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Fun in the sun

Granite City Days kicks off in St. Cloud Thursday

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Summer is officially here. St. Cloud kicks off its annual Granite City Days on Thursday with a variety of events planned through Sunday. Here's what you need to know:

Thursday

The annual Lemonade Art Fair will take place at St. Cloud State University from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. More than 150 vendors will be there selling everything from art, candles, food and gifts.

The Little Lemons Art Park will offer child arts and craft projects and Paramount Arts District staff members will coordinate activities from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., south of Stewart Hall.

At 7 p.m. will be the opening ceremonies led by Mayor Dave Kleis, where he will announce this year's Rock-On Award winner. A concert at Atwood Mall will follow, featuring the St. Cloud Symphony Orchestra and other special guests. No tickets are necessary.

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Top: The Sauk Rapids-Rice High School Marching Band starts their routine during the Granite City Days Parade in St. Cloud.
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Top Right: Sauk Rapids-Rice High School Marching Storms band members make their way down St. Germain Street during the Granite City Days Parade on June 24, 2017 in St. Cloud.
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Bottom Right: The Fabulous Armadillos perform during an opening ceremony and concert to officially start St. Cloud Granite City Days on June 24, 2021, at Husky Stadium in St. Cloud.
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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, June 21, the 172nd day of 2022. There are 193 days left in the year. Summer begins at 5:14 a.m. EDT. On this date in:

1377: King Edward III died after ruling England for 50 years; he was succeeded by his grandson, Richard II.

1788: The United States Constitution went into effect as New Hampshire became the ninth state to ratify it.

1834: Cyrus Hall McCormick received a patent for his reaping machine.

1942: An Imperial Japanese submarine fired shells at Fort Stevens on the Oregon coast, causing little damage.

1954: The American Cancer Society presented a study to the American Medical Association meeting in San Francisco which found that men who regularly smoked cigarettes died at a considerably higher rate than non-smokers.

1964: Civil rights workers Michael H. Schwerner, Andrew Goodman and James E. Chaney were slain in Philadelphia, Mississippi; their bodies were found buried in an earthen dam six weeks later. (On this date in 2005, Edgar Ray Killen, an 80-year-old former Ku Klux Klansman, was found guilty of manslaughter; he was sentenced to 60 years in prison, where he died in January 2018.)

1973: The U.S. Supreme Court, in Miller v. California, ruled that states may ban materials found to be obscene according to local standards.

1977: Menachem Begin of the Likud bloc became Israel’s sixth prime minister.

1982: A jury in Washington, D.C., found John Hinckley Jr. not guilty by reason of insanity in the shootings of President Ronald Reagan and three other men.

1989: A sharply divided Supreme Court ruled that burning the American flag as a form of political protest was protected by the First Amendment.

1997: The WNBA made its debut as the New York Liberty defeated the host Los Angeles Sparks 67-57.



A dog sports a shirt for the St. Cloud School of Music during the Granite City Days Parade on June 26 in St. Cloud. ZACH DWYER/ST. CLOUD TIMES

Fun

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Friday, June 24

The Liberty Block Party will kick off at Whitney Park starting at 6 p.m. It will feature the Little River Band with special guest Ambrosia. You are encouraged to bring your own chairs.

Saturday, June 25

Granite City Days Adult Softball tournaments will happen Saturday and Sunday starting at 9 a.m. at Whitney Park. To register your team visit <https://ci.stcloud.mn.us/177/special-events>. The Granite City Days Parade will start at 10 a.m. at the St. Cloud Hospital. The route will go along Sixth Avenue North, past Cathedral High School and along St. Germain Street West to end at the Great River Regional Library. Residents can meet at Lake George around 7 p.m. for the St. Cloud's Got Talent show with special prizes to be awarded. Bring your own chairs. After the talent show, at 10 p.m. you can watch a fireworks show at Lake



The audience gathers for the Liberty Block Party on June 25 at Whitney Park in St. Cloud. DAVE SCHWARZ/ST. CLOUD TIMES

George.

Sunday, June 26

Sunday morning is the annual Granite City Days 5K Run at Lake George, which starts at 8 a.m. Participants can pick up their packets and shirts begin-

ning at 7 a.m. on 12th Avenue South near Lake George and City Hall. World Heritage Day and the Closing Ceremonies will take place at 1 p.m. Becca Most is a cities reporter with the St. Cloud Times. Reach her at 320-241-8213 or bmost@stcloudtimes.com. Follow her on Twitter at @becca_most.

IN BRIEF

Kansas

Officials: 2 killed in suburban Kansas City house fire

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. – Two people died and a third was injured in a house fire early Monday in suburban Kansas City, Kansas. Fire crews from Overland Park and Lenexa were called to the home around 1:30 a.m. Monday and found the home ablaze, the Overland Park Fire Department said in a news release. Firefighters also learned that people were trapped inside the burning structure. Fire crews immediately searched the home while working to extinguish the fire and found two people inside who had died and third person injured. The injured person was rushed to a hospital and later listed in stable condition, officials said. Authorities have not released the names of those killed and injured. The cause of the fire is being investigated.

Teen sentenced to life in prison in death of 12-year-old boy

LEAVENWORTH, Kan. – A Kansas teenager has been sentenced to life in prison in the shooting death of a 12-year-old boy during a botched gun deal. WDAF-TV reports that a jury con-

victed 18-year-old Jaylen LaRon Johnson of Kansas City, Kansas, of first-degree murder last month. Sentencing was Friday. Prosecutors say Johnson and two other men drove to Leavenworth to purchase a gun on April 14, 2021. The sellers allegedly sold a BB gun to one of Johnson’s friends. Authorities say Johnson began shooting when he realized it wasn’t the gun they wanted. Eleven bullets struck the seller’s car. Twelve-year-old Brian Henderson Jr. was in the backseat and died in the shooting. **Nebraska** **Three people injured in shooting near Omaha bar** OMAHA, Neb. – Three people are expected to recover after being shot in the parking lot of a bar in Omaha. Police say officers were called just before 1 a.m. Saturday to Gate 10 Bar on 10th Street. A vehicle reportedly involved in the shooting was leaving the area, prompting a police pursuit. Once the vehicle was stopped, police say two shooting victims were found inside of it. The men, ages 27 and 31, were taken to University of Nebraska Medical Center with what police describe as non-life threatening gunshot wounds.

A third victim, a 28-year-old man, later arrived at the hospital with a gunshot injury also not believed to be life-threatening. That man said he also had been at Gate 10 Bar. From state and wire reports

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Sentences, pleas and other developments in local criminal cases

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Editor's note: This weekly report includes new information about Stearns, Benton and Sherburne county criminal cases covered in the St. Cloud Times.

Matthew Thomas Holt, 18, of St. Cloud, pleaded guilty June 8 to one felony count of second-degree drugs sale to a person under 18. He is scheduled to be sentenced July 25. Judge William Cashman presided.

Orpheus Odel Hicks, Sr., 54, of St. Cloud, was sentenced June 8 to three years and two months in prison for one felony count of third-degree drugs. Hicks was credited for 390 days served. One felony count of fifth-degree drugs was dismissed. In another case, one felony count of second-degree drugs was dismissed. Judge Laura Moehrle presided on both cases.

Kimberly Mickelle Rutherford, 36, of St. Cloud, pleaded guilty April 7 to one misdemeanor count of fifth-degree assault. She is scheduled to be sentenced

June 30. Judge Mary Mahler presided.

Jimmy Alan Renner, 44, of Royalton, was sentenced June 15 to one year in jail, stayed 173 days for two years, for one gross misdemeanor count of violating a domestic abuse no contact order. He was credited for 192 days served and will be on probation for two years. One felony count of first-degree burglary was dismissed. Judge Robert Raupp presided.

James Richard Scholtes, 37, of St. Cloud, was sentenced June 8 to two years and six months in prison for one

felony count of domestic assault. He was credited for 309 days served. One felony count of first-degree burglary, one felony count of domestic assault and one gross misdemeanor count of interference with an emergency call were dismissed. Judge Robert Raupp presided.

Marvin Gene Motten, 53, of St. Cloud, pleaded guilty Feb. 28 to one felony count of third-degree drugs. Judge Brienne Buccicone presided. A warrant was issued June 7.

IN BRIEF

Iowa

Mason City man gets prison for role in deadly shooting

CEDAR FALLS – A Mason City man has been sentenced to 10 years in prison for his role in a February shooting that killed one man and left another with disabling injuries.

Daniel Martez Judon IV, 24, was sentenced after pleading guilty Friday to a count of intimidation with a weapon in Black Hawk County District Court, online court records show.

Judon is one of two people who were charged in the Feb. 6 shootout between two groups in Cedar Falls that killed 19-year-old Arthur Craig Lang III, of Clear Lake, and left another man with a partially severed spine.

Police have said Judon was in a vehicle with Lang and Brandon Javon Mitchell, 26, of Mason City, on Feb. 6 when they began arguing with a group of pedestrians, and the two groups began shooting at each other. Lang was killed,

and one of the pedestrians was critically injured. Police say Judon was one of those who fired a gun, but was returning fire from the other group.

Mitchell has pleaded not guilty to attempted murder and two weapons counts in the shooting of the man injured. No one has been arrested for the shot that killed Lang.

Bill puts two-year moratorium on new Iowa casino licenses

CEDAR RAPIDS – Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds has signed into law a measure that places a two-year moratorium on new casino licenses – a move the mayor of Cedar Rapids called “disappointing.”

The Cedar Rapids Gazette reports that an amendment to a larger gambling bill means regulators cannot issue any new licenses in Iowa until June 2024. Reynolds signed the bill Friday.

The moratorium puts on hold plans for a potential \$250 million, 160,000 square-foot entertainment and cultural arts complex at the site of now-demol-

ished Cooper’s Mill near downtown Cedar Rapids.

The Republican-led Iowa Legislature this year approved the two-year moratorium on new casinos, citing “gambling fatigue.”

Cedar Rapids Mayor Tiffany O’Donnell said Reynolds understands signing the bill into law is “a disappointing decision for me as mayor and for the city.”

“I expressed to her my disappointment and reassured her that Cedar Rapids would still be here when the moratorium is lifted in two years,” O’Donnell said.

Missouri

Two former Mizzou frat members charged in hazing incident

COLUMBIA – Two former members of a University of Missouri fraternity have been indicted for a hazing incident that left another student blind and unable to walk or communicate after drinking a liter of vodka.

A Boone County grand jury on Friday indicted former Phi Gamma Delta fraternity members Ryan Delanty and Thomas Shultz, both of St. Louis County, in the hazing of Daniel Santulli, 19, of Eden Prairie, Minnesota, the Columbia Missourian reported.

Both were charged with felony hazing and misdemeanors of supplying liquor to a minor or intoxicated person. Shultz also faces a felony for tampering with physical evidence in a felony prosecution.

Santulli was pledging the fraternity in October when he was found unresponsive due to alcohol poisoning. Authorities said his blood alcohol content was 0.486, six times the legal limit.

Another member of the fraternity, Alec Wetzler, was charged earlier in June with misdemeanor counts of supplying alcohol to a minor and possession of alcohol by a minor.

In May, Santulli’s family settled with nearly two dozen defendants in a civil lawsuit.

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What to watch in Tuesday’s primaries

Notable contests taking place in Ala., Ga., DC

Kimberly Chandler
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MONTGOMERY, Ala. – The two Republican candidates in Alabama’s U.S. Senate primary runoff on Tuesday can each boast that at one point they had Donald Trump’s endorsement in the race.

Trump first backed U.S. Rep. Mo Brooks in the spring of 2021. That endorsement stood for nearly a year until Trump rescinded it as the conservative firebrand languished in the polls. The former president took his time in issuing a second endorsement, supporting Katie Britt in the race only after she emerged as the top vote-getter in the state’s May 24 primary.

In other races Tuesday, Washington, D.C., Mayor Muriel Bowser is facing voters amid growing concerns about crime. Runoffs in Georgia will resolve close contests in several congressional races and a secretary of state nomination, while primaries in Virginia will set up competitive congressional contests for the fall. Arkansas is holding primary runoffs for several legislative races.

Alabama

The Senate runoff will decide the GOP nominee for the seat being vacated by 88-year-old Republican Sen. Richard Shelby, who announced his retirement in February 2021 after serving six terms.

Two months later, Trump announced his endorsement of Brooks, rewarding the six-term congressman who had objected to the certification of the 2020 presidential election and spoke at the “Stop the Steal” rally that preceded the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection at the U.S. Capitol.

But Trump soured on Brooks as the primary campaign progressed, growing unhappy with his showing in the race and some comments urging the party to move on from the former president’s fixation on his 2020 election defeat. He pulled his endorsement last March.

Britt, Shelby’s former chief of staff



U.S. Rep. Mo Brooks, left, and Katie Britt are running to be the GOP nominee for the Alabama Senate seat being vacated by 88-year-old Richard Shelby. AP FILE



Georgia State Rep. Bee Nguyen, left, is running against former state Rep. Dee Dawkins-Haigler in the Democratic secretary of state primary. BRYNN ANDERSON/AP



and a former leader of a state business group, won the most votes in last month’s primary, capturing nearly 45% of the ballots compared to Brooks’ 29%. Britt had needed to earn more than 50% of the vote to win outright and avoid a runoff.

Brooks has been backed by Texas Sen. Ted Cruz and Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul, both of whom campaigned with him. Britt comes into Tuesday’s runoff with a fundraising advantage and a shiny new endorsement from Trump, which came a couple of weeks after the primary.

Georgia

A Democratic contest for secretary of state headlines the runoffs in Georgia, while Republicans will settle three con-

gressional nominations.

State Rep. Bee Nguyen, backed by Democratic gubernatorial nominee Stacey Abrams, is trying to defeat former state Rep. Dee Dawkins-Haigler in the secretary of state’s race. The winner will face Republican Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger in the fall.

Raffensperger beat back a challenge in his May 24 primary from U.S. Rep. Jody Hice, who was endorsed by Trump. Trump made Raffensperger a top target for rebuffing his efforts to “find” enough votes to overturn Joe Biden’s win in the state’s 2020 presidential election.

In congressional runoffs, Vernon Jones, a Trump-backed candidate and former Democrat, is competing against trucking company owner Mike Collins for the Republican nomination for the 10th Congressional District seat east of

Atlanta. Collins was endorsed by Republican Gov. Brian Kemp, who also won his primary over a Trump-backed challenger.

In the 6th District in Atlanta’s northern suburbs, emergency room physician Rich McCormick is trying to hold off Trump-backed lawyer Jake Evans.

Republicans also have high hopes of knocking off 30-year Democratic Rep. Sanford Bishop in southwest Georgia’s 2nd District. The GOP is choosing between former Army officer Jeremy Hunt and real estate developer Chris West.

Virginia

In Virginia, voters will be picking Republican nominees to take on Democratic U.S. House incumbents in two of the most highly competitive districts in the country.

In the coastal 2nd District, which includes the state’s most populous city, Virginia Beach, four military veterans are competing for the GOP nomination. With a big fundraising lead and the backing of the Congressional Leadership Fund, a super PAC dedicated to electing House Republicans, state Sen. Jen Kiggans is widely seen as the front-runner.

In central Virginia’s 7th District, six candidates are jockeying to take on Democratic Rep. Abigail Spanberger, a former CIA officer.

Washington, D.C.

Bowser, the two-term mayor of the District of Columbia, is trying to fend off challenges from a pair of Council members as the district contends with rising crime rates and homelessness concerns.

Bowser has had a tumultuous second term that saw her repeatedly face off against Trump and walk a public tight-rope between her own police department and a vocal coalition of activists led by Black Lives Matter. She is campaigning on the need for proven leadership and her history as one of the faces of Washington’s quest for statehood.

Her primary challengers are Robert White and Trayon White, who are not related to each other.

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US adds \$103M for wildfire hazards, land rehabilitation

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BOISE, Idaho – The U.S. is adding \$103 million this year for wildfire risk reduction and burned-area rehabilitation throughout the country, as well as establishing an interagency wildland firefighter health and well-being program, Interior Secretary Deb Haaland announced Friday.

Haaland made the announcement following a briefing on this year’s wildfire season at the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise, which coordinates the nation’s wildland firefighting efforts.

The U.S. is having one of its worst starts to the wildfire season with more than 30,000 wildfires that have scorched 4,600 square miles. That’s well above the 10-year average for the same period, about 23,500 wildfires and 1,800 square miles burned.

About \$80 million will be used to accelerate work removing potential wildfire hazards on more than 3,000 square miles of Interior Department lands, a 30% increase over last year. Another \$20 million will be used to bolster post-wildfire landscape recovery.

The money is coming from the \$1 trillion infrastructure deal President Joe Biden signed late last year.

“As wildfire seasons become longer, more intense and more dangerous, President Biden’s Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is bringing much-needed support to communities across the country to increase the resilience of lands and better support federal wildland firefighters,” Haaland said.

The firefighter well-being program that includes the Forest Service will address physical and mental health needs for seasonal and year-round wildland firefighters, and will include post-traumatic stress disorder care. The fire center in recent years has started making efforts to encourage firefighters to seek mental health help after an increase in wildland firefighter suicides.

“Wildland firefighters work in incredibly stressful environments that can take a significant toll on their overall health and well-being, as well as on



“Climate change will continue to make fires in the West larger, and we must continue to invest in conservation of our ecosystem,” says Interior Secretary Deb Haaland.

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those who love them,” Haaland said. “Standing up a targeted interagency effort to provide trauma-informed mental health care is critical.”

The Interior Department’s program will establish year-round prevention and mental-health training for wildland firefighters. The Interior Department’s Office of Wildland Fire will help create a new system for trauma support services that emphasizes early intervention.

About \$3 million will be used for climate-related research that includes landscape resiliency, prescribed fire, carbon storage and greenhouse gas and smoke emissions.

Some of the money will be used to continue developing a wildfire risk mapping and mitigation tool that’s being developed by the Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters. That tool could help identify high-risk areas and make them a priority for treatment.

Wildfire seasons have become increasingly longer as climate change has made the West much warmer and drier in the past 30 years, and scientists have long warned that the weather will get wilder as the world warms.

“One thing is profoundly clear,” Haaland said. “Climate change will continue to make fires in the West larger, and we must continue to invest in conservation of our ecosystem. Nature is our greatest ally in our fight against climate change.”



Gennady Burbulis, who as a top aide to former Russian President Boris Yeltsin helped prepare and signed the 1991 pact that led to the formal breakup of the Soviet Union, has died at age 76, according to Russian news reports.

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Burbulis, top Yeltsin aide and official, dies

ASSOCIATED PRESS

MOSCOW – Gennady Burbulis, a top aide to former Russian President Boris Yeltsin who helped prepare and sign the 1991 pact that led to the formal breakup of the Soviet Union, has died. He was 76.

As secretary of state and first deputy chairman of the government from 1991-1992, Burbulis was instrumental in steering the new, post-Soviet Russian state.

With Yeltsin, he was a signatory for Russia to the agreement reached on Dec. 8, 1991, with the leaders of Ukraine and Belarus to disband the Soviet Union. The pact was signed in the Belovezha forest, in what is now Belarus.

Burbulis is the third key player to the agreement who has died in the past several weeks. Former Ukrainian President Leonid Kravchuk and former Belarusian President Stanislav Shushkevich died in May.

The hopes of peaceful coexistence among the three former Soviet republics have been dashed since Russia’s military operation in Ukraine began in

February. Russian President Vladimir Putin said in a televised address then that the Soviet collapse followed “historic, strategic mistakes” by Communist leaders.

Burbulis died in Baku, Azerbaijan, where he had flown for a conference.

“He was not sick, he felt great, and he just took part in the IX Global Baku Forum, which discussed the issue of the ‘Threat to the Global World Order,’” his press secretary, Andrey Markov, told the Interfax news agency.

Burbulis was born on Aug. 4, 1945, in Pervouralsk, then part of the Soviet Union. He aided Yeltsin during his rise to lead Soviet Russia in 1990 and then independent Russia in 1991, as its first president.

From 1993-1999, Burbulis was a member of parliament, and later was vice governor of the Novgorod region.

“Another of the key persons in the European transformation has left us. Burbulis was influential as few others in breaking with the Soviet past and trying to build a new and democratic Russia,” Swedish diplomat Carl Bildt tweeted Sunday.

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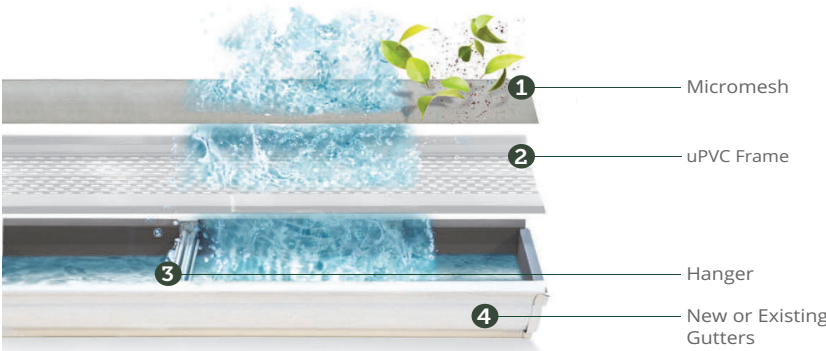
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Inflation taking bite out of works projects

Value of infrastructure law has been diminished

David A. Lieb and Michael Casey
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The price of a foot of water pipe in Tucson, Arizona: up 19%. The estimate to build a new airport terminal in Des Moines, Iowa: 69% higher, with a several-year delay.

Inflation is taking a toll on infrastructure projects across the U.S., driving up costs so much that state and local officials are postponing projects, scaling back others and reprioritizing needs.

The price hikes already are diminishing the value of a \$1 trillion infrastructure plan President Joe Biden signed into law just seven months ago. That law had included, among other things, a roughly 25% increase in regular highway program funding for states.

“Those dollars are essentially evaporating,” said Jim Tymon, executive director of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials. “The cost of those projects is going up by 20%, by 30%, and just wiping out that increase from the federal government that they were so excited about earlier in the year.”

In Casper, Wyoming, the low bid to rebuild a major intersection and construct a new bridge over the North Platte River came in at \$35 million this spring – 55% over a state estimate. The bid was rejected and the project delayed.

Prices for some key materials in infrastructure construction have risen dramatically. Prices paid to U.S. manufacturers of asphalt paving and tar mixtures were up 14% in May compared to last year, according to data from the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. Prices



A water main replacement project is underway in Tacoma, Wash., but the project is being altered because of rising costs. TED S. WARREN/AP

for ductile iron pipes and fittings – used by water systems – were nearly 25% higher.

Officials at Des Moines International Airport were counting on the federal infrastructure money to replace an aging terminal with a modern structure. Four years ago, a new 14-gate terminal was projected to cost about \$434 million and be open by 2026. By this spring, the cost had soared to \$733 million.

That’s more than the airport can afford, even with the federal aid. So officials are planning to break the project into phases, building just five new gates by 2026 at a cost of \$411 million.

Low bids for a series of bridge repairs along Interstate 55 in St. Louis came in at \$63 million this year, 57% over the budgeted amount.

Though Missouri forged ahead with this year’s highway construction projects, inflation “will take a bite out of the future,” state Department of Transportation

Director Patrick McKenna said.

Public water systems across the country also are straining under inflation.

When Tucson, Arizona, launched the first part of a four-phase water main replacement project in September 2020, ductile iron pipe cost \$75 a foot and a gate valve cost \$3,000. When it bid the most recent phase this spring, pipe costs had risen to nearly \$90 a foot and gate valves to nearly \$4,100. The city is now determining what other projects it can afford and which ones have to wait.

Tacoma, Washington, also is altering some of its planned water main replacements because of rising costs.

“Some of them are getting delayed, some of them are being reduced in scope, and it’s forcing us to reevaluate some of the budgets that we’ve set forth,” said Ali Polda, principal engineer in the city’s water department.

World’s largest freshwater fish caught

Jerry Harmer
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BANGKOK – The world’s largest recorded freshwater fish, a giant stingray, has been caught in the Mekong River in Cambodia, according to scientists from the Southeast Asian nation and the United States.

The stingray, captured on June 13, measured almost 13 feet from snout to tail and weighed slightly under 660 pounds, according to a statement Monday by Wonders of the Mekong, a joint Cambodian-U.S. research project.

The stingray was snagged by a local fisherman south of Stung Treng in northeastern Cambodia. The fisherman alerted a nearby team of scientists from the Wonders of the Mekong project, which has publicized its conservation work in communities along the river.

The stingray’s catch was not just about setting a new record, said Zeb Hogan, leader of Wonders of the Mekong leader.

“The fact that the fish can still get this big is a hopeful sign for the Mekong River,” he said, noting that the waterway faces many environmental challenges.

The team that rushed to the site inserted a tagging device near the tail of the fish that will send tracking information for the next year, providing unprecedented data on giant stingray behavior in Cambodia.

The fish was released after data was collected.

The fisherman received a payment of around \$600 for the catch.

Yellowstone aims for quick reopening

Matthew Brown and Brittany Peterson
ASSOCIATED PRESS

GARDINER, Mont. – Most of Yellowstone National Park should reopen within the next two weeks – much faster than originally expected after record floods pounded the Yellowstone region last week and knocked out major roads, federal officials said Sunday.

Yellowstone Superintendent Cam Sholly said the world-renowned park will be able to accommodate fewer visitors for the time being, and it will take more time to restore road connections with some southern Montana communities.

Park officials said Sunday they’ll use \$50 million in federal highway money to speed up road and bridge repairs. There’s still no timetable for repairs to routes between the park and areas of Montana where the recovery is expected to stretch for months.

Yellowstone will partially reopen at 8 a.m. Wednesday, more than a week after more than 10,000 visitors were forced out of the park when the Yellowstone and other rivers went over their banks after being swelled by melting snow and several inches of rainfall.

Only portions of the park that can be accessed along its “southern loop” of roads will be opened initially and access to the park’s scenic backcountry will be for day hikers only.



A Yellowstone National Park ranger stands near a road wiped out by flooding along the Gardner River, near Gardiner, Mont., on Sunday. MATTHEW BROWN/AP

Within two weeks officials plan to also open the northern loop, after previously declaring that it would likely stay closed through the summer season. The northern loop would give visitors access to popular attractions, including Tower Fall and Mammoth Hot Springs. They’d still be barred from the Lamar Valley, which is famous for its prolific wildlife including bears, wolves and bison that can often be seen from the roadside.

“That would get 75 to 80% of the park back to working,” National Park Service Director Charles “Chuck” Sams said Sunday during a visit to Yellowstone to gauge the flood’s effects.

It will take much longer – possibly years – to fully restore two badly-damaged stretches of road that link the park with Gardiner to the north and Cooke City to the northeast.

During a tour of damaged areas on Sunday, park officials showed reporters one of six sections of road near Gardiner where the raging floodwaters obliterated most of the roadway.

Muddy water now courses through where the roadbed had been only a week ago. Trunks of huge trees litter the surrounding canyon.

Park Superintendent Cam Sholly said 20,000 tons of material were being hauled in to construct a temporary, alternate route along an old road that runs above the canyon. That would let employees who work at the park headquarters in Mammoth get to their homes in Gardiner, Sholly said. The temporary route also could be used by commercial tour companies that have permits to lead guided visits.

“We’ve gotten a lot more done than we thought we would a week ago,” Sholly said. “It’s going to be a summer of adjustments.”

In and around the agricultural community of Fromberg, the Clarks Fork River flooded almost 100 homes and badly damaged a major irrigation ditch that serves many farms. The town’s mayor says about a third of the flooded homes are too far gone to be repaired.

Marcos Jr. to take control of food crisis

ASSOCIATED PRESS

MANILA, Philippines – Philippine President-elect Ferdinand Marcos Jr. expressed concern Monday about rising food prices caused in part by the war in Ukraine and said he will serve as secretary of agriculture when he takes office to prepare for a possible emergency.

Marcos Jr. and Vice President-elect Sara Duterte take office June 30 after election victories May 9.

They will inherit daunting problems, including a coronavirus pandemic-battered economy, soaring inflation, unemployment and mounting foreign and domestic debt, in addition to longstanding poverty, insurgencies and political divisions.

After meeting with his designated finance, trade and economic secretaries, Marcos Jr. told reporters on Monday that he will temporarily serve as agriculture secretary and will reorganize the Department of Agriculture to foster an economic recovery following two years of coronavirus outbreaks and lockdowns.

“I think the problem is severe enough that I have decided to take on the portfolio of secretary of agriculture at least for now,” he said.

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Forest fire burns thousands of acres in southern New Jersey

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, N.J. – Firefighters continue to battle a forest fire that has consumed about 7,200 acres in southern New Jersey, but authorities say no injuries or property damage has been reported. The fire broke out in a remote section of the Wharton State Forest and was discovered Sunday afternoon, according to the New Jersey Forest Fire Service. The fire initially was small but, fueled by dry and breezy conditions, it began spreading quickly Sunday night and was 45% contained by Monday morning.

Wash. bans high-capacity ammo magazines, starts July 1

EVERETT, Wash. – Starting July 1, the sale of ammunition magazines with more than 10 rounds will be banned in Washington state. Importing, manufacturing and distributing them will be outlawed, too. The only magazines allowed for sale will be those with a maximum capacity of 10 cartridges under a measure pushed through by Democrats and signed by Gov. Jay Inslee earlier this year. Washington residents can continue buying larger magazines until the law takes effect. Any owned as of July 1 are unaffected by the law.

Lawyers call on international court to investigate Uyghur treatment

THE HAGUE, Netherlands – Lawyers on Monday renewed calls for the International Criminal Court to open an investigation into China’s treatment of Uyghurs and other Muslim groups in China’s Xinjiang region as they presented a dossier of evidence to prosecutors. Activists and lawyers accuse Beijing of crimes against humanity and genocide against the groups. China’s Communist Party has denied reports of human rights violations in Xinjiang. Monday’s filing is the latest attempt to have the global court open an investigation.

Cooler weather helps Spain with fires; rain helps in Germany

MADRID – Cooler temperatures helped firefighters Monday stabilize a wildfire in northwestern Spain that reports say is the biggest on record in the country. The fire in the Sierra de Culebra mountain range in Zamora province has burnt 77,000 acres so far. While the Zamora fire wasn’t under complete control, there are no longer flames and it’s no longer spreading, authorities said Monday. Elsewhere, 900 people were evacuated from 13 villages in the northern region of Navarra where two wildfires were still active.

La. session ends: No new map with 2nd Black district

ASSOCIATED PRESS

BATON ROUGE, La. – Louisiana lawmakers ended a special session Saturday saying they were unable to agree on a new congressional map that includes a second majority Black district as ordered by a federal judge, prompting an angry response from the governor.

U.S. District Judge Shelly Dick on June 6 struck down the state’s original U.S. House map approved earlier this year by lawmakers, one with white majorities in five of six districts. It retained a single majority-Black district currently held by U. S. Rep. Troy Carter, a New Orleans Democrat.

On Saturday, the Senate spent two hours grappling with the remapping issue and then took an hourlong recess to see how proposed changes to a last-ditch bill might settle out. But the bill’s sponsor, Sen. Rick Ward III, R-Port Allen, said none of the proposed amendments presented could muster the 20-vote minimum needed for Senate approval, The (Baton Rouge, La.) Advocate reported.

“When you’re dealing with something like this, every time you satisfy four people you lose four people,” Ward told the Senate. “When you satisfy six people you lose seven over here. It is a difficult task.”

Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards issued a statement later Saturday lashing out at the lawmakers for failing to come up with a new map. Since the Legislature did not devise a new map in the session, it now appeared likely any remapping of boundaries would fall to the courts.

“It is disappointing that after every opportunity to do the right thing and create a second majority African-American congressional district as ordered by the U. S. Court for the Middle District, the Legislature has once again failed to do so,” Edwards said.

The Republican-dominated Legislature and Edwards, a Democrat, have been fighting over the boundaries since February, when lawmakers initially approved their map. Democrats and the Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus argued the current map dilutes the politi-



Louisiana state Sen. Rick Ward, R-Port, says none of the proposed amendments presented could muster the 20-vote minimum needed for Senate approval. MELINDA DESLATTE/AP

cal clout of African American voters and that at least two of the six districts should have Black majorities. Nearly one-third of Louisiana’s population is Black.

Dick, the federal judge, had ordered the Legislature to come up with a new map by Monday, which was the deadline for the six-day special session called by Edwards.

On Friday, the judge then ordered attorneys to submit proposed maps with a second majority-Black district by Wednesday, with a hearing on the issue set for June 29.

Backers of the order said the Legislature had a duty to comply with the federal court.

Critics said the issue will ultimately be decided in the federal courts and possibly could rise to the U. S. Supreme Court.

Lawmakers had said for days that any hopes for agreement in the GOP-controlled Legislature appeared unlikely.

A House committee on Friday rejected three bills that would have added a second majority-Black congressional district. A Senate committee on Friday voted 6-3 against a plan by Sen. Cleo Fields, D-Baton Rouge, to do the same after two days of testimony.

“There was no will from the Legislature,” Fields said after the session ended. “That is why we are where we are in Louisiana.”

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Quest to save Amazon lives on

Slain writer’s vision waits to be polished, published

David Biller
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LVIV, Ukraine – British journalist Dom Phillips’ quest to unlock the secrets of how to preserve Brazil’s Amazon was cut short this month when he was killed along with a colleague in the heart of the forest he so cherished. Some of his discoveries might yet see the light of day.

Phillips in 2021 secured a yearlong fellowship with the Alicia Patterson Foundation to write a book, building on prior research. By June, he had written several chapters.

“Dom’s book project was on the cutting edge of environmental reporting in Brazil. It was extremely ambitious, but he had the experience to pull it off,” said Andrew Fishman, a close friend and journalist at The Intercept. “We cannot let his assassins also kill his vision.”

Phillips’ disappearance and then confirmed death has brought calls for justice from Brazil and abroad from actors, musicians and athletes, along with appeals for help to support his wife. Phillips would be gobsmacked to learn his fate has troubled current and former U.K. prime ministers.

He wrote about Brazil for 15 years, in the early days covering the oil industry for Platts, later freelancing for the Washington Post and New York Times, and then regularly contributing to The Guardian. He was versatile, but gravitated toward features about the environment as it became his passion.

Phillips often hiked in Rio de Janeiro’s Tijuca Forest National Park and, atop his paddle board at Copacabana beach, was in his element: floating above the natural world and observing. He might message friends out of the blue, sharing news of spotting a ray with a 3-foot wingspan, reflecting a wonder more common among children than 57-year-old men, and he brought that spirit to his reporting.

He was curious and thorough, whether parsing studies of projected rainfall decline in the agricultural heart-



The quest of British journalist Dom Phillips to unlock the secrets the Amazon’s rainforest was cut short this month by his death. TOM HENNIGAN VIA AP

land caused by Amazon deforestation or tracking down the driving test administrator who discovered a man disguised as his own mother to take her exam. He recalled an editor telling him: “You spend too much time researching news stories.”

Among local correspondents, he earned respect for his humility, as well, often sharing others’ reportage rather than tooting his own horn.

Phillips claimed the spotlight, inadvertently, during a televised news conference in July 2019. Noting rising deforestation and that the environment minister had met with loggers, Phillips asked President Jair Bolsonaro how he intended to demonstrate Brazil’s commitment to protect the Amazon region.

“First, you have to understand that the Amazon is Brazil’s, not yours, OK? That’s the first answer there,” Bolsonaro said. “We preserved more than the entire world. No country in the world has the moral standing to talk to Brazil about the Amazon.”

Within weeks, man-made fires ravaged the Amazon, drawing global criticism, and the clip of Bolsonaro’s testy response spread among his supporters as evidence the far-right leader wouldn’t be admonished by foreign interlopers. Phillips then received abuse, but no threats.

Amazon deforestation has hit a 15-

year high, and some climate experts warn the destruction is pushing the biome near a tipping point, after which it will begin irreversible degradation into tropical savannah.

Phillips spoke to farmers who deny climate change even as extreme weather threatens their crops. But he returned from a recent trip with spirits buoyed after meeting some reintroducing biodiversity to their land, said Rebecca Carter, his agent. After his disappearance, a video on social media showed him speaking with an Indigenous group, explaining he had come to learn how they organize and deal with threats.

“I’m grateful to have coexisted with a man who loved human beings,” his wife, Alessandra Sampaio, told the newspaper O Globo. “He didn’t speak of villains. He didn’t want to demonize anyone. His mission was to clarify the complexities of the Amazon.”

Phillips was also a crisp writer with an ear for readability. A 2018 story for The Guardian had one of journalism’s most dramatic introductions:

“Wearing just shorts and flip-flop as he squats in the mud by a fire, Bruno Pereira, an official at Brazil’s government Indigenous agency, cracks open the boiled skull of a monkey with a spoon and eats its brains for breakfast as he discusses policy.”

Phillips described his 17-day voyage

with Pereira through the remote Javari Valley Indigenous territory at that time as “physically the most grueling thing I have ever done.” This June, he was with Pereira in the same region – it was to be one of his final reporting trips for his book – when they were killed together.

Three suspects are in custody, and police said one confessed. Pereira had previously busted people fishing illegally within the Indigenous territory and received threats.

Phillips, meanwhile, also had been preoccupied with risks to his professional future, betting on a book with wallet-wilting travel costs and praying it would resonate. He had set aside newspaper work to focus on it.

He and Sampaio had moved to the northeastern city of Salvador. He was charged up by the change of scene and teaching English to children from poor communities. They had begun the process to adopt a child.

Sampaio told the AP that she doesn’t know what will become of her husband’s book, but she and his siblings want it published – whether only the four chapters already written or including others completed with outside help. Phillips’ optimistic message – that the Amazon can be preserved, with the right actions – could still reach the world.

“We would very much like to find a way to honor the important and essential work Dom was doing,” Margaret Stead, his publisher at Manilla Press, wrote in an email.

The book’s title was “How to Save the Amazon.” Bolsonaro has bristled at the idea it needs rescue, saying some 80% of Brazil’s portion remains intact and offering to fly foreign dignitaries over its vast abundance.

But Phillips knew the view is different from the forest floor; big hardwood trees have been logged to scarcity in many seemingly pristine areas. His companions traveling through the Javari Valley celebrated when coming upon one.

“The Amazon is much less pristine and protected than most people think it is and much more threatened than people realize,” he wrote to the AP in September.

Georgia cooperatives move to freeze nuclear costs at \$8.1B

Jeff Amy
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA – One of the owners of a nuclear power plant being expanded in Georgia says it’s shifting overruns to Georgia Power Co. in exchange for giving up a sliver of its ownership.

Oglethorpe Power Corp. which provides power to 38 electric cooperatives, said Saturday that it has exercised a contractual option to freeze its costs for Plant Vogtle at \$8.1 billion.

Oglethorpe Power said it would save members at least \$400 million. In exchange, Oglethorpe’s ownership share of the two new reactors being built at the plant east of Augusta would fall from 30% to 28%. That would bump Georgia Power’s share of ownership from 45.7% to 47.7%.

Associated Press calculations show the plant will cost at least \$30.34 billion. If costs rise further, Oglethorpe would save more, but give up a larger share of

its ownership.

Georgia Power officials have said they don’t expect regulators with the Georgia Public Service Commission to approve customers paying further costs. That means shareholders of Georgia Power’s parent – Atlanta-based Southern Co. – would pay.

Oglethorpe, Georgia Power and Vogtle’s two other owners – the Municipal Electrical Authority of Georgia and the city of Dalton – have been arguing over Georgia Power’s obligations to start absorbing more costs.

It was supposed to begin after more than \$2.1 billion in overruns had occurred following a 2018 agreement. Oglethorpe says costs have risen by \$3.4 billion since then. But Georgia Power has said COVID-19 was an act of God that drove up costs and delayed work, and it shouldn’t have to pay for that slowdown.

Southern Co. has acknowledged it will have to pay at least \$440 million more to cover what would have been other own-

ers’ costs, and has said another \$460 million is in dispute.

Georgia Power spokesperson Jacob Hawkins said the company still has a “difference of opinion regarding whether the conditions for the tender have been satisfied.” He said Georgia Power would respond to Oglethorpe.

Oglethorpe said Saturday that the dispute remained unsettled. “However, we expect our partner to honor their commitment and stand by the contract all co-owners signed in 2018,” spokesperson Blair Romero said.

The 2018 escape hatch was written when Oglethorpe threatened to withdraw from the project, which could have led to its cancellation. Georgia Power first agreed to pay increasing shares of Vogtle’s cost beyond a certain point, costing Georgia Power \$180 million without affecting others’ ownership shares. Then the co-owners can freeze costs in exchange for owning less of the generating capacity.

Oglethorpe said Saturday that it expects to own 618 megawatts of capacity, down from 660 megawatts. The two new units at Vogtle are supposed to generate 2,234 megawatts.

Some of Oglethorpe Power’s cooperatives already have been charging their members for Vogtle’s construction costs. Oglethorpe President and CEO Michael Smith said the cooperatives remain “deeply invested in the success of these nuclear units” but said 4.4 million member owners had to be protected. Unlike Georgia Power, cooperatives don’t have shareholders to fall back on.

Smith said the decision to freeze protects “consumers who can least afford increases in their electricity rates, especially in today’s economy.”

Vogtle’s \$30.34 billion cost doesn’t include \$3.68 billion that original contractor Westinghouse paid to the owners after going bankrupt, which brings total spending to more than \$34 billion.

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Fitzpatrick’s triumph a win for golf

Eddie Pells
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BROOKLINE, Mass. – The unsettled future of golf was in the surest of hands over the final four tantalizing hours of the U.S. Open.

The sport, almost always at its best when major titles are at stake, went on a wild ride courtesy of Matt Fitzpatrick and Will Zalatoris, two 20-somethings trying to win their first major titles but playing like they’d been doing this for years.

There were ties, lead changes and enough momentum shifts to make an NBA crowd edgy. There was tension. In the end, it was a career-defining shot from a fairway bunker that left Fitzpatrick holding the trophy – and a putt missed by a whisker that left Zalatoris holding his head in his hands in agony after yet another excruciating close call at a major.

“When they show the highlights of future U.S. Opens, that’s one that’s going to be shown because that was just incredible,” Zalatoris said.



Matt Fitzpatrick poses with the championship trophy after winning the U.S. Open on Sunday in Brookline, Mass. AARON DOSTER/USA TODAY SPORTS

He was speaking of the shot Fitzpatrick hit from the fairway bunker on No. 18 while leading by one. It was a 9-iron from 156 yards. The shot elevated out of the sand, and had enough juice to clear the gaping bunker guarding the green. It came to rest 18 feet above the hole.

Fitzpatrick got down in two putts to wrap up his round of 2-under 68 and a tournament of 6-under 274.

But not until Zalatoris’ 14-foot putt to tie stopped a millimeter to the left of the cup – a miss that sent him buckling to the ground and gave him his third second-place finish in only seven starts at the majors – was the tournament over.

With tears welling in his eyes, Fitzpatrick’s caddie, Billy Foster, kissed the 18th flag; it was his first major, too, after four decades in the business.

Then, suddenly, golf’s biggest debate wasn’t about the future of the breakaway LIV Tour, or the stability of the PGA Tour, or how that tour will punish those who have dared to defect. Instead, as Zalatoris

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Griner’s wife hasn’t spoken to her since detainment

Eric Tucker and Doug Feinberg
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON – WNBA star Brittney Griner tried to call her wife nearly a dozen times through the American embassy in Russia on the couple’s fourth anniversary Saturday, but they never connected since the phone line at the embassy was not staffed, Cherelle Griner said Monday.

The couple has not spoken by phone in the four months since Griner’s arrest in Russia on drug-related charges. That was to have changed Saturday, when a long-awaited call was to have finally taken place. But the day came and went without any contact, leaving an anguished Cherelle Griner to wonder what went wrong and to suspect at least initially that Russian authorities had thwarted the call.

On Monday, she said she learned from her wife’s lawyers a more distressing truth: Brittney Griner had actually tried to call 11 times over a period of several hours, dialing a number she’d been given at the U.S. embassy in Moscow, which the couple had been told would then patch the call through to Cherelle Griner in Phoenix. But each time, the call went unanswered because the desk at the embassy where the phone rang was apparently unstaffed on Saturday.

“I was distraught. I was hurt. I was done, fed up,” Cherelle Griner told The Associated Press in an interview, recounting how an anniversary she had eagerly anticipated was instead spent in tears. “I’m pretty sure I texted BG’s agent and was like: ‘I don’t want to talk to anybody. It’s going to take me a minute to get my emotions together and just tell everybody I’m unavailable right now. Because it just knocked me out. I wasn’t well, I’m still not well.’”

The experience has further exacerbated already simmering frustrations about the U.S. government’s response to her wife’s case. U.S. officials have repeatedly said they are working behind the scenes to get the two-time Olympian home from Russia and consider her case a top priority. But Cherelle Griner said she remains “very pissed” by the snafu, especially since the call had been on the schedule for two weeks and yet no one warned her during that time that it might be logistically impossible because of the weekend.

The State Department said Monday that it was aware of the issue and was looking into it. Cherelle Griner said a contact in the U.S. government had apologized to her for the error.



Brittney Griner

‘NO REGRETS’

Reds OF Pham opens up about incident with Giants OF Pederson

Bob Nightengale
USA TODAY

PHOENIX – Cincinnati Reds left fielder Tommy Pham is sitting at a table in the middle of the visiting clubhouse at Chase Field, looks down at his phone, and excitedly yells out to a few scattered teammates.

“Well, I found one friend who wants to go to the Giants game and sit in the left-field stands,” Pham says. “Gotta find 50 more.”



Pham



Pederson

Pham breaks into a grin. This week, the Reds are playing the San Francisco Giants in a three-

game series June 24-26 at Oracle Park.

It will be the first time they’ve played one another since the Slap Heard ‘Round Baseball, residue of a high-staked fantasy football league gone bad, with Pham accusing Giants outfielder Joc Pederson of cheating, jokingly blame Los Angeles Angels All-Star Mike Trout for being a lousy commissioner, and winding up

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Slap

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suspended by Major League Baseball and fined \$5,000.

“You know what,” Pham tells USA TODAY Sports over a breakfast burrito, “I’ve got no regrets. None at all.

“Joc deserved to be slapped.”

The Giants worked themselves in a frenzy when Pham slapped him during batting practice the afternoon of May 27, threatening to file assault charges, or not even play the game. Pham said that MLB intervened and threatened him with an eight-to-10 game suspension unless he accepted an immediate three-game ban.

“They were talking about pressing charges,” Pham said. “I’m like, ‘Go ahead. Assault for a slap?’ OK. People do way worse.”

Pham was ready to play that evening, but union lawyers informed him that if he didn’t accept a three-game suspension, he would be out much, much longer.

MLB was going to suspend him at least eight games, the same suspension former Texas Rangers infielder Rougned Odor received in 2016 for punching Toronto Blue Jays outfielder Jose Bautista, which was reduced to seven games.

“I was like, ‘Come on, how is that even similar to Odor?’” Pham said. “That was a punch, and it was during the game.

“What I really didn’t like was how their pitching coach (Andrew Bailey) was talking behind my back saying stuff. I looked at him face-to-face and said, ‘Do we have a problem.’ He says, ‘Why did you slap him?’ I said, ‘Talk to him.’

“This is something personal between me and him. It has nothing to do with the Giants, but they tried to make it about them.”

Really, Pham was hoping to run into Pederson last year when he played for Atlanta, wanting to deliver the same message. The Padres, whom he played for last season, were playing Atlanta in Sept. 24-26 at Petco Park in San Diego. Several Padres players said in a text strand with Pederson that Pham was looking for him. Pederson never came out before the game when the two teams on the field, with several Atlanta players verifying that Pederson knew Pham was angry.

“I would have slapped him last year if I saw him,” Pham said. “He knew that. Ev-



Tommy Pham tosses his bat aside after taking a walk against the Nationals earlier this season. SAM GREENE/CINCINNATI ENQUIRER/USA TODAY NETWORK

eryone knew that.”

The next chapter of the saga that left Pham dropping out of the fantasy league, Houston Astros third baseman Alex Bregman winning the league and its \$90,000 prize, and Trout questioning whether he wants to remain the 12-person league’s commissioner, now continues in San Francisco where the baseball world will be watching.

“I think I better get on a plane and come out there,” says Tawana Polk, Pham’s mother. “I think I need to.”

Pham interrupted her at breakfast, and said, “I could put 50 people in left field myself and defuse the whole situation if I really wanted to.”

Considering it has been three weeks, and the story refuses to die, fantasy football will be discussed – loud and clear – by the Giants’ zealous fanbase much more animatedly than anything that happens during the game.

“I hear stuff all of the time from fans,” Pham says. “They’re always yelling something. Sometimes, they’re trying to be funny. Most of the time, that (expletive) just ain’t funny.”

Pham hardly found it comical when several of the Giants came onto the field during batting practice this week wearing black T-shirts that read: “Fantasy Football 101: Stashing Players on the IR isn’t cheating.”

“They’re the ones who keep bringing this (expletive) up,” Pham said Tuesday night. “They’re the ones who didn’t want me to play. Now, look at them.”

Pham shakes his head in disgust, tell-

ing you that Pederson blatantly cheated in the league that cost a \$10,000 buy-in, with text messages revealing Pederson throwing shade at Pham and his Padres teammates, and declaring that Pederson is lucky he was only slapped.

“There were about 100 people that thanked me after I slapped him,” Pham says, “players, coaches, trainers, reporters. What does that say? I was like, ‘Damn, I didn’t know Joc was this disliked.’”

So, after this, you really think Pham is going to sit out the fantasy football season just because it cost him a suspension and damaged his reputation? Uh-uh.

He may return to the same 10K Fantasy Football League, providing that a commissioner enforces the rules, again play in the Padres’ fantasy league that he won last year, St. Louis Cardinals starter Adam Wainwright’s charity league, and maybe another one, too.

“Look, I’ve already been studying,” he says. “I was training with the football players in Miami, and picking their brains. I’ll be talking to them. I need to call (Dolphins receiver) Tyreek Hill, and say, ‘Hey, man, I need you to pick it up for me.’ I was telling guys at the combine, ‘Hey man, if you have a good combine, I may take you in the ninth round.’

“I watched (Green Bay Packers rookie receiver) Christian Watson during the combined, and told him, ‘Damn, you may be my sleeper.’”

Old school attitude

While the baseball public may be entertained, bewildered or, disgusted wondering how a fantasy football game can create such aggression and hostility, they don’t know Pham.

Pham, 34, is the ultimate competitor, who has never played a single thing without wanting to beat you. You name the game, and he’s in it to win it, at all costs.

It was no different growing up in a household where his father was in imprisoned for drugs and street crime, and his mom returning from work at 2 in the morning to see the lights still on in Pham’s room, studying to keep his straight A’s. He played youth football with future NFL players DeMarco Murray, Brandon Marshall and Quinton Carter, losing just one game in three years. He played basketball and baseball, with Reds teammate Mike Moustakas remembering him during showcase tour-

naments at the age of 17.

“He’s the same way now as then,” Moustakas says. “Plays the game hard. Never takes a pitch off. A true competitor. You see how fiery he is. His competitiveness rubs off on everyone in here.”

It’s this intensity, this burning desire for greatness and to win, which led the Reds to sign him to a one-year, \$7.5 million contract during spring training. The Reds may have been cost-cutting, but with Pham on the board, they jumped on him. Reds manager David Bell, who was on the St. Louis Cardinals’ coaching staff for four years when Pham played in the organization, lobbied for him. GM Nick Krall thought he was the perfect fit for an organization badly in need of outfielders. And owner Bob Castellini signed off on it.

“I remember the first time I saw him I was an assistant hitting coach in 2014 and he was still in the minors,” Bell says. “We’re in Jupiter (Florida) during spring training. Everyone had gone home for the day. But here’s this guy still in the cages for hours, working and working and working, hitting off a tee. I said, ‘Who is this guy?’

“It was the first time I met him, and that intensity, it just jumps out. It’s real. He cares a lot. He plays so hard, he studies the game, he’s so intelligent, and he does all of the things that’s great for our team.”

‘I would have won that league’

While Pham will be keeping his eye on the Reds, whether he stays or is traded, rest assured he’ll be intently paying attention to the fantasy football league season.

If he hadn’t dropped out of the 10K Fantasy Football League, which featured the likes of heavy hitters Trout, Manny Machado, Eric Hosmer, Wil Myers, Bregman and others, he certainly doesn’t believe Bregman would be \$90,000 richer.

“I would have won that league,” Pham says. “Bregman’s team was trash at the beginning of the year because he had a ton of running backs and needed a receiver. I could have easily finished 10-4 and dominated that league. Look, I dropped out in Week 5, and I finished 7th, so I wasn’t even setting my lineup. I had (running back) James Conner on the bench, and had (receiver) Devante Adams on the bench.”

Now, no one will ever know, not with Pham dropping out, infuriated that no one was following the rules.

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NHL

STANLEY CUP FINAL
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

Colorado 2, Tampa Bay 0

Wednesday, June 15: Colorado 4, Tampa Bay 3, OT
Saturday, June 18: Colorado 7, Tampa Bay 0
Monday, June 20: Colorado at Tampa Bay, late
Wednesday, June 22: Colorado at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.
x-Friday, June 24: Tampa Bay at Colorado, TBA
x-Sunday, June 26: Colorado at Tampa Bay, TBA
x-Tuesday, June 28: Tampa Bay at Colorado, TBA

MLB

American League Glance

East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
New York	49	17	.742	—
Toronto	38	28	.576	11
Tampa Bay	36	30	.545	13
Boston	36	31	.537	13½
Baltimore	30	38	.441	20

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	38	30	.559	—
Cleveland	34	28	.548	1
Chicago	31	33	.484	5
Detroit	26	40	.394	11
Kansas City	23	42	.354	13½

West Division

W	L	Pct	GB
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Houston	41	25	.621	—
Los Angeles	33	36	.478	9½
Texas	31	35	.470	10
Seattle	29	39	.426	13
Oakland	23	45	.338	19

Sunday's Games

Baltimore 2, Tampa Bay 1
Boston 6, St. Louis 4
Detroit 7, Texas 3
Toronto 10, N.Y. Yankees 9
Oakland 4, Kansas City 0
L.A. Angels 4, Seattle 0
Arizona 7, Minnesota 1
Cleveland 5, L.A. Dodgers 3
Houston 4, Chicago White Sox 3

Monday's Games

Detroit at Boston, late
N.Y. Yankees at Tampa Bay, late
Toronto at Chicago White Sox, late
Kansas City at L.A. Angels, late

Tuesday's Games

Washington (Fedde 4-5) at Baltimore (TBD), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Brieske 1-5) at Boston (Hill 2-4), 7:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Cortes 6-2) at Tampa Bay (TBD), 7:10 p.m.
Cleveland (Civale 2-3) at Minnesota (Ryan 5-3), 7:40 p.m.
Philadelphia (Gibson 4-2) at Texas (Pérez 4-2), 8:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (TBD) at Houston (Urquidy 5-3), 8:10 p.m.
Toronto (Gausman 5-6) at Chicago White Sox (Cease 5-3), 8:10 p.m.
Kansas City (Heasley 1-3) at L.A. Angels (Detmers 2-3), 9:38 p.m.
Seattle (Gonzales 3-7) at Oakland (Kaprielian 0-4), 9:40 p.m.

National League Glance

East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
New York	45	24	.652	—
Atlanta	38	29	.567	6
Philadelphia	36	32	.529	8½
Miami	29	36	.446	14
Washington	24	46	.343	21½

Central Division

	East Division			
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	45	24	.652	—
Atlanta	38	29	.567	6½
Philadelphia	36	32	.529	8½
Miami	29	36	.446	14½
Washington	24	46	.343	21½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	38	30	.559	—
St. Louis	38	30	.559	—
Pittsburgh	26	39	.400	10½
Chicago	25	41	.379	12
Cincinnati	23	43	.348	14

Sunday's Games

Washington 9, Philadelphia 3
Pittsburgh 4, San Francisco 3
Miami 6, N.Y. Mets 2
Milwaukee 6, Cincinnati 3
Boston 6, St. Louis 4
Atlanta 6, Chicago Cubs 0
Colorado 8, San Diego 3
Arizona 7, Minnesota 1
Cleveland 5, L.A. Dodgers 3

Monday's Games

N.Y. Mets 6, Miami 0
Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh, late
San Francisco at Atlanta, late
St. Louis at Milwaukee, late
Arizona at San Diego, late

Tuesday's Games

Colorado (Feltner 1-2) at Miami (Castano 0-1), 6:40 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Gonsolin 8-0) at Cincinnati (Mahle 2-5), 6:40 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Swamer 1-2) at Pittsburgh (Contreras 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
Washington (Fedde 4-5) at Baltimore (TBD), 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco (TBD) at Atlanta (Strider 3-2), 7:20 p.m.

Philadelphia (Gibson 4-2) at Texas (Pérez 4-2), 8:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (TBD) at Houston (Urquidy 5-3), 8:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Flaherty 0-0) at Milwaukee (Ashby 1-5), 8:10 p.m.
Arizona (Gallen 4-2) at San Diego (Manaea 3-3), 9:40 p.m.

WNBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Connecticut	12	5	.706	—
Chicago	10	5	.667	1
Washington	11	7	.611	1½
Atlanta	7	8	.467	4
New York	6	10	.375	5½
Indiana	5	13	.278	7½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Las Vegas	13	2	.867	—
Seattle	10	6	.625	3½
Dallas	8	8	.500	5
Phoenix	6	10	.375	7½
Los Angeles	5	9	.357	7½
Minnesota	3	13	.188	10½

Sunday's Games

Seattle 81, New York 72
Washington 71, Connecticut 63
Indiana 89, Chicago 87
Dallas 92, Los Angeles 82
Las Vegas 96, Minnesota 95

Monday's Games

No games scheduled.

Tuesday's Games

Dallas at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Las Vegas, 10 p.m.
Minnesota at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
Washington at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

SOCCER

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
NY City FC	8	3	3	27	26	11
Real Salt Lake	7	4	5	26	27	17
Philadelphia	6	1	8	26	20	11
Orlando City	7	5	4	25	20	22
CF Montréal	7	6	2	23	28	27
New England	6	5	2	23	27	26
Charlotte FC	6	8	2	20	16	19
Cincinnati	6	7	2	20	16	19
Atlanta	5	5	4	19	22	20
Inter Miami CF	5	7	3	18	15	24
Columbus	4	5	5	17	18	17
Toronto FC	4	8	3	15	21	29
D.C. United	4	8	2	14	17	24
Chicago	3	7	5	14	14	20

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles FC	9	3	3	30	30	17
Real Salt Lake	8	4	4	28	20	19
Austin FC	8	4	3	27	29	18
FC Dallas	7	4	4	25	24	15
LA Galaxy	7	5	3	24	18	16
Nashville	6	5	5	23	19	18
Seattle	6	6	2	20	17	17
Vancouver	6	8	2	20	18	28
Colorado	5	6	4	19	17	18
Houston	5	7	3	18	18	17
Minnesota	5	7	3	18	17	19
Sporting KC	4	9	4	16	16	29
Portland	3	6	7	16	22	26
San Jose	3	7	5	15	25	34

Sunday, Jun. 19

Atlanta 2, Miami 0
New England 2, Minnesota 1
Colorado 1, NY City FC 1, tie
Sporting KC 2, Nashville 1

Friday, Jun. 24

Orlando City at Cincinnati, 7:30 p.m.

NWSL

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
San Diego	5	2	3	18	16	8
Portland	4	1	4	16	21	7

Chicago	4	1	4	16	14	10
Houston	4	2	3	15	15	10
OL Reign	3	2	4	13	7	6
Angel City FC	4	4	1	13	7	9
Washington	1	3	6	9	10	12
Louisville	2	4	3	9	10	14
Gotham FC	3	4	0	9	5	9
Kansas City	2	4	3	9	8	13
Orlando	2	5	2	8	9	24
North Carolina	2	4	1	7	12	12

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Sunday, June 19

Portland 6, Orlando 0
San Diego Wave FC 3, Gotham FC 0
Houston 4, North Carolina 3

Friday, July 1

Kansas City at Houston, 8:30 p.m.

North Carolina at OL Reign, 10 p.m.

Portland at Angel City FC, 10:30 p.m.

Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give

Sunday

Final Round

(Jennifer Kupcho won on second playoff hole)

Sunday, June 19
Game 3 - Texas A&M 10, Texas 2, Texas eliminated
Game 4 - Oklahoma 6, Notre Dame 2

Tuesday, June 21
Game 5 - Texas A&M vs. Notre Dame, 2 p.m.

Bracket 2
Monday, June 20
Game 3 - Auburn 6, Stanford 2
Game 4 - Arkansas vs. Mississippi, late

Tuesday, June 21
Game 5 - Auburn vs. Game 4 loser, 7 p.m.

SPORTS ON TV

(All times Eastern)
Tuesday, June 21
BOWLING
7 p.m.
CBSSN — PWBA: U.S. Women's Open, South Glen Falls, N.Y.
COLLEGE BASEBALL
2 p.m.
ESPN — College World Series: Texas A&M vs. Notre Dame, Game 9, Omaha, Neb.
7 p.m.
ESPN2 — College World Series: TBD, Game 10, Omaha, Neb.
ICE HOCKEY (MEN'S)
6 p.m.
NHLN — Memorial Cup Tournament: Shawinigan vs. Edmonton, First Round, Saint John, New Brunswick
MLB BASEBALL

7 p.m.
TBS — San Francisco at Atlanta
9:30 p.m.
MLBN — Regional Coverage: Arizona at San Diego OR Seattle at Oakland
NHL HOCKEY
7 p.m.
ESPN — NHL Awards: From Tampa, Fla.
TENNIS
6 a.m.
TENNIS — Mallorca-ATP, Eastbourne-WTA, Bad Homburg-WTA Early Rounds
WNBA BASKETBALL
7 p.m.
NBATV — Dallas at Atlanta
10 p.m.
CBSSN — Chicago at Las Vegas
NBATV — Minnesota at Phoenix

US Open

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suggested, it's about where Fitzpatrick's bunker shot might fit in the pantheon of the greatest shots executed under major-championship pressure.

"It's one of the best shots I ever hit, no doubt about it," Fitzpatrick said.

That the shot, and the day, came at one of golf's most hallowed shrines only felt right. The Country Club outside of Boston is where Frances Ouimet knocked off one of the game's greats, Harry Vardon, in a 1913 upset that helped put golf on the map in the United States.

Curtis Strange won the last U.S. Open here in 1988. Justin Leonard made a long putt to lift the U.S. to its Ryder Cup victory here in 1999.

Some thought the U.S. Open had simply outgrown the course, and the property, but the USGA decided to take a chance on the hilly, craggy, windswept layout filled with blind shots and crooked fairways everywhere.

The Country Club delivered. So did Fitzpatrick and Zalatoris, with supporting help from Scottie Scheffler, the top-ranked Masters champion who tied for second with Zalatoris. Most of his best shots over the weekend came on the front nine.

Scheffler was watching near the 18th green when Zalatoris' birdie putt missed by less than an inch.

"When it was two feet out, I was like, 'Oh, yeah, that one's in,' and for some

reason it went off to the left," Scheffler said. "It's one of those deals. You've got to get the breaks."

On this day, Fitzpatrick got the biggest breaks. There was none bigger than on the 15th tee box when he and Zalatoris were tied and facing a blind shot over a hill on the 500-yard par-4.

Fitzpatrick hit a massive block; Zalatoris' miss wasn't as far off line. But Fitzpatrick's ball landed in an area trampled down by the fans. Zalatoris was in thick, lush grass. Fitzpatrick made birdie and Zalatoris made bogey. It was a two-shot swing that, ultimately, Zalatoris couldn't overcome.

"We're walking down and he goes, 'I barely miss the fairway and I've got a horrible lie and he misses it by 30 yards and he's OK,'" said Zalatoris' caddie, Ryan Goble. "But Matt played great. And yeah, it was a great experience. So you just say, 'Yeah, we'll get him next time.'"

For Fitzpatrick, this win bookends with his title at the 2013 U.S. Amateur, also at The Country Club. He became the second person to win both the U.S. Open and Amateur at the same place. The other: Jack Nicklaus in 1961 and 1972 at Pebble Beach.

After the victory, Nicklaus called Fitzpatrick to congratulate him on his victory. Fitzpatrick, though, spoke of a different phone call from The Bear — the one he received after his victory at the member-member tournament at Nicklaus' place in Florida, The Bear's Club.

"He said 'Finally, congratulations for winning in the States,'" Fitzpatrick said.

WHAT TO WATCH | CONTENT BY TV WEEKLY

All times listed are Eastern/Pacific Time. Shows air one hour earlier in Central/Mountain Time.

The Future Of... Netflix • New Series
What if we could look into the future to see how every aspect of our daily lives — from raising pets and house plants to what we eat and how we date — will be impacted by technology? This docuseries will reveal surprising and personal predictions about the rest of our lives, and the lives of generations to come. The first six episodes are available today; the remaining six are available next Tuesday, June 28.

Joel Kim Booster: Psychosexual Netflix
Writer/actor/comedian Joel Kim Booster makes his Netflix comedy special debut with this performance filmed in Los Angeles. The three-act set finds Booster discussing topics ranging from his preference for threesomes and his general fascination with human sexuality, to the cultural nuances of being Asian and more.

146th Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show, Group Judging FS1 7:30 p.m. • Live
Tonight's Westminster lineup features the judging of the Hound, Toy, Non-Sporting and Herding groups. This year's event is again at Lyndhurst in Tarrytown, New York.

Holey Moley: "No Touchy-Touchy" ABC, 8 p.m.
The Muppets continue their residency at our favorite extreme mini golf show. This week, commentator Rob Riggle confesses his feelings for Miss Piggy.

MasterChef: Junior Edition FOX, 8 p.m. • Season Finale
Gordon Ramsay recaps the biggest, most exciting moments of Season 8 in the new special "The Road to the Finale." The episode also includes a countdown of the best bloopers, clips and outtakes of the season. Immediately following in the season finale, the two finalists must create an entrée and dessert that best represent themselves.



"Life Below Zero: First Alaskans" ASHTON HURLBURT/GIL CANO

Life Below Zero: First Alaskans: "The Lone Wolf" Nat Geo, 8 p.m.
Winter presents both challenges and opportunities for Alaska's Indigenous peoples. Daniel and Chris Apassingok scour St. Lawrence Island for any food source; Joel Jacko encounters a predator near his homestead; and Jody Potts-Joseph sets traps in hopes of sourcing warm fur for the winter.

Celebrity Game Face E!, 9 p.m. • Season Premiere
Kevin Hart hosts more remote game nights! Tonight it's with **The Neighborhood** costars Cedric the Entertainer and Tichina Arnold, **Morris Chestnut (Our Kind of People)** and Amanda Seales (**Insecure**).

UFO Witness Travel Channel, 10 p.m. • Season Premiere
Ben and Melissa follow the trail of a shapeshifting UFO that seems intent on cracking our military secrets. The more they learn about the amorphous aircraft, the more they realize it's unlike anything they've ever seen.

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33 Prodded

34 Bottoms style in between a thong and full-coverage

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47 Fruits and veggies at a farmers market

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57 Possible answer to "Who's hungry?"

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59 "____ in Praise of Menstruation" (Clifton work)

60 Forensics TV series

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61 Hair-coloring choices

62 Otherwise

63 Actress Graham

DOWN

1 Name of an instrument or a fish

2 Region

3 A graysexual person falls under it

4 Gym session that might include bench presses

5 Cartoon explorer whose best friend is Boots

6 Shortly

7 Facts and figures

8 Sorority symbolized by the ivy leaf

9 Crossed paths

10 Opposite of post-Simon ____ (children's game)

13 Emotional connection

16 Drizzle or pour

18 Not forthcoming

19 Helping after seconds

22 "Chop chop!"

23 Disperse from a huddle

24 Rapper ____ 3000

25 Advanced H.S. class that covers combustion

26 "On ____ of all of us here at ..."

28 Lizards that might be kept as pets

29 Blokes

30 Archery device

32 ____ out (barely achieve)

33 "Send good vibes my way!"

35 The "E" in NYE

36 The Abaia is a giant magical one that protects lakes

41 Notion

43 Fleeting trend

45 Sofa sides

47 Cooling devices

48 Extravagant publicity

49 Site for water yoga

50 Regrets

51 "House" in Spanish

52 Give off

53 Baby goat

54 In need of 16-Down

55 Tobiko or caviar

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7 LITTLE WORDS

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

CLUES

1 channel markers (5)

2 snuggled up (7)

3 additionally (11)

4 Harlem Globetrotters' tools (11)

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6 disappoints the critics (5)

7 like Everest and K2 (9)

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Monday's Answers: 1. CALCULATING 2. PAVING 3. GISELE 4. BOOBOO 5. MONOGRAM 6. SCHOOLGIRL 7. SWEATPANTS 6/21

Can't wait for your answers? Find all the puzzle answers at answers.usatoday.com

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RACK 1

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V₄

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G₂

M₃

Triple Word Score

RACK 2

E₁

I₁

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1st Letter Double

RACK 3

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O₁

U₁

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L₁

P₃

RACK 4

PAR SCORE 145-155

BEST SCORE 222

FOUR RACK TOTAL

TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. Finally, 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE Players Dictionary, 5th Edition.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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S₁

E₁

Y₄

RACK 1 = 66

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O₁

N₁

RACK 2 = 6

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O₁

N₁

O₁

R₁

A₁

L₁

RACK 3 = 57

S₁

A₁

V₄

A₁

B₃

L₁

E₁

RACK 4 = 86

PAR SCORE 140-150

TOTAL 215

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1. Each row and column must contain the numbers 1 through 4 (easy) or 1 through 6 (challenging) without repeating.

2. The numbers within the heavily outlined boxes, called cages, must combine using the given operation (in any order) to produce the target numbers in the top-left corners.

3. Freebies: fill in single-box cages with the number in the top-left corner.

2

1-

2÷

8X

7+

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36X

1-

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YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

48X

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2÷

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2

12+

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5+

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FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated at right. Find the listed words in the grid. They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once. Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 14 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

Alvey

ANSA

Augusta

Ballina

Bass

Bays

Bilfish

Bonito

Bran

Bream

Cairns

Canoe

Clam

Cobia

Cronulla

Curly Curl

Dart

Eden

Gaff

Gear

Iluka

Lizard

Island

Lobster

Lorne

Noosa

Mangrove

jack

Murray

River

Oars

Old Bar

Onslow

Perch

Play

Port

Macquarie

Rare

Reels

Rest

Rigs

Rocks

Rods

Rope

Trout

Tuna

Tweed

Heads

Weipa

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

Cellar door tasting

The fish are biting

A S M A N G R O V E J A C K S
L O R N E E A N I L L A B A Y
L I Z A R D I S L A N D U P A
U H R S F B L L C M G S O B
N S G D F O O R E U N R R T
O I S O A N B W T S R O O T W
R F C R G I S M T I R O C M E
C L T U A T T A A E A S K A E
A L R U R O E C S E Y A S C D
N I A A O L R T Y A R T B Q H
O B B L R R C O K E I B R U E
E C D P O E T U N A V E A A A
M A L C P A L T R I E L N R D
O A O W E I P A N L R S A I S
Y P E R C H B A S S A E D E N

BRIDGE | FRANK STEWART

Light preempt

In a Vanderbilt match at the American Contract Bridge League Spring Championships, my fellow Alabaman Larry Sealy was today's South. He traded on the favorable vulnerability to open with a featherweight preempt; I'll admit that action would not have occurred to stodgy me. North innocently raised to five clubs.

The contract needed a little luck. As the cards lay, it also needed good play, but Sealy delivered. The defense led and continued spades, and Sealy ruffed and led a trump to dummy's king, winning, and a trump to his queen.

Trump length

When West discarded, declarer needed a friendly layout to have a chance. He let the nine of diamonds ride, led a second diamond – king, ace – and took the queen as East followed. Sealy next ruffed a spade, reducing to the same trump length as East, and took the queen, king and ace of hearts, as East followed again.

It was then Trick 12, and declarer had the J-9 of trumps behind East's A-10. With dummy to lead, Sealy was sure of one more trick. Making five.

Daily question

You hold: ♠ Q J 10 9 6 ♥ J 10 7 6 2 ♦ K 4 ♣ 7. Your partner opens one diamond, you bid one spade and he rebids two diamonds. What do you say?
ANSWER: This situation is uneasy. To bid two hearts is tempting; partner might even have a hand with six diamonds and four hearts. Still, a bid of two hearts would be forcing and unlimited in strength and might induce him to bid too much. A contract of two diamonds should produce a plus. Pass.

South dealer
E-W vulnerable

NORTH

♠ 8 7 4 3

♥ A K 9

♦ A Q 10 8

♣ K 4

WEST

♠ Q J 10 9 6

♥ J 10 7 6 2

♦ K 4

♣ 7

SOUTH

♠ 2

♥ Q 4

♦ J 9 7 2

♣ Q J 9 8 5 3

South

3 ♣

West

Pass

North

5 ♣

East

All Pass

Opening lead — ♠ Q

BOGGLE BRAINBUSTERS

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

E T O N

S I A G

F U R U

O Y M S

BOGGLE POINT SCALE

3 letters = 1 point

4 letters = 2 points

5 letters = 3 points

6 letters = 4 points

7 letters = 4 points

8 letters = 10 points

9+ letters = 15 points

YOUR BOGGLE RATING

151+ = Champ

101-150 = Expert

61-100 = Pro

31-60 = Gamer

21-30 = Rookie

11-20 = Amateur

0-10 = Try again

Answers to Monday's Boggle BrainBusters: BUS CAR BOAT BIKE PLANE TRAIN

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DEAR ABBY | ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

Wife feels it's the end of the line with drunk husband

Dear Abby: I got pregnant at 15 and had my oldest daughter at 16. I met my husband at 18, and went on to have four more daughters. I have been with him for more than 30 years (I just turned 49).

My girls are living their own lives now. The thing is, now that I'm alone with my husband, I have come to discover that we have nothing in common. I want to leave him, but I have no money, no car and no job. I have become someone I never thought I would become – alone with no life!

My husband ignores me and drinks a lot. When we visit family, it's a free-for-all drunk fest for him. I just don't have the energy at my age to deal with a drunk. I dealt all my life with an alcoholic father and I don't want to do it anymore. How do I begin to rebuild my life and start over? I really need to do this for myself.

At a Crossroads in Ohio

Dear At a Crossroads: I agree that rebuilding your life is something you need to do for yourself. The surest way to accomplish it would be to get a job. This may eventually equip you to survive on your own. If you need transportation, ask your daughters for help or take public transportation.

If you prefer not to attend "family" gatherings, have your husband go alone. Your father's alcoholism may have contributed to the fact that you married someone with an alcohol problem, thinking it was "normal." If that's the case, consider finding a nearby chapter of Al-Anon, al-anon.org/info, or Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dys-

functional Families, adultchildren.org, and attend some of the meetings. They are sometimes held online, so you could do it on a computer, if necessary. I wish you luck on your journey.

Dear Abby: I am a widow with three serious illnesses, one of which is potentially deadly. I hesitate to confide in some of my friends because the majority of them go into a litany of their illnesses. For the most part, their ailments are common and require just a small change in diet or perhaps losing some weight. What makes it uncomfortable for me is they act like they are in a life-threatening situation, which they aren't.

I find it increasingly difficult to empathize with their common colds, achy joints, etc. How can I explain to these folks how much they upset me? For the most part, they are good people, just very self-centered.

Challenged in New Hampshire

Dear Challenged: It may be unrealistic to expect friends who don't know about your serious medical conditions to empathize with you or stop complaining about their aches and pains. Rather than say their complaints are annoying, tell them the truth about what's going on with you. After that, try to remember that regardless of how minor, every person's health challenges are important to them, even if on the grand scale of things they don't seem that way to you.

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

CELEBRITY CIPHER | LUIS CAMPOS

“ Y S L Y I S M I G M J E E M J , ‘ V T S J (V S S H E)
H S S W M P L L W V M I B R H P - V L . R ’ U S
H S U S F M P F S S W G R V T V T M V . M B R W
H S S W E M P L L W I R E V S H R H P - V L . ”
— H M L C R X N W W

Previous Solution: “Anyone who can only write about themselves or their life experiences, in my mind, isn't a very good writer.” — Robert Rodriguez

TODAY'S CLUE: n sjenba N

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SEVEN DAY FORECAST

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TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
HIGH 86 LOW 61	HIGH 83 LOW 63	HIGH 90 LOW 70	HIGH 88 LOW 66	HIGH 78 LOW 55	HIGH 80 LOW 56	HIGH 80 LOW 59
Wind: W 10-20	Wind: NW 7-14	Wind: S 8-16	Wind: S 8-16	Wind: NW 8-16	Wind: NW 8-16	Wind: NW 7-14

THE REGION

ALMANAC

St. Cloud through 5 p.m. Monday

Temperature
High/low 100/79
Normal high/low 79/56
Record high 100 in 2022
Record low 33 in 1992

Precipitation
Past 24 hrs Mon. 0.00"
Month to date 0.15"
Normal month to date . 2.49"
Year to date 13.90"
Normal year to date .. 11.76"

SUN & MOON
Sunrise today 5:27 a.m.
Sunset today 9:09 p.m.
Moonrise today 1:44 a.m.
Moonset today 1:53 p.m.

New

First

Full

Last

June 28

July 6

July 13

July 20

POLLEN MONDAY

Predominant pollen:

Source: Clinical Research Institute

UV INDEX

A higher reading indicates an increased risk of sun damage.

AIR QUALITY

Source: Airnow.gov

COOLING DEGREE DAYS
Monday 25
Month to date 109
Year to date 135
Normal y-t-d 76

WEATHER HISTORY
The temperature fell to 32 degrees on June 21, 1953, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Since then, Sault Ste. Marie has not dropped below 32 until late August and September.

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Extremes Monday

High: Comanche, TX 106

Low: Bodie State Park, CA 21

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

IN BRIEF

Deadline for North Dakota gas tax refund looms

BISMARCK, N.D. – The deadline for applying for North Dakota’s gas tax refund is fast approaching. The Bismarck Tribune reported that June 30 is the last day for consumers to apply for the refund. Farmers and ranchers may receive a refund of 23 cents per gallon of gasoline purchased last year. Industrial consumers can request a refund of 22.5 cents per gallon for gasoline or gasohol, a mix of gasoline and ethanol.

State gas taxes cover highway maintenance in North Dakota, but state Tax Commissioner Brian Kroshus says gas taxes that farmers, ranchers and industrial consumers pay are refundable because construction equipment, tractors and combines generally don’t travel on public highways.

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