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Gogebic County approves millage requests

By ZACHARY MARANO
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BESSEMER — The Gogebic County Board of Commissioners approved area cities' and schools' millage requests at its regular meeting on Wednesday.

Gogebic County Equalization Director Kathy Jo Koval said the county is requesting a levy of 6.6419 mills to be levied against a property tax base of \$595,728,765. She said that the property tax base was established through an extensive sales analysis and review. Through analysis of hundreds of sales, the departments assessed properties at 50% of their true cash value.

Koval also reminded the board that the levy is subject to change via the July board of review, the December board of review, poverty exemptions, veteran exemptions and the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

In addition to the millage requests and a tabulation of final taxable values, the equalization department requested that the board approve its Truth in Taxation checklists. Koval explained that a Truth in Taxation shows that an increase in the total existing property value must be offset by decrease in the tax rate levied, so the yield does not increase from one year to another.

The board also passed a resolution in opposition to a proposed Wagner-Peyser Act Employment Services rule change. According to the Federal Register, the U.S. Department of Labor issued a notice of proposed rule-making on April 20 that, if finalized, would require states to use the same staffing model.

Board member Joe Bonovetz said the county has its own Michigan Works office in Bessemer. The resolution passed by the board says that this rule change would take away local control of employment services

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Western UP COVID-19 level returns to low

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HANCOCK — The western Upper Peninsula's overall COVID-19 community levels declined from medium to low since early June, although the individual community levels for Baraga, Gogebic and Keweenaw counties remain medium, according to a Tuesday update from the Western Upper Peninsula Health Department.

COVID-19 community levels are based on the rate of new cases per 100,000 people, the new admissions per 100,000 population and the percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients in the past seven days. If there are 200 or more COVID-19 cases per 100,000 people in seven days, the community level is automatically reclassified as medium.

Since none of the counties' case rates per 100,000 population exceeded this amount, the medium community levels for the above three counties must be based on the other two metrics. The health department does not provide data on admissions and inpatient beds.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that high-risk individuals take additional precautions at medium and high community levels and all people wear a mask indoors at high levels. The

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Gogebic Health Foundation awards Erickson Grants

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IRONWOOD — The Gogebic Range Health Foundation has announced three recipients of the for the second year of the Jonathan A. Erickson Fund grants.

The awardees include the Emberlight Ambassador Leadership Program, the Wakefield-Marenisco School Youth Skatepark Project and the Gogebic County Sheriff's Department for Project Life Saver.

Andrea Bergman, executive director of the foundation presented two of the awardees with a check on Thursday morning.

Bergman presented the Wakefield-Marenisco Skate Club with a check for \$6,000 at the newly founded skate park in Eddy Park near Sunday Lake in Wakefield. The skate park was the vision of a small group of Wakefield-Mariensco students and their teacher Chris Tweiten.

The students petitioned the city council to turn the former Eddy Park tennis courts into a skate park in October and the request was granted a few months later.

Tweiten said he is very grateful for the grant. He said the money will be used to by a couple additional pieces to round out the offerings of the park which he said is a rarity in the area. According to Tweiten, some kids from Marquette recently came to the area to use the skate park and said they were thrilled to have a skate park like this to use.

"I'm just thrilled to see what you guys do with this," said Bergman.

Tweiten said the kids told him that even though the park is not the biggest and the baddest around yet, it is their favorite because it is theirs and they started it from the ground



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KENNEDY IKOLA, left, guides Emily Dalfavero through a mogul at the skateboard park at Eddy Park near Sunday Lake Thursday morning. The 13-year-olds are members of a group of Wakefield-Marenisco School students who marshaled the new park by petitioning the Wakefield City Council for use of the space and helping to raise funds for equipment.

up. He said the club has plans to hold skateboarding lessons and competitions in the park in the future.

"It's just good to see that they can put fourth the effort and have it come to be," said Tweiten.

The second check was given to the Gogebic and Iron Project Lifesaver. The check, for \$8,000 was received by both Gogebic County Sheriff Ross Solberg and Iron County Sheriff Paul Samardich at the Gogebic County Sheriff's Office in Besse-

mer. Project Lifesaver is a way for law enforcement and other officials to easily track down children with cognitive impair-

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Boardwalks improve MECCA Trails summer hikes

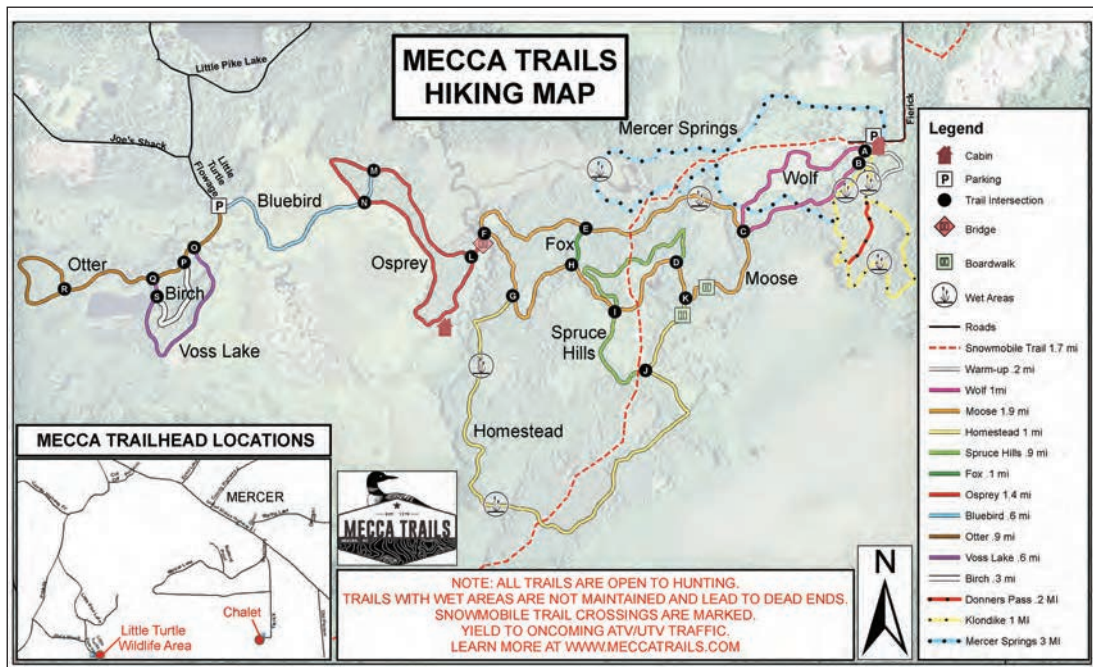
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MERCER, Wis. — Although better known for cross country skiing and snowshoeing, the MECCA Trail system is open year round and offers a great place for hiking and birding in the summer months, according to Mike Shouldice, president of the trail system.

"There's some beautiful glacial terrain that goes through hardwood forests, pine forests and wetlands," Shouldice said. "It's a beautifully forested trail system."

In order to create an even better hiking experience, last year MECCA, in collaboration with the Iron County Parks and Forests Department, built boardwalks that span over the wetlands to allow the trails to be open from the east side where the chalet is to the west side at the Flowage trailhead.

Shouldice said Iron County paid for the materials and MECCA volunteers constructed the boardwalks. He estimated that the boardwalks cost the county about \$15,000 for the materials. One of the bridges is 50 feet and the other is 80 feet. He said the boardwalks took 100 volunteer hours to complete.



Submitted graphic

A NEW map of the MECCA Trail system in Mercer, Wis., includes boardwalks that were constructed in 2021 to help hikers cross swampy areas.

"Before (the boardwalks) if you were out hiking you'd hike up to a wetlands and you be at a dead-end, because depending on how much rain we had gotten you couldn't really walk through the wetland because you'd sink up to your knees," said Shouldice. "Now, we've improved the summer signage so that it directs people to the

boardwalks so that they can take advantage of the whole 15-mile trail system."

The hardwood forests along the trail include birch, maple and oak trees. The pine forests include both red and white pine. The wetlands have tamarack, black spruce and cedar trees.

Shouldice said there is also a

great deal of wildlife that can be spotted along the trail. He said that there is a "very healthy" population of roughed grouse, along with deer, porcupines, foxes, coyotes and occasionally, a wolf.

"With COVID, our traffic,

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High
Low

Thursday

73
53

Today's records
96 (1937)
29 (1979)

Year ago today

High
Low

80
56

Precipitation
24 hours to 7 a.m.
Thursday

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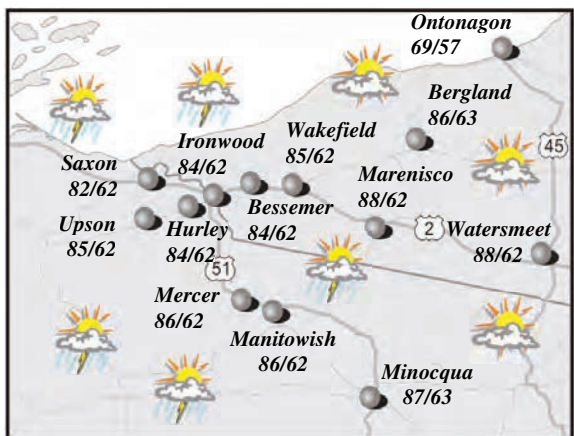
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Winds: 9 mph SSW	Winds: 9-13 mph SSW	Winds: 11-17 mph W	Winds: 6-9 mph W	Winds: 7-13 mph SW



LOCAL OUTLOOK

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a 45% chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 84°, humidity of 50%. South southwest wind 9 mph. The record high temperature for today is 96° set in 1937.

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 Moonset 5:01 p.m.

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REGIONAL WEATHER

	Today	Sat.
Ashland	86/65 s	87/66 pc
Duluth	78/54 t	74/55 sh
Eau Claire	90/65 s	89/67 mc
Escanaba	80/59 pc	75/60 sh
Grand Rapids	89/67 s	91/68 pc
Green Bay	91/68 pc	84/65 sh
Madison	87/67 pc	82/63 sh
Marquette	74/58 pc	78/59 sh
Rhineland	87/63 mc	80/55 sh
St. Paul	91/72 pc	83/61 sh
Wausau	88/65 pc	81/57 sh

NATIONAL WEATHER

	Today	Sat.
Chicago	89/72 pc	86/71 sh
Dallas	104/81 s	103/80 s
Kansas City	91/78 t	95/67 pc
Los Angeles	84/63 s	86/67 s
New York	80/67 pc	87/69 s
Orlando	97/75 sh	91/74 sh
Phoenix	109/86 t	108/87 pc
Seattle	73/56 s	80/59 s

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0-2: Low, 3-5: Moderate, 6-7: High, 8-10: Very High, 11+: Extreme Exposure

WEATHER TRIVIA

What was the deadliest tornado outbreak in the United States?

Answer: The outbreak that hit Missouri, Illinois and Indiana in 1925 claimed 747 lives.



WALLACE REID fuels his vehicle he drives to make a living using ride-share apps, Wednesday, in the Queens borough of New York. Millions of Americans who rely on their cars for work are changing their habits, signing up for carpools or even ditching their cars for bicycles as gas prices recently hit \$5 per gallon for the first time ever.

Gas prices sting US workers who depend on their cars

DETROIT (AP) — High gas prices have Wallace Reid looking for a new career.

Reid, who drives for Uber and Lyft in New York, fills up his Lexus at least three times a week. He pays around \$95 each time, about double what he was paying last year. To make up for that, he's driving more often, but he's also applying for other jobs that wouldn't require his car.

"It's more hours, more stress," he said. "New York City is not an easy city to work and it's affecting our lives."

Reid isn't alone. Millions of Americans who rely on their cars for work are changing their habits, signing up for carpools or even ditching their cars for bicycles as gas prices recently hit \$5 per gallon for the first time ever. This week, it's averaging \$4.95 per gallon nationwide, up from \$3.06 per gallon a year ago, according to AAA.

Some help could be on the way. On Wednesday, President Joe Biden asked Congress to suspend federal gas taxes for three months, which would shave 18.4 cents per gallon off the price of gas. He also called on states to suspend their own gas taxes.

But in the meantime, gas is straining budgets.

Jace Shoemaker-Galloway agonized over whether to charge more for Paws and Whiskers Sitters, her pet-sitting business in Macomb, Illinois. She visits as many as 10 houses each day and fills up her 2018 Mazda CX-3 almost every week. One recent fill-up cost her nearly \$50.

This month, she finally acted. She contacted her clients and told them she was removing the 10% discount she has always given to repeat customers.

Shoemaker-Galloway, who is also a children's book author, said her customers were understanding. But she worries that gas prices will cut into her business in other ways.

"The cost isn't just impacting my bottom line," she said. "Because the price of everything is so

expensive, people are cutting back on non-essentials, which means pet-sitting and book sales."

In a normal summer, Orvilvia Nieto might do some traveling in the RV she lives in in Lytle, Texas. But that might not happen this year. She is struggling to fill the tank of her 2008 Ford Expedition SUV so she can get to her job at a T.J. Maxx distribution center in San Antonio, about 20 miles away.

Nieto and her co-workers trade tips on where gas is cheapest. She sometimes carpools or fills her tank only halfway, which still costs her more than \$50. But she feels lucky. A handful of colleagues on her shift, which ends at 2:30 a.m., ride their bikes home in the dark.

"It's been a rough road," she said. "If we lived in the city it would be easier, could take the bus, but at the end of the shift at 2:30 in the morning, what bus line is available?"

Jill Chapman, a senior performance consultant with Insuperity, a Texas-based human resources and recruitment company, said gas prices and commute lengths are increasingly a sticking point with job candidates. Chapman said companies may want to consider temporary bonuses, incentives for public transit or gas cards to help their employees.

"A business owner needs to acknowledge that there is stress associated with rising gas prices," Chapman said.

David Lewis, the CEO of Operations Inc., a Norwalk, Connecticut-based human resources consulting company, remembers handing out gas cards to his employees in 2009 when gas prices topped \$4 per gallon. But this time he won't be doing that because employees have another option: working from home.

"This is an unwelcome development for those companies that are trying to get people back to the office," Lewis said. "It is one more reasonable reason why those employees are pushing back."

Lewis has around 100 employees in Norwalk. Before COVID, 85% of them were in the office at least two days a week. Now, maybe 25% of them are. Lewis — and many of his clients — would like to see employees in the office more but say gas prices are a huge barrier.

"If you are the company that requires everyone to come in all the time, you're a pariah," he said.

Psychology professor Brian Cesario used to live within walking distance of the college where he teaches. But last year, he moved 55 miles away to Hopewell Junction, New York, so he could afford a larger home for his growing family.

Cesario taught remotely even before the pandemic and assumed he would continue doing so. But last fall, his college began requiring him to drive to campus twice a week, a commute that now costs him \$240 in gas each month. Cesario said he doesn't make enough to compensate for that, so he's looking for a fully remote job outside of academia.

For those who must commute, there can be options. On Tuesday, Uber announced it was bringing back discounted shared rides in nine U.S. cities this summer, including New York, Los Angeles and Chicago. Organizations that link carpools — like one run by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments in the Detroit area — say they are seeing significantly more participants.

Some are even finding solutions in their own garage. Pame Viens and her husband — both histotechnologists who prepare tissue at medical facilities — switched vehicles because his commute is longer. Now, he's driving her 2016 Volkswagen Passat and she's driving his 2022 Dodge Ram.

"I'm only 5'1." I hit my forehead on the side mirror," she said with a laugh. "But I'm getting used to it."

But others say they simply have to hustle harder. Brian Scheall, an Uber driver in Tampa, Florida, pays \$75 every time he fills up his Volkswagen Atlas.

"You can make money but you have to work, work, work," said Scheall. He recently took a side job driving some customers from Florida to Virginia for some extra cash.

Uber says it understands drivers are feeling the pinch from high gas prices, and it added a 45-cent to 55-cent surcharge on all trips in March to help soften the blow. But both Reid and Scheall say gig companies should be doing more.

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Fewer Americans file for jobless aid

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fewer Americans applied for jobless benefits last week as the U.S. job market remains robust despite four-decade high inflation and a myriad of other economic pressures.

Applications for jobless aid for the week ending June 18 fell to 229,000, a decline of 2,000 from the previous week, the Labor Department reported Thursday. First-time applications generally mirror the number of layoffs.

The four-week average for claims, which smooths out some of the week-to-week volatility, rose by 4,500 from the previous week, to 223,500.

The total number of Americans collecting jobless benefits for the week ending June 11 was 1,315,000, up by 5,000 from the previous week.

That figure has hovered near 50-year lows for months.

Much of the recent job security and wage gains that Americans have enjoyed recently has been offset by inflation levels not seen in four decades.

Earlier in June, the Labor Department reported that consumer prices surged 8.6% last month — even more than in April — from a year earlier. The Federal Reserve responded last week by raising its main borrowing rate — its main tool for fighting rising prices — by three-quarters of a point. That increase is on top of a half-point increase in early May.

Three weeks ago the government reported that U.S. employers added 390,000 jobs in May, extending a streak of solid hiring that has bolstered

an economy under pressure. Though the job growth in May was healthy, it was the lowest monthly gain in a year and there have been signs that more layoffs could be coming, at least in some sectors.

Jobless claims applications the past few weeks, though still relatively low, have been the highest since the first weeks of 2022.

Online automotive retailer Carvana said last month that it's letting about 2,500 workers go, roughly 12% of its workforce. Online real estate broker Redfin, under pressure from a housing market that's cooled due to higher interest rates, said last week that it was laying off 8% of its workers.

Those cuts have extended to companies in the cryptocurrency sector with prices for bitcoin and other digital assets cratering in recent months.

Crypto trading platform Coinbase Global said last week it planned to cut about 1,100 jobs, or approximately 18% of its global workforce, as part of a restructuring in order to help manage its operating expenses in response to current market conditions.

★ THIS DAY IN HISTORY ★
June 24

- 1853 US President Franklin Pierce signs the Gadsden Purchase, buying 29,670 square miles (76,800 square km) from Mexico for \$10 million (now southern Arizona and New Mexico)
- 1901 First exhibition by Pablo Picasso aged 19, opens in Paris
- 1902 Target Corporation is founded by American businessman George Dayton as Goodfellow Dry Goods in Minneapolis
- 1977 IRS reveals Jimmy Carter paid no taxes in 1976

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Calendar

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Friday, June 24

Mercer Cribbage, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Mercer Senior Center.

Double Trouble, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Serenity Center, Ironwood.

Alcoholics Anonymous, noon, Salem Lutheran Church, Ironwood. area74.org.

Mercer Food Pantry, noon-1 p.m., Railroad Street, Mercer, Wis. Emergencies: 715-476-7655.

Harbortown AA, 7:30 p.m. EST, Ontonagon United Methodist Church basement, next to Holiday gas station, Ontonagon. area74.org.

Saturday, June 25

Union Station Food Pantry and Northern Food Bank, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 252 E. Ayer St., Ironwood.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 11 a.m., Salem Lutheran Church, Ironwood. area74.org.

Community Pickleball Paddlers, 2-5 p.m., Mercer School gymnasium. 715-776-4588.

Sunday, June 26

Alcoholics Anonymous, 1 p.m., closed meeting, Salem Lutheran Church, Ironwood.

Mercer Health and Wellness Pickleball, 3-6 p.m., Mercer Community Center.

Narcotics Anonymous, 7 p.m., United Methodist Church, Wakefield, 706 Putnam St.

Monday, June 27

Iron County Food Pantry, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., 72 Michigan Ave., Montreal, Wis. 715-561-4450.

Iron County Mobile Food Pantry, noon-1 p.m., Iron County Recycling-Iron County Forestry Parking Lot, 606-607 3rd Ave. North, Hurley. 715-561-2695.

Alcoholics Anonymous, noon, Salem Lutheran Church, Ironwood. area74.org.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 6 p.m., Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church, Ironwood. area74.org.

Narcotics Anonymous, 7 p.m., Salem Lutheran Church, Ironwood.

Harbortown AA, 7:30 p.m. EST, Ontonagon United Methodist Church basement, next to Holiday gas station, Ontonagon. area74.org.

Government

Iron County Human Services Board, 2:30 p.m., public hearing followed by board meeting, Courthouse, Hurley.

Hurley Planning and Zoning Committee, 3:45 p.m., City Hall, Hurley.

Hurley City Council, 4:15 p.m., special meeting, City Hall.

Bessemer Township Board, 5 p.m., Township Hall, Ramsay.

Mercer School Board, 5 p.m., Mercer K-12 School commons, Mercer, Wis.

Ironwood Township Board, 5 p.m., Township offices.

Bessemer School Board, 5 p.m., A.D. Johnston High School library.

Wakefield City Council, 5:30 p.m., City Hall.

Ironwood City Commission, 5:30 p.m., Memorial Building.

Bessemer City Council, 6 p.m., city hall.

Western U.P. Board of Health, 6 p.m. EDT, Hancock office.

Tuesday, June 28

Pickleball, 9 a.m.-noon, Patterson Courts, Ironwood.

Bessemer St. Vincent de Paul, financial assistance, 9-10 a.m.; food pantry, 10 a.m. to noon. 906-663-4436.

Gogebic County Veterans Service Officer, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Ironwood Memorial Building. 906-667-1110.

Ironwood St. Vincent de Paul, food pantry and financial assistance, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., located behind Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church. 906-932-4325.

Alcoholics Anonymous, noon, Salem Lutheran Church, Ironwood. area74.org.

Ironwood Kiwanis Club, noon, Golden Dragon.

Government

Gogebic Range Water Authority Board, 5:30 p.m., Bessemer Township Hall, Ramsay.

Gogebic Community College Board, 6 p.m., room B-22, Jacob Solin Business Center, GCC.

Iron County Board, 6 p.m., courthouse, Hurley.

Erwin Township Community Club's Annual Picnic

Sunday July 3 at the Erwin Township Hall on Van Buskirk Road

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GOGEBIC RANGE HEALTH FOUNDATION



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JAN DISKMAN of Alexandria, Virginia, right, visits the Gogebic Range Health Foundation's table during the **Across the Border** community health fair held on the Iron Belle Trail in Ironwood and Hurley Tuesday. From left are the foundation's director, **Andrea Bergman**, and volunteer **Gay Gheller**.

John Williams, 90, steps away from film, but not music

By **JAKE COYLE**
AP Film Writer

NEW YORK — After more than six decades of making bicycles soar, sending panicked swimmers to the shore and other spell-binding close encounters, John Williams is putting the final notes on what may be his last film score.

"At the moment I'm working on 'Indiana Jones 5,' which Harrison Ford — who's quite a bit younger than I am — I think has announced will be his last film," Williams says. "So, I thought: If Harrison can do it, then perhaps I can, also."

Ford, for the record, hasn't said that publicly. And Williams, who turned 90 in February, isn't absolutely certain he's ready to, either.

"I don't want to be seen as categorically eliminating any activity," Williams says with a chuckle, speaking by phone from his home in Los Angeles. "I can't play tennis, but I like to be able to believe that maybe one day I will."

Right now, though, there are other ways Williams wants to be spending his time. A "Star Wars" film demands six months of work, which he notes, "at this point in life is a long commitment to me." Instead, Williams is devoting himself to composing concert music, including a piano concerto he's writing for Emanuel Ax.

This spring, Williams and cellist Yo-Yo Ma released the album "A Gathering of Friends," recorded with the New York Philharmonic, Pablo Sáinz-Villegas and Jessica Zhou. It's a radiant collection of cello concertos and new arrangements from the scores of "Schindler's List," "Lincoln" and "Munich," including the sublime "A Prayer for Peace."

Turning 90 — an event that the Kennedy Center and Tanglewood are celebrating this summer with birthday concerts — has caused Williams to reflect on his accomplishments, his remaining ambitions and what a lifetime of music has meant to him.

"It's given me the ability to breathe, the ability to live and understand that there's more to corporal life," Williams says. "Without being religious, which I'm not especially, there is a spiritual life, an artistic life, a realm that's above the mundanities of everyday realities. Music can raise one's thinking to the level of poetry. We can reflect on how necessary music has been for humanity. I always like to speculate that music

is older than language, that we were probably beating drums and blowing on reeds before we could speak. So it's an essential part of our humanity.

"It's given me my life."

And, in turn, Williams has provided the soundtrack to the lives of countless others through more than 100 film scores, among them "Star Wars," "Jurassic Park," "Jaws," "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," "E.T.," "Indiana Jones," "Superman," "Schindler's List" and "Harry Potter."

"He's lived through the better part of a century, and his music encompasses all of the events and changes of those times," says Ma, a longtime friend. "He is one of the great American voices."

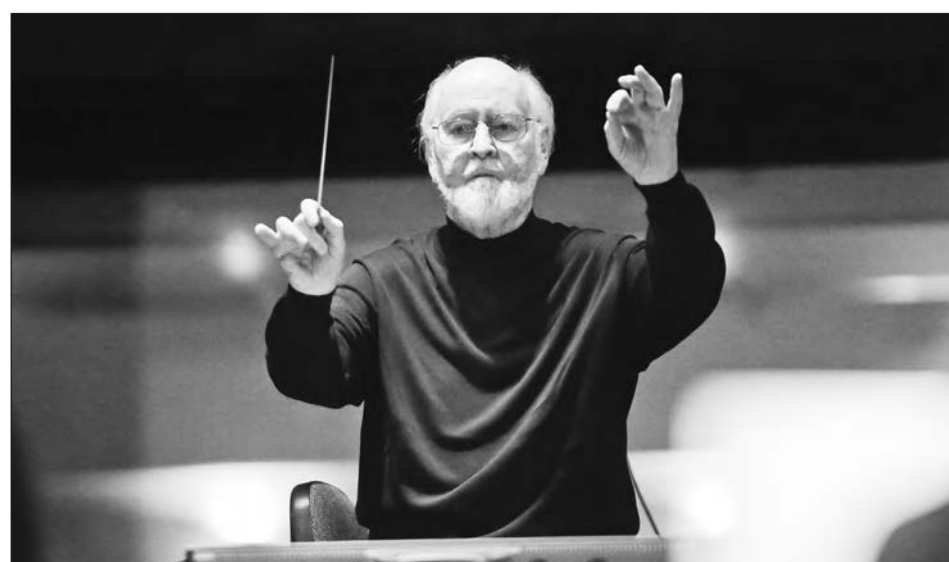
It's an amount of accomplishment that's hard to quantify. Five Oscars and 52 Academy Award nominations, a number bested only by Walt Disney, is one measurement. But even that hardly hints at the cultural power of his music. A billion people might be able to instantly hum Williams' two-note ostinato from "Jaws" or "The Imperial March" from "Star Wars."

"I'm told that the music is played all over the world. What could be more rewarding than that?" says Williams. "But I have to say it seems unreal. I can only see what's in front of me at the piano right at this moment, and do my best with that."

Williams has a warm, humble, courteous manner despite his stature. He began an interview by offering: "Let me see if I can give you anything that might be useful." All those indelible, perfectly constructed themes, he believes, are the product less of divine inspiration than daily hard work. Williams does most of his work sitting for hours at a time at his Steinway, composing in pencil.

"It's like cutting a stone at your desk," he says. "My younger colleagues are much faster than I am because they have electronic equipment and computers and synthesizers and so on."

When Williams began (his first feature film score was 1958's "Daddy-O"), the cinematic tradition of grand, orchestral scores was beginning to lose out to pop soundtracks. Now, many are gravitating toward synthesized music for film. Increasingly,



Associated Press

THIS 2017 photo released by Lucasfilm Ltd. shows John Williams, a five-time Oscar-winning composer. Williams, now 90, is stepping away from conducting and devoting himself to composing concert music.

Williams has the aura of a venerated old master who bridges distant eras of film and music.

"Recording with the New York Philharmonic, the whole orchestra to a person were awestruck by this gentleman at now 90 who hears everything, is unfailingly kind, gentle, polite. People just wanted to play for him," says Ma. "They were floored by the musicianship of this man."

This late chapter in Williams' career is in some ways a chance to place his mammoth legacy not just in connection with cinema but among the classical legends. Williams, who led the Boston Pops from 1980 to 1993, has conducted the Berlin, Vienna and New York philharmonics, among others. In the world's elite orchestras, Williams' compositions have passed into canon.

"A purist may say that music represented in film is not absolute music. Well, that may be true," says Williams. "But some of the greatest music ever written has been narrative. Certainly in opera. Film offers that opportunity — not often but occasionally it does. And in a rewarding way musically. Occasionally we get lucky and we find one."

Williams' enduring partnership with Steven Spielberg has, of course, helped the composer's odds. Spielberg, who first sought out a lunch with Williams in 1972 after being captivated by his score to "The Reivers," has called him "the single most significant contributor to my success as a filmmaker."

"Without John Williams, bikes don't really fly," Spielberg said when the AFI honored Williams

in 2016.

They remain irrevocably linked. Their offices on the Universal lot are just steps from one another. Along with "Indiana Jones," Williams recently scored Spielberg's upcoming semi-autobiographical drama about growing up in Arizona, "The Fabelmans." The two movies make it 30 films together for Spielberg and Williams.

"It's been 50 years now. Maybe we're starting on the next 50," says Williams with a laugh. "Whatever our connections will be, whether it's music or working with him or just being with him, I think we will always be together. We're great, close friends who have shared many years together. It's the kind of relationship where neither one of us would ever say no to the other."

In Spielberg's films and others, Williams has carved out enough perfectly condensed melodies to rival the Beatles. Spielberg once described his five-note "Communication Motif" from "Close Encounters" as "a doorbell."

"Simple little themes that speak clearly and without obfuscation are very hard to find and very hard to do," says Williams. "They really are the result of a lot of work. It's almost like chiseling. Move one note, change a rhythmic emphasis or the direction of an interval and so on. A simple tune can be done in dozens of ways. If you find one that, it seems like you discovered something that

wanted to be uncovered." One thing you won't hear from Williams is a grand pronouncement about his own legacy. He's much more comfortable talking like a technician who tinkers until a gleaming gem falls out.

"My own personality is such that I look at what I've done — I'm quite pleased and proud of a lot of it — but like most of us, we always wish we might have done better," he says. "We live with examples like Beethoven and Bach before us, monumental achievements people have made in music, and can feel very humbled. But I also feel very fortunate. I've had wonderful opportunities, particularly in film where a composer can have an audience of not millions of people, but billions of people."

Williams has a number of concerts planned for the rest of the year, including performances in Los Angeles, Singapore and Lisbon. But while Williams may be stepping away from film, he remains enchanted by cinema, and the ability of sound and image, when combined, to achieve lift-off.

"I'd love to be around in 100 years to see what people are doing with film and sound and spatial, aural and visual effects. It has a tremendous future, I think," says Williams. "I can sense great possibility and great future in the atmospherics of the whole experience. I'd love to come back and see and hear it all."

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In Their Opinion

Democrats beginning to recognize Biden is too old to be president

A pastime around our office in early 2021 was guessing when Democrats would begin to point out that President Biden was too old for the job and should pack it in. The consensus was after a drubbing in the midterm election, but congrats to the colleague (he knows who he is) who figured sometime early this year. He wins the office pool because the drive to shove the President out the door has already begun.

The New York Times kicked off the kicking with a story quoting various progressive sages suddenly admitting what everyone has known all along: Mr. Biden is the oldest serving U.S. President at age 79, and he'll be 82 when he finishes his term. He looks and sounds every bit his age. This declaration of the obvious has now moved along the progressive media chorus line to the Atlantic, with a piece that asserts "Let me put this bluntly: Joe Biden should not run for re-election in 2024. He is too old."

These stories treat this as a revelation, as if Mr. Biden suddenly showed some dramatic decline. The truth is that the President demonstrated he had lost a verbal, and maybe mental, step in the first Democratic candidate debate in 2019. He hasn't improved. Democrats admitted it privately at the time, but they rallied to him during the South Carolina primary when it looked like he was the only Democrat who could hold off the nomination of Bernie Sanders and defeat Donald Trump.

The rest of the campaign was a long apologia for Mr. Biden's strategy of limiting his public exposure by campaigning in his Delaware basement. Covid-19 was the perfect excuse, and woe to any journalist who dared to ask if Mr. Biden wasn't the same man we knew as Vice President. The subject was taboo.

This was one of the great free campaign passes in history. Ronald Reagan's age was a subject of agonized media concern when he ran for President at age 69 in 1980. He was roasted after he stumbled in the first debate against Walter Mondale in 1984, and he had to defuse the media and public doubts with a quip about Mondale's "youth and inexperience" in the next debate.

The Gipper was three weeks shy of 78 when he left office, which was younger than Mr. Biden was when he entered the Oval. If the President runs and serves a second term, he'd be 86 on his final day in the job. But Mr. Biden was needed to defeat Mr. Trump, and so all of this age business had to be ignored in 2020.

Why the Democratic turn now? One obvious answer is that the President is down in the polls, and his low approval rating may cost Democrats control of Congress in November. The problem can't be the party's ideas, or Mr. Biden's adoption of the Sanders agenda after he'd campaigned as a moderate. The problem has to be Mr. Biden. He's suddenly not up to the burdens of the Oval Office that have aged even younger men. He can't make the case for his ideas. He's overwhelmed by crises.

You almost have to feel sorry for Mr. Biden, who saved his party from Mr. Trump but is expendable now that he's a political liability. You can almost hear Mr. Biden shouting at his staff: Where's the gratitude? You think Bernie or Mayor Pete would have beaten Trump? I'm the guy who saved democracy.

Mr. Biden can be stubborn, and as anyone with older parents knows, taking away their car keys can be a difficult conversation. The President may not want to leave town as easily as some Democrats want him to.

All the more given the lack of obvious Democratic alternatives to Mr. Biden in 2024. Vice President Kamala Harris would run in a millisecond, but nothing she has done or said since her emergence on the national scene suggests she is up to the Presidency.

Democrats know this, which you can tell by all the stories earlier this year about her political struggles. That's the Beltway insider way of preparing the field for other candidates to consider running. Not that Pete Buttigieg will need any coaxing.

Such is the price of nominating Mr. Biden with so little scrutiny about his capacity for the Presidency. Perhaps Democrats will avoid a drubbing in the midterms, or he'll rally after the election by using a GOP Congress as a foil. But Democrats may want to begin looking for candidates far from Washington if they want to retain the White House in 2024.

The Wall Street Journal

Great Biden Recession of 2022 already here

Last week, I was invited to testify before a House committee hearing titled: "How the Biden American Rescue Plan Saved the Economy and Lives." I am not making this up. Can you imagine taking a victory lap, given our current conditions?

I told the Democrats on the committee that the idea that Congress would hold a hearing like this when the economy is coming unhinged only reinforces the suspicion held by most people that the Washington swamp is totally out of touch with the lives and hardships of everyday America.

The reality of our predicament is best summarized by JPMorgan CEO Jamie Dimon, who warned investors to "brace yourself" for what he called a fast-approaching economic "hurricane."

To be clear, America is not yet in a recession. Still, it's undeniable that starting around June, the economy and financial markets smashed into a brick wall. Here are the troubling indicators, all pointing in the wrong direction:

The Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta just estimated that second quarter economic growth through the middle of June is a big fat zero. This is on top of the 1.5% decline in the economy in the first quarter. This means for the first five and a half months of this year, our economy has shrunk in size relative to inflation. That result isn't technically a recession, but it's perilously close.

Second, the wealth losses in the greater financial market sell-off of 2022 have now exceeded \$10 trillion since the start of the year. This has been one of the most significant and financially catastrophic vaporizations of wealth and savings in U.S. history. It is delusional that President Joe Biden says people have record savings. No, the reverse is true. Voters' 401(k) plans and other retirement savings have been shredded.

Stephen Moore



ded.

It is leading to what economists call a "reverse wealth effect." Just as people spend more when their bank accounts and stock portfolios are full of cash, they tend to become comatose when those gains turn almost overnight into losses. Adjusting for inflation, the stock market is down 15%-20% depending on the index examined. Tech stocks in the Nasdaq have been clobbered the most.

Third, consumer confidence and business confidence have each fallen fast. Only about 2 in 10 voters feel the economy is headed in the right direction. Moreover, the National Federation of Independent Business's index of small businesses found that confidence is now at its lowest level since the pandemic hit these shores and businesses were shut down.

Fourth and most damaging, consumer and producer prices have risen to their highest levels since the early 1980s. The consumer price index hit 8.6%, and the producer price index is above 10%. Price increases aren't "transitory" and haven't shown any signs of peaking.

Let's not forget that Washington's fiscal picture is a train wreck. In two and a half years, the debt has soared by another \$5 trillion thanks to the blizzard spending to "fight" COVID-19 and then for multiple economic rescue plans. As the Fed raises interest rates, the carrying cost of the \$23

trillion national debt gets progressively more expensive. We will be paying taxes for years to merely to pay the interest on our enormous debt.

All of the debt spending in Washington has unleashed the inflation dragon – the cruelest tax of all on families and businesses.

During the Trump presidency, before COVID-19 hit these shores, median household income rose by \$6,446. This was one of the largest three-year gains in income for middle-class families in history. The combination of output gains due to deregulation, "America first" energy and the Trump pro-growth tax cuts plus an inflation rate of less than 2% facilitated these enormous gains in family incomes for all income groups and all races and a highly prosperous period in terms of incomes and wealth creation.

Under Biden, inflation has cost the average person roughly \$3,000 a year in lost real income. Based on the cascading inflation levels we have experienced over the last year, it is my prediction that virtually all of the income gains delivered under former President Donald Trump could get erased due to the surge in inflation by the end of Biden's second year in office.

In other words, under Trump, median income gains were more than \$6,000. Under Biden, median income will represent anywhere from \$5,000 to \$6,000 lost in average wages and salaries when adjusting for the 8.6% inflation over the last year.

Simply put, people are getting poorer month after month in part due to the inflation unleashed by the American Rescue Plan.

If any of this is a "success," then so was the maiden voyage of the Titanic.

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Today in history

By The Associated Press Today's Highlight in History

On June 24, 1497, the first recorded sighting of North America by a European took place as explorer John Cabot spotted land, probably in present-day Canada.

On this date

In 1509, Henry VIII was crowned king of England; his wife, Catherine of Aragon, was crowned queen consort.

In 1807, a grand jury in Richmond, Virginia, indicted former Vice President Aaron Burr on charges of treason and high misdemeanor (he was later acquitted).

In 1939, the Southeast Asian country Siam changed its name to Thailand. (It went back to being Siam in 1945, then became Thailand once again in 1949.)

In 1940, France signed an armistice with Italy during World War II.

In 1946, Fred M. Vinson was sworn in as the 13th chief justice of the United States, succeeding the late Harlan F. Stone.

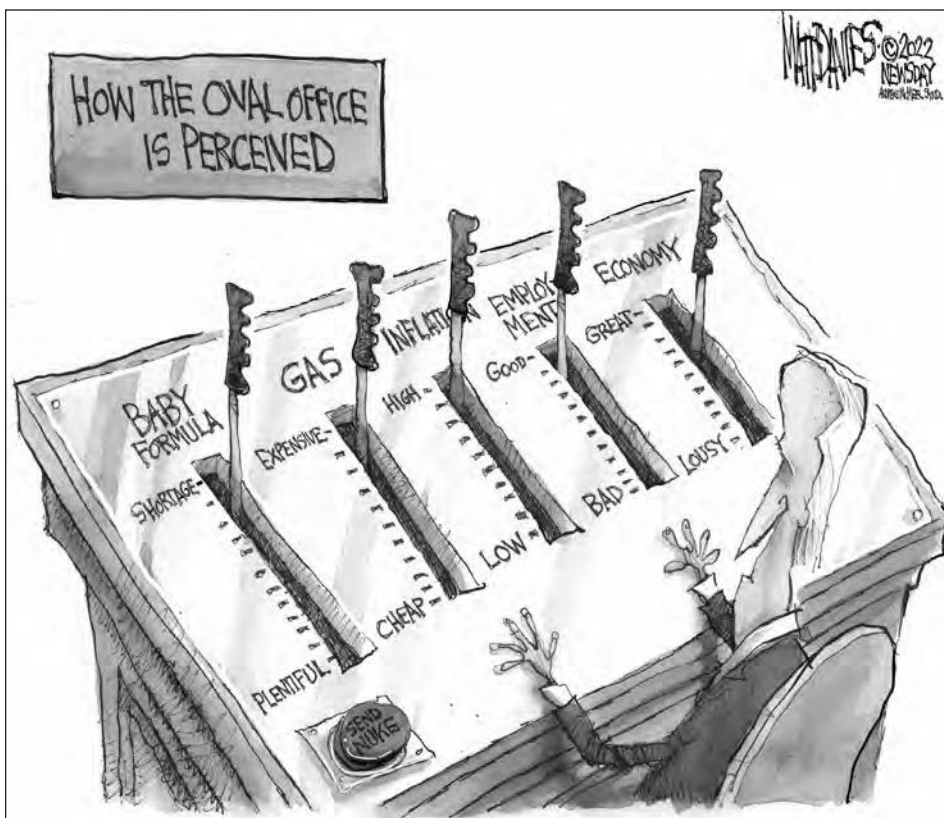
In 1948, Communist forces cut off all land and water routes between West Germany and West Berlin, prompting the western allies to organize the Berlin Airlift.

In 1957, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Roth v. United States, ruled 6-3 that obscene materials were not protected by the First Amendment.

In 1973, President Richard Nixon concluded his summit with the visiting leader of the Soviet Union, Leonid Brezhnev, who hailed the talks in an address on American television.

In 1983, the space shuttle Challenger — carrying America's first woman in space, Sally K. Ride — coasted to a safe landing at Edwards Air Force Base in California.

In 1992, the Supreme Court, in a 5-4 decision, strengthened its 30-year ban on officially sponsored worship in public schools, prohibiting



prayer as a part of graduation ceremonies.

In 2015, a federal judge in Boston formally sentenced Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev to death for the 2013 terror attacks. (A federal appeals court later threw out the sentence; the Supreme Court reinstated it.)

In 2020, three white men were indicted on murder charges in the killing of Ahmaud Arbery, a Black man who was shot while running in a neighborhood near Georgia's coast. (All three were convicted.)

Ten years ago: The Muslim Brotherhood's Mohammed Morsi was declared the winner of Egypt's first free presidential election. New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman announced a settlement that would bring \$405 million to victims of Bernard Madoff's historic investment scam.

Five years ago: President Donald Trump and first lady Melania Trump were among

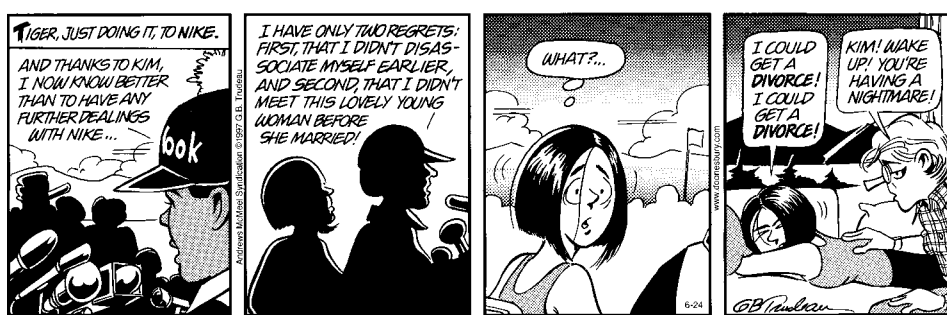
the guests as Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin married Scottish actor Louise Linton in Washington. At least 10 people were killed by a landslide in a mountain village in southwestern China.

One year ago: A 12-story condominium building in Surfside, Florida, collapsed, killing 98 people. An appeals court suspended Rudy Giuliani from practicing law in New York because he made false statements while trying to get courts to overturn Donald Trump's loss in the presidential race. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said she would create a special committee to investigate the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol; Senate Republicans had blocked legislation that would form a bipartisan commission to investigate the attack. Leaders of indigenous groups in Canada said investigators had found more than 600 unmarked graves at the site of a former residential school for indigenous children.

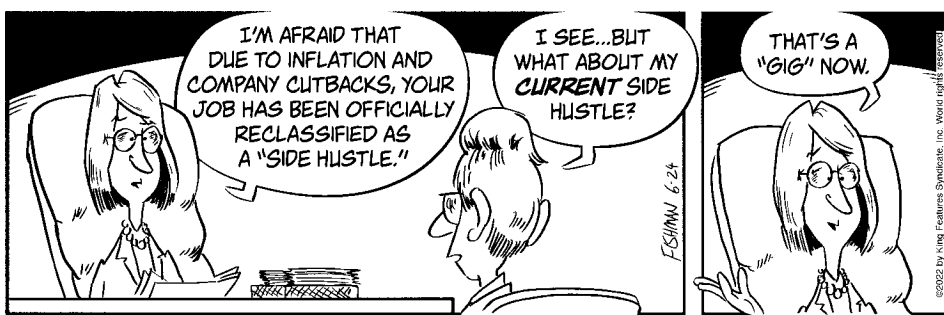
Today's Birthdays

Rock singer Arthur Brown is 80. Actor Michele Lee is 80. Actor-director Georg Stanford Brown is 79. Rock musician Jeff Beck is 78. Rock singer Colin Blunstone (The Zombies) is 77. Musician Mick Fleetwood is 75. Actor Peter Weller is 75. Rock musician John Illsley (Dire Straits) is 73. Actor Nancy Allen is 72. Reggae singer Derrick Simpson (Black Uhuru) is 72. Actor Joe Penny is 66. R&B/pop singer-songwriter Siedah Garrett is 62. Actor Iain Glen is 61. Rock singer Curt Smith is 61. Actor Danielle Spencer is 57. Actor Sherry Stringfield is 55. Singer Glenn Medeiros is 52. Actor Carla Gallo is 47. Actor Amir Talai (TV: "LA to Vegas") is 45. Actor-producer Mindy Kaling is 43. Actor Minka Kelly is 42. Actor Vanessa Ray is 41. Actor Justin Hires is 37. Actor Candice Patton is 37. Singer Solange Knowles is 36. Actor Max Ehrlich is 31. Actor Beanie Feldstein is 29.

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Mecca

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winter and year-round, has gone way up," said Shouldice. "People are looking for a safe place to get some exercise, get some fresh air, and there is nothing better than the beauty of the woods in Iron County."

MECCA trails also developed a hiking map which identifies where the two boardwalks are and where there are wetlands that do not have a boardwalk crossing for this season.

MECCA does not own any of the land that the trail system sets on, but rather provides the manpower to maintain the trails. The trail system is on county, state, Mercer town, and Mercer Sanitary District property. Therefore, MECCA considers itself to be a county park, a state park and a town park, because it has land use agreements with all of them. Shouldice said the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is MECCA's liaison for the state property.

The land that one of the new boardwalks is located on was considered private property until last year, when MECCA and Iron County applied and were awarded grants for the county to purchase the 40 acres of land. MECCA received a \$10,000 grant from the Gogebic Range Health Foundation and Iron County received a \$12,000 Knowles-Nelson

grant. Shouldice said as soon as they acquired the land they built the boardwalk over the wetlands on it. He said that the private property owner had allowed MECCA use of the land for many years, but when the owner decided to sell, MECCA and the county decided to purchase the land in order to make sure it would remain part of the trail system. He said the land was located next to county forest land, so it was able to be added to its forest inventory.

"This collaboration with the Iron County Parks and Forest Department is part of our mission," said Shouldice of the land purchase and the boardwalks. "Collaborating with the property owners is central to our mission."

Shouldice said that the MECCA Trail System rounds out the entire recreational trail system in Mercer.

"We are so fortunate to have the lakes and the rivers, and the forests and the bike trails in the area," said Shouldice. "We really have something for everybody (in Mercer). So if somebody doesn't fish or mountain bike, but they enjoy going for a walk in the woods our trail system is free and open to the public year-round."

MECCA is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and is funded primarily through donations and memberships. Donation boxes are located at trailheads. For more information on the trail system visit meccatrails.com.

COVID

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CDC recommends all people stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines and get tested if they have symptoms at all levels, including low.

The updates show that the seven-day case count went down from 95 new COVID-19 cases on June 9 to 63 new cases on Tuesday. These included 31 new cases in Houghton County, 21 new cases in Gogebic, five new cases in Baraga, four in Ontonagon and two in Keweenaw. However, there were two new deaths with COVID-19 in Houghton County and one death in Ontonagon.

At the time of the WUPHD's last update of 2021 on Dec. 22, a total of 10,501 COVID-19 cases had been reported in the five counties. As of Tuesday, that number has increased to 15,493 cases - including 2,157 cases in Baraga County, 3,445 cases in Gogebic, 8,279 cases in Houghton, 555 cases in Keweenaw and 1,056 cases in Ontonagon - which means there have been just under 5,000 known cases in 2022.

One death that was incorrectly attributed to COVID-19 in Keweenaw County was subtracted from the numbers in Tues-

day's update, bringing the total number of COVID-19 deaths in the western U.P. to 274. Of these, 57 deaths occurred since the health department's Dec. 22 update.

The Iron County, Wisconsin health department has not posted an update since May 20, when six confirmed COVID-19 cases were reported. According to the CDC website, Iron County had a low community level as of June 16.

Following CDC endorsement, children six months and older became eligible for COVID-19 vaccines on Saturday. Dr. Robert Van Howe of the WUPHD office in Hancock told the Daily Globe on Monday that most of the vaccines will be administered by the children's health care providers, but not every practice will give vaccines. Howe recommends people call their providers for more details.

Howe said that the children are a vulnerable population. During the outbreak of the omicron variant, Howe said that there was a large spike in COVID-19 cases among children under four years old. He said that scheduling a COVID-19 vaccination for their children should make parents feel safer about taking them out to public spaces.

US rep blames abortion supporters for Michigan office damage

JACKSON (AP) — A Republican U.S. representative says he believes abortion rights activists may be behind vandalism at the building his campaign office shares with an anti-abortion group in southern Michigan.

U.S. Rep. Tim Walberg's campaign says attackers smashed windows and a front door of the building in Jackson, Michigan, early Wednesday.

Fire officials say a nearby sign was also spray-painted pink, but there's no evidence anyone entered the building. Walberg, of Tipton, says the graffiti indicates the vandalism was done by someone who supports abortion rights. Walberg says he opposes abortion.

Lottery

Table with lottery results for Wednesday Michigan, Wisconsin, and Multi-state. Columns include game name, numbers, and amounts.

FRIDAY EVENING

JUNE 24, 2022

Large grid of TV schedule for Friday Evening, June 24, 2022. Columns show time slots (7:00-11:30) and channels (CW, CBS, NBC, ABC, FOX, PBS, HSN, TWC, etc.).

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Summer reading programs designed to help kids stay on track

By CHARITY SMITH
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IRONWOOD — With summer in full swing, libraries across the region are focused on helping children continue to progress with literacy by offering summer reading programs and other activities.

“Libraries conduct summer reading programs to help students avoid the ‘summer slide’ in reading comprehension and vocabulary, and they definitely do that,” said Lynne Wiercinski, director of the Ironwood Carnegie Library.

“We also do our best to create the kind of summer reading program that helps children realize that reading is really, truly fun. And that, I think, is just as important,” she said.

This year’s theme is “Ocean’s of Possibilities.”

Wiercinski said summer reading programs are successful because they offer book choices that kids enjoy and combine the books with programs that they like to attend. She said everything about the Carnegie’s summer reading program is meant to create a joyful, happy experience for the children.

“If books and libraries can make a child feel happy, and successful, and safe, we have done our job,” said Wiercinski. “And it means we’ve taken a valuable first step in creating someone who will enjoy reading for a lifetime.”

As of Wednesday, more than 140 children have signed up for the Ironwood library’s program, Wiercinski said. Which she said is “astounding.”

The Ironwood library’s summer reading program is broken down into four categories: Read with Me, which is for pre-readers and those just beginning to

read; and Independent Readers, which is designed for students in grades 2-6, teens and adults. Participants set their own reading goals and log their reading time. Wiercinski said they will have a drawing at the end of the program for a variety of prizes including four bikes which were donated.

The Ironwood program started on June 7 and the library continues to have children’s events one to three times a week. According to Wiercinski, the events have been well attended. So far this summer, programs have included loons with the Discovery Center, participated in a mermaid dance with Bethany Hellen Dance Studios, learned about pirates at the Erwin Township Hall, made art with sea shells, and create wave paintings with local artist Ann Marie Batiste.

Future events will include Shark Tooth Science on July 5 at 2 p.m., Exploring Oceans with the North Lakeland Discovery Center on July 12 at 2 p.m., Extreme Shark Science on July 19 at 2 p.m., and Extreme Water Science on July 26 at 2 p.m.

“It’s been crazy and hectic, and absolutely fantastic,” said Wiercinski.

The July events coincide with the “Book Club in a Bag” project, which was funded by a grant from the Library of Michigan Public Library Services and the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Wiercinski said they distributed approximately 75 bags that contained an ocean-themed book, a craft project and an invite to attend a book club program in July.

“We were able to purchase a variety of water, ocean and shark science



Submitted Photo

BENTLEY LUEDTKE, Kadey Galo, and Lillie Pisco play pretend at the kick-off event for the summer reading program at the Ironwood Carnegie Library.

kits that we will use during the book club program. Each book and kit is geared toward a specific age group,” said Wiercinski. “So children will be able to enjoy a great book and exciting science experiments.”

There are also art programs, including making salt dough star fish during Festival Ironwood, doing a story walk as part of the Emberlight Festival and activities every Tuesday during the school’s lunch program at the Depot Park pavilion.

For more information on the Carnegie Library, call 906-932-0203.

Mercer library director Theresa Schmidt said she is excited about the great

variety of programs they have this summer.

“The library has a great variety of things planned including visits from the Discovery Center naturalists, juggling, tie-dye, storytelling, and even dinosaurs,” she said in a press release.

The Mercer library kicked off their summer children’s programming on Thursday with a nature event that explored the role of bees and pollinators with the North Lakeland Discovery Center.

On Wednesday, the library will host juggler T.R. Loon at 11 a.m. in the Mercer Community Center. Loon’s juggling presentation is called “Read Books and Juggle Everything

Else.”

“Be kind to everyone you meet, for we are all spinning a lot of plates,” Loon said.

Other programs in Mercer include an ocean themed tie-dyeing event at 11 a.m. on July 14, Exploring Oceans with the North Lakeland Discovery Center on July 28 at 11 a.m., and on Aug. 11 storyteller Tracy Chipman will tell stories about the sea. Schmidt said they will also have reading bingo next month.

“It should be a fun way to help kids stay motivated to keep their reading skills sharp,” said Schmidt.

For more information Mercer Library events go to mercerpubliclibrary.org.

The Hurley Public

Library has four animal themed events planned for children this summer. All of the Hurley library kids events will start at 2 p.m. at Riccelli Park.

On July 13, the library will be hosting black bears for kids. The program will teach children all about black bears by examining black bear artifacts, and talking about their adaptations. Kids will learn all about bees and pollinators on July 20, beavers on July 27, and turtles on Aug. 3. Live turtles will be brought in for children to meet during the turtle themed event.

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Supreme Court expands gun rights, striking New York limits

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a major expansion of gun rights, the Supreme Court said Thursday that Americans have a right to carry firearms in public.

The justices' 6-3 decision follows a series of recent mass shootings and is expected to ultimately allow more people to legally carry guns on the streets of the nation's largest cities — including New York, Los Angeles and Boston — and elsewhere. About a quarter of the U.S. population live in states expected to be affected by the ruling, the high court's first major gun decision in more than a decade.

The ruling comes as Congress is working toward passage of gun legislation following mass shootings in Texas, New York and California.

Justice Clarence Thomas wrote for the majority that the Constitution protects "an individual's right to carry a handgun for self-defense outside the home."

In their decision, the justices struck down a New York law requiring people to demonstrate a particular need for carrying a gun in order to get a license to carry one in public. The justices said that requirement violates the Second Amendment right to "keep and bear arms."

California, Hawaii, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey and Rhode Island all have similar laws. The Biden administration had urged the justices to uphold New York's law.

New York Gov. Kathy Hochul said the decision comes at a particularly painful time, when New York is still mourning the deaths of 10 people in a mass shooting at a supermarket in Buffalo. "This decision isn't just reckless.



A POLICE officer leads a K-9 in the street outside of the U.S. Supreme Court in Washington, Thursday.

It's reprehensible. It's not what New Yorkers want," she said.

In a dissent joined by his liberal colleagues, Justice Stephen Breyer focused on the toll taken by gun violence. "Since the start of this year alone (2022), there have already been 277 reported mass shootings—an average of more than one per day," Breyer wrote.

Backers of New York's law had argued that striking it down would lead to more guns on the streets and higher rates of violent crime. Gun violence, which was already on the rise during the coronavirus pandemic has spiked anew.

In most of the country gun owners have little difficulty legally carrying their weapons in public. But that had been harder to do in New York and the handful of states with similar laws. New York's law, which has

been in place since 1913, says that to carry a concealed handgun in public, a person applying for a license has to show "proper cause," a specific need to carry the weapon.

The state issues unrestricted licenses where a person can carry their gun anywhere and restricted licenses that allow a person to carry the weapon but just for specific purposes such as hunting and target shooting or to and from their place of business.

The Supreme Court last issued a major gun decision in 2010. In that decision and a ruling from 2008 the justices established a nationwide right to keep a gun at home for self-defense. The question for the court this time was about carrying one outside the home.

The challenge to the New York law was brought by the New York State Rifle

& Pistol Association, which describes itself as the nation's oldest firearms advocacy organization, and two men seeking an unrestricted ability to carry guns outside their homes.

The court's decision is somewhat out of step with public opinion. About half of voters in the 2020 presidential election said gun laws in the U.S. should be made more strict, according to AP VoteCast, an expansive survey of the electorate. An additional third said laws should be kept as they are, while only about 1 in 10 said gun laws should be less strict.

About 8 in 10 Democratic voters said gun laws should be made more strict, VoteCast showed. Among Republican voters, roughly half said laws should be kept as they are, while the remaining half closely divided between more and less strict.

Obituaries

Nick Rudolph Pavlovich

IRONWOOD, Mich. — Nick Rudolph Pavlovich went to meet his beautiful wife, Carol, in heaven on Saturday, May 28, 2022. He couldn't wait any longer, even though his family wanted him to stay.



Nick Rudolph Pavlovich
1927 — 2022

A memorial service will be held on June 30, at McKeivitt Patrick Funeral Home at 11 a.m., preceded by a visitation from 10 a.m. until the time of the service.

The family has chosen McKeivitt-Patrick Funeral Home of Ironwood to honor Nick's legacy of life. You can leave a condolence or a tribute at mckeivittpatrickfuneralhome.com.

Briefs

Michigan teen's trial in school shooting moved to January

PONTIAC (AP) — A judge on Thursday postponed a murder trial until January in the case of a teenager accused of killing four fellow students and wounding others at a Michigan high school.

Lawyers for Ethan Crumbley said a September trial date wouldn't leave enough time to go through evidence and prepare. The Oakland County prosecutor's office did not object.

"I do find good cause," Judge Kwame Rowe said in setting a Jan. 17 trial.

Crumbley, 16, is charged with murder and other crimes in the November shooting at Oxford High School. Earlier that day, his parents were summoned to discuss the boy's disturbing drawings on a math assignment, but they declined to take him home.

James and Jennifer Crumbley are charged with involuntary manslaughter. They're accused of making a gun accessible to their son and failing to get him help after he showed signs of mental distress. Their trial is set for Oct. 24. The couple's attorneys deny the allegations.

his condition was not immediately available.

The man's family reported that he "was having psychological issues and was taking psychological medication and drinking," police said.

Police also were told the man said he wanted to kill a relative he previously had fought. That relative fled after the man broke through the front door of a home about 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The public safety department said two of the responding officers were members of its crisis intervention team. The officer who shot the man has been placed on administrative leave. The shooting was being investigated by the state police.

Man arrested after scuffling with deputies at board meeting

KENOSHA, Wis. (AP) — Sheriff's deputies scuffled with and arrested a man at a Kenosha County Board meeting after he spoke out against relaxing gun restrictions in county buildings and then refused to step away from a lectern.

The county board was considering several agenda items Tuesday night, including a resolution to allow concealed carry permit holders to bring firearms into some Kenosha County buildings.

More than two dozen people who signed up to comment at the meeting were given five minutes each. The man who spoke against the firearms resolution was eventually ruled out of order after he began naming board members and questioning some of their political donations and then suggested that a person who approached him might be taken as a threat.

Two deputies approached the man, grabbed his arms and struggled to bring him to the floor and arrest him, video showed.

Man shot, wounded during confrontation with Albion police

ALBION (AP) — A man accused of threatening a relative has been shot and wounded after allegedly raising a gun toward police officers in southern Michigan.

Three officers confronted the man Wednesday evening at a home in Albion and ordered him multiple times to drop the gun, the city's public safety department said in a release.

One of the officers fired his service weapon, striking the man who was taken to an area hospital. His name was not released and

Judge approves \$1 billion deal in deadly Florida condo collapse

MIAMI (AP) — A judge gave final approval Thursday to a settlement topping \$1 billion for victims of the collapse of a Florida beachfront condominium building that killed 98 people, one of the deadliest building failures in U.S. history.

The decision by Miami-Dade Circuit Judge Michael Hanzman came a day before the one-year anniversary of the Champlain Towers South disaster in the Miami suburb of Surfside. The judge praised the dozens of lawyers involved for averting what could have been years of litigation with no sure outcome.

"It will never be enough to compensate them for the tragic loss they have suffered," the judge said. "This settlement is the best we can do. It's a remarkable result. It is extraordinary."

The bulk of the \$1.02 billion total will go to people who lost family members in the collapse of the 12-story building. About \$100 million is earmarked for legal fees, and \$96 million set aside for owners who lost one of the 136 units in the building.

No victims filed objections to the settlement or decided to opt out, said court-appointed receiver Michael Goldberg. Several people who lost family members or property said in court Thursday that they are grateful for such a swift conclusion to a horrific experience.

Raysa Rodriguez, who survived the collapse in a ninth-floor unit that was initially left intact, had nothing but praise for the outcome.

"You have no idea what a relief this is to me personally," Rodriguez said. "I am so exhausted. I just want

this to be done. I want these souls to rest."

The ruling came during what's called a fairness hearing, in which anyone with objections to the deal could raise them as the judge determined whether the settlement is "fair, reasonable and adequate," according to court documents.

The money comes from several sources, including insurance companies, engineering firms and a luxury condominium whose recent construction next door is suspected of contributing to structural damage of Champlain Towers South. None of the parties admit any wrongdoing.

A billionaire developer from Dubai is set to purchase the 1.8-acre (1-hectare) beachside site for \$120 million, contributing to the settlement.

Champlain Towers South had a long history of maintenance problems and questions have been raised about the quality of its original construction and inspections in the early 1980s. Other possible factors include sea level rise caused by climate change and damage caused by salt water intrusion.

A final conclusion on the cause is likely years away. The National Institute of Standards and Technology, which is leading the federal probe in to the collapse, recently said invasive testing will begin soon on samples of material from the collapse site.

The tests will help investigators find potential flaws in structural elements of the building by looking into things such as density of the materials, how porous they were and if there was corrosion, NIST said.



IN THIS photo released by The National Institute of Standards and Technology on Wednesday, June 15, physical evidence from both the collapsed and imploded sections of Champlain Towers South is stored in a secure warehouse in Miami-Dade County.

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LGBTQ students would get new protections under Biden plan

(AP) — The rights of LGBTQ students would become enshrined in federal law and victims of campus sexual assault would gain new protections under new rules proposed by the Biden administration on Thursday.

The proposal, announced on the 50th anniversary of the Title IX women's rights law, is intended to replace a set of controversial rules issued during the Trump administration by Education Secretary Betsy DeVos.

President Joe Biden's education secretary, Miguel Cardona, said that even though there have been significant strides toward gender equality, discrimination and sexual violence persist.

"Even as we celebrate all the progress we've achieved, standing up for equal access and inclusion is as important as ever before," he said.

The proposal is almost certain to be challenged by conservatives, and it is expected to lead to new legal battles over the rights of transgender students in schools, especially in sports. It now faces a public feedback period before the administration can finalize any changes, meaning the earliest that the policy is likely to take effect is next year.

The step meets a demand from victims rights advocates who wanted Biden to release new rules no later than the anniversary of Title IX, which outlaws discrimination based on sex in schools and colleges. Advocates say DeVos' rules have gone too far in protecting students accused of sexual misconduct, at the expense of victims.

As a presidential candidate, Biden had promised a quick end to DeVos' rules, saying they would "shame and silence survivors."

In announcing its proposal, Biden's Education Department said DeVos' rules "weakened protections for survivors of sexual assault and diminished the promise of an education free from discrimination."

For the first time, the rules would formally protect LGBTQ students under Title IX. Nothing in the 1972 law explicitly addresses the topic, but the new proposal would clarify that the law applies to discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

It would make clear that "preventing someone from participating in school programs and activities consistent with their gender identity would cause harm in violation of Title IX," according to the department. More specific rules dealing with the rights of transgender students in



PROTESTERS STAND In solidarity with rape victims on the campus of Brigham Young University during a sexual assault awareness demonstration, in Provo, Utah, April 20, 2016. The Biden administration proposed a dramatic overhaul of campus sexual assault rules on Thursday, acting to expand protections for LGBTQ students, bolster the rights of victims and widen colleges' responsibilities in addressing sexual misconduct.

school sports will be released later, the department said.

Biden marked the anniversary of Title IX by acknowledging the impact the law has had in advancing equity but acknowledging there was more to do.

"As we look to the next 50 years, I am committed to protecting this progress and working to achieve full equality, inclusion, and dignity for women and girls, LGBTQ+ Americans, all students, and all Americans," he said in a statement.

Many of the proposed changes would restore Obama-era rules that DeVos' policy replaced.

The definition of sexual harassment would be expanded to cover a wider range of misconduct. Schools would be required to address any allegation that creates a "hostile environment" for students, even if the misconduct arises off campus. Most college employees, including professors and coaches, would be required to notify campus officials if they learn of potential sex discrimination.

In a victory for victims rights advocates, the proposal would eliminate a rule requiring colleges to hold live hearings to investigate sexual misconduct cases — one of the most divisive aspects of DeVos' policy. Live hearings would be allowed under the new policy, but colleges could also appoint campus officials to question students separately.

Biden's action drew praise from victims rights groups, LGBTQ advocates and Democratic lawmakers.

"These proposed regulations demonstrate a strong commitment to protecting educational opportunities for all students including LGBTQ students," said Janson Wu executive director



Charity Smith/Daily Globe

ANDREA BERGMAN, center, director of the Gogebic Range Health Foundation, presents a check to Gogebic County Sheriff Ross Solberg, right, and Iron County Sheriff Paul Samardich. The \$8,000 will be used by the two law enforcement agencies as part of a joint project to keep vulnerable people safe.

Grants

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ments, such as autism, and as well as seniors with Alzheimer's or dementia who may wander and get lost.

Solberg said he got the idea after the Houghton County Sheriff's Office started similar program.

According to Bergman the idea also stemmed from the passing of a local student in Ontonagon who had a mental disability and wandered away from his home in the winter of 2021.

Solberg said they will be receiving training in August and the program should be up and running by mid-September. He said the funds will allow them to purchase the equipment necessary to start the program which includes bracelets which can track the location of those that wear them and receivers which will be used by the search and rescue units in each county will have a receiver to be able to track their location. He said they should

be able to purchase at least 30 of these bracelets, but if they need more they will order more.

Samardich said Iron County is pleased to be part of the project, too.

Bergman said that although the health foundation serves both counties this is the foundation's first project that will benefit both counties at once.

Solberg said that the sheriff's offices share services for GIANT and the local emergency SWAT team, so they thought it would be a good idea to work together for this as well.

The Jonathan A. Erickson Fund was established by Scott and Elaine Erickson to honor the memory of their son after he died by suicide. The mission of the fund is to create new programs and opportunities that engage people who experience mental health issues and to prevent suicides, said Bergman. She said the goal of the fund is to expand traditional and nontraditional programs and services for mental health care.

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and reduce statewide Michigan Works staff from 400 to 100, resulting in longer wait times for job seekers and employers.

"It just won't be as effective for our rural communities, especially the U.P.," Bonovetz said.

A copy of the board's resolution will be sent to the U.S. Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration, Governor Whitmer and federal and state legislators.

Gogebic County Sheriff Ross Solberg appeared before the board on Wednesday to let them know that the sheriff's department will soon launch a Facebook page for their Project Lifesaver program. Solberg said that Program Lifesaver provides enrollees with cognitive disorders — such as Alzheimer's or autism — who tend to wander with small transmitters to wear on their wrists or ankles.

Solberg said that his department will order 30 wristbands and ankle bracelets. These transmitters will allow deputies and Gogebic County Search and Rescue to locate the individuals in about 30 minutes after going missing, Solberg said. He said that the Iron County, Wisconsin sheriff, Paul Samardich, plans to partner with the Gogebic County emergency services

teams as well.

Solberg said he plans to fund this program entirely through grants and fundraisers. He said that the Gogebic Range Health Foundation and Aspirus Hospitals have already raised \$10,000 for this program and he plans to raise another \$10,000 to get it started.

"We're pretty excited about the program. It will give our deputies more training in autism and special needs people. I think it's good for our department as well as our community as a whole," Solberg said.

The board also heard a request from Gogebic Range Trail Authority president Jerry Nerowski to raise the speed limit on unmarked ORV trails to 35 mph, to bring them in line with a similar change in Iron County. Board chair Jim Lorenson said that he will research what requirements they must fulfill to change the speed limit and the board will discuss and consider approving this change at their next regular meeting in July.

The board also approved a settlement agreement on behalf of the county and Aaron Kangas, resolving Kangas's petition of the Gogebic County Treasurer for foreclosure of certain parcels of property due to unpaid 2018 taxes, contingent upon receipt of \$26,998.36. County Treasurer Lisa Hewitt said this amount was due to excessive proceeds.

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Sealed bids must be submitted to Gogebic-Ontonagon Intermediate School District, PO Box 218, 202 Elm Street, Bergland, MI 49910 by 1:00 CT on Monday, July 25th. Bids received after the date and time specified will be returned to the bidder, unopened.

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STANLEY CUP FINAL

Kadri scores in OT in return, Avs move to brink of title

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — The Colorado Avalanche are on the brink of their first Stanley Cup title since 2001, thanks to Nazem Kadri's overtime goal.

Even if the two-time defending champion Tampa Bay Lightning don't believe it should have counted.

Kadri scored at 12:02 of the extra period to give Colorado a 3-2 victory in Game 4 of the Stanley Cup Final and move the Avalanche within a win of their first championship in over two decades.

Without specifically saying Tampa Bay felt Colorado had too many men on the ice for the winning goal, Lightning coach Jon Cooper suggested the goal should not have been allowed.

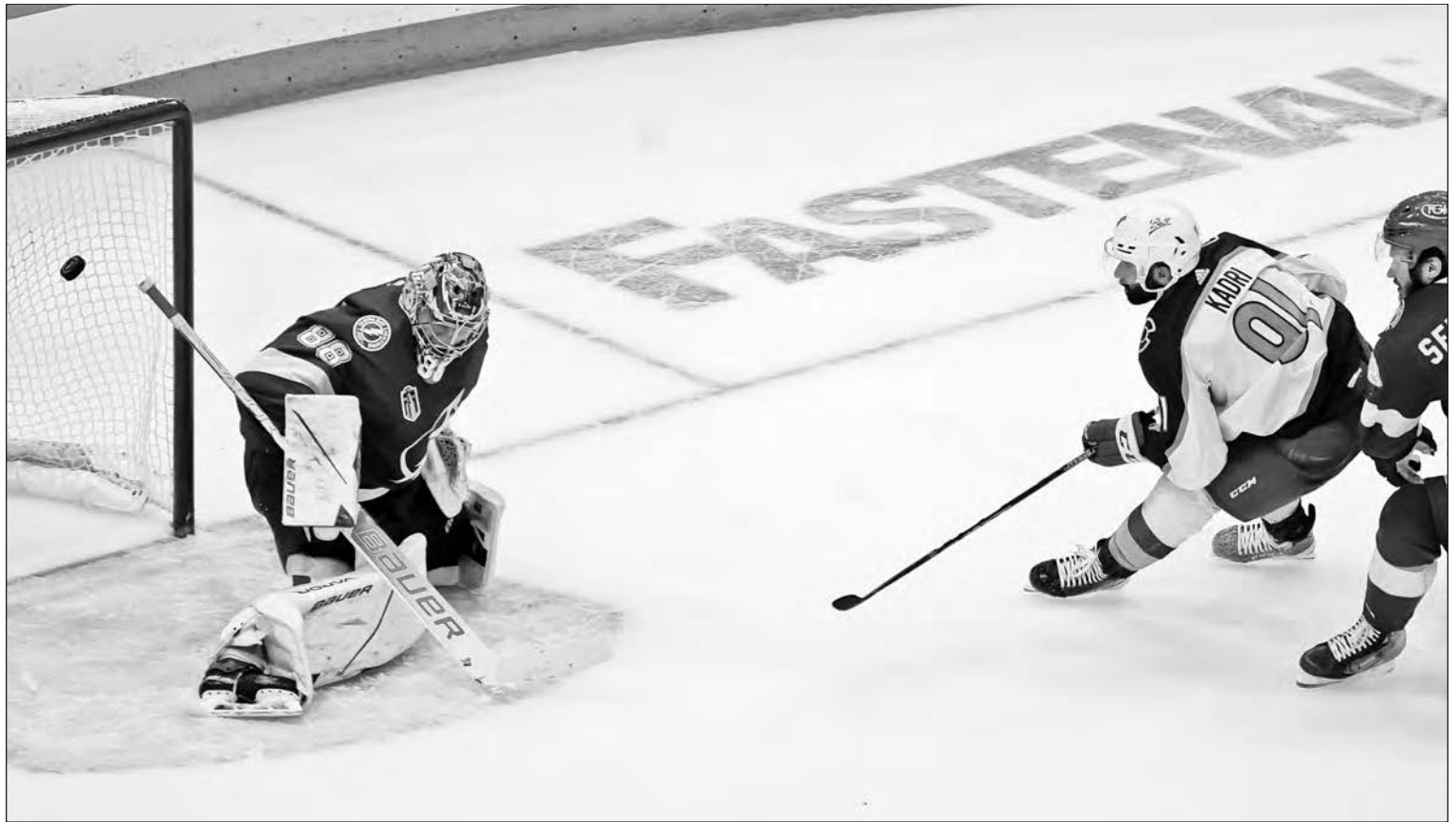
"We're all in this together. Players, coaches, refs, everybody. But this one is going to sting much more than others," Cooper said.

"It's going to be hard for me to speak. ... I'll speak with you (Thursday). You're going to see what I mean when you see the winning goal," Cooper added. "And my heart breaks for the players. Because we probably still should be playing."

The NHL released a statement saying the penalty is a judgement call that can be made by the on-ice officials. Each of the four officials said they did not see a too many men on the ice situation on the winning play. The call is not subject to video review.

Back in the lineup after being sidelined since June 4 with a thumb injury, Kadri skated in on Andrei Vasilevskiy and slipped a shot under the goaltender's right arm to give Colorado a 3-1 series lead.

"That was a huge win. A resilient win," said Kadri, who had been sidelined since being injured during Game 3 of the Western Conference final against Edmonton.



Associated Press

COLORADO AVALANCHE center Nazem Kadri (91) shoots the puck past Tampa Bay Lightning goaltender Andrei Vasilevskiy (88) for a goal during overtime of Game 4 of the Stanley Cup Final on Wednesday, in Tampa, Fla.

"I've been waiting for this my whole life," the Colorado center added. "I figured it was time to join the party."

The Avalanche outshot the Lightning 11-3 in the extra period. Vasilevskiy stopped Logan O'Connor on a breakaway, and Colorado had a shot clang off the post and another hit the crossbar before Kadri ended it.

Game 5 is Friday night in Denver, where Colorado won the first two games of the series and are 7-2 this postseason.

Anthony Cirelli scored 36 seconds into the game and Victor Hedman also scored in regulation for the Lightning. They took a 2-1 lead into the third period.

Nathan MacKinnon scored on

a second-period power play for Colorado, and Andrew Cogliano tied it early in the third.

Darcy Kuemper, pulled from Game 3 after giving up five goals in a 6-2 loss, stopped 37 shots and had an assist on the winning goal for the Avalanche.

Vasilevskiy finished with 35 saves. He has rebounded from allowing 11 goals in Games 1 and 2 to limit the high-scoring Avalanche to five the past two games.

The Lightning are trying to become the first team to win at least three straight Stanley Cup titles since the New York Islanders won four in a row from 1980-83. The Avalanche last hoisted the Cup in 2001.

The Lightning have rebound-

ed from playing poorly in Games 1 and 2 to make it interesting by neutralizing Colorado's speed, limiting the Avalanche's scoring opportunities and turning up the pressure on Kuemper, who was barely tested when he faced just 16 shots in a 7-0 blowout in Game 2.

Cirelli's goal was the fastest in a Stanley Cup Final since 2006, and the Lightning set the tone for another busy night for Kuemper by outshooting the Avalanche 17-4 in the opening period. Two of Colorado's shots came while skating short-handed, killing off Tampa Bay's first power play of the night.

MacKinnon's first goal of the series — 12th of the playoffs — erased Colorado's early deficit at

5:17 of the second period. The Avalanche pulled even again when Cogliano, assisted by Nico Sturm and Darren Helm, scored on a deflection less than three minutes into the third.

Kadri returned to the lineup after missing four games. He had been out since injuring his thumb when he was boarded by Evander Kane in Game 3 of Colorado's sweep of Edmonton in the Western Conference final.

Kane received a major penalty and was suspended a game.

Mikko Rantanen and Cale Maker assisted on MacKinnon's goal, giving both of them 20 this postseason — a franchise record for a single playoff year. Peter Stastny had 19 with Quebec in 1985.



Associated Press

TONY SIRAGUSA, defensive tackle for the Super Bowl-champion Baltimore Ravens, holds the Vince Lombardi trophy as he rides in a parade in his hometown of Kenilworth, N.J. on March 4, 2001. Siragusa, the charismatic defensive tackle has died at age 55. Siragusa's broadcast agent, Jim Ornstein, confirmed the death Wednesday.

Siragusa, who helped Ravens win Super Bowl, dies at 55

By NOAH TRISTER
AP Sports Writer

Tony Siragusa, the charismatic defensive tackle who was part of one of the most celebrated defenses in NFL history with the Baltimore Ravens, died Wednesday. He was 55.

Siragusa's broadcast agent, Jim Ornstein, confirmed the death. The cause of death was not immediately available.

"This is a really sad day," he said. "Tony was way more than my client, he was family. My heart goes out to Tony's loved ones."

Siragusa, known as "Goose," played seven seasons with the Indianapolis Colts and five with the Ravens. Baltimore's 2000 team won the Super Bowl behind a stout defense that included Siragusa, Ray Lewis and Sam Adams.

Siragusa was popular with fans because of his fun-loving attitude, which also helped him transition quickly to broadcasting after his playing career.

"There was no one like Goose — a warrior on the field and a team unifier with a giving, generous heart who helped teammates and the community

more than most people know," said Brian Billick, the coach of that 2000 team. "We would not have won the Super Bowl without him. This is such stunning, sad news."

Siragusa came to Baltimore as a free agent in 1997 and teamed up with Adams to form an imposing defensive tackle tandem. He finished his career with 22 sacks.

"I love Goose like a brother. From the first day we met, I knew that life was different. I knew he was someone who would change my life forever," Lewis said. "He was a one-of-a-kind person who made you feel important and special. You can never replace a man like that."

The news of Siragusa's death came on what was already a tragic day for the Ravens. The death of Jaylon Ferguson, a linebacker for Baltimore, at age 26 was announced earlier in the day.

"This is a tremendously sad day for the Baltimore Ravens," owner Steve Bisciotti said. "We appreciate everyone who has

Congress alleges 'shadow' probe by Commanders owner Snyder

By BEN NUCKOLS
AP Sports Writer

Washington Commanders owner Dan Snyder conducted a "shadow investigation" that sought to discredit former employees making accusations of workplace sexual harassment, hired private investigators to intimidate witnesses, and used an overseas lawsuit as a pretext to obtain phone records and emails, according to a document released by a House committee Wednesday.

The Committee on Oversight and Reform is investigating the Commanders' workplace culture following accusations of pervasive sexual harassment by team executives of women employees. It released the memo ahead of a hearing Wednesday in Washington that featured testimony from NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell, appearing remotely from New York.

Snyder was invited to testify but declined, citing overseas business commitments and concerns about due process. The committee chairwoman, Rep. Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y., announced during the hearing that she plans to issue a subpoena to compel a deposition from Snyder next week.

The 29-page memo alleges Snyder tried to discredit the people accusing him and other team executives of misconduct and also tried to influence an investigation of the team conducted for the NFL by attorney Beth Wilkinson's firm.

Snyder's attorneys presented the NFL with a 100-slide PowerPoint presentation including "private text messages, emails, phone logs and call transcripts, and social media posts from nearly 50 individuals who Mr. Snyder apparently believed were involved in a conspiracy to disparage him," the committee said.

In a statement, a spokesman for Snyder characterized the report and the hearing as "a politically charged show trial" and said Congress should not be investigating "an issue a football team addressed years ago."

Goodell told the committee that the team's culture was transformed as a result of the Wilkinson probe and that "Dan Snyder has been held accountable." Asked by Rep. Rashida Tlaib, D-Mich., whether he would remove Snyder as owner, Goodell said, "I don't have the authority to remove him."

An NFL owner can only be removed by a three-quarters majority



Associated Press

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell testifies virtually, Wednesday, as Rep. Byron Donalds, R-Fla., listens, during a House Oversight Committee hearing on the Washington Commanders' workplace conduct, on Capitol Hill in Washington.

vote of fellow owners.

The NFL fined the team \$10 million last year and Snyder stepped away from its day-to-day operations after Wilkinson presented her findings to Goodell. However, the league did not release a written report of Wilkinson's findings, a decision Goodell said was intended to protect the privacy of former employees who spoke to investigators.

Attorneys Lisa Banks and Debra Katz, who represent more than 40 former team employees, again called on Goodell to release a report from the Wilkinson probe, calling it "stunning and disheartening" to hear him say Snyder has been held accountable.

"Today, the committee released a damning report demonstrating that Snyder and his lawyers also surveilled and investigated complainants, their lawyers, witnesses and journalists, which Goodell knew about and did nothing to address," Banks and Katz said in a statement.

When announcing the discipline against Snyder, the NFL said none of the people accused of sexual harassment still worked for the Washington franchise. But two separate accusations of sexual harassment by Snyder himself have since surfaced.

Former employee Tiffani Johnston told the committee that Snyder groped her at a team dinner and tried to force her into his limousine, which Snyder denies. And The Washington Post reported Tuesday that a woman

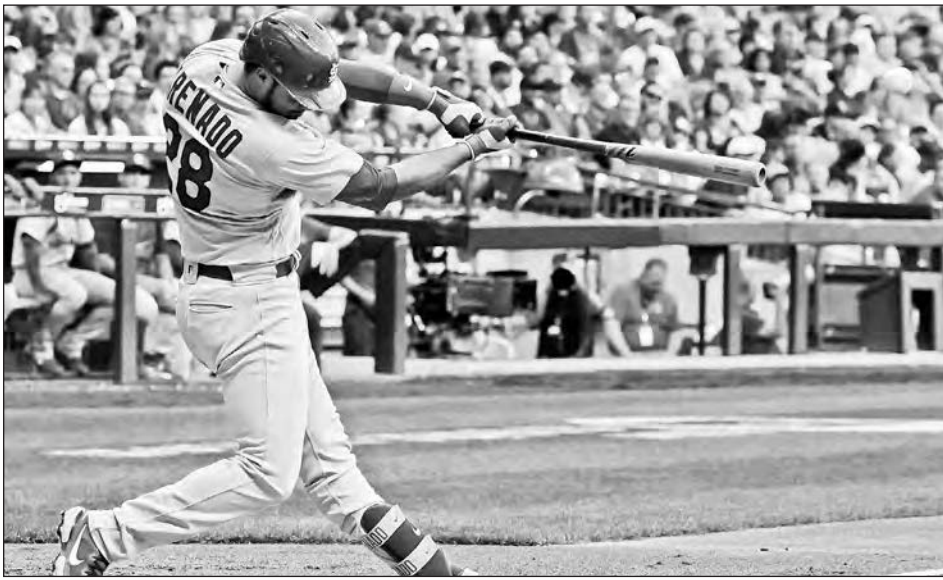
accused Snyder of sexually assaulting her on a team plane in 2009, resulting in a \$1.6 million settlement.

Goodell acknowledged Wednesday that he was aware of the 2009 allegation and that Snyder did not inform the league at the time, which is a violation of the NFL's personal conduct policy.

Johnston's allegation prompted the NFL to hire former Securities and Exchange Commission chairwoman Mary Jo White to conduct a new investigation of Snyder and the team, and the league plans to release her findings to the public.

Maloney has introduced legislation to curb the use of workplace nondisclosure agreements and to offer protections for employees whose professional images are used inappropriately. Among the accusations against the Commanders are that team employees produced a video of lewd outtakes from a photo shoot involving the cheerleading squad.

According to the memo, Snyder used a defamation lawsuit against an obscure online media company based in India as a pretext to subpoena emails, phone records and text messages from former employees who spoke to The Washington Post about workplace harassment. The subpoenas were unusually broad, and many of the people targeted "had



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ST. LOUIS CARDINALS' Nolan Arenado hits a double during the fourth inning against the Milwaukee Brewers Wednesday, in Milwaukee.

Cardinals beat Brewers 5-4, move into first in NL Central

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Paul Goldschmidt and Nolan Arenado don't go deep in the same game very often.

But when they do, it virtually guarantees victory for the St. Louis Cardinals.

Goldschmidt and Arenado hit two-run homers as the Cardinals beat the Milwaukee Brewers 5-4 on Wednesday night and moved into sole possession of first place in the NL Central. Since Goldschmidt and Arenado became teammates in 2021, the Cardinals have gone 5-0 when they've homered in the same game.

"It was pretty cool that we both finally hit homers in the same game," Arenado said. "I feel like it never happens."

The Cardinals have taken two straight from the Brewers after falling 2-0 in the opener of the four-game series.

St. Louis trailed 4-3 before Arenado's sixth-inning drive to left-center — his 14th homer of the season — put the Cardinals ahead for good. Goldschmidt went deep to left in the first inning for his 17th homer.

The Cardinals' bullpen once again took over from there.

Over the last two games, Cardinals relievers have allowed just three walks and one hit while pitching 10 1/3 scoreless innings. The Cardinals' bullpen was dominant Wednesday at less than full strength after both Giovanny Gallegos and Ryan Helsley had pitched two innings a night earlier.

"There's some incredible arms down there," Cardinals starter Adam Wainwright said. "We like our spot when we get to them."

Génesis Cabrera pitched the final two innings to earn his third career save, and first since 2020. Johan Oviedo (1-1) got his first career win with 2 1/3 innings of perfect relief and said he was in tears after the game.

Oviedo came in with runners on third and second with two outs in the fifth after

Andrew McCutchen's ground-rule double had given the Brewers a 4-3 lead. Oviedo got out of the jam and then retired the side in order in the sixth and seventh innings. "I can't really say what I feel right now," said Oviedo, who has made 25 career appearances and 19 starts. "It's just a dream come true. I just feel blessed to be here."

Milwaukee threatened with two outs in the ninth as Victor Caratini walked and Tyrone Taylor was hit by a pitch, but Cabrera ended the game by retiring Christian Yelich on a grounder to second.

"Not a whole lot fazes that kid," Cardinals manager Oliver Marmol said. "He's scared of nobody. He's not going to get sped up. He likes those moments."

The Cardinals' bullpen picked up the slack after Wainwright allowed four runs and seven hits in 4 2/3 innings, the second-shortest of his 14 appearances this season. Wainwright gave up solo homers to Rowdy Tellez and McCutchen.

St. Louis' two main sluggers bailed him out.

The homers by Arenado and Goldschmidt came against Eric Lauer (6-3), who worked six innings and gave up five runs while striking out five and walking one. Lauer has allowed eight homers over his last three starts.

"It just seems to me, for me right now like one to three pitches a game that are really sticking it to me," Lauer said. "I feel like I'm pitching much better than what my outings are showing. It's one of those things that baseball will do to you. It will kick you in the teeth, it'll beat you down and make sure you keep working."

Goldschmidt was back in the Cardinals' lineup after sitting out a 6-2 victory Tuesday due to back tightness. The Cardinals used Goldschmidt as a designated hitter rather than putting him at first base because they wanted to keep him off his feet as much as possible.

Commanders

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no plausible connection" to the Indian media company, the committee said.

The committee also alleged that Snyder sought to blame former team president Bruce Allen for the problems with Washington's workplace culture and that Snyder's lawyers provided Wilkinson and the NFL with 400,000 emails from Allen's account, highlighting specific ones they deemed "inappropriate." Some email exchanges with Allen included homophobic and misogynistic comments by Jon Gruden, which were leaked to reporters last fall and prompted Gruden's resignation as coach of the Las Vegas Raiders.

Witnesses also told the committee that Snyder sent private investigators to their homes and offered them hush money. The NFL was aware of Snyder's use of private investigators, according to documents obtained by the committee, but the practice continued, witnesses said.

Another new allegation came from David Pauken, the team's former chief operating officer, who told the committee in a deposition released Wednesday that Snyder directly ordered the firings of a female front-office employee for having a sexual relationship with a coach and two cheerleaders for having sex with a player. He also said the men involved were not disciplined.

Republicans on the committee accused

Siragusa

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expressed an outpouring of support for our players, coaches and staff."

Siragusa was a star football player and wrestler at David Brearley High School in New Jersey. He then played collegiately at Pittsburgh, where he had a reputation for wisecracks well before his NFL career.

"If I wanted to learn a school song, I would've gone to Notre Dame or Penn State," he once said. "I want to kill people on the football field. That's

why I came to Pitt."

Siragusa went undrafted before signing with Indianapolis, but he turned out to be a championship-winning force in the NFL. Then he took his personality to the airwaves, working for Fox's NFL coverage.

"His incomparable passion for football established him as one of the most charismatic personalities ever to set foot on the gridiron or in front of a camera," Fox Sports said in a statement. "Goose was a natural in his ability to relate the sport and its fans everywhere."

Siragusa also had a role on HBO's "The Sopranos" and hosted shows on the Discovery Channel and DIY Network.

"Tony truly was bigger than life, on and off the field," said Pat Narduzzi, Pitt's current football coach. "He played the game passionately and relentlessly. Despite not being drafted, he thrived in the NFL for 12 years. His post-football life took him so many places but he never forgot Pitt. We could always count on him to send the best recorded pep talks to our guys before our biggest games."

Scoreboard

Gogebic Samson Boys Summer League

Monday June 20	
Watersmeet 58, Hurley Orange	
Chequamegon 2, Bessemer 0	
Wakefield-Marenisco 6, Mercer	
49	
Watersmeet 107, Hurley Black	
74	
Ironwood 41, Ewen-Trout Creek	
34	
Wakefield-Marenisco 67, Ewen-Trout Creek 54	
Ironwood 64, Hurley Orange 63	
Hurley Black 2, Bessemer 0	
Chequamegon 60, Mercer 35	
Wednesday, June 22	
Chequamegon 65, Ironwood 48	
Watersmeet 78, Mercer 49	
Mercer 51, Ironwood 48	
Wakefield-Marenisco 63, Watersmeet 61	
Hurley range 65, Chequamegon 59	
Hurley Black 56, Wakefield-Marenisco 46	
Final standings	
Chequamegon6-2
Watersmeet6-2
Hurley Black6-2
Hurley Orange5-3
Ironwood4-4
Wakefield-Marenisco4-4
Ewen-Trout Creek2-5
Mercer2-6
Bessemer0-2

Gogebic Samson Summer League Playoffs

The single-elimination tournament will be played on the Lindquist Center's main court. Games will have two 20-minute running halves. Overtimes will be three minutes.

Monday, June 27

Game A: 4:30 p.m. — Hurley JV vs Bessemer
Game B: 5:20 p.m. — Chequamegon vs E-TC
Game C: 6:10 p.m. — Ironwood vs Wakefield-Marenisco
Game D: 7 p.m. — Watersmeet vs Game A Winner
Game E: 7:50 p.m. — Hurley vs Mercer

Wednesday, June 29

Game F: 5 p.m. — Semi-Final: Game B Winner vs Game C Winner
Game G: 5:50 p.m. — Semifinal: Game D Winner vs Game E Winner
Game H: 6:40 p.m. — Championship Game

NHL Stanley Cup Final

(Best-of-7; x if necessary)
Colorado 3, Tampa Bay 1
Wednesday, June 15: Colorado 4, Tampa Bay 3, OT
Saturday, June 18: Colorado 7, Tampa Bay 0
Monday, June 20: Tampa Bay 6, Colorado 2
Wednesday, June 22: Colorado 3, Tampa Bay 2, OT
Friday, June 24: Tampa Bay at Colorado, 8 p.m.
x-Sunday, June 26: Colorado at Tampa Bay, TBA
x-Tuesday, June 28: Tampa Bay at Colorado, TBA

College World Series

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All games in Omaha, Neb.
Friday, June 17
Oklahoma 13, Texas A&M 8
Notre Dame 7, Texas 3

Saturday, June 18

Arkansas 17, Stanford 2
Mississippi 5, Auburn 1

Sunday, June 19

Texas A&M 10, Texas 2 (Texas eliminated)
Oklahoma 6, Notre Dame 2

Monday, June 20

Auburn 6, Stanford 2 (Stanford eliminated)
Mississippi 13, Arkansas 5

Tuesday, June 21

Texas A&M 5, Notre Dame 1 (Notre Dame eliminated)
Arkansas 11, Auburn 1 (Auburn eliminated)

Wednesday, June 22

Oklahoma 5, Texas A&M 1 (Texas A&M eliminated)
Arkansas 3, Mississippi 2

Thursday, June 23

Mississippi vs. Arkansas (elimination game), 4 p.m.

June 25-27

Best-of-3 championship series, Oklahoma vs. Thursday's Mississippi-Arkansas winner, TBA

MLB

All Times EDT

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	51	18	.739	-
Toronto	39	30	.565	12
Boston	39	31	.557	12½
Tampa Bay	37	32	.536	14
Baltimore	31	39	.443	20½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	36	28	.563	-
Minnesota	38	32	.543	1
Chicago	33	34	.493	4½
Detroit	26	43	.377	12½
Kansas City	25	43	.368	13

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	43	25	.632	-
Texas	33	35	.485	10
Los Angeles	34	38	.472	11
Seattle	31	39	.443	13
Oakland	23	47	.329	21

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	45	26	.634	-
Atlanta	40	30	.571	4½
Philadelphia	36	34	.514	8½
Miami	31	36	.463	12
Washington	25	47	.347	20½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	40	31	.563	-
Milwaukee	39	32	.549	1
Pittsburgh	28	40	.412	10½
Chicago	26	43	.377	13
Cincinnati	23	45	.338	15½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	42	25	.627	-
San Diego	44	27	.620	-
San Francisco	38	30	.559	4½
Arizona	32	39	.451	12
Colorado	30	39	.435	13

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Wednesday's Games

Toronto 9, Chicago White Sox 5
Houston 5, N.Y. Mets 3
Texas 4, Philadelphia 2
Baltimore 7, Washington 0, 6 innings

Thursday's Games

Cleveland at Minnesota, 1:10 p.m.
Seattle at Oakland, 3:37 p.m.
Houston at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore at Chicago White Sox, 8:10 p.m.

Friday's Games

Houston (Verlander 8-3) at N.Y. Yankees (Severino 4-1), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Pivetta 7-5) at Cleveland (Quattrill 4-4), 7:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Keller 2-5) at Tampa Bay (Springs 3-2), 7:10 p.m.
Washington (Espino 0-1) at Texas (Dunning 1-5), 8:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Bradish 1-4) at Chicago White Sox (Kopech 2-3), 8:10 p.m.

Colorado (Marquez 3-5) at Minnesota (Bundy 4-3), 8:10 p.m.
Oakland (Irvin 2-4) at Kansas City (Greinke 0-4), 8:10 p.m.
Toronto (Manoah 8-2) at Milwaukee (Houser 4-7), 8:10 p.m.
Seattle (Flexen 2-8) at L.A. Angels (Lorenzen 6-4), 9:38 p.m.
Detroit (Garcia 1-2) at Arizona (Kelly 6-4), 9:40 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Houston at N.Y. Yankees, 1:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Tampa Bay, 1:10 p.m.
Baltimore at Chicago White Sox, 2:10 p.m.
Washington at Texas, 4:05 p.m.
Oakland at Kansas City, 4:10 p.m.

Toronto at Milwaukee, 4:10 p.m.
Boston at Cleveland, 6:10 p.m.
Colorado at Minnesota, 7:15 p.m.
Seattle at L.A. Angels, 10:07 p.m.
Detroit at Arizona, 10:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Wednesday's Games

Houston 5, N.Y. Mets 3
Texas 4, Philadelphia 2
San Diego 10, Arizona 4
Baltimore 7, Washington 0, 6 innings

Thursday's Games

Miami 7, Colorado 4
L.A. Dodgers 8, Cincinnati 4
Atlanta 4, San Francisco 3
Chicago Cubs 14, Pittsburgh 5
St. Louis 5, Milwaukee 4

Thursday's Games

Colorado at Miami, 12:10 p.m.
San Francisco at Atlanta, 12:20 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh, 12:35 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at Cincinnati, 12:35 p.m.
St. Louis at Milwaukee, 2:10 p.m.
Philadelphia at San Diego, 9:40 p.m.

Friday's Games

N.Y. Mets (Walker 5-2) at Miami (Alcantara 7-2), 6:40 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Keller 2-5) at Tampa Bay (Springs 3-2), 7:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Urias 4-6) at Atlanta (Anderson 6-3), 7:20 p.m.
Washington (Espino 0-1) at Texas (Dunning 1-5), 8:05 p.m.
Colorado (Marquez 3-5) at Minnesota (Bundy 4-3), 8:10 p.m.
Toronto (Manoah 8-2) at Milwaukee (Houser 4-7), 8:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Hendricks 2-6) at St. Louis (Pallante 2-2), 8:15 p.m.
Detroit (Garcia 1-2) at Arizona (Kelly 6-4), 9:40 p.m.
Philadelphia (Nola 4-4) at San Diego (Gore 4-3), 9:40 p.m.
Cincinnati (Ashcraft 3-1) at San Francisco (Cobb 3-2), 10:15 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Pittsburgh at Tampa Bay, 1:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at St. Louis, 2:15 p.m.
Washington at Texas, 4:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets at Miami, 4:10 p.m.
Toronto at Milwaukee, 4:10 p.m.
Cincinnati at San Francisco, 7:15 p.m.
Colorado at Minnesota, 7:15 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at Atlanta, 7:15 p.m.

Detroit at Arizona, 10:10 p.m.
Philadelphia at San Diego, 10:10 p.m.

WNBA

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	10	1	.909	0
Connecticut	7	4	.636	3
Indiana	5	6	.455	5
Los Angeles	5	6	.455	5
Minnesota	4	7	.364	6
New York	3	8	.273	7
Orlando	2	9	.182	8
Washington	1	10	.091	9

Chicago 11 5 .688 —
Connecticut 12 6 .667 —
Washington 11 8 .579 1½
Atlanta 8 8 .500 3
New York 7 10 .412 4½
Indiana 5 13 .278 7

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Las Vegas	13	3	.813	-
Seattle	10	6	.625	3
Dallas	8	9	.471	5½
Los Angeles	6	9	.400	6½
Phoenix	6	11	.353	7½
Minnesota	4	13	.235	9½

Wednesday's Games

New York 81, Connecticut 77
Indiana at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Washington at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Chicago at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Friday's Games

New York at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Phoenix at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Los Angeles at Seattle, 9 p.m.
Washington at Las Vegas, 10 p.m.

USFL

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FINAL STANDINGS

North				
	W	L	Pct	PF PA
New Jersey	9	1	.900	232:182
Philadelphia	6	4	.600	262:243
Michigan	2	8	.200	211:236
Pittsburgh	1	9	.100	147:243

South

	W	L	Pct	PF PA
Birmingham	9	1	.900	234:169
NewOrlins	6	4	.600	196:166
Tampa Bay	4	6	.400	162:195
Houston	3	7	.300	196:208

PLAYOFFS

Semifinals

Saturday, June 25

Philadelphia vs. New Jersey, 3 p.m.
South
New Orleans vs. Birmingham, 8 p.m.

Championship

Sunday, July 3

North Champion vs. South Champion, 7:30 p.m.

CFL

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East Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PF PA
Toronto	1	0	0	.000	20:19
Ottawa	0	2	0	.000	29:38
Hamilton	0	2	0	.000	43:63
Montreal	0	2	0	.000	46:50

West Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PF PA
Saskatchewan	2	0	0	.000	56:29
Winnipeg	2	0	0	.000	38:29
Calgary	2	0	0	.000	63:57
BC	1	0	0	.000	59:15
Edmonton	0	2	0	.000	31:85

Thursday's Game

Saskatchewan at Montreal 7:30 p.m.

Friday's Game

HERMAN



"He said, 'Glass is a boy's best friend.'"

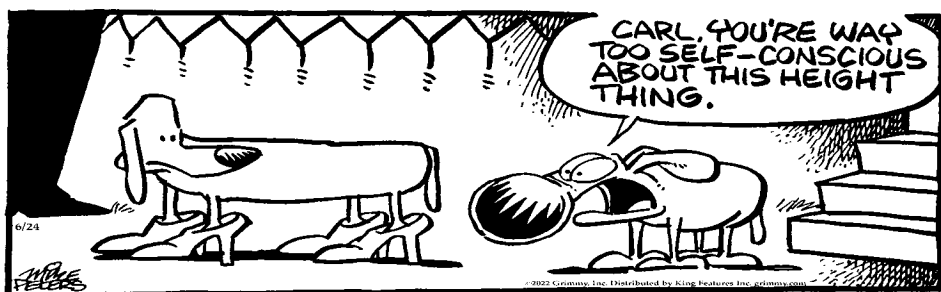
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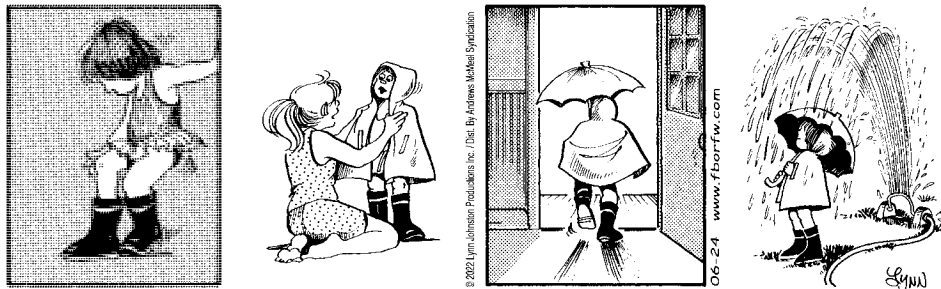
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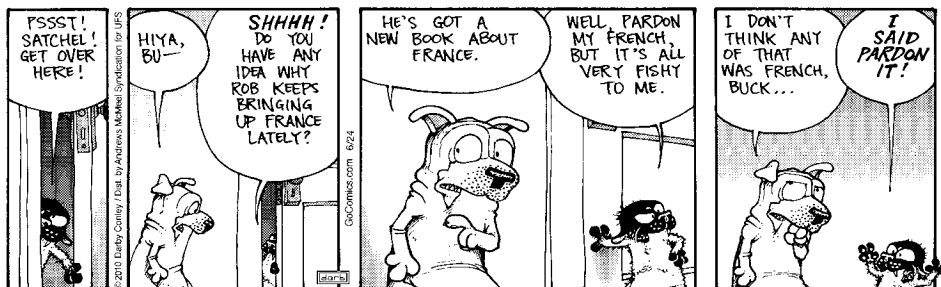
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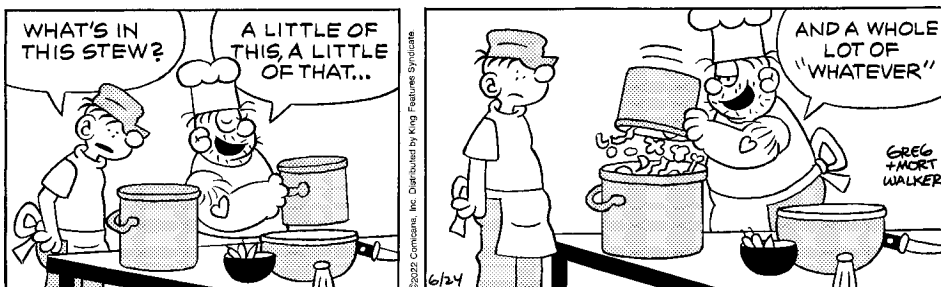
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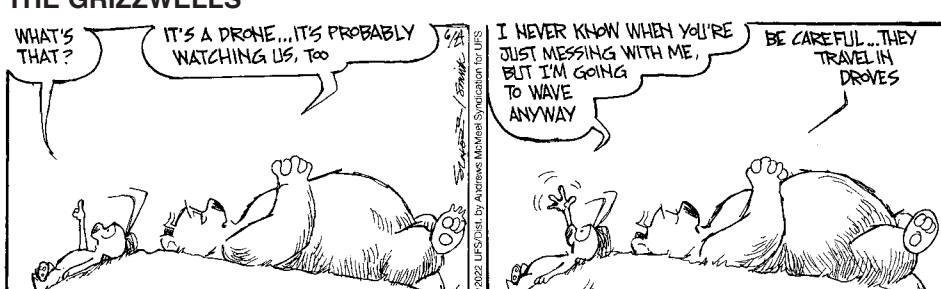
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THE GRIZZWELLS



Rocky relations with husband's 'friend'

Dear Annie: My husband and I met while he was going through a challenging divorce and instantly fell in love. Because we have a significant age difference, he wanted to get married and start having kids as soon as possible. His best friend "Robert" made it clear that he did not approve of our relationship or engagement. (Keep in mind, this friend has had wine bottles broken over his head by his

Dear Annie: I've been a widow for almost four years and have been trying to date for about a year and a half. I recently had lunch with a nice man but someone who I would put in the friend zone. He said his wife had been gone awhile. I found out it had only been about three weeks! I was barely getting dressed three weeks after my husband passed. He said they had a wonderful marriage and she'd want him to move on.

Ask Annie

cheating wife.)

At our wedding, Robert and his wife chose to not give a gift because of their disapproval. After the wedding, he taunted my husband that he has a card with the gift in it, but my husband and I don't deserve a wedding gift. Later on, Robert decided, when he sees fit, he will send the wedding gift.

When Robert thought he was striking it rich, he decided to go radio silent for eight months. Now that the guy lost his job, he calls my husband daily, demanding and harassing him to help get him a job.

We are coming on our four-year anniversary – still no gift. Robert's daughters are graduating from college. My husband wants to send a generous gift, as we would typically do for our friends and family. I said we can send a card congratulating them on their accomplishments. When we receive the wedding gift, we can send our typical graduation gifts. – **Disappointed in Robert**

Dear Disappointed: Why is your husband wasting his time on such a toxic and immature "friend"? The fact that he attended your wedding and refused to give a gift is strange enough, but holding the gift hostage four years later is completely absurd.

As terribly as Robert has treated you, his daughters have done nothing wrong. If you have a close relationship with them, go ahead and send them a gift as you normally would. If you do not, send a card – or nothing at all.

He is now madly in love with me. I've tried to explain to him that there are going to be a lot of emotions he's going to experience and, at this point, he needs to work through all of them before even thinking about having a serious relationship.

I know he is lonely, depressed and hurting, but any interaction between us just seems to make things worse. I know I'm not responsible for another person, but I'm worried about what he might do if I stop talking to him. I have suggested different groups and grief counseling, but he doesn't hear me. What would be the best way to proceed? – **Feeling for the Grieving**

Dear Feeling for: This man is in a fragile state because of his wife's passing, but you are absolutely right. No person can fill the void he's feeling, and he certainly needs more time to heal and adjust before jumping into another romantic relationship.

Tell him again that you understand his pain and wish to be supportive of him but that your relationship is one of friendship, not romance. You don't have to cut him off, but use your get-togethers to persuade him to check out grief counseling and support groups. If he refuses and insists that he is in love with you, tell him you will have to end any possible relationship. My guess is that he will take your advice and slow down.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com.
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TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

If today is your birthday: Discipline will pay off this year. Allocate your time and energy wisely. Concentrate on your schedule, and finish what you start. Joint endeavors will take their toll if equality isn't maintained. Invest in yourself, not in someone else or something unfamiliar to you. Don't overload your plate or let temptation take charge. Change only what's necessary.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) – Don't take on more than you can handle. Avoid overspending or partaking in things that aren't good for you. Put health, fitness and financial matters first. Keep an eye out for valuable information.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) – Don't settle for something that doesn't meet your expectations. Put in the thought, time and energy to get what you want so you can feel good about yourself. Your generous spirit will encourage others.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) – Go somewhere new, clear your head and plan your next move. Discuss your intentions with someone who can shed light on what you want to pursue. Refuse to let anyone mislead you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) – Be bold but mindful of what others need and want. Share your thoughts. Channel your energy into partnerships and opportunities that can improve your life and relationships. Romance is encouraged.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) – You can be unique and entertaining without overspending. If you use your creative imagination, you'll find a way to express yourself and your ideas with enthusiasm. Be diplomatic today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) – Hold on to what you've got and utilize your strengths to turn something you enjoy doing into a constructive pursuit. Focus on making mental and physical improvements.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) – Domestic adjustments will pay off. Take a unique approach when constructing an environment that is sure to please the ones you love and ease your stress.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) – An unnecessary change will disappoint you. You'll make better decisions if you are responsible and reasonable. Stick close to home. Use your money, ideas and energy to improve your space.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) – Moderation is encouraged. Keep the peace, live within your means and don't take a risk with your health or money. Consider the best way to make improvements that will lower your overhead.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) – Don't do too much too fast. Slow down, live in the moment and be mindful of what's happening. Don't feel pressured to overspend just to impress someone impossible to please. Put your needs first.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) – You'll meet with resistance if you try to make a spontaneous move. Rethink your plans, then pursue what's feasible. Don't listen to the suggestions of imprudent people.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) – You'll make valuable connections once you find out where you can be of help or do some good. Expand your circle of friends or nurture a meaningful relationship. Self-improvement will boost your morale.

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DAILY GLOBE CROSSWORD

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FDA bans Juul e-cigarettes tied to teen vaping surge

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal health officials on Thursday ordered Juul to pull its electronic cigarettes from the U.S. market, the latest blow to the embattled company widely blamed for sparking a national surge in teen vaping.

The action is part of a sweeping effort by the Food and Drug Administration to bring scientific scrutiny to the multibillion-dollar vaping industry after years of regulatory delays.

The FDA said Juul must stop selling its vaping device and its tobacco and menthol flavored cartridges. Those already on the market must be removed. Consumers aren't restricted from having or using Juul's products, the agency said.

To stay on the market, companies must show that their e-cigarettes benefit public health. In practice, that means proving that adult smokers who use them are likely to quit or reduce their smoking, while teens are unlikely to get hooked on them.

The FDA noted that some of the biggest sellers like Juul may have played a "disproportionate" role in the rise in teen vaping. The agency said Thursday that Juul's application didn't have enough evidence to show that marketing its products "would be appropriate for the protection of the public health."

A Juul representative did not immediately respond to a request for comment from The Associated Press.

In a statement, the FDA said Juul's application left regulators with significant questions and didn't include enough information to evaluate any potential risks. The agency said the company's research included "insufficient and conflicting data" about things like potentially harmful chemicals leaching from Juul's cartridges.

"Without the data needed to determine relevant health risks, the FDA is issuing these marketing denial orders," Michele Mital, acting director of the FDA's tobacco center, said

in the statement. The agency has granted some e-cigarette applications. Since last fall, the agency has given its OK to tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes from R.J. Reynolds, Logic and other companies.

But industry players and anti-tobacco advocates have complained that those products account for just a tiny percent of the \$6 billion vaping market in the U.S.

Regulators repeatedly delayed making decisions on devices from market leaders, including Juul, which remains the best-selling vaping brand although sales have dipped.

Last year, the agency rejected applications for more than a million other e-cigarettes and related products, mainly due to their potential appeal to underage teens.

The American Lung Association called Thursday's decision "long overdue and most welcome," and cited Juul for stoking youth vaping.

E-cigarettes first appeared in the U.S. more than a decade ago with the promise of providing smokers a less harmful alternative. The devices heat a nicotine solution into a vapor that's inhaled, bypassing many of the toxic chemicals produced by burning tobacco.

But studies have reached conflicting results about whether they truly help smokers quit. And efforts by the FDA to rule on vaping products and their claims were repeatedly slowed by industry lobbying and competing political interests.

The vaping market grew to include hundreds of companies selling an array of devices and nicotine solutions in various flavors and strengths.

The vaping issue took on new urgency in 2018 when Juul's high-nicotine, fruity-flavored cartridges quickly became a nationwide craze among middle and high school students. The company faces a slew of federal and state investigations into its early mar-

keting practices, which included distributing free Juul products at concerts and parties hosted by young influencers.

In 2019, the company was pressured into halting all advertising and eliminating its fruit and dessert flavors. The next year, the FDA limited flavors in small vaping devices to just tobacco and menthol. Separately, Congress raised the purchase age for all tobacco and vaping products to 21.

But the question of whether e-cigarettes should remain on the market at all remained.

The FDA has been working under a court order to render its decisions; anti-tobacco groups successfully sued the agency to speed up its review.

FDA regulators warned companies for years they would have to submit rigorous, long-term data showing a clear benefit for smokers who switch to vaping. But all but the largest e-cigarette manufacturers have resisted conducting that kind of expen-

sive, time-consuming research.

While Juul remains a top seller, a recent federal survey shows that teens have been shifting away from the company. Last year's survey showed Juul was the fourth most popular e-cigarette among high schoolers who regularly vape. The most popular brand was a disposable e-cigarette called Puff Bar that comes in flavors like pink lemonade, strawberry and mango. That company's disposable e-cigarettes had been able to skirt regulation because they use synthetic nicotine, which until recently was outside the FDA's jurisdiction. Congress recently closed that loophole.

Overall, the survey showed a drop of nearly 40% in the teen vaping rate as many kids were forced to learn from home during the pandemic. Still, federal officials cautioned about interpreting the results given they were collected online for the first time, instead of in classrooms.

Briefs

Officials: US to send rocket systems, other aid to Ukraine

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. will send another \$450 million in military aid to Ukraine, including some additional medium-range rocket systems, U.S. officials said Thursday.

The latest package will include a number of High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems, or HIMARS. The initial four that the U.S. sent have already gone into Ukraine and are in the hand of troops there. The package will also include ammunition and other supplies.

The new aid comes just a week after the U.S. announced it will send an additional \$1 billion in military aid to Ukraine, as America and its allies send Ukraine the longer-range systems that they believe will allow forces to better fight back against Russia. The officials spoke on the condition of anonymity to provide details ahead of an announcement.

Mississippi county to pay \$2.75M in diabetic inmate's death

LUCEDALE, Miss. (AP) — A Mississippi county has agreed to a \$2.75 million settlement in a federal lawsuit for the wrongful death of an insulin-dependent inmate held in the county jail.

William Joel Dixon, 28, died in his jail cell at the George County Regional Correctional Facility on Sept. 24, 2014, after seven days without insulin. The George County jail's former nurse, Carmon Sue Brannan, 58, is serving a 15-year manslaughter sentence for Dixon's death.

"Simply put, this matter arose from a senseless and tragic combination of a

lack of basic human compassion and policies which prevented those who wanted to help Joel from being able to help him," said Garner Wetzel, one of the attorneys who represented the inmate's estate.

Dixon died despite the jail having insulin on hand to treat him. His mother delivered one batch of insulin to the jail, and a George County jailer fetched another batch from the glove compartment of Dixon's car at the time of his Sept. 17, 2014, arrest. During the jail stay, Dixon repeatedly begged for help as his condition deteriorated; Brannan ignored those pleas, blaming his symptoms on methamphetamine withdrawal.

The wrongful death lawsuit was filed on behalf of Dixon's estate; his mother, Donna Dixon; and his children against George County, Brannan and the city of Lucedale. A judge later dismissed Lucedale as a defendant.

The settlement represents more than half the county's general fund budget of \$4.3 million, The Sun Herald reported. George County supervisors passed the resolution Monday agreeing to the settlement amount. The county's insurance carrier has paid more than \$500,000 in attorney's fees and had agreed to pay \$250,000 of the overall settlement amount.

U.S. District Judge Sul Ozerden ordered the county to pay \$1 million within 14 days of the May 31 judgment in federal court in Gulfport. The remaining \$1.75 million is due within 90 days of the settlement date, Ozerden's order said.

The judgment also calls on George County officials to write a letter of apology to Dixon's family.

Uvalde victim's sister pleads for gun safety measures

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The sister of a 9-year-old girl killed in the Uvalde school rampage tearfully pleaded on Thursday with Texas lawmakers to pass gun safety legislation and questioned why so many security measures failed.

"I'm here begging for you guys to do something," said Jazmin Cazares, whose young sister Jacklyn was one of 19 children killed in the 80 minutes the gunman spent inside Robb Elementary School on May 24 before police stormed the classroom and killed him. Two teachers also died in the massacre.

"People who were supposed to keep her safe at school didn't," the 17-year-old Cazares said through sniffles. "They failed."

Her testimony came just as the U.S. Supreme Court announced a decision allowing a major expansion of gun rights, saying that Americans have a right to carry firearms in public.

Cazares told a committee of lawmakers looking at how to prevent mass shootings that they could honor the victims by adopting gun background checks and "red flag laws" that allow for the removal of firearms from people at extreme risk of harming themselves or others.

The gunman was a former student, Salvador Ramos, who days after turning 18 bought the AR-15-style semi-automatic rifle he used in the attack.

The Republican-controlled legislature in Texas has stripped away gun restrictions over the past decade even as the state has suffered through a string of mass shootings in that killed more than 85



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JAZMIN CAZARES, second from left, whose young sister Jacklyn was one of 19 children killed at Robb Elementary School, attends a hearing at the state capitol, Thursday, in Austin, Texas. Cazares pleaded for Texas lawmakers to pass gun safety legislation and questioned why so many security measures failed.

people in the past five years

The state doesn't require a permit to carry a long rifle like the one used in Uvalde. Last year, lawmakers made it legal for anyone 21 and older to carry a handgun in public without a license, background check or training.

Jacklyn loved singing and dancing and wanted to go to Paris when she graduated, her sister said. "She was one of sweetest souls anybody would ever meet," her sister said.

She and her cousin, Annabell Rodriguez, were best friends, part of a close-knit quintet of classmates. All five died in the shooting.

Jacklyn's big sister told lawmakers that since the massacre she has reviewed the security measures the school was supposed to have, including how teachers are told to keep their doors closed and locked at

all times. "How, when some of those classroom doors didn't lock?" she said.

Days after the tragedy, Jacklyn's father, Javier Cazares, told of how he rushed to the school and kept a close watch on the children fleeing the school to catch a glimpse of his 9-year-old "firecracker."

He and other parents grew frustrated that the police weren't doing more to stop the gunman.

"A lot of us were arguing with the police, 'You all need to go in there. You all need to do your jobs,'" said Cazares, an Army veteran. "We were ready to go to work and rush in."

Those delays and mistakes in the law enforcement response are now at the center of federal, state and local investigations. The head of the Texas state police this week called it an "abject failure," and said how police reacted went

against everything learned in the two decades since the Columbine High School shooting in Colorado in 1999.

Officers with rifles stood in a hallway for over an hour, waiting in part for more weapons and gear, before going inside the classroom, said Steve McCraw, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

He put much of the blame for the delays on Pete Arredondo, the Uvalde school district police chief who McCraw said was the commander in charge.

The school district put the police chief on administrative leave on Wednesday. Uvalde Consolidated Independent School District Superintendent Hal Harrell said the facts of what happened remain unclear and that he didn't know when details of multiple investigations would be revealed.

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Afghans bury dead, dig for survivors of devastating quake

GAYAN, Afghanistan (AP) — Villagers rushed to bury the dead Thursday and dug by hand through the rubble of their homes in search of survivors of a powerful earthquake in eastern Afghanistan that state media reported killed 1,000 people. The Taliban and the international community that fled their takeover struggled to bring help to the disaster's victims.

Under a leaden sky in Paktika province, which was the epicenter of Wednesday's magnitude 6 earthquake, men dug a line of graves in one village, as they tried to lay the dead to rest quickly in line with Muslim tradition. In one courtyard, bodies lay wrapped in plastic to protect them from the rains that are hampering relief efforts for the living.

The state-run Bakhtar News Agency reported the death toll and said an estimated 1,500 more were injured. In the first independent count, the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs said around 770 people had been killed in Paktika and neighboring Khost province.

It's not clear how the totals were arrived at, given the difficulties of accessing and communicating with the affected villages tucked into remote mountainsides. Either grim till would make the quake Afghanistan's deadliest in two decades, and officials continued to warn the number could still rise.

"They don't have anything to eat, they are wondering what they can have to eat, and it is also raining," a Bakhtar reporter said in footage from the quake zone. "Their houses are destroyed. Please help them, don't leave them alone."

The disaster heaps more misery on a country where millions already faced increasing hunger and poverty and the health system has crumbled since the Taliban retook power nearly 10 months ago amid the U.S. and NATO withdrawal.

How the international humanitarian community, which has pulled back significant resources from the country, will be able to offer aid and to what extent the Taliban government will allow it to remain in question. The Taliban's takeover led to a cutoff of vital international financing, and most governments remain wary of dealing directly with them.

U.N. agencies and other organizations still operating in Afghanistan said they sent sup-

plies to the area, including medical kits, tents and plastic tarps, but the needs appeared immense as whole villages sustained massive damage.

"We ask from the Islamic Emirate and the whole country to come forward and help us," said a survivor who gave his name as Hakimullah. "We are with nothing and have nothing, not even a tent to live in."

Search and rescue remained a priority. In hard-hit Gayan District, much of the rubble was too large for people to move with their hands or shovels. They said they hoped large excavators would make it out their remote homes. For now, there was only one bulldozer in the area.

On Wednesday, a U.N. official said the government had not requested that the world body mobilize international search-and-rescue teams or obtain equipment from neighboring countries, despite a rare plea from the Taliban's supreme leader, Haibatullah Akhundzadah, for help from the world.

U.N. agencies are facing a \$3 billion funding shortfall for Afghanistan this year, and Peter Kessler, a spokesman for the United Nations' refugee agency, said that means there will be difficult decisions about who gets aid.

In addition to the political and financial concerns, there were also logistical challenges to getting aid to remote villages. The roads, which are rutted and difficult to travel in the best of circumstances, may have been badly damaged in the quake, and landslides from recent rains have made some impassible. Though just 110 miles directly south of the capital, Kabul, some villages in Gayan District took a full day's drive to reach.

Rescuers rushed in by helicopter — and Associated Press journalists also saw ambulances in the quake zone on Thursday — but heavier equipment will be difficult to deliver.

Walls and roofs of dozens of homes in Gayan collapsed in the quake, and villagers said whole families were buried under the rubble. Associated Press journalists counted some 50 bodies in the area alone, as people laid out their dead in front of their houses and in their courtyards.

While modern buildings withstand magnitude 6 earthquakes elsewhere, Afghanistan's mud-brick homes and landslide-prone mountains make such quakes more dangerous. Shallow earth-



Associated Press

IN THIS photo released by Pakistan's National Disaster Management Authority, a convoy of trucks carrying relief good including tents, blankets and emergency medicines for Afghanistan's earthquake hit areas, prepare to leave for Afghanistan at a warehouse in Islamabad, Pakistan, Thursday.

quakes also tend to cause more damage, and experts put the depth of Wednesday's at just 6 miles.

Despite the challenges, officials from several U.N. agencies said the Taliban were giving them full access to the area.

Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid wrote on Twitter that eight trucks of food and other necessities from Pakistan arrived in Paktika. He also said Thursday that two planes of humanitarian aid from Iran and another from Qatar had arrived in the country.

Obtaining more direct international help may be more difficult: Many countries, including the U.S., funnel humanitarian aid to Afghanistan through the U.N. and other such organizations to avoid putting money in the Taliban's hands.

In a news bulletin Thursday, Afghanistan state television made a point to acknowledge that U.S. President Joe Biden — their one-time enemy — offered condolences over the earthquake and had promised aid. Biden on Wednesday ordered the U.S. international aid agency and its partners to "assess" options for helping the victims, a White House statement said.

The death toll reported by Bakhtar was equal to that of a quake in 2002 in northern Afghanistan — the deadliest since 1998, when a 6.1 magnitude tremor and subsequent tremors in the remote northeast killed at



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A MAN stands among destruction after an earthquake in Gayan village, in Paktika province, Afghanistan, Thursday. A powerful earthquake struck a rugged, mountainous region of eastern Afghanistan early Wednesday, flattening stone and mud-brick homes in the country's deadliest quake in two decades, the state-run news agency reported.

least 4,500 people.

Wednesday's quake was centered in Paktika province, about 31 miles southwest of the city of Khost, according to neighboring Pakistan's Meteorological Department.

In Khost province's Speray district, which also sustained serious damage, men stood atop what once was a mud home. The quake had ripped open its timber beams. People sat outside under a makeshift tent made of a blanket that blew in the breeze.

Survivors quickly prepared the district's dead, including children

and an infant, for burial. Officials fear more dead will be found in the coming days.

"The toll this disaster will have on the local communities ... is catastrophic, and the impact the earthquake will have on the already stretched humanitarian response in Afghanistan is a grave cause for concern," said Adnan Junaid, vice president for Asia for the International Rescue Committee. "The areas most affected are some of the poorest and most remote areas in Afghanistan, which lack the infrastructure to withstand disasters like this."

Black veteran groups seek policy agenda on racial inequities

(AP) — As a young man in Memphis, Tennessee, Robert Dabney Jr. wanted to blaze a path that could set his family up for a better life. So two weeks after high school graduation in 1998, at age 18, he joined the U.S. Army.

During nine years of service that included two tours in Iraq, Dabney was a combat medical specialist. But after he left the Army in 2007 and returned to Memphis, married with children, he struggled to see what he'd gained from his service.

"I had exchanged my youth, ambition and vigor for a future that is limited just because of my mental health," said Dabney, who was formally diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder and depression in 2013.

His experience seeking treatment through the veterans health care system was plagued with challenges, he said. After navigating the system as a Black veteran, he wondered if he might help others find more culturally competent services that the federal government seemed ill-equipped to provide.

Testimonies like Dabney's will be shared at the first-ever national policy conference for Black veterans in Washington on Thursday. Representatives from nearly 20 advocacy groups for service members of color plan to collaborate on a legislative agenda to address longstanding racial, economic and social inequities facing more than 2 million Black American veterans.

"For many people from



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ROBERT DABNEY Jr. poses for a photo in Chicago, Monday, June 13.

Black and brown (veterans) communities, we're starting from a different place in life," the 42-year-old war veteran said. "Being able to talk to people who started from that place, who have a mindset similar to yours as they went through the military, has a different meaning to us."

In addition to disparities in the military justice system, homelessness, and unemployment, federal veterans benefits data show Black service members' post-Sept. 11 disability claims have been granted at lower rates than their white counterparts. Advocates say racial inequality in veterans' benefit access stifles or, worse, upends the lives of those who proudly served their country.

"The system isn't accommodating us, we're accommodating it," said Victor LaGroon, chairman of the Black Veterans Empowerment Council, which organized Thursday's conference. "We've got to have these systemic and legislative discussions

because, until there's full transparency and accountability, people are going to continue to skirt the issues."

Slated speakers include the secretaries of the Veterans Affairs and Labor departments, as well as officials from some state and local veterans service agencies.

Richard Brookshire, a former Army combat medic who served in the Afghanistan War, said a major goal of the conference is to help the Black veterans community coalesce around "what's actionable" in a broader agenda that also targets historic inequity that dates back to Black veterans serving in World War II.

"There needs to be a critical mass in the Black veteran community to demand it," said Brookshire, who co-founded the Black Veterans Project. "The seed has been planted and we're going to begin to see the tree bear fruit."

The Black Veterans Empowerment Council

was formed in 2020, amid the national reckoning that followed the murder of George Floyd by police, as a roundtable of Black veterans groups meant to advise the House Veterans Affairs Committee. Council members said part of their work over the last two years has been acquiring data to prove how Black veterans have unequal access to the benefits system.

According to Veterans Benefits Administration records analyzed by the Veterans Legal Services Clinic at Yale Law School and reviewed by The Associated Press, there are statistically significant differences in disability claim outcomes for Black and white veterans. Although disability claim approval rates are low across the board, they are significantly lower for Black veterans.

Between 2002 and 2020, Black veterans had the lowest claim approval rate, at 30.3%, when compared to their non-Black counterparts. White veterans had 37.1% of their claims approved, while Hispanic veterans had an approval rate of 36% and Asian or Pacific Islander veterans had a rate of 30.7%.

Linda Mann, co-founder of the African American Redress Network at Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs, led a group of students that did an additional analysis on the benefits data. According to their findings, disparities in how Black veterans are rated on the severity of their condition

amounted to lower disability compensation and decreased eligibility for other VA benefits.

These findings build on historic racial inequities in veterans benefits that stretch back to integration of the armed services in the late 1940s. Black service

members who fought in World War II were either denied or prevented from taking full advantage of housing and educational benefits through the GI Bill. Black veterans of the Korean War had similar experiences with the program.

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