles up the Four Corners schools first, then moves on the Pacific Northwest powers in a devastating one-two that buries the Pac-12 ...

Welcome to the second installment in a Hotline series examining the future of the Pac-12. We addressed the broader themes, including the desperate need for presidential leadership, in the introduction. Now, it's time to sketch specific scenarios.

Our intent isn't to favor one outcome over the other but, rather, to provide readers with the broadest possible sweep of options so that, whenever the next move comes, the shockwaves will be limited.

(If you're blindsided, the Hotline hasn't done its job.)

In this and forthcoming installments, we will assume Washington and Oregon aren't on the brink of joining the Big Ten.

Having grabbed USC and UCLA, the superpower now seems focused on luring Notre Dame. Yes, the Irish would need a partner, but we'll deal with the role Washington and Oregon might play in that step if/when it becomes necessary.

For now, let's explore options for the Pac-12's remaining schools, starting with mergers and moving to acquisitions later in the series.

And to be sure, an outright merger with the Big 12 makes sense competitively and geographically, albeit less so academically and politically (especially after the Supreme Court's ruling on Roe vs. Wade).

Why would the Big 12 consider the move?

Well, there's a favor to return. Last summer, after the Texas/Oklahoma thunderbolt, the Pac-12 opted against raiding the Big 12 and, as a result, secured the league's survival.

There's also strength in numbers — let's not forget, the Big 12 is a far lesser league without the Longhorns and Sooners.

Yes, the four additions (UCF, Houston, BYU and Cincinnati) provide stability, but the conference is devoid of major football brands.

A partnership would not only tether the Big 12 to Washington and Oregon but create a joint operation

superior to that of the ACC.

Why might ESPN be interested?

Because the resulting 22-team super-conference would span all four time zones, come at an enormous discount and provide all the needed inventory to fill remaining gaps in the ABC, ESPN, ESPN2 and ESPN+ broadcast lineups.

Despite its massive investment in the SEC and lesser (but significant) investment in the ACC, the network still needs college football content for its uncovered markets, particularly those in the Mountain and Pacific time zones.

Also, don't discount the prospect of the Pac-12 using Oregon and Washington — in conjunction with clandestine approval by ESPN — to attempt a raid of the best six programs in the Big 12.

In this moment of weakness, that would be the ultimate power move.

(To be clear: We wouldn't bet more than a nickel on the Pac-12 raiding the Big 12. But considering the current climate, we'd bet a nickel on every scenario.)

Those aren't the only options for the Pac-12, however.

In fact, they might not be the preferred options.

The conference could explore an alliance — this one legally binding — with the ACC to create a bicoastal super-league that would serve as a counterweight to the SEC and Big Ten.

"I can tell you the presidents of each league would love to be academically aligned with the other," a source noted.

The merger would combine the best football brands not accounted for (Washington, Oregon, Clemson, Miami and Florida State) and relegate the Big 12 to permanent third-class status.

When asked about the travel demands, the source pointed to USC and UCLA joining the Big Ten and said, "That doesn't seem to matter anymore."

Why would the ACC agree? It might not. After all, the ACC currently possesses more stability than either the Big 12 or Pac-12 because its members have bound their media rights to the conference until 2036.

But because of that lengthy grant-of-rights deal, the ACC cannot increase its media rights package without restructuring.

A merger with the Pac-12 would open the door to additional revenue.

Would it be enough? That's a question — one of many — for ESPN.

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Is America listening?

Brittney Griner pleads for freedom

By Bill Plaschke
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LOS ANGELES — From the hell of a Russian penal colony, an American basketball superstar pleads for her freedom.

"As I sit here in a Russian prison, alone with my thoughts and without the protection of my wife, family, friends, Olympic jersey, or any accomplishments, I'm terrified I might be here forever," writes Brittney Griner.

From the quiet of Crypto.com Arena, Griner's Phoenix Mercury teammates wonder whether anybody is listening.

"There's not enough outcry, no, period, there's not enough outcry," says forward Brianna Turner.

From where she sits in a concrete converted orphanage in her 137th day as essentially a hostage, an American basketball superstar begs for help.

"On the 4th of July, our family normally honors the service of those who fought for our freedom, including my father who is a Vietnam War Veteran," writes Griner. "It hurts thinking about how I usually celebrate this day because freedom means something completely different to me this year."

Back in downtown Los Angeles, in the middle of what should be the biggest story in sports, only one reporter shows up for Mercury pregame player interviews.

"If it were LeBron James or Tom Brady, this would be news that would be in the headlines every day," says guard Sophie Cunningham. "With B.G., it is, and it's not, it is, and it's not, it needs to be a consistent message out there until she's home."

In Griner's first public words since being arrested on drug charges at a Moscow airport on Feb. 17 and subsequently classified as "wrongfully detained," she directly implored President Joe Biden on Monday to rescue her.

"I realize you are dealing with so much, but please don't forget about me and the other American Detainees," wrote Griner in excerpts of a handwritten letter released to the media. "Please do all you can to bring us home. I voted for the first time in 2020 and I voted for you. I believe in you. I still have so much good to do with my freedom that you can help restore. I miss my wife! I miss my family! I miss my teammates! It kills me to know they are suffering so much right now. I am grateful for whatever you can do at this moment to get me home."

The letter is wrenching. The desperation is heartbreaking. The silence is suffocating.

The furor around the detaining of one of the most powerful forces in women's basketball history — seven-time WNBA All-Star, two-time Olympic champion, WNBA champion and NCAA champion — has been as muted as her sport.

"We in women's sports don't get as much coverage, we get 4 percent of the media, so this gets 4 percent of the attention it should be getting," said Mercury coach Vanessa Nygaard. "There's more that can be done."

There is a site, Wearebg.org, that contains a petition that has nearly 300,000 signees. A letter from influential groups representing women, peo-

ple of color and the LGBTQ community called upon President Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris to push to gain her release.

Still, nothing has gained steam and nothing has worked.

The U.S. government even botched a planned phone call with Griner's wife, Cherelle, a few weeks ago on the couple's fourth anniversary. The call was supposed to go through the U.S. Embassy in Moscow, but because it was on a Saturday, nobody showed up for work to make the connection. According to Griner's representatives, 11 calls from Griner did not go through and the two women never spoke.

"I have zero trust in my government right now," Cherelle told Associated Press at the time. "If I can't trust you to catch a Saturday call outside of business hours, how can I trust you to actually be negotiating on my wife's behalf to come home?"

Griner was traveling to play for her powerhouse Russian team for a salary roughly five times what she is paid in the WNBA when she was arrested in a Moscow airport for possessing what authorities said were vape cartridges containing 0.7 grams of cannabis oil. Experts have agreed that if such an infraction had truly been committed, she would have normally been sentenced to a month in prison, a fine and deportation.

But a week after she was imprisoned, Russia invaded Ukraine and Griner's assumed fame made her a political pawn and a candidate for a prisoner swap.

The Russians thought Griner had the power of celebrity, and even said as much.

"The famous athlete was detained with illegal drugs that contained narcotic substances," said Dmitri S. Peskov, a Kremlin spokesman. "Only the court can pass a verdict."

But it turns out, the 6-foot-9 icon apparently isn't famous enough.

Brittney Griner is not only being held captive by the Russians, but also by her appearance and sexuality.

She's Black. She's covered in tattoos. She has dreadlocks. She's gay. She doesn't fit America's image of the ideal female athlete, so America is pretty much shrugging.

If this had been Brady, we'd be going to war right now.

Caught in an international nightmare amid divisive national perception, Griner continues to wait while her teammates' fears continue to grow.

The Sparks took the baton Monday by collecting shoes at the arena front door in honor of Griner's annual "BG's Heart and Sole Shoe Drive," a charity that began when Griner would regularly stop and give homeless people shoes out of the trunk of her car. The Sparks later donated one pair of the shoes to a young girl during the game.

It was a great effort, and here's hoping it can reverberate beyond the couple of thousand people in attendance and the small group watching on national television. Right now, that feels like a pretty high hope.

"If anyone out there is listening ..." Nygaard said.

If they are, for Brittney Griner, it's 137 days in hell ... and counting.

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US WNBA basketball superstar Brittney Griner arrives to a hearing at the Khimik Court, outside Moscow on July 1. Griner, a two-time Olympic gold medalist and WNBA champion, was detained at Moscow airport in February on charges of carrying in her luggage vape cartridges with cannabis oil, which could carry a 10-year prison sentence.



Country singer Deana Carter.

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Pop, country, folk big band and rock TAKE THE STAGES

By John Lamb
The Forum

I Love the 90s Thursday, July 7

Get ready to “Bust a Move” on Thursday night when the latest “I Love the 90s Tour” rolls into Moorhead’s Bluestem Amphitheater. The pop music flashback features chart-toppers like Vanilla Ice (“Ice, Ice Baby,” “Play That Funky Music,” “Ninja Rap”), Tone Loc (“Wild Thing,” “Funky Cold Medina”), All-4-One (“I Swear,” “I Can Love You Like That”), Rob Base (“It Takes Two”) and Young MC (“Bust a Move”). Tickets range from \$36.50 to \$146.50, plus fees; jadepresents.com or 866-300-8300

Mark Lindquist Friday, July 8

Known for singing “The Star-Spangled Banner” before local and national sporting events, Mark Lindquist made the news earlier this year for flying to Ukraine to aid in the humanitarian effort following Russia’s invasion. The Moorhead man has returned home, but is still raising funds for charitable causes in Ukraine. Lindquist will host a fundraiser Friday night at Fargo’s Sanctuary Events Center that will include a presentation on the war-torn country, followed by a big band



Singer Mark Lindquist.

Forum file photo



Rapper Young MC.

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performance of Frank Sinatra music featuring Russ Peterson and other local musicians backing the singer. Lindquist will be offering items like pieces from a Russian missile turned into jewelry and pieces from a Russian jet to donors. The event is free, but donations will be accepted.

Deana Carter Friday

Twenty-six years after releasing her debut album, Deana Car-

ter’s “Did I Shave My Legs for This?” holds up as one of the great country albums by a female artist. Of the 11 tracks, seven were released as singles, with “Strawberry Wine” and “We Danced the Night Away” topping the charts. Her follow-ups weren’t as big a hit, but she had success, including when Kenny Chesney covered “You and Tequila.” The singer brings all of her hits and some favorite covers to the stage when she plays the Fargo Theatre on

Friday night. Music starts at 7 p.m. with the Jensen Sisters. Tickets range from \$35 to \$45, plus fees; jadepresents.com or 866-300-8300.

Red River Market Saturday, July 9

It’s midsummer and the crops are coming in nicely. Check out what some area farms have been growing Saturday at the opening

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Why this music critic wears hearing protection at shows – and why you should, too

By Jon Bream
Star Tribune
MINNEAPOLIS — After enduring three consecutive nights next to Ted Nugent’s giant stack of Marshall amplifiers, I received a gift from the guitar hero: earplugs.

The Nuge may be tone deaf on some topics, but not about hearing. After all, he is partially deaf in one ear. Protecting his ears is essential. He opened a drawer in a

roadie case and handed over my first pair of plugs — Super Sonic II. That was 1976, and I’ve worn earplugs ever since. Not those foam ones; they block out the sound. No, more sophisticated ones. Like those old Super Sonic II, inch-long flanged rubber with a little metal diaphragm to cut down on the high frequencies. They may look dorky — like something protruding from Herman Munster

stuck in your auditory canal — but they serve an invaluable purpose. My ears aren’t ringing when I hit the pillow after a rock concert. Or the next morning.

I’m not going to get all scientific and talk about how rock concerts are typically blasting at 105 to 110 decibels, which is way louder than advisable. Good earplugs — not the free

EARPLUGS: Page B6



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Fans enjoy the atmosphere during third day of Lollapalooza Chile 2019 on March 31, 2019, in Santiago, Chile.

Son struggling with incompatible live-in girlfriend

Dear Annie: At the beginning of the pandemic, my son moved in with his longtime girlfriend. Due to confinement, they became very dependent on each other. Now she wants to get engaged and married.

He is Catholic; she is not. He works days; she works nights. He likes to party; she is an introvert. He is physically active; she is a homebody. He wants to spend a year traveling and working abroad; she wants to put roots down. He even found jobs for both of



ANNIE LANE
Dear Annie

them in Europe, but she is not willing to budge.

Every time marriage comes up, he comes home for a few days and then goes back to her. The fights about engagement put my son into therapy. He says he loves her, but if they get engaged, he has to give up all his dreams. I am afraid he'll give in and wake up one day

married with kids, with regrets and hating his life. — Mother Whose Heart Is Breaking

Dear Mother

Whose Heart Is Breaking: Sometimes, relationships require compromise. Other times, people need to break free from their partners in order to grow. A couples therapist can help your son and his girlfriend discover which category they fall into.

Dear Annie: After many years, prayers and medical interventions, I am pregnant and, along with my family

and friends, looking forward to a celebratory baby shower. My issue is whether I must invite a narcissistic sister-in-law, or if it seems appropriate to only invite her daughters, ages 10 and 14.

Over the years, my relationship with my sister-in-law has deteriorated to the point that she refuses to speak to me and we have to have separate family holidays. I would never invite this person to any event, but her daughters and I maintain a loving relationship.

From your perspective, is it appropriate to address the invitation to my nieces only? I would really miss their presence but cannot stand the thought of their mother attending this special day. — Struggling

Dear Struggling: Congratulations on your pregnancy! I can understand not wanting to have any negative energy around you and your family at your baby shower.

If your nieces were adults living on their own, you could

absolutely exclude their mother. Unfortunately, they are minors and, presumably, living under her care.

Because of your loving relationship with your nieces, the polite thing would be to address all three of them on your invitation. If, as you say, she "refuses to speak to you," then she'll probably be a no-show regardless. If she does show up, welcome her with the same love and kindness you feel for her daughters.

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

EARPLUGS

From Page B5

ones available at Minneapolis clubs mandated by a 2014 ordinance — enable you to hear the music clearly but diminish all frequencies, from treble to bass, that can cause ringing and permanent hearing damage.

High frequencies at high volume have punished countless musicians — the Who's Pete Townshend, Foo Fighters' Dave Grohl, and even Barbra Streisand, to name a few — resulting in tinnitus (a constant ringing in your ears).

More than 45 years and 9,000 concerts after my close encounter with the Nuge, my ears are fine, according to my audiologist, though some

readers might disagree.

I wear earplugs at every concert (and at sporting events) unless it's all acoustic instruments. There's no need to be macho or ashamed about this. Smart musicians protect themselves with either custom-made plugs (molded to fit their ears) or in-ear monitors for which they can control the volume.

I've graduated from Super Sonic II to more comfortable, sensitive and less obtrusive — and less dorky — earplugs. And they have sexier names like Eargasm and Earasers. Sure beats words like tinnitus and hearing aids.

Splurge if you like for custom-molded earplugs, which typically start at about \$100 a pair. There are other quality, reusable prophylactics available at modest prices that will let you hear all the necessary

nuances at concerts without your ears ringing afterward.

Here is a sampling, with manufacturer's listed prices.

Earasers: My go-to plugs for several years, they're small, clear silicone, contoured to your ears, with a tiny filter and a small pull to help remove them. Available in small, medium and large, they are discreet and comfortable. Caveat: I've had them fall out without realizing it, leaving me with an orphaned earplug. Reduction: 19 decibels. \$49.99, earasers.net

Vibes Hi Fidelity: Despite being turned down on "Shark Tank" in 2017, these plugs from a Minneapolis-based company have prospered. With a round silicone ball on the end of a straight plastic stick, they have a special filter. "It looks like you have

a piece of plastic jewelry in your ear," said the dude next to me at a recent concert. Each one comes with three interchangeable sizes for either ear. Reduction: 15 decibels. \$26.95, discovervibes.com

Fender Professional Hi-Fi: A product from the well-known guitar maker, these remind me of my old Super Sonic II except they're clear, not tan, straight flanged silicone plugs with a little plastic pull. With two interchangeable-sized tips, they fit snugly but look a bit outré. Their cool carrying case resembles an oversized guitar pick. Reduction: 20 decibels. \$29.99, fender.com

Earos One: Conceived by a former director of MIT Acoustics and Vibratory Lab, these black flanged cones fit tight. At the outer end is a flat black plastic "concha pad" to help

secure them specifically in your left and right ear. Looks like you're wearing earbuds. Comes with one set of extra cones. Reduction: 17 decibels. \$40, earos.com

EarLabs dBud: These Swedish-designed plugs are ambitious. Their special feature is two settings: Louder is bright (11 decibels reduction), loud is slightly muted (24 decibels reduction). These black silicone-and-foam devices fit like earbuds, attached by an annoying thin black cord so you won't lose them. They come with three pairs of foam ear tips in small, medium and large. The soft rubber carrying case does not close snugly so the plugs can get dusty. \$59, dbud.io

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A scene from the Red River Market.



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The Melvins.

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of the Red River Market. The eighth season features more growers, bakers and food makers as well as artists and crafters. More than 60 tables and tents will set up in and around Broadway Square in downtown Fargo from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. every Sat-

urday through October, with the exception of July 17 when the market moves to Sunday due to the Downtown Fargo Street Fair. New stands this year include Hand & Stone Sharpening for kitchen knives and At Home Bakery, which features gluten-free, dairy free and refined sugar free goods. This week features music by Fiasco (ah!) Response

Team, Brass Interference and DJ Pretty Ricky; www.redriver.market

Melvins

Saturday
Rock icons The Melvins will return to Fargo on Saturday night for another set of deafening tunes. The power trio will celebrate its 40th anniversary next year, a run that paved the way for grunge and stoner rock as well as doom

metal, inspiring bands like Nirvana, Soundgarden, Tool, Lamb of God and more, all without much mainstream exposure. The group will blow the doors off The Hall at Fargo Brewing starting at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$27.50 plus fees; jade presents.com or 866-300-8300

Frank Turner

Monday, July 11
Due to the COVID-19

pandemic, many artists missed out on touring. Now that things have gotten better, they are getting back on the road, but few with the tenacity of Frank Turner. The English punk folksinger is playing 50 states in 50 days, including The Hall at Fargo Brewing on Monday night, one day after Chicago and the night before shows in Sioux Falls, S.D., and

Minneapolis. During the pandemic, the singer and guitarist played online shows to benefit independent venues, so this tour is from the heart. Music starts at 8 p.m. with opener Ian Johnson. Tickets are \$20, plus fees; jade presents.com or 866-300-8300

Readers can reach Forum reporter John Lamb at jlamb@forumcomm.com.



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Vendors at the Red River Market.

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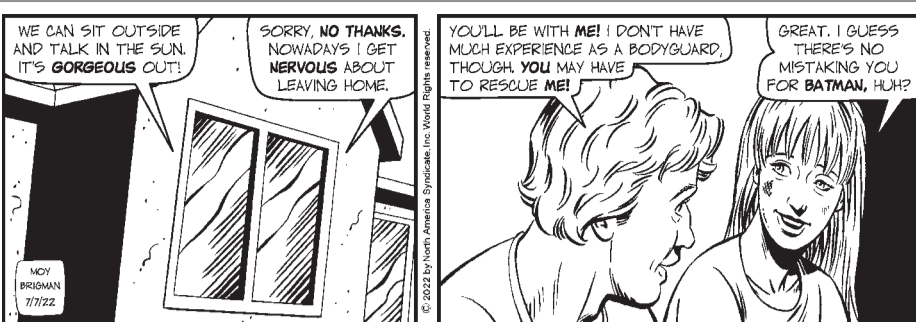
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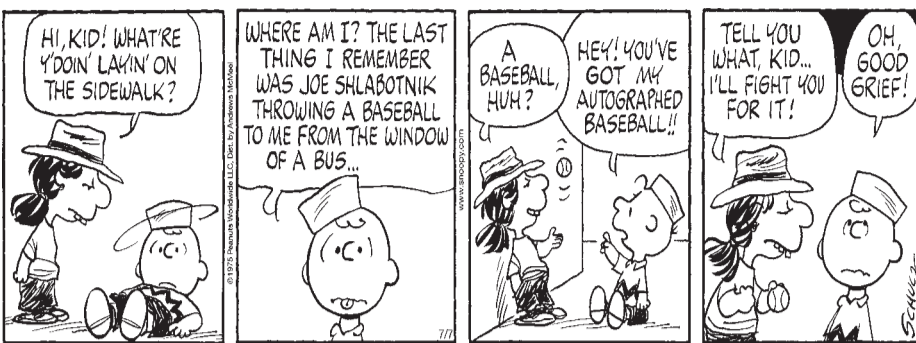
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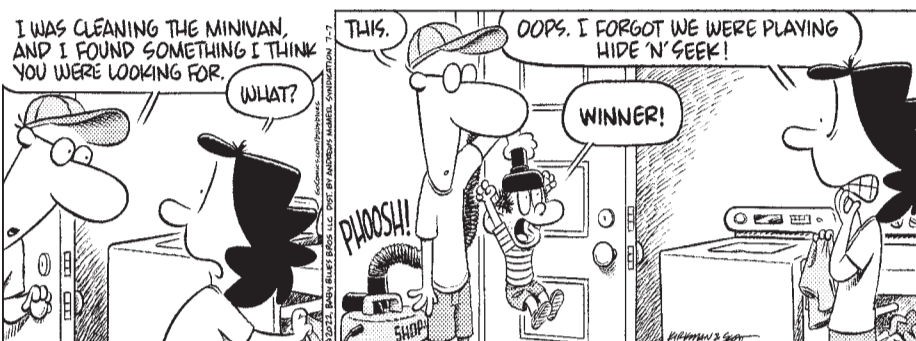
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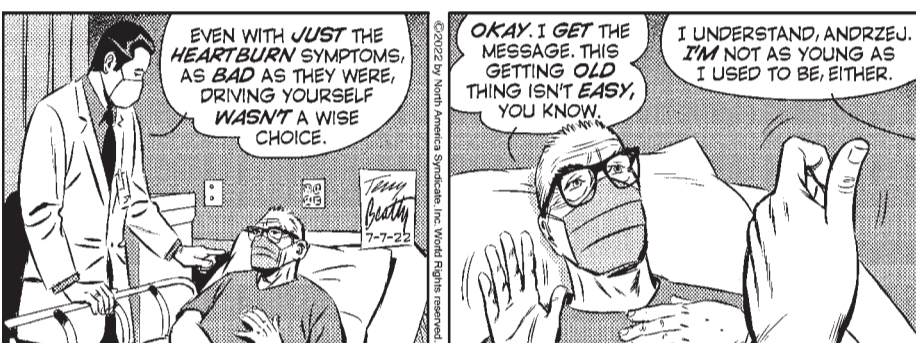
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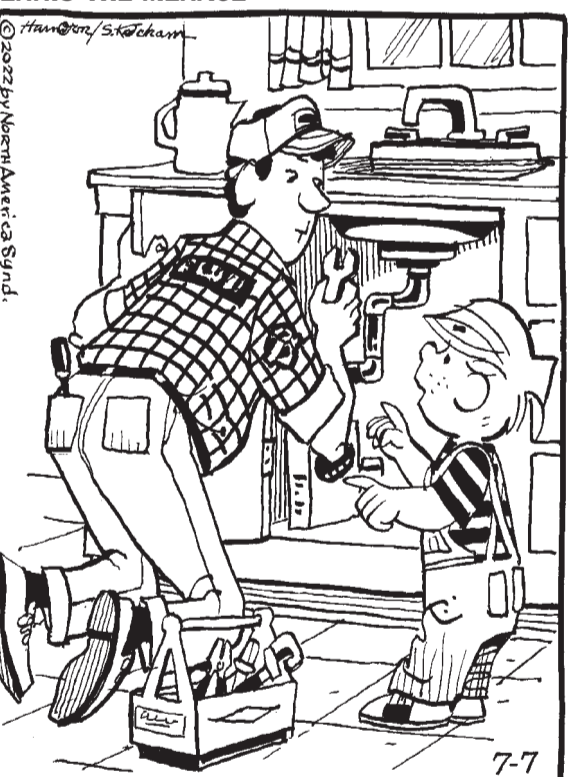
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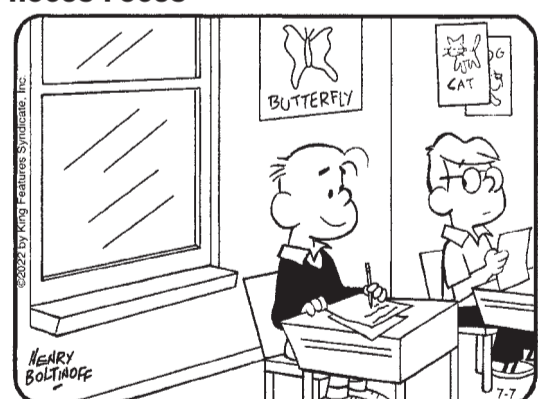
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JUMBLE PUZZLE

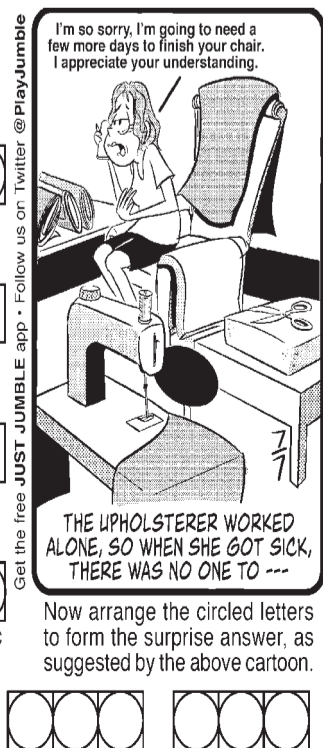
Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

PEOEL
URHYR
REDVOO
SOF CIA

THE UPHOLSTERER WORKED ALONE, SO WHEN SHE GOT SICK, THERE WAS NO ONE TO ---

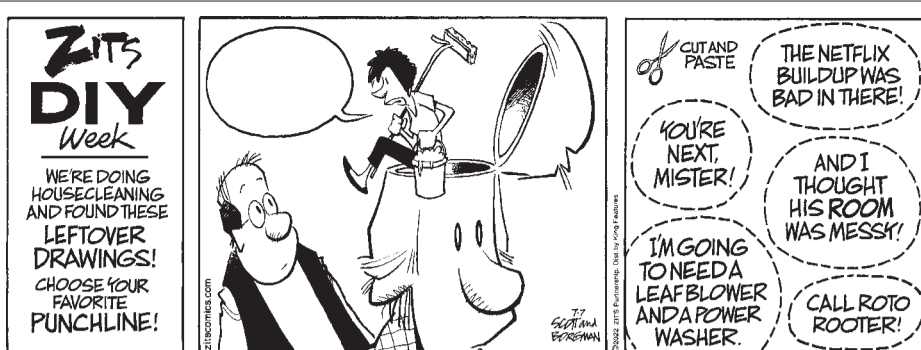
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(Answers tomorrow)

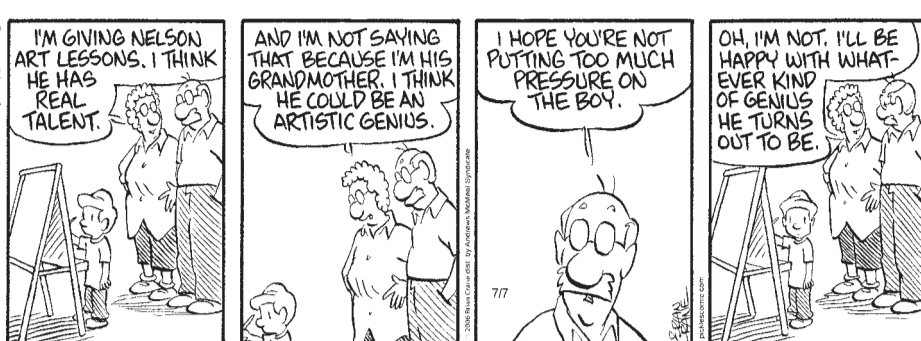


Yesterday's Jumbles: WEIGH CHILD POORLY CENSUS Answer: After seeing what he had picked out to wear to dinner, she had a few - CHOICE WORDS

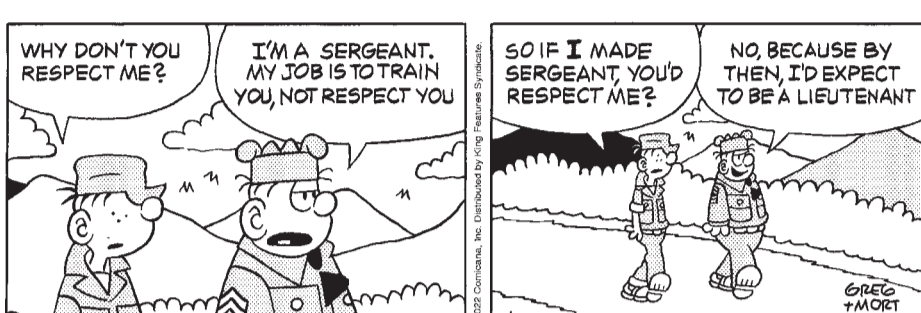
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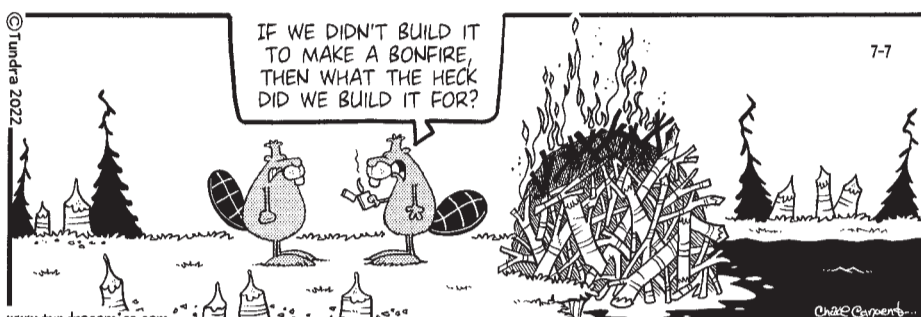
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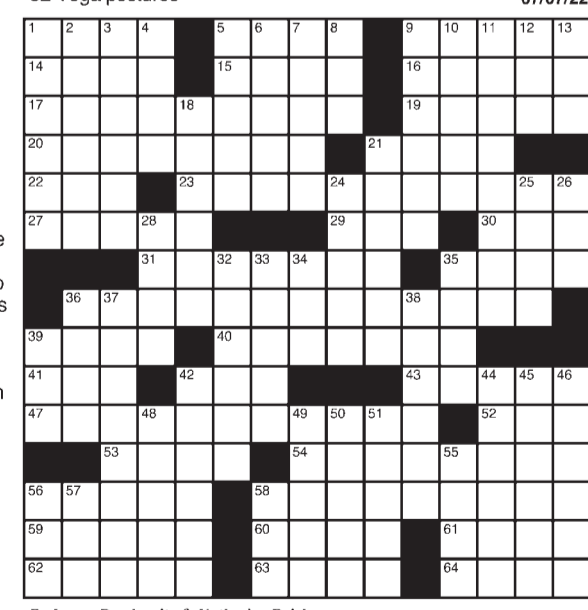
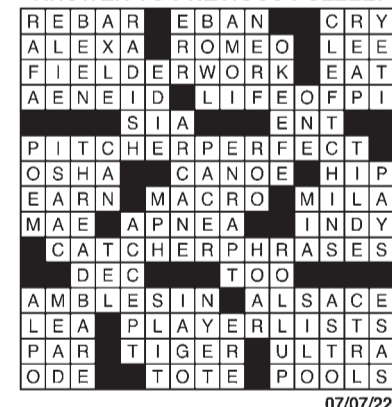
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- ACROSS
1 Catch a glimpse of
5 "Great Heights": single by The Postal Service
9 Shelter org.
14 "Take it!"
15 Wind with a range of roughly three octaves
16 Pulse
17 "Paperwork for a UFO pilot?"
19 Emotional states
20 Mobile game?
21 Sauce thickener
22 Suffix with ether
23 "Fast fashion?"
27 Drag through the mud
29 CPR provider
30 Manner
31 Snap at, say
35 Mug
36 "House of worship known for raucous parties?"
39 Tech leader?
40 Country songs
41 Go (for)
42 Wonkette founding editor
43 "welcome"
47 "Office scale?"
52 Pester
53 Booker Prize-winning author Murdoch
54 Really cheap
56 Inelastic
58 Tricks to improve productivity, and the tricks used to form the answers to the starred clues?
59 "Yay me!"
60 "Can't argue with that!"
61 The Met annual NYC fundraising event
62 Some spa treatments
63 Tear to bits
64 Actor Mapa of "Ugly Betty" and "Doom Patrol"
- DOWN
1 Board book subject
2 New York suburb near New Rochelle
3 Camden Yards player
4 Choice Awards
5 Icy center?
6 WWII sub
7 Short-legged dog
8 Clothing line?
9 Not more than
10 Stain-removal brand
11 Armed conflict waged on behalf of superpowers
12 Fish sticks fish
13 Core muscles
18 Closed in on
21 Off the beaten path
24 Forage plant
25 Like some lingerie
26 Retina locale
28 "Collapsed in Sunbeams" singer Parks
32 Yoga postures
33 Waterway with locks
34 Explosive letters
35 Burkina
36 D.C. daily
37 Fascinate
38 "Sure, I guess"
39 "I don't have all day!"
42 Stomachs
44 West Coast petroleum giant that merged with Chevron in 2005
45 Really get to
46 Arachnid incubator
48 Whale fare
49 Pumped up
50 Devoid of joy
51 2015 boxing film directed by Ryan Coogler
55 Multigenerational tale
56 tide
57 Hot temper
58 USPS unit

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:



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Cryptoquip

Each letter stands for another. If you think X=O, for example, it would equal O throughout the puzzle.

Today's clue: B = P

Yesterday's answer: Where do you suppose some ground-dwelling monkeys could hang out? Down in the baboon-docks.

N UNHAV TIV XD SKYD VI ASPD
S BIBWYSG BGIMDRWGD
BDGCIGUDR VI GDUIPD CSV.
N'U YNBI-SYYDGHDTNM.

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Jared Piepenburg, Jesse Ritka, Chief Meteorologist John Wheeler, Lydia Blume, Robert Poynter

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WEATHER TALK

If you think it has been windy lately, it has

By John Wheeler
 FARGO — It has been windy. The average wind speed in Fargo from Jan. 1 through June 30 from 1991 through 2020 is 11.5 mph, with the wind blowing at 20 mph or greater just over 10% of the time. This year, the average wind speed from Jan. 1 through June 30 was 14.4 mph with the wind blowing at 20 mph or greater 24% of the time. It has been windier because there has been a very tight pressure gradient with good direc-

tional hookup between surface winds and a fast jet stream a lot of the time. The answer to why this pattern has been in place so frequently is harder to answer. The La Nina weather pattern in the Pacific Ocean tends to make it a bit stormier and windier in the Northern Plains, but a La Nina was in place during 2021 also. Ultimately, I do not have an answer to exactly why it has been so windy lately. It just has.

John Wheeler is Chief Meteorologist for WDAY Television.

StormTRACKER Forecast

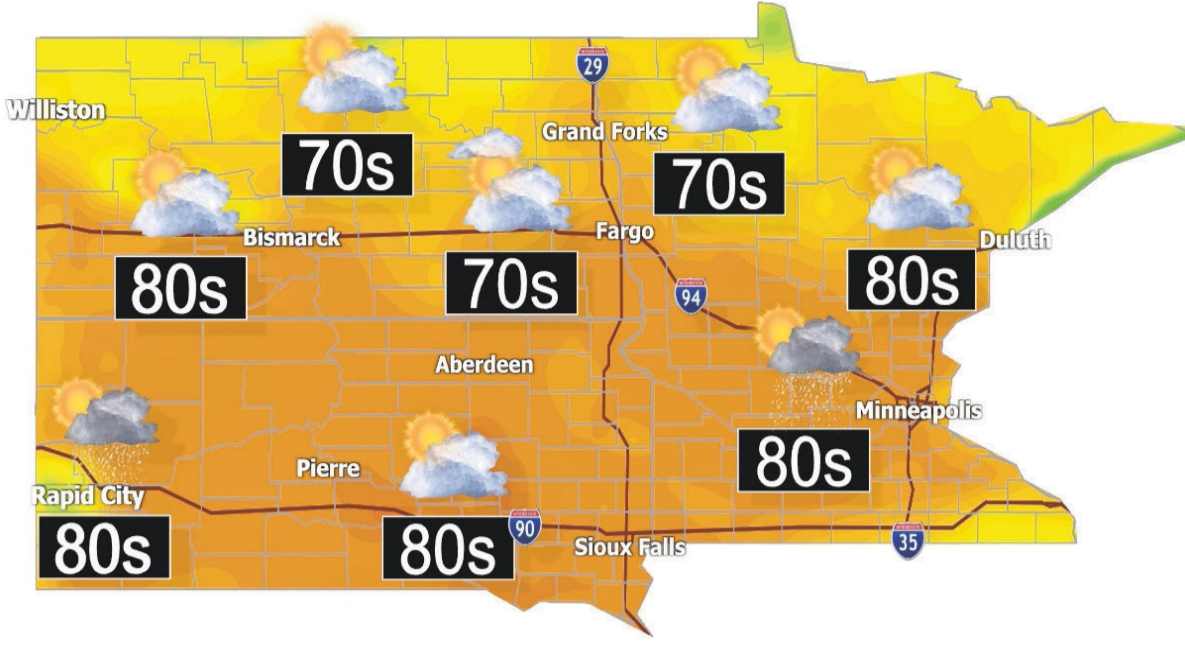
Quiet weather to finish this work week. Warmer this weekend with a chance of thunderstorms.

Almanac Through 6 pm Wednesday		
Temperature	High	Low
Wednesday		
Normal	82°	59°
Record	114° in 1936	42° in 1997
Precipitation	In Inches	
Wednesday		
Month To Date		
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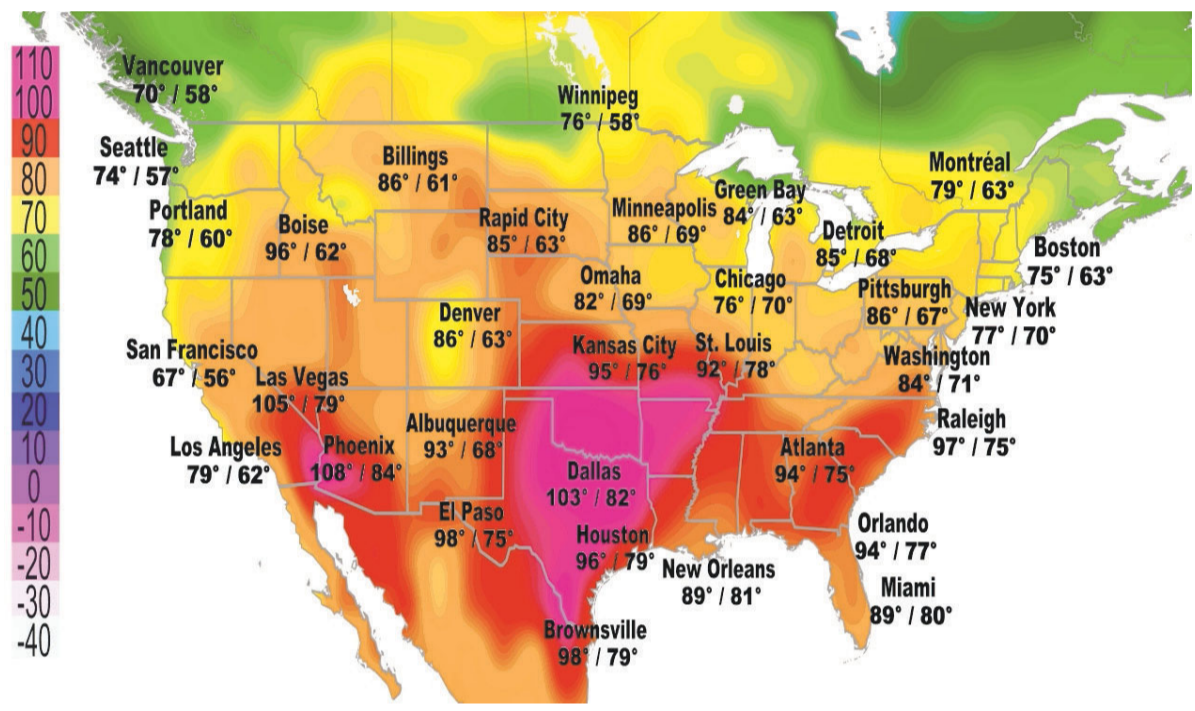
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 Moonrise: 2:31 p.m. Moonset: 1:34 a.m. Jul 8

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
78/58 Partly Sunny Wind: N 12 mph	84/65 Partly Cloudy Wind: SE 10 mph	89/68 Partly Cloudy Wind: S 18 mph	87/64 Showers and Thunderstorms Wind: SW 14 mph	84/59 Partly Cloudy Wind: NW 19 mph	82/61 Partly Cloudy Wind: NW 17 mph	85/60 Mostly Sunny Wind: NW 12 mph

*Average wind speed for each day



North Dakota	Today		Tomorrow		Minnesota	Today		Tomorrow	
	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo		Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
Bismarck	83	63	92	66	Alexandria	84	64	81	63
Jamestown	80	59	83	65	Duluth	80	55	65	49
Medora	83	62	87	65	International Falls	75	53	77	55
Minot	79	61	90	64	Minneapolis	86	69	86	66
Williston	75	62	85	66	Rochester	81	68	80	61



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WDAY3 (WX) 23	(596)		News (N)	25 Words or	Chicago Fire "Joyriding"		Monk		News (N)	Ent. Tonight	News (N)	(:35) DishNat.	(:05) Maury		(:05) Chi.Fire
KXJB (CBS) 9	(9)		News (N)	News (N)	Young Sheldon	U.S. of AI	Ghosts	B Positive	Bull "Caliban"		News (N)	(:35) The Late Show		(:35) James Corden	
KVLY (NBC) 11	(11)		News (N)	Wheel Fortune	Law & Order		Law & Order: S.V.U.		Law & Order: Organized Crime		Valley News	(:35) The Tonight Show		(:35) Seth Meyers	
KFME (PBS) 13	(13)		PBS NewsHour (N)		Old House (N)	Ask House (N)	Prairie Pulse	Prairie Mosaic	Alba Bales	Antiques Rd.	Amanpour and Company (N)	ICT Newscast	Asia Insight	News (N)	
KVRR (FOX) 10	(10)		KVRR News (N)	Young Sheldon	MasterChef		Don't Forget the Lyrics		KVRR Local News at 9 p.m. (N)		Young Sheldon	(:35) BigBang	(:05) Last Man	(:35) Modern	(:05) 2 Broke G.
WDAY (CW) 28	(14)		Family Guy	FamilyGuy 2/2	Walker		Flash "Armageddon, Part 1"		The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers	Black-ish	Black-ish	Schitt's Creek
KCPM (MNT) 27	(597)		Celeb Page (N)	Celeb Page (N)	Dateline		Chicago P.D. "Disco Bob"		Access H. (N)	Mysteries	TBA	TBA	Dish Nation (N)	Cheaters	Chapel

BRIDGE

Protecting partner
 Cy the Cynic says that two can live as cheaply as one, but these days, both of them must work to do it. It takes two players to conduct effective defense; help your partner avoid errors.

Today's East-West misjudged the bidding -- they could have made five spades -- but could have salvaged something by beating five diamonds doubled. West led the deuce of hearts, which East recognized as a singleton. He took the ace and returned the ten.

West ruffed, but then he led a spade, the suit East had bid. South won, drew trumps and ran the hearts to pitch his clubs.

Making five.

SINGLETON
 East could have saved his partner by taking the ace of clubs at Trick Two. West will signal low, confirming that his heart lead was a singleton, and then East returns

NORTH
 ♠ 9 3
 ♥ K J 8 5 4 3
 ♦ A 5 3
 ♣ Q 5

WEST
 ♠ Q 7 5 2
 ♥ 2
 ♦ 10 8 6
 ♣ K 10 8 6 3

EAST
 ♠ K J 10 8 6 4
 ♥ A 10
 ♦ 4
 ♣ A 7 4 2

SOUTH
 ♠ A
 ♥ Q 9 7 6
 ♦ K Q J 9 7 2
 ♣ J 9

East 1 ♠
 DBI

South 2 ♦
 All Pass

West 4 ♠

North 5 ♦

Opening lead — ♥ 2

SUDOKU

		6	9		4	1		
			4	2			8	
1							9	
9			4		1	2		
7								4
	2	4		5			6	
	7							5
	3			1	8			
	4	2		6		8		

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Yesterday's answer

2	1	4	8	9	5	3	7	6
9	5	8	6	3	7	4	2	1
6	3	7	4	2	1	8	9	5
4	2	5	9	7	6	1	3	8
3	9	1	2	8	4	6	5	7
7	8	6	5	1	3	9	4	2
8	4	3	7	6	2	5	1	9
5	7	9	1	4	8	2	6	3
1	6	2	3	5	9	7	8	4

Complete the grid so every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.