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Gogebic County has 'high' COVID-19 level

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HANCOCK — Because of an increase in COVID-19 cases in the county, Gogebic County was reclassified as a “high” level of community spread in the Western Upper Peninsula Health Department’s weekly update on Saturday.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that all people take additional precautions at high community levels. These include wearing a well-fitting mask indoors in public, regardless of vaccination status.

At medium and high community levels, the CDC recommends that immunocompromised and high-risk individuals wear a mask or respirator that provides greater protection, consider avoiding non-essential indoor activities in public, have a plan for rapid testing if needed and talk with their healthcare providers about other precautions and treatments.

For people who have contact with high-risk individuals, the CDC says to consider self-testing to detect infection before contact and consider wearing a mask when indoors with them.

The CDC also says to stay up to date with vaccines and boosters, maintain improved ventilation throughout indoor spaces if possible and follow recommendations for isolation and quarantine at all levels, including low.

Elsewhere in the western U.P., Houghton, Keweenaw and Ontonagon counties have medium COVID-19 community levels and Baraga County has a low level.

The WUPHD update says that there were 171 new COVID-19 cases and one death in the past seven days. These included 78 new cases in Houghton County, 56 new cases in Gogebic, 21 in Baraga, eight in Keweenaw and eight

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DELIVERING ON a baritone saxophone at right is Jim Metz during a Saturday night concert by the Blooze Brothers at the Historic Ironwood Theatre. From left are tenor saxophonist Andy Blanco and drummer Danya Thompson.

Blooze Brothers offer performance at HIT

By P.J. GLISSON
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IRONWOOD — Saturday night’s audience for the Blooze Brothers was whistling and hooting even before the concert began, and the enthusiasm only grew as the performance proceeded over a three-hour span at the Historic Ironwood Theatre.

The response from the full house was no surprise as the 11-member Chicago band took the stage by storm, providing a level of talent that was not only musical, but magical, and always compounded by relentless physical fun.

“Let’s get this party started,” cried Chuck Little, who leads the tribute band that

was formed more than a quarter century ago in homage to the 1980 movie “The Blues Brothers,” which in turn was inspired by the Blues Brothers band that started in 1978, growing out of a “Saturday Night Live” skit.

While performing in his own band, Little — who also emceed the concert — mim-

icked the character of Elwood Blues (a.k.a. Elwood Blooze) that Dan Aykroyd played in the movie.

The character of Joliet Jake Blues (a.k.a. Blooze), played by Jim Belushi in the movie, was portrayed by band member Kevin Pollack,

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Iron County Historical Museum to host lecture on Polish immigration

HURLEY — This year’s Gilbert J. Endrizzi Memorial Lecture at the Iron County Historical Museum in Hurley will feature Jay M. Orbik on Wednesday. He will speak on Polish immigration to the Gogebic Range.

Orbik is the author of many articles published in Polish and Eastern European genealogical journals in the U.S. and Poland. He holds a doctorate in educational technology, research and assessment from Northern Illinois University, where he retired as the director of media services.

Orbik has been working on his family’s genealogy and history for more than 30 years and has traced all of his family lines back to the oldest records available, especially the Orbik surname, originating in the Polish village of Tajno and the nearby town of Augustów, as far back as 1662.

Augustów is located in northeastern Poland. Before World War I, it was part of Suwalki Gubernia, a major and political administrative subdivision of the Russian Empire. Today, it is divided among Poland, Lithuania and Belarus. Augustów is part of the Suwalki Gap, a strategically important area. It is immediately southwest of the border between Lithuania and Poland and has become of great strategic and military importance since Poland and the Baltic states joined the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Orbik’s presentation will focus on immigrants from the Augustów area that settled in the Upper Peninsula and northeast Wisconsin. Professor Orbik’s research included a survey of marriages from 1897 to 1907 in Iron

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Mega Millions jackpot to exceed \$800 million

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The next Mega Millions drawing will be held tonight at 10 p.m. CDT with an estimated prize of \$810 million with a \$470.1 million cash option, according to the lottery game’s website on Monday morning.

Joann Barto, an employee at Midland gas station in

Hurley, told the Daily Globe that she has been selling plenty of Mega Millions tickets recently — more than usual. Among the customers seen purchasing Mega Millions tickets at this location on Monday was Jay Aijala of Hurley.

Barto added that she planned to buy a ticket for herself as soon as her shift

ended on Monday. She said she didn’t usually play the lottery, but a chance at the large grand prize was too good of an opportunity for her to miss.

The jackpot rolled over for the 28th consecutive time after no ticket matched the six numbers drawn on Friday.

One lucky winner now

stands to claim the third largest Mega Million jackpot and the fourth largest U.S. lottery jackpot overall. The current record is a Powerball jackpot of \$1.586 billion in 2016, followed by Mega Millions jackpots of \$1.537 billion in 2018 and \$1.05 bil-

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Land O’Lakes welcomes living history via Placid Lassie

By P.J. GLISSON
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LAND O’LAKES, Wis. — People visiting King’s Land O’Lakes Airport on Friday or Saturday had a rare chance to explore a notable piece of living history.

The Wisconsin airport had on display the Placid Lassie, a C-47A-40-DL aircraft that was part of D-Day on June 6, 1944, when more than 160,000 Allied Forces, including paratroopers, landed in Normandy, France, which then was occupied by Nazis.

The public took note, as evidenced by a consistently long line of people waiting to tour the plane on Saturday morning and afternoon.

Richard Osborne, who was the chief pilot to fly the plane to Wisconsin, said he was “very impressed” by local interest in the plane.



P.J. Glisson/Daily Globe

A LONG line of people wait on Saturday to tour the Placid Lassie, a World War II-era plane that was on display as part of Airport Days at King’s Land O’Lakes Airport in Wisconsin.

Osborne has been flying the Placid Lassie for the past seven years or so, off and on. “It’s wonderful,” he said

of the privilege. “We get to fly a piece of history. And it’s one of those airplanes where you need to be an aviator to

fly it.”

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Monday
High 68
Low 52

Year ago today
High 84
Low 55

Today’s records
94 (1941)
36 (1980)

Precipitation
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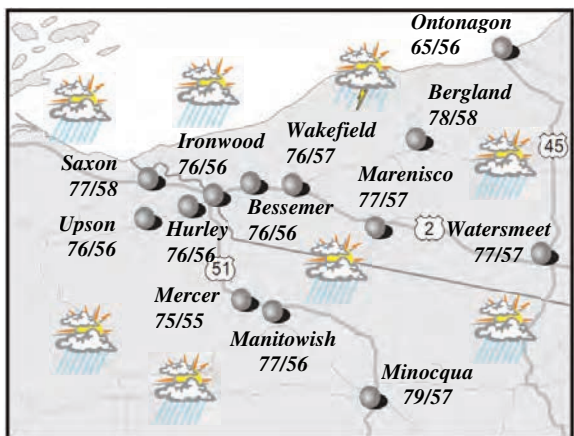
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FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR IRONWOOD

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Few Showers	Few Showers	Few Showers	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny
76° 56°	74° 53°	68° 52°	73° 54°	81° 62°
Winds: 8-11 mph SSW	Winds: 8-14 mph W	Winds: 11 mph WNW	Winds: 5-8 mph NW	Winds: 6-9 mph SSW



LOCAL OUTLOOK

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 70% chance of showers, high temperature of 76°, humidity of 71%. South southwest wind 8 to 11 mph. The record high temperature for today is 94° set in 1941.

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise 5:34 a.m.
 Sunset 8:39 p.m.
 Moonrise 3:06 a.m.
 Moonset 7:57 p.m.

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Sunday
 High temperature 68
 Low temperature 55
 Precipitation 0.00"

MOON PHASES

New First Full Last

 7/28 8/5 8/11 8/19

REGIONAL WEATHER

	Today	Wed.
Ashland	78/62 pc	77/63 t
Duluth	73/57 sh	74/55 sh
Eau Claire	79/65 mc	81/64 t
Escanaba	75/61 pc	79/57 sh
Grand Rapids	80/65 pc	81/64 t
Green Bay	80/65 pc	79/61 t
Madison	79/65 pc	80/61 sh
Marquette	76/61 pc	71/58 sh
Rhineland	79/58 sh	75/53 t
St. Paul	80/63 sh	81/61 s
Wausau	80/61 sh	76/55 pc

NATIONAL WEATHER

	Today	Wed.
Chicago	80/70 mc	85/67 t
Dallas	103/81 s	102/82 s
Kansas City	87/71 t	86/70 t
Los Angeles	80/61 fg	81/63 s
New York	86/73 mc	87/76 pc
Orlando	93/76 sh	92/77 sh
Phoenix	96/84 t	97/82 t
Seattle	91/67 s	90/68 s

Weather (WX): cl/cloudy; fl/furries; pc/partly cloudy; mc/mostly cloudy; ra/rain; rs/rain & snow; s/sunny; sh/showers; sn/snow; ss/snow showers; t/thunderstorms; w/windy

LOCAL UV INDEX



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

WEATHER TRIVIA

What was the greatest amount of rain recorded in one day?

Answer: On March 15, 1952, 73.62 inches fell on the island of Runon, Indian Ocean.



Associated Press
THE CHAIRMAN of the Conservative Political Action Coalition (CPAC), Matt Schlapp, delivers the welcome speech at the CPAC conference in Budapest, Hungary, May 19. Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban is scheduled to speak at the Conservative Political Action Conference in Dallas. "What we like about him is that he's actually standing up for the freedom of his people against the tyranny of the EU," said Schlapp.

US conservatives embracing controversial Hungarian leader

(AP) — When heads of state visit the U.S., the top item on their itinerary is usually a White House visit. For Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban next month, it will be addressing a conference of conservative activists in Dallas.

Orban's appearance at the Conservative Political Action Conference, where he'll be joined by former President Donald Trump and right-wing icons such as Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene, R-Ga., is the most dramatic indication yet of how a leader criticized for pushing anti-democratic principles has become a hero to segments of the Republican Party.

Orban has curbed immigration and stymied those who envision a more middle-of-the-road European democracy for their country. He's done so by seizing control of Hungary's judiciary and media, leading many international analysts to label him as the face of a new wave of authoritarianism. He also is accused of enabling widespread corruption and nepotism, using state resources to enrich a tight circle of political allies.

The U.S. conservative movement's embrace of Orban comes as it echoes Trump's lies that he did not lose the 2020 presidential election, punishes Republicans who tried to hold him accountable for the Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol, and embrace new voting restrictions. Many experts on Hungarian politics fear the GOP might aspire to Orban's tactics.

"The Trumpist side of the Republican Party is coming for the rhetoric, but staying for the autocracy," said Kim L. Schepple, a sociologist at Princeton University who has studied Orban. "I'm worried the attraction to Orban is only superficially the culture war stuff and more deeply about how to prevent power from ever rotating out of their hands."

Conservatives dismiss

that notion — or even the charge that Orban is an authoritarian.

"What we like about him is that he's actually standing up for the freedom of his people against the tyranny of the EU," said Matt Schlapp, head of CPAC, which meets in Dallas starting Aug. 4. "He's captured the attention of a lot of people, including a lot of people in America who are worried about the decline of the family."

CPAC's gatherings are something of a cross between Davos and Woodstock for the conservative movement, a meeting place for activists and luminaries to strategize, inspire and network. Earlier this year, CPAC held its first meeting in Europe, choosing Hungary. While there, Schlapp invited Orban to speak at the Texas gathering. Last year, Fox News star Tucker Carlson broadcast his show from Budapest.

Orban served as prime minister of Hungary between 1998 and 2002, but it's his record since taking office again in 2010 that has drawn controversy. A self-styled champion of what he describes as "illiberal democracy," Orban has depicted himself as a defender of European Christendom against Muslim migrants, progressives and the "LGBTQ lobby."

While Orban's party has backed technocratic initiatives that have captured the imagination of the U.S. right — Schlapp specifically cited a tax cut Hungarian women receive for every child as a way to counter a declining population — he's best known for his aggressive stance on hot-button cultural issues.

Orban's government erected a razor-wire fence along Hungary's southern border in 2015 in response to an influx of refugees fleeing violence and poverty in Iraq, Syria, Afghanistan and elsewhere. Carlson visited the border barrier, praising it as a model for the U.S.

Last year, Orban's right-wing Fidesz party banned the depiction of homosexuality or sex reassignment in media targeting people under 18, a move critics said was an attack on LGBTQ people. Information on homosexuality also was forbidden in school sex education programs, or in films and advertisements accessible to minors.

Those policies have put him on a collision course with the European Union, which has sought to reign in some of his more antidemocratic tendencies. The bloc has launched numerous legal proceedings against Hungary for breaking EU rules, and is now withholding billions

in recovery funds and credit over violations of rule-of-law standards and insufficient anti-corruption safeguards.

Those conflicts started early in Orban's tenure. In 2011, the Fidesz party used the two-thirds constitutional majority it gained after a landslide election the previous year to unilaterally rewrite Hungary's constitution. Soon after, it began undermining the country's institutions and took steps to consolidate power.

Orban's party implemented judicial reforms through constitutional amendment, enabling it to change the composition of the judiciary. It also passed a new law that created a nine-member council to oversee the media and appointed members to all those slots.

Reporters Without Borders declared Orban a "press freedom predator" last year. It said his Fidesz party had "seized de facto control of 80% of the country's media through political-economic maneuvers and the purchase of news organizations by friendly oligarchs."

The Associated Press and other international news organizations were barred from covering the CPAC conference in May, during which Orban called Hungary "the bastion of conservative Christian values in Europe." He also urged conservatives in the U.S. to defeat "the dominance of progressive liberals in public life."

The AP requested an interview with Orban when he visits Dallas next month, but was rebuffed. His communications office cited what it said was the prime minister's "extremely busy" schedule.

Analysts note that Hungary lacks the traditional trappings of autocracies. There are no tanks in the streets and no political dissidents locked up in prisons. Fidesz has continued to win elections — albeit in seats that have been redrawn to make it extremely difficult for their legislators to be defeated. That's similar to the political gerrymandering of congressional and state legislative districts in the U.S., a process that currently favors Republicans because they control more of the state legislatures that create those boundaries.

Still, experts say Orban's near-total control of his country makes him a pioneer of a new approach to anti-democratic rule.

"I've never seen an autocrat consolidate authoritarian rule without spilling a drop of blood or locking someone up," said Steven Levitsky, a Harvard political scientist and co-author of the book "How Democracies Die."

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Crews protect homes as California fire burns near Yosemite

JERSEYDALE, Calif. (AP) — A destructive wildfire near Yosemite National Park burned out of control through tinder-dry forest on Sunday and had grown into one of California's biggest blazes of the year, forcing thousands of residents to flee remote mountain communities.

Some 2,000 firefighters battled the Oak Fire, along with aircraft and bulldozers, facing tough conditions that includes steep terrain, sweltering temperatures and low humidity, according to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, or Cal Fire.

"It's hot out there again today," Cal Fire spokesperson Natasha Fouts said Sunday. "And the fuel moisture levels are critically low."

Crews on the ground protected homes as air tankers dropped retardant

on 50-foot flames racing along ridgetops east of the tiny community of Jerseydale.

Light winds blew embers ahead into tree branches "and because it's so dry, it's easy for the spot fires to get established and that's what fuels the growth," Fouts said.

The fire erupted Friday southwest of the park near the town of Midpines in Mariposa County. Officials described "explosive fire behavior" on Saturday as flames made runs through bone-dry vegetation caused by the worst drought in decades.

By Sunday the blaze had consumed more than 22 square miles of forest land, with no containment, Cal Fire said. The cause was under investigation.

Evacuations were in place for over 6,000 people living across a several-mile span of the sparsely popu-

lated area in the Sierra Nevada foothills, though a handful of residents defied the orders and stayed behind, said Adrienne Freeman with the U.S. Forest Service.

"We urge people to evacuate when told," she said. "This fire is moving very fast."

Lynda Reynolds-Brown and her husband Aubrey awaited news about the fate of their home from an evacuation center at an elementary school. They fled as ash rained down and the fire descended a hill towards their property.

"It just seemed like it was above our house and coming our way really quickly," Reynolds-Brown told KCRA-TV.

Gov. Gavin Newsom proclaimed a state of emergency for Mariposa County due to the fire's effects.

Flames destroyed at least 10 residential and commercial structures and damaged five others, Cal Fire said. Assessment teams were moving through mountain towns to check for additional damage, Fouts said.

★ THIS DAY IN HISTORY ★
July 26

- 1775 US Continental Congress creates United States Post Office (U.S.P.O.) in Philadelphia under Benjamin Franklin
- 1947 President Truman signs National Security Act (1947), establishing Department of Defense, CIA, National Security Council and Joint Chiefs of Staff
- 1981 New York Mayor Ed Koch is given the Heimlich maneuver in a Chinese restaurant
- 2018 Observation of a black hole by The Very Large Telescope in Chile proves Albert Einstein's prediction of "gravitational redshift", published in "Journal Astronomy & Astrophysics"

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LUTHER L. WRIGHT CLASS OF 1972



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THE LUTHER L. WRIGHT High School class of 1972 held its 50th year reunion with a gathering on July 16 at Cold Iron Brewing in Ironwood. The group gathered for a photo taken by Gerard (Lauza) in the Downtown City Square. Classmates include, from left: first row — Tommy Tucker, Bobbie. Johnson Peterson, Martin McKay, Ken Jacobson, Charlie Semo, Nick (da Prez) Jacobs, Dale Nelson, John Ostrom and Bill Dalpiaz; and second row — Greg Maki, Mark Finco, Sharon Perotti Sikonia, Sylvia Wesa Minkin, Barb Alexandroni Koepp, Diane Alexandroni, Joani Piasecki Levra, Teresa Vizanko Lutey Galley, Geri Eplett Conley, Kathy Kopanen Grbavacich and Deb Hautanen Bush; third row — Kevin Allmendinger, John Blomquist, Kim Melchiori Benson, Paula Michela Fredrickson, Deb Vanderdervoorde, Blanche Skoviera Hamilton, Mary Grace Chiantello Loreti, Nancy Rouse Rintala, Warren Bale and Ray Lapachin; fourth row — Jerry Nezworski, Jane Shea Campbell, Jim Kolesar, Tim Kolesar, James Martell, Donna Salli Eastman, Terry Kapets Van damme, Heidi Perkovich Benninger, Jon Christensen, Joe Barbera and Jeff Behrendt; fifth row — Sharon Walkonen Lindroth, Pete Miller, Will Corcoran, Denny Bogan, John Siira, John Mesich, Frank Gerovac, Roy Trousdell, Janice Pavlovich Williams, Larry Sanders, Scott Randall and Mike Schmaltz; sixth row — Joe Huss, Don Bartels, Dan Fredrickson, James JD Forslund, John Hellen, Mark Luoma, Mike Odden, Robert Rozak, Dave Ruotsala, Bob Semo and Jim Martell; and seventh row — Lyle Hamilton, Brian Lindroth, Steve Salmi, Tim Nerenz, Ray Haapala, Brad Peterson, Dave Kurta and Mark Lindberg.

Calendar

Email calendar items and community news to news@yourdailyglobe.com. For more information, call 906-932-2211.

Tuesday, July 26

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.
Breakfast For Your Brain, 10 a.m., Mercer, Wis., Community Center. 715-561-2695.
Alcoholics Anonymous, noon, Salem Lutheran Church, Ironwood. area74.org.
Ironwood Kiwanis Club, noon, Golden Dragon.
Woods and Blooms Garden Club, 6:30 p.m., Haines Civic Center, Mercer, Wis.
Government
Ironwood City Commission, 6:30 p.m., special meeting, Memorial Building auditorium, Ironwood.

Wednesday, July 27

Christian Men of the Northland, 6:30 a.m., Uptown Cafe, Ironwood.
Mentoring of Moms, 9-10:30 a.m., Range Community Bible Church, Hurley. 715-561-4355.
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, open meeting, noon, Salem Lutheran Church, Ironwood. area74.org.
DOVE Support Group, noon-2 p.m. 906-932-4990.
Ironwood-Hurley Rotary Club, 12:15 p.m., Elk and Hound Restaurant, Ironwood.
Iron County Veterans Service Officer, 1-3 p.m., Mercer, Wis., Town Hall. 715-561-2190.
Overeaters Anonymous, 4:30 p.m., Phoenix House, Bessemer.
Mercer Health and Wellness Pickleball, 3-6 p.m., Mercer Community Center.
Narcotics Anonymous, 7 p.m., Salem Lutheran Church, Ironwood. area74.org.
Government
Gogebic County Finance Committee, 4:30 p.m., courthouse, Bessemer.
Gogebic County Board, 5 p.m., courthouse, Bessemer.
Bessemer School Board, 5 p.m., A.D. Johnston High School library.

Thursday, July 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.
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.
Gogebic County Veterans Service Officer, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Wakefield City Hall; 1-2 p.m., Watersmeet Township; 2:45-3:15 p.m., Marenisco Township. 906-667-1110.
Alcoholics Anonymous, noon, Salem Lutheran Church, Ironwood. area74.org.
Community Night Meal Free Supper, 6 p.m., Apostolic

Lutheran Church, Aurora Street, Ironwood.

Government
Downtown Ironwood Development Authority, 8 a.m., meeting, Conference Room 1, second floor, Memorial Building, Ironwood.
Hurley Senior Center Board, 9 a.m., Senior Center, Hurley.

Friday, July 29

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.
Government
Iron County Recycling Committee, 4 p.m., courthouse, Hurley.

Saturday, July 30

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.
Emberlight Festival Performance Infusion — Fit to be Tied, 1 p.m., Miners Memorial Heritage Park, Ironwood.
Community Pickleball Paddlers, 2-5 p.m., Mercer School gymnasium. 715-776-4588.

Sunday, July 31

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, Aug. 1

Iron County Food Pantry, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., 72 Michigan Ave., Montreal, Wis. 715-561-4450.
Alcoholics Anonymous, noon, Salem Lutheran Church, Ironwood. area74.org.
Alcoholics Anonymous, 6 p.m., Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church, Ironwood. area74.org.
Ironwood Sports Hall of Fame, 6 p.m., Luther L. Wright K-12 School, room 205.
Erwin Community Club, 6:30 p.m., Erwin town hall.
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
Ironwood Parks and Recreation Committee, 5 p.m., meeting, Conference Room 1, second floor, Memorial Building, Ironwood.

Tuesday, Aug. 2

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.

‘Nope’ debuts at No. 1 with \$44 million

By LINDSEY BAHR
 AP Film Writer

Jordan Peele’s UFO thriller “Nope” topped the North American charts in its first weekend in theaters with an estimated \$44 million in ticket sales, Universal Pictures said Sunday. Though it doesn’t come close to the \$71 million debut of “Us,” it is still significantly impressive for an original, R-rated film — and the biggest of the pandemic for an original screenplay.

“Nope,” which opened on 3,785 theaters in the U.S. and Canada, is the most expensive film Peele has made to date with a reported \$68 million production budget, not accounting for marketing and promotion costs. “Us” cost around \$20 million to produce, while “Get Out” was made for only \$4.5 million. Both films ultimately made over \$255 million worldwide.

Critics were largely positive about “Nope,” which stars Daniel Kaluuya, Keke Palmer and Steven Yeun and pays homage to UFO films like “Close Encounters of the Third Kind” and “Signs,” and is currently resting at 83% on Rotten Tomatoes. “It’s a great number,” said Jim Orr, Universal’s president of domestic distribution. “It’s amazing how broadly it’s playing too.”

“Jordan Peele crafted an incredible film,” Orr added. “And it is absolutely something that should be seen on the big screen.”

The film got off to a strong start with \$6.4 million from Thursday previews. By the end of Friday, it had grossed \$19.3 million. About 68% of

the opening weekend audience was between the ages of 18 and 34, which is the “sweet spot” for a horror film. Audiences were also quite diverse according to exit polls, reporting 35% Caucasian, 33% Black, 20% Hispanic and 8% Asian.

And many chose to experience “Nope” in IMAX, which accounted for about \$5.2 million of its first weekend earnings.

“It’s incredibly gratifying to see a visionary like Jordan Peele, who represents a new generation of filmmakers, use our technology in pioneering ways and create an experience meant to be seen in IMAX,” said IMAX CEO Rich Gelfond.

Word of mouth is going to be critical in the coming weeks for “Nope,” which begins its international rollout on Aug. 12.

“An opening weekend for a Jordan Peele film is not the right metric. We have to see where it is a month from now,” said Paul Dergarabedian, the senior media analyst for Comscore. “‘Nope’ could have solid, long-term playability as the word gets out. One need only look at ‘Elvis’ to see that a film doesn’t have to open huge to be a big success.”

“Nope” knocked “Thor: Love and Thunder” to second place in its third weekend. The Disney and Marvel blockbuster starring Chris Hemsworth and Natalie Portman added \$22.1 million, bringing its global total to \$598.2 million.

Universal’s “Minions: The Rise of Gru” landed in third place with \$17.7 million in its fourth weekend. The animated pic has made \$640.3 mil-

lion globally. The Sony-released adaptation of the bestseller “Where the Crawdads Sing,” meanwhile, is enjoying a modest second weekend drop. The film starring Daisy Edgar-Jones added an estimated \$10.3 million from 3,650 locations. It’s now grossed \$38.3 million domestically.

Paramount’s “Top Gun: Maverick” rounded out the top five in its ninth weekend with an additional \$10 million. Earlier this week it surpassed “The Avengers” to become ninth biggest domestic release of all time with its total now sitting at \$635.6 million.

In limited release, “Marcel the Shell with Shoes On” continued its expansion and made \$846,950 from 590 theaters.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Comscore include:

1. “Nope,” \$44 million.
2. “Thor: Love and Thunder,” 22.1 million.
3. “Minions: The Rise of Gru,” \$17.7 million.
4. “Where the Crawdads Sing,” \$10.3 million.
5. “Top Gun: Maverick,” \$10 million.
6. “Elvis,” \$6.3 million.
7. “Paws of Fury: The Legend of Hank,” \$3.9 million.
8. “The Black Phone,” \$3.5 million.
9. “Jurassic World Dominion,” \$3 million.
10. “Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris,” \$1.4 million.

Marvel teases new Avengers movies, ‘Black Panther’ sequel

By LINDSEY BAHR
 AP Film Writer

Marvel Studios unveiled the first trailer for “Black Panther: Wakanda Forever” — set to “No Woman No Cry” — to fans at Comic-Con on Saturday in San Diego.

It was just one part of the massive Hall H presentation, which also included first-looks at “Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3,” “Ant-Man and the Wasp: Quantumania” and new information about Phase 6 of the Marvel Cinematic Universe, which will conclude with two Avengers movies in 2025: “Avengers: The Kang Dynasty” and “Avengers: Secret Wars.”

“Black Panther: Wakanda Forever” director Ryan Coogler was on site in San Diego to preview the highly anticipated film, which is due to arrive in theaters on Nov. 11 and serve as the conclusion to Phase 4. Coogler paid tribute to Chadwick Boseman, who died in August 2020.

“The impact that he made on this industry will be felt forever,” Coogler said. After the massive success of “Black Panther” in 2018, plans for a sequel were quickly set into

motion. But those were altered after Boseman’s unexpected death from colon cancer. The studio said it would not recast Boseman’s role of T’Challa, but very little has come out about the film in the years since. Production wrapped in March after several delays, one of which was due to an injury sustained by Letitia Wright, who plays T’Challa’s brainy sister Shuri. Also returning are Lupita Nyong’o, Danai Gurira, Winston Duke and Angela Bassett, but not Daniel Kaluuya, whose “Nope” schedule conflicted.

Phase 5, Marvel Studios head Kevin Feige said, will kick off in February with “Ant-Man and the Wasp: Quantumania” and conclude with “Thunderbolts” in July 2024. The new “Blade,” starring Oscar-winner Mahershala Ali, also got a release date of Nov. 3, 2023, and “Captain America and the New World Order,” featuring Anthony Mackie’s Sam Wilson, will hit theaters on May 3, 2024.

The “Guardians of the Galaxy” will also come to an end in the midst of Phase 5 in May. Director

James Gunn showed up in San Diego to confirm that “Vol. 3” would be the last for the space rogues. Chris Pratt, Zoe Saldana, Karen Gillan and Dave Bautista

are all returning for the film. New cast members include Will Poulter, as Guardians adversary Adam Warlock, and Maria Bakalova.

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In Their Opinion

Prosecuting for voter mistakes

Voter fraud! Voter fraud!
Yeah, we've been treated to those accusations repeatedly in the two years since ex-president Donald Trump lost narrowly to President Joe Biden in the 2020 presidential election.

It's almost become white noise - endless white noise. The fact is that voter fraud is extremely rare here in Wisconsin and multiple reviews and audits have found no widespread fraud in the state or anywhere else.

Local elections clerks in Wisconsin referred only 12 cases to prosecutors related to the 2020 general election, out of 3.3 million cast.

Still, a recent news story out of Fond du Lac County caught our eye. It detailed how a Fond du Lac woman, Jamie Wells, and her husband, were in hot water and facing prosecution by District Attorney Eric Toney because they used the address of a UPS Store in Fond du Lac - and not a residential address as required by state law - when they registered to vote in the 2020 election.

The couple faces up to three and a half years in prison and maximum fines of \$10,000 each if convicted. They said they have received help from relatives and expect legal bills close to \$17,000.

Wells said she and her husband have used that UPS Store in Fond du Lac as their address for decades without a problem. They registered to vote using that address because they didn't have another one to list - the couple lives in a 42-foot pull-behind camper because his work on farms take them all over the state.

In a bit of irony, given that its mostly Trump supporters who have consistently raised complaints of voter fraud, Wells said she and her husband probably lean Republican but had never been politically active, but they were motivated to vote in 2020 because they thought Trump was a better candidate.

Now, she says, she may never vote again. Toney has drawn heat for his decision to prosecute the couple, along with three others in the county who used UPS addresses to register to vote. Ion Meyn, an assistant law professor at the University of Wisconsin, called the cases in Fond du Lac "a real abuse of (prosecutorial) discretion."

"Here you have a prosecutor who is taking a really tortured view, in my mind, of what this provision (in the statute) means. I just find that so irresponsible," Meyn said.

The Wisconsin Watch news report also noted Toney was a Republican candidate for state attorney general and this spring at the Republican state convention, pushed his reputation as "one of the most aggressive prosecutors of election fraud" in the state.

We were all ready to get out the bucket of tar and a few bags of feathers over the idea of a candidate for office using the prosecution of a state couple to advance his political career over an innocent mistake on an address. That's specially so since they are U.S. citizens and have a right to vote.

But the thing is, DA Toney has a point. As he said in February when he first filed the charges, "Even if a person doesn't have a stable residence, they're still able to vote; they're still able to register, it's just a question of making sure you do it lawfully and not listing a P.O. Box because when you're registering to vote you clearly don't live at a P.O. box."

That can be particularly important in races for local offices where the registered address determines who can vote in which races - aldermanic, school board, county supervisor, judges, village boards and even referendums. If you've given a UPS address as your residence, you may not be entitled to cast that ballot.

The issue is probably more widespread than most realize. In La Crosse County, the district attorney found 15 cases where people used UPS store addresses and then voted. The DA declined to prosecute saying they were a mistake and not voter fraud. "There's no way a jury would say they intentionally did something to fool anybody."

We agree with that. But, we also acknowledge that it's important to discourage the use of false addresses for voter registration - whether it be UPS stores or anywhere else.

Toney has made his point; now we would hope he would show a little prosecutorial discretion and walk away from harsh prosecution for an unintended mistake.

Kenosha News

Trump's knots and dots: It's all over

A figurative noose is tightening around Donald Trump's neck.

The sweet thing is that he knows it. The desperado is shrewd enough to sense his day is done.

Let's count the knots. Some are political, some are legal.

We already know the dots add up to a portrait of a screaming, swearing president who tried to overthrow the government by force.

The crackerjack House select committee on the mob attack on the Capitol is tying Trumpian knots in public opinion. Hearing by hearing, witness by witness, they're telling a sordid story nobody could make up. Thursday in primetime will conclude the best summer true crime story ever.

I mean the noose of justice, of course, not a noose and gallows, which Trump's armed mob brought to "Hang Mike Pence" at the Capitol riot on Jan. 6, 2021. Trump's vice president was in grave danger that day.

The tables have turned. In real time, Trump suggested Pence might "deserve" it. For Pence refused to play his part in the violent conspiracy to hold onto presidential power - the first such plot in American history.

Like a Roman emperor, Trump fell under a depraved spell at the crowd size. The 30,000 marching to storm the Capitol thrilled him.

As promised, the deadly scene was "wild" when vast throngs crawled up terrace steps and walls, broke glass on marble floors and rushed the chambers of Congress. The House and Senate were in, certifying the winner of the 2020 election in a constitutional ritual.

In a long day's journey after mid-



Jamie Stiehm

night, the winner was Joseph Biden.

Now Trump's political hold is waning, with a few chosen candidates losing.

Nearly half of Republican primary voters oppose Trump running for a second term, a New York Times poll found. After all, he lost the popular vote twice, in 2016 and 2020.

Even among his sheeplike Republican supporters, "Vote to Keep Me Out of Prison" is a loser's slogan. Come a year from now, fresh blood will sell better than a mean old man. His party may flock to a mean young man, Florida Republican Gov. Ron DeSantis.

Frankly, a lust for revenge and a wish to escape the noose of justice won't play to the wider American public, exhausted by Trump's four years of fecklessness in office.

If you look at the legal jeopardy Trump faces, it's no wonder why he wants to run early for president in the 2024 election and escape the law behind the White House walls.

Looming on the horizon is a criminal case. In Georgia, a special grand jury is investigating whether Trump and allies tried to undo the 2020 election result. Biden won the state.

Trump directly called a Georgia official to tell him the exact margin

of victory he needed: 11,780 votes. Brazen is his brand. He applied the same brutal scheming to democracy that he used in business - and it almost worked.

The Republican governor, Brian Kemp, made an enemy out of Trump by not backing him up. Kemp won reelection easily.

In New York, Trump is in rising waters for his business practices, especially in taxation. (That's how authorities got Al Capone.) A civil case is pending, brought by the state attorney general for possible fraudulent reporting on the value of buildings and golf courses.

To pile on, Steve Bannon, a top Trump strategist, is on trial for criminal contempt of Congress.

Author of the crude "American carnage" line in Trump's inaugural speech, Bannon finally agreed to appear before the House select committee.

An extremist, Bannon unbound is a bad look for Trump.

The Justice Department, spurred by the evidence and hard work of the House committee, may just act. Wouldn't that be boffo, Attorney General Merrick Garland?

Indicting Trump for a seditious plot is the decisive act - or knot - in our tragic drama of democracy.

In fact, it's emerged that only the threat of a mass resignation of Justice lawyers kept Trump from appointing a loyalist, Jeffrey Clark, as attorney general to put his planned coup in place.

Chances are, Trump knows the jig is up. He'll never go quietly into the darkness before the dawn. But his day is done.

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Today in history

By The Associated Press
Today's Highlight in History
On July 26, 2016, Hillary Clinton became the first woman to be nominated for president by a major political party at the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia.

On this date
In 1775, the Continental Congress established a Post Office and appointed Benjamin Franklin its Postmaster-General.

In 1847, the western African country of Liberia, founded by freed American slaves, declared its independence.

In 1863, Sam Houston, former president of the Republic of Texas, died in Huntsville at age 70.

In 1945, the Potsdam Declaration warned Imperial Japan to unconditionally surrender, or face "prompt and utter destruction." Winston Churchill resigned as Britain's prime minister after his Conservatives were soundly defeated by the Labour Party; Clement Attlee succeeded him.

In 1947, President Harry S. Truman signed the National Security Act, which reorganized America's armed forces as the National Military Establishment and created the Central Intelligence Agency.

In 1953, Fidel Castro began his revolt against Fulgencio Batista (fool-HEN-'see-oh bah-TEES'-tah) with an unsuccessful attack on an army barracks in eastern Cuba. (Castro ousted Batista in 1959.)

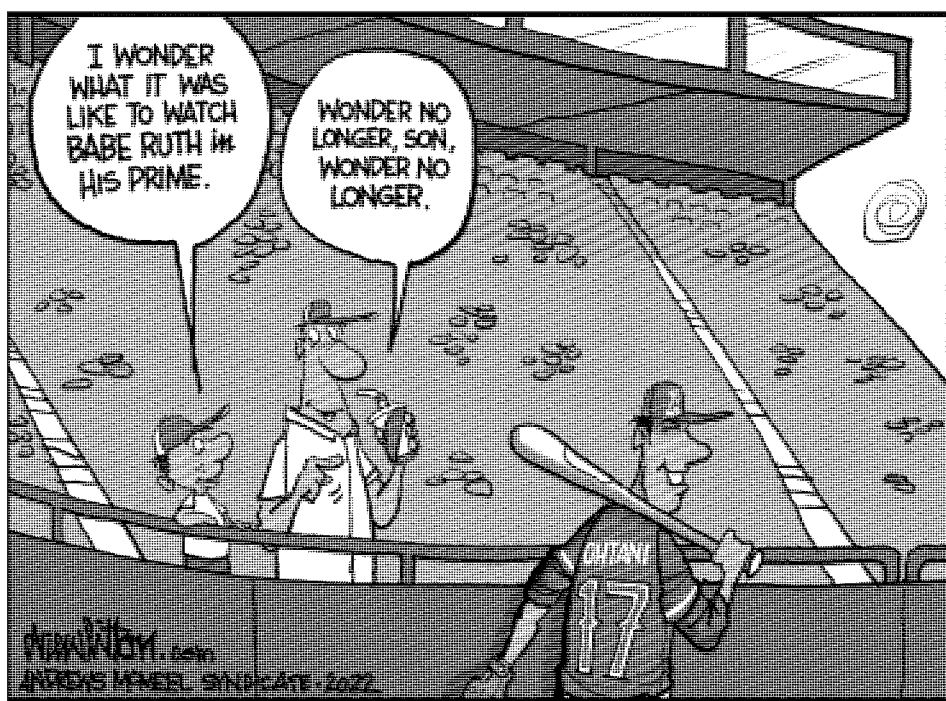
In 1956, the Italian liner Andrea Doria sank off New England, some 11 hours after colliding with the Swedish liner Stockholm; at least 51 people died, from both vessels.

In 1971, Apollo 15 was launched from Cape Kennedy on America's fourth successful manned mission to the moon.

In 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed the Americans with Disabilities Act.

In 2002, the Republican-led House voted, 295-132, to create an enormous Homeland Security Department in the biggest government reorganization in decades.

In 2013, Ariel Castro, the



man who'd imprisoned three women in his Cleveland home, subjecting them to a decade of rapes and beatings, pleaded guilty to 937 counts in a deal to avoid the death penalty. (Castro later committed suicide in prison.)

In 2020, a processional with the casket of the late U.S. Rep. John Lewis crossed the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Alabama, where Lewis and other civil rights marchers were beaten 55 years earlier. Authorities declared a riot in Portland, Oregon, after protesters breached a fence surrounding the city's federal courthouse; thousands had gathered for another night of protests over the killing of George Floyd and the presence of federal agents.

Ten years ago: The White House said President Barack Obama would not push for stricter gun laws, one day after his impassioned remarks about the need to keep assault weapons off the streets. With the Olympics Games as a backdrop, Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney held a day of meetings with Britain's most powerful people; however, Romney ranted his hosts with comments he'd made upon his arrival calling London's problems with the games' preparation "discon-

certing." Five years ago: President Donald Trump announced on Twitter that he would not "accept or allow" transgender people to serve in the U.S. military. (After a legal battle, the Defense Department approved a policy requiring most individuals to serve in their birth gender; that policy was reversed by the Biden administration, which allowed transgender people who met military standards to enlist and serve openly in their self-identified gender.) A thrill ride broke apart at the Ohio State Fair, killing an 18-year-old high school student and injuring seven others. Actor June Foray, the voice of Rocky the Flying Squirrel and hundreds of other cartoon characters, died in a Los Angeles hospital at the age of 99.

One year ago: Caeleb Dressel won his first of five gold medals in swimming at the Tokyo Olympics by leading the United States to victory in the men's 4x100-meter freestyle relay. California and New York City announced that they would require all government employees to get the coronavirus vaccine or face weekly COVID-19 testing. A relative reported that the final victim of the condo collapse in Florida had been identified,

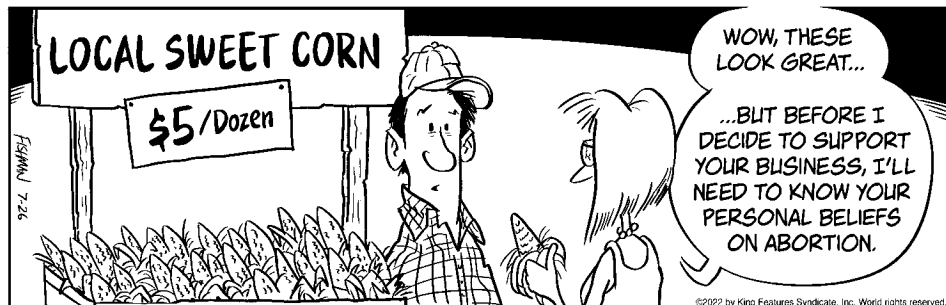
more than a month after the catastrophe that claimed 98 lives.

Today's Birthdays
Actor Robert Colbert is 91. Actor-singer Darlene Love is 81. Singer Brenton Wood is 81. Rock star Mick Jagger is 79. Movie director Peter Hyams is 79. Actor Helen Mirren is 77. Rock musician Roger Taylor (Queen) is 73. Actor Susan George is 72. Olympic gold medal figure skater Dorothy Hamill is 66. Actor Nana Visitor is 65. Actor Kevin Spacey is 63. Rock singer Gary Cherone is 61. Actor Sandra Bullock is 58. Actor-comedian Danny Woodburn is 58. Rock singer Jim Lindberg (Pennywise) is 57. Actor Jeremy Piven is 57. Rapper-reggae singer Wayne Wonder is 56. Actor Jason Statham is 55. Actor Cress Williams is 52. TV host Chris Harrison is 51. Actor Kate Beckinsale is 49. Actor Gary Owen is 49. Rock musician Dan Konopka (OK Go) is 48. Gospel/Contemporary Christian singer Rebecca St. James is 45. Actor Eve Myles is 44. Actor Juliet Rylance is 43. Actor Monica Raymund is 36. Actor Caitlin Gerard is 34. Actor Francia Raisa is 34. Actor Bianca Santos is 32. Actor-singer Taylor Momsen is 29. Actor Elizabeth Gillies is 29.

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Briefs

Small plane crash in Macomb County leaves 3 injured

RAY TOWNSHIP (AP) — Three people have been injured after the small plane they were in crashed in southeastern Michigan.

The plane went down shortly after taking off about 3 p.m. Sunday from Ray Community Airport in Ray Township, north of Detroit.

It reached a height of about 75 feet before crashing, according to the Macomb County sheriff's office.

The victims suffered severe injuries and burns and were taken to a hospital. A dog that was aboard the plane has not been found.

One of the busiest tourism times from Green Bay to Oshkosh

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Northeastern Wisconsin and the Fox Valley are getting ready for what could be the region's busiest weeks for tourism in years.

More than 77,000 tickets have been sold for an international soccer exhibition match Saturday at Lambeau Field featuring Bayern Munich of the Bundesliga and Manchester City of the Premier League.

It's the first time Lambeau has hosted a soccer game and it's one of a handful of exhibition games by top European teams played each year in the U.S.

"This is huge for us," said Nick Meisner of Dis-

cover Green Bay. "These are two championship-level teams with massive and passionate followings who now are hearing about Green Bay and our surrounding communities."

The tourism agency estimates an economic impact of \$10 million from the match, about two-thirds of what an average Packers home game generates, Wisconsin Public Radio reported.

Next week not only will Packers training camp draw the fan faithful to Green Bay, EAA AirVenture kicks off about 50 miles to the south in Oshkosh.

Last year, more than 600,000 people attended the weeklong exhibition, which includes air shows, experimental aircraft and other aviation demonstrations. The organization has said the event brings at least \$170 million to the region.

After hitting record spending levels in 2019, tourism across Wisconsin dropped by 30% in 2020 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The industry has since mostly recovered.

Tornado snaps trees, damages roofs in suburban Chicago

NAPERVILLE, Ill. (AP) — The National Weather Service has confirmed that a small tornado has touched down in suburban Chicago.

Meteorologist Todd Kluber says snapped trees and minor damage to roofs were reported Saturday in Naperville, west of Chicago.

Wisconsin Dem U.S. Senate candidate Tom Nelson quits race

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Tom Nelson, a candidate who tried to position himself as the most progressive in Wisconsin's Democratic primary race for U.S. Senate, announced Monday he dropped out of the contest to face Republican incumbent Ron Johnson in November.

Nelson, the Outagamie County executive, threw his support to Lt. Gov. Mandela Barnes, who is in a tight race with Milwaukee Bucks executive Alex Lasry. State Treasurer Sarah Godlewski is polling

further behind. Nelson was in fourth place.

"Mandela can now count on me to be on his side every step of the way," Nelson said in a statement. "I urge other Democratic primary voters to also support him now as well."

Nelson's decision ends a campaign he launched in October 2020.

Federal filings show Nelson raised a little less than \$1.4 million for his campaign and he said "unfortunately, money matters way too much in politics and running against two self-funding millionaires proved too much for this pastor's kid."

Lasry and Godlewski are both multi-millionaires. Lasry has poured in more than \$12 million on his campaign, while Godlewski has spent nearly \$4 million.

Barnes issued a statement welcoming the endorsement.

"I deeply respect Tom Nelson's commitment to the working people in this state and I'm thankful for his endorsement," Barnes said. "It will take all of us coming together in every corner of this state to beat Ron Johnson."

Nelson's name will still appear on the ballots Aug. 9 because they have already been printed.



FROM LEFT, Rebecca Kleefisch, Tim Michels and Timothy Ramthun participate in a televised Wisconsin gubernatorial debate Sunday, in Milwaukee.

Takeaways from Republican Wisconsin gubernatorial debate

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — A Republican candidate for Wisconsin governor supported by Donald Trump, a former two-term lieutenant governor endorsed by dozens of lawmakers and a state representative pushing for decertification of the state's 2020 presidential election results largely agreed on most issues in their first debate Sunday.

The debate between Trump-backed Tim Michels, Rebecca Kleefisch and state Rep. Tim Ramthun came just over two weeks before the Aug. 9 primary. A Marquette University Law School poll last month showed Michels and Kleefisch in a tight race, with the winner advancing to take on Democratic Gov. Tony Evers.

Takeaways from Sunday's debate:

Decertification of 2020 election

Even though Michels is supported by Trump, who continues to push for decertification of his loss in Wisconsin, Michels said he would not pursue that as governor. Kleefisch also said she would not try to decertify President Joe Biden's win, a move that attorneys and Republican legislative leaders have repeatedly said is unconstitutional and can't be done.

"It's not a priority," Michels said of decertification. "My priorities are election integrity, crime

reduction and education reform. ... I have to focus on beating Tony Evers this fall and that's what we're going to do."

Kleefisch said she thought the 2020 election was "rigged," but would not try to decertify the results.

Ramthun, who has based his candidacy around decertification, was the only one who said he would try to do it.

"I'm surprised I'm the only one," he said.

Biden's win in the state has withstood by two partial recounts, numerous lawsuits, a nonpartisan audit, a review by a conservative law firm and an investigation by a former Wisconsin Supreme Court justice hired by Republicans. None of the candidates offered any new evidence Sunday of widespread fraud.

Abortion

All of the candidates support an 1849 Wisconsin law banning abortion that went into effect after the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade. That law only provides an exception to protect the life of the mother.

Kleefisch, noting that she is the only woman in the race, said she did not support other exemptions, but also that "Miscarriage care and ectopic pregnancy treatment are not abortion."

Ramthun said he would emphasize adoption as an option for women with unplanned pregnancies, while Michels said he would bolster counseling and other services to help those women.

Insider vs. Outsider

Kleefisch, who served eight years as lieutenant governor under Scott Walker, touted her experience in his administration, mentioning the passage of the Act 10 law that effectively ended collective bargaining for most public workers.

She called herself an "effective and conservative reformer," noting that she won statewide four times. That includes a 2011 recall election.

Michels, who along with his brothers co-owns the state's largest construction company Michels Corp., touted his outsider experience and said he would "turn Madison upside down."

"I'm sure there's a lot of fraud and abuse and inefficiencies in government," he said. "I'm going to find it, I know how to do it."

He also took a subtle jab at Kleefisch, without mentioning her by name, in his closing statement.

"If you want to keep politics as usual, vote for the usual politicians," he said.

Awkward moments

Michels was asked repeatedly if he supports

giving incentives to an Obama-era program that prevents the deportation of thousands of people brought into the U.S., but did not give an answer. People in the program are often referred to as "dreamers." The program is called Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals and the moderators referred to it by its acronym DACA.

"Yes or no for DACA students as well, the incentives?" moderator Charles Benson asked Michels.

"What kind of students?" he replied.

"DACA," moderator Shannon Sims said.

"DACA? DACA students?" Michels responded. "I want to look at the details on everything before I agree to anything."

Ramthun was asked about his comment in March indicating that he wanted to punch Republican Assembly Speaker Robin Vos in the nose after Vos kicked Ramthun out of a meeting related to the 2020 election results. The question drew loud applause from the audience and Ramthun said his comments were misinterpreted.

Ramthun said Vos had acted like a bully and he said bullies should be punched in the nose.

"I didn't say I wanted to punch him in the nose," Ramthun said. "I said you have to push back and say no."

Biden improves 'significantly,' throat still sore from COVID

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Joe Biden continues to "improve significantly" despite a lingering sore throat from his coronavirus infection, according to an update Sunday from his doctor.

"The president is responding to therapy as expected," wrote Dr. Kevin O'Connor in his latest note. Biden has been taking Paxlovid, an antiviral drug that helps reduce the chance of severe illness.

O'Connor wrote that Biden still has a sore throat, though other symptoms, including a cough, runny nose and body aches, "have diminished considerably."

Biden tested positive for the coronavirus on Thursday morning. O'Connor said Saturday that the president likely became infected with a highly contagious variant, known as BA.5, that is spreading throughout the country, and Dr. Ashish Jha, the White House COVID-19 response coordinator, said Sunday, "It is the BA.5 variant."

"Thank goodness our vaccines and therapeutics work well against it, which is why I think the president's doing well," Jha told

CBS' "Face the Nation."

Jha also gave a positive update on the president's health.

"I checked in with his team late last night. He was feeling well. He had a good day yesterday," Jha said.

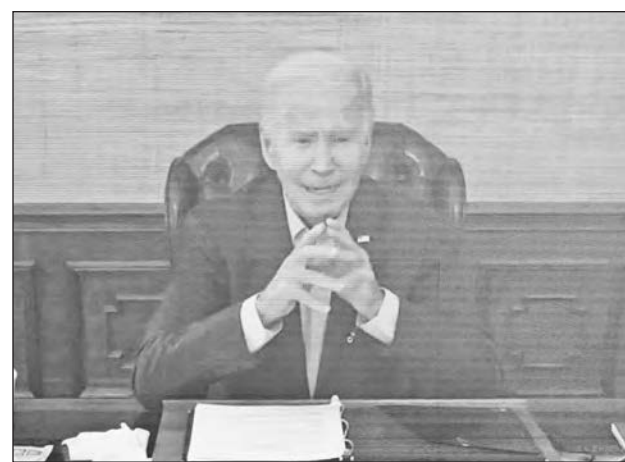
That variant is an offshoot of the omicron strain that emerged late last year. It is believed responsible for the vast majority of coronavirus cases in the country. He has been isolating in the White House residence since then.

Administration officials have emphasized that his symptoms are mild because he has received four vaccine doses, and he started taking the antiviral drug Paxlovid after becoming infected.

The White House has not released any photos or video of Biden since Friday, when the media watched him participate in a virtual meeting with economic advisers.

Jha pledged that the White House would keep giving updates on the president's condition and whether he might have long-term symptoms.

"We think it's really important for the American people to know how well their president is doing,"



PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN speaks virtually during a meeting with his economic team in the South Court Auditorium on the White House complex in Washington, Friday. Biden's condition continues to improve since testing positive for the coronavirus, and he likely contracted a highly contagious variant that has been spreading rapidly through the United States, according to an update from his doctor on Saturday, July 23.

he said.

"Obviously if he has persistent symptoms, obviously if any of them interfere with his ability to carry out his duties, we will disclose that early and often with the American people. But I suspect that this is going to be a course of COVID that we've seen in many Americans who have been fully vaccinated, double boosted, getting treated with those tools in hand," Jha said. "The pres-

ident's been doing well and we're going to expect that he's going to continue to do so."

Biden's press secretary has said 17 people, including members of the president's senior staff and at least one member of Congress, were determined to have been in close contact with Biden when he might have been contagious. None has tested positive so far, Jha said on "Fox News Sunday."

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Obituaries

Marie Joyce 'Ann' Mesich

IRONWOOD, Mich. — Marie Joyce "Ann" Mesich, 87, of Ironwood, passed away peacefully on Thursday, July 21, 2022, with her loving family by her side.

Marie was born on Nov. 22, 1934, in Tomahawk, Wisconsin, a daughter of Anthony W. and Gertrude (Winker) Ungerer. Ann graduated from Tomahawk High School in 1952, and she went to Milwaukee and worked for the American Heart Association as a secretary.

While in Milwaukee, Ann met her future husband, Michael C. Mesich. On July 11, 1953, they were united in marriage at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Tomahawk, by the Rev. Monsignor Schmidt. Ann and Michael moved to Ironwood to reside in the family home after the death of Michael's father.

Ann worked as a typist for a court reporter in Bessemer, then at Josephson's Nursing Home in Ironwood, as a cook until her husband's accident at White Pine. Later, she returned to work at Copps Food Center in Hurley, Wisconsin, until her retirement.

Ann was a faithful member of Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church in Ironwood and the former Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

She was a great cook and an avid sports fan. Ann loved baseball and had fun watching the Milwaukee Brewers and the Detroit Tigers. She also was a fan of the Green Bay Packers. Ann enjoyed walking daily and swimming. Her favorite part of life was being a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Ann is survived by her beloved husband, Michael; two sons, John (Wendy), Ironwood, and Michael (Gina), Fremont, Wisconsin; three daughters, Judith Murray, Traverse



Marie Joyce "Ann" Mesich
1934 — 2022

City, Joan Roberts, Plymouth, Minnesota, and Kathy (Joe) Saari, Montreal, Wisconsin; 10 cherished grandchildren, Melissa Mesich, Michael (Mel) Mesich, Nicole (Ben Martinsen), John (Lindsey) Mesich, Lauren Roberts, Jonathan Murray, Jesse Murray, Laura Murray, Mark Saari (fiancée, Morgan) and Jacob Saari; seven precious great-grandchildren; a sister, Jackie (Mark) Alberg; her sister-in-law, Elaine Ungerer; and numerous dear nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her father-in-law and mother-in-law, John and Anna Mesich; five sisters, Lorraine (Jim) McPherson, Columbia Rose Brunner, Marjorie (James) Keene, Antoinette (Jerry) Capelli and Sally (Charlie) Brauer; a brother, Arthur Ungerer; her in-laws, Mary (Milo) Rajkovich, Rose (Clem) Kolesar, Ann (John) Shea and John (Lois "Honey") Mesich; and two nephews, Mike "Zip" Shea and Roger Capelli.

Visitation will be on Friday, July 29, from 2 to 3 p.m., in the St. Joseph Family Room at Our Lady of Peace Church, 108 S. Marquette St., in Ironwood. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 3 p.m., with the Rev. Binu Joseph, celebrant.

Rite of Committal and interment will take place at the Riverside Cemetery, Ironwood, at a later date.

Jerald Rocco, owner and manager of Lakeside Memorial Chapel Inc., in Wakefield, is assisting the family with their arrangements. Condolences may be expressed online at lakesidememorialchapel.com.

Anna Jane Ozzello

WAKEFIELD, Mich. — Anna Jane Ozzello, 87, of Wakefield, went to be with Jesus in Heaven on Friday, July 22, 2022, surrounded by her loving family.

Anna Jane was born on Feb. 1, 1935, in North Carolina, and she grew up there with her parents and three brothers. Anna Jane was always proud of her Southern heritage.

On Oct. 11, 1957, Anna Jane was married to Richard G. Ozzello of Wakefield, in North Carolina, while he was serving our country in the U.S. Army. They celebrated 63 years of marriage and were blessed with three children. Anna Jane was a loving wife and mother taking care of her family, she always said, "It was her purpose in life."

She loved reading the Bible, putting together puzzles, always having a book to read at bedtime and visits from her family and friends.

Anna Jane's faith was very important to her and she shared it with her church family, who were so very dear to her at Calvary Baptist Church in Wakefield.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Richard; a son, Woodie; a grandson, Kasey Ozzello; and her brothers.

Anna Jane is survived by a daughter,



Anna Jane Ozzello
1935 — 2022

ter, Vicky (Jim) Meier; a son, Mike (Lauralee), three grandchildren, Jeff Meier, Lakin Ozzello (Mike Singleton) and Michael Ozzello; two step-grandsons, Brian Love and Emanuel Pegese; a great-grandson, Trenten Singleton; a step-great-granddaughter, Audrina Love; and dear sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews.

The family will greet friends at Calvary Baptist Church, 1201 Peters St., in Wakefield, on Wednesday, July 27, beginning at 10 a.m. A memorial service will follow at 11 a.m., with the Rev. Michael Riley officiating.

Luncheon will be served in the church fellowship hall following the service.

A committal service and interment for Anna Jane and Richard will take place at the Lakeside Cemetery in Wakefield.

Jerald Rocco, owner and manager of Lakeside Memorial Chapel Inc., in Wakefield, is assisting the family with their arrangements. Condolences may be expressed online at lakesidememorialchapel.com.

Marguerite I. Barthels

BERGLAND, Mich. — Marguerite Irene Barthels, 92, of Bergland, passed away peacefully on Friday, July 22, 2022.

Marguerite was born on Jan. 13, 1930, in Topaz, a daughter of Sigurd and Irene (Osier) Hokens. She attended Bergland High School and graduated in 1947.

On May 6, 1950, Marguerite married Carl F. Barthels at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Bergland, and they were blessed with three children.

For 23 years, Marguerite worked as a secretary for the Gogebic-Ontonagon Intermediate School District. Previously, she was employed at the State Bank of Ewen and the Ontonagon County Agriculture Office in Ewen.

Marguerite enjoyed attending church services at Trinity Lutheran Church, baking, canning and tending to her garden. Her grandchildren and great-children enjoyed all the "goodies" she baked for them, especially her cookies. She was a supporting member of the American Legion Auxiliary and the Lake Gogebic Senior Citizens Center in Bergland.

Marguerite is survived by three children, Diane Schultz, Bergland, Cindy (Rodney) Ellsworth, Merriweather, and Brad (Julie) Barthels, Minneapolis; seven cherished grandchildren,



Marguerite I. Barthels
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Tobi, Stephanie, Jeffrey, Nicholas (Anna), Zachary, Matthew and Jonathan; two precious great-grandchildren, Lexi and Joey; a brother, Sigurd Hokens Jr. (Mary); a sister, Audrey Wagner; and many dear nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her beloved husband, Carl, in 2000; and her son-in-law, Ron Schultz.

A funeral service will be held on Thursday, July 28, at 11 a.m. EDT, preceded by visitation at 10 a.m. EDT, at the Trinity Lutheran Church, 404 Birch St., in Bergland, with the Rev. Timothy J. Steckling officiating.

A committal service and interment will follow at the Lakeview Cemetery, Bergland.

Luncheon will be served in the church fellowship hall immediately upon return from the cemetery.

Jerald Rocco, owner and manager of Lakeside Memorial Chapel Inc., in Wakefield, is assisting the family with their arrangements. Condolences may be expressed online at lakesidememorialchapel.com.



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POPE FRANCIS is greeted by George Arcand, Grand Chief of the Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations, as he arrives in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, on Sunday. His visit to Canada is aimed at reconciliation with Indigenous people for the Catholic Church's role in residential schools.

Pope lands in Canada, set for apologies to Indigenous groups

EDMONTON, Alberta (AP) — Pope Francis began a historic visit to Canada on Sunday to apologize to Indigenous peoples for abuses by missionaries at residential schools, a key step in the Catholic Church's efforts to reconcile with Native communities and help them heal from generations of trauma.

Francis kissed the hand of a residential school survivor as he was greeted at the Edmonton, Alberta, airport by Indigenous representatives, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Mary Simon, an Inuk who is Canada's first Indigenous governor general.

The gesture set the tone of what Francis has said is a "penitential pilgrimage" to atone for the role of Catholic missionaries in the forced assimilation of generations of Native children — a visit that has stirred mixed emotions across Canada as survivors and their families cope with the trauma of their losses and receive a long-sought papal apology.

Francis had no official events scheduled Sunday, giving him time to rest before his meeting Monday with survivors near the site of a former residential school in Maskwacis, where he is expected to pray at a cemetery and apologize.

Francis exited the back of his plane with the help of an ambulant, given his strained knee ligaments have forced him to use a wheelchair. The simple welcome ceremony took place in airport hangar, where Indigenous drums and chanting broke the silence. As Trudeau and Simon sat beside Francis, a succession of Indigenous leaders and elders greeted the pope and exchanged gifts. At one point, Francis kissed the hand of residential school survivor Elder Alma Desjarlais of the Frog Lake First Nations as she was introduced to him.

"Right now, many of our people are skeptical and they are hurt," said Grand Chief George Arcand Jr. of the Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations, who greeted the pope. Yet he expressed hope that with the papal apology, "We could begin our journey of healing ... and change the way things have been for our people for many, many years."

Indigenous groups are seeking more than just words, though, as they press for access to church archives to learn the fate of children who never returned home from the residential schools. They also want justice for the abusers, financial reparations and the return of Indigenous artifacts held by the Vatican Museums.

Assembly of First Nations National Chief RoseAnne Archibald, one of the country's most prominent Indigenous leaders, said several members of her family attended residential schools, including a sister who died at one in Ontario. She described it as "an institution of assimilation and genocide."

During her fight to Alberta, "I was just so overcome with emotion and there were different times on the plane where I really had to stop myself from breaking into a deep sob," she said. "I realized that I am an intergenerational trauma survivor and there are so many people like me."

Francis' week-long trip — which will take him to Edmonton; Quebec City and finally Iqaluit, Nunavut, in the far north — follows meetings he held in the spring at the Vatican with delegations from the First Nations, Metis and Inuit. Those meetings culminated with a historic April 1 apology for the "deplorable" abuses committed by some Catholic missionaries in residential schools.

The Canadian government has admitted that physical and sexual abuse were rampant in the state-funded Christian schools that operated from the 19th century to the 1970s. Some 150,000 Indigenous children were taken from their families and forced to attend in an effort to isolate them from the influence of their homes, Native languages and cultures and assimilate them into Canada's Christian society.

Then-Prime Minister Stephen Harper issued a formal apology over the residential schools in 2008. As part of a lawsuit settlement involving the government, churches and approximately 90,000 surviving students, Canada paid reparations that amounted to billions of dollars being transferred to Indigenous communities. Canada's Catholic Church says its dioceses and religious orders have provided more than \$50 million in cash and in-kind contributions, and hope to add \$30 million more over the next five years.

Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission in 2015 had called for a papal apology to be delivered on Canadian soil, but it was only after the 2021 discovery of the possible remains of around 200 children at the former Kamloops residential school in British Columbia that the Vatican mobilized to comply with the request.

"I honestly believe that if it wasn't for the discovery ... and all the spotlight that was placed on the Oblates or the Catholic Church as

well, I don't think any of this would have happened," said Raymond Frogner, head archivist at the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation.

Frogner just returned from Rome where he spent five days at the headquarters of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, which operated 48 of the 139 Christian-run residential schools, the most of any Catholic order. After the graves were discovered, the Oblates finally offered "complete transparency and accountability" and allowed him into its headquarters to research the names of alleged sex abusers from a single school in the western Canadian province of Saskatchewan, he said.

The Inuit community, for its part, is seeking Vatican assistance to extradite a single Oblate priest, the Rev. Joannes Rivoire, who ministered to Inuit communities until he left in the 1990s and returned to France. Canadian authorities issued an arrest warrant for him in 1998 on accusations of several counts of sexual abuse, but it has never been served.

Inuit leader Natan Obed personally asked Francis for the Vatican's help in extraditing Rivoire, telling The Associated Press in March that it was one specific thing the Vatican could do to bring healing to his many victims.

Asked about the request, Vatican spokesman Matteo Bruni said last week that he had no information on the case.

At a news conference Saturday in Edmonton, organizers said they will do all they can to enable school survivors to attend the papal events, particularly for the Maskwacis apology and the Tuesday gathering at Lac Ste. Anne, long a popular pilgrimage site for Indigenous Catholics.

Both are in rural areas, and organizers are arranging shuttle transport from various park-and-ride lots. They noted that many survivors are now elderly and frail and may need accessible vehicle transport, diabetic-friendly snacks and other services.

The Rev. Cristino Bouvette, national liturgical coordinator for the papal visit, who is partly of Indigenous heritage, said he hopes the visit is healing for those who "have borne a wound, a cross that they have suffered with, in some cases for generations."

Bouvette, a priest in the Diocese of Calgary, said the papal liturgical events will have strong Indigenous representation — including prominent roles for Indigenous clergy and the use of Native languages, music and motifs on liturgical vestments.



Zachary Marano/Daily Globe

JAY AIJALA, of Hurley, purchases a Mega Millions lottery ticket at the Midland gas station in Hurley on Monday.

Millions

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lion in 2021.

The estimated jackpot amount continued to increase Monday as more and more people, seeing the large grand prize, bought tickets for chances to win tonight. Many area residents were seen purchasing Mega Millions tickets across the region.

To win the jackpot, a ticket must match all six numbers drawn tonight. Five numbers are needed to win the game's \$1 million second prize and four num-

bers plus the Mega Ball are needed for the \$10,000 third prize. People can multiply their second- and third-place winnings by three if they purchase the optional "megaplier." Four people won the second prize and 105 people won the third prize on Friday.

The last Mega Millions jackpot of \$15 million was won in Tennessee on April 15. Three other grand prizes were won earlier this year - a \$426 million jackpot in California on Jan. 28, a \$128 million jackpot in New York on March 8 and a \$110 million jackpot on April 12.

COVID

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in Ontonagon. The one death occurred in Houghton County.

As of Saturday, the case rates per 100,000 population were 241.7 in Baraga County, 353.9 in Gogebic, 212.8 in Houghton, 364 in Keweenaw and 127 in Ontonagon, for a total case rate of 245.4 per 100,000 people.

According to the WUPHD's overall vaccine statistics, 50% of people in Baraga County, 58% of people in Gogebic, 54% of people in Houghton, 63% of people in Keweenaw

and 66% of people in Ontonagon have received the initial vaccine. The COVID-19 dashboard on michigan.gov says that 68% of Michigan residents have received the first dose of the vaccine as of July 19.

The Iron County, Wisconsin health department posted a COVID-19 data summary on Friday. According to this update, there have been 11 new cases in the county since July 15. At-home tests are not reported in the county case count. Since last week's update, the county's community level went down from high to medium.

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and Gogebic counties. He was able to find a number of families on the Gogebic Range that are linked to the Augustów region. These families include Gulan, Romanowski, Sobolewski, Organist, Bartosewicz,

Berno and Grajewski. Orbik will include a demonstration on two useful genealogical databases.

The presentation will be held on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the museum's courtroom, at 303 Iron St. in Hurley. The presentation is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

Ex-US congressman among 9 charged in insider trading cases

NEW YORK (AP) — A former U.S. congressman from Indiana, technology company executives, a man training to be an FBI agent, and an investment banker were among nine people charged in four separate and unrelated insider trading schemes revealed on Monday with the unsealing of indictments in New York City.

It was one of the most significant attacks by law enforcement on insider trading in a decade, and a prosecutor and other federal officials pledged fresh enthusiasm for similar prosecutions in the future. They said the cheating resulted in millions of dollars of illegal profits for defendants situated on both coasts and in middle America.

U.S. Attorney Damian Williams told a news conference that the cases, in addition to several other recently announced crackdowns on insider trading, represent a follow through on his pledge to be "relentless in rooting out crime in our financial markets."

"We have zero tolerance, zero tolerance for cheating in our markets," said Gurbir S. Grewal, director of the SEC Enforcement Division.

An indictment identified Stephen Buyer as someone who misappropriated secrets he learned as a consultant to make \$350,000 illegally. Buyer served on committees with oversight

over the telecommunications industry while a Republican congressman from 1993 through 2011, the indictment said.

Buyer, arrested Monday in Indiana, was accused in court papers of engaging in insider trading during a merger of T-Mobile and Sprint, among other deals. Documents said he leveraged his work as a consultant and lobbyist to make illegal profits.

His lawyer, Andrew Goldstein, said in a statement: "Congressman Buyer is innocent. His stock trades were lawful. He looks forward to being quickly vindicated."

In a civil case brought by the Securities and Exchange Commission in Manhattan federal court against Buyer, he was described as making purchases of Sprint securities in March 2018 just a day after attending a golf outing with a T-Mobile executive who told him about the company's then-nonpublic plan to acquire Sprint.

"When insiders like Buyer — an attorney, a former prosecutor, and a retired Congressman — monetize their access to material, nonpublic information, as alleged in this case, they not only violate the federal securities laws, but also undermine public trust and confidence in the fairness of our markets," Grewal said.



P.J. Glisson/Daily Globe

AT A BLOOZE Brothers concert on Saturday night at the Historic Ironwood Theatre, Chuck Little (Elwood Blooze) sings at left while Kevin Pollack (Joliet Jake Blooze) struts at right. So who's the third guy in the middle, complete in matching suit, fedora and sunglasses? It's HIT regular Tim Mesun, hitting the harmonica as a guest performer with the band. In the background, from left are guitarist Rob McDougle and keyboardist "Brother" John Kattke.



LEAD VOCALIST Sheila Jones sings her heart out at a Saturday night concert by the Blooze Brothers at the Historic Ironwood Theatre. Behind her, at left, is guitarist Rob McDougle and, at right, is saxophonist Andy Blanco.

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AT A SATURDAY night concert at the Historic Ironwood Theatre, the Blooze Brothers perform as women from the audience dance in front of the stage. At left on the organ is HIT local Tim Mesun, who was invited to perform with the band.

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who took over for Little's previous partner, John Aguila, who retired from the band several years ago.

Anchoring the "brothers" was lead vocalist Sheila Jones, who gave a superb performance singing the music of greats such as Aretha Franklin and Tina Turner.

The band members pulled out all the stops during a lively line-up of songs that covered multiple genres in the spirit of the original Blues Brothers and beyond, including songs by Chicago and Bruno Mars, and turning back to the movie — the "Rawhide" TV show theme song.

Little and Pollack embraced their roles with relish, sometimes dancing around the stage as they sang with great gusto.

It wasn't long before the song "Mustang Sally" inspired several women in the audience to swarm in front of the stage to dance along to the tune.

As a whole, the band performed like a classic engine, but each individual member also contributed solo performances that were just as exceptional — leading Little to point out that his band operates with no computer tricks, relying only on members' talent as "world-class musicians."

The four members of the horn section were masterful multitaskers, playing their instruments with finesse in one song while, in the next, twirling and clapping as apt backup singers or calling out like a fun-loving Greek chorus. Sometimes, they would blow out a few notes, and then stop to sing a line before return-

ing to play, while also tossing in an occasional high kick.

A highlight, just before the intermission, was when Pollack sang the Joe Cocker song "With a Little Help from My Friends" with such intensity that he collapsed (in fun) on the floor at the end of the piece, resulting in a standing ovation.

The audience also got a special treat when Tim Mesun, one of HIT's regular local performers, joined the band for two separate numbers while dressed identically to "Elwood" and "Jake" in a dark suit, fedora and sunglasses.

Little described Mesun as "phenomenal" and explained that band members had happened to hear him play in the theatre earlier that day and extended a spontaneous invitation for him to join the group that night.

As a result, Mesun played a mean harmonica during a piece in the first half of the concert and, in the second half, played the organ during the song "Sweet Home Chicago."

Adding to the entertainment was a brief interlude, during which Little called up five members of the audience to play a trivia game based on "The Blues Brothers" movie.

At the end of the concert, the band offered the audience — who again had provided a standing ovation — the song "Purple Rain" as an encore, with everyone encouraged to wave flashlights that were mainly sourced from smart phones.

After the event, band members spent additional time with fans by visiting next to the band's "Blooze-mobile," a 1974 Dodge Monaco, parked out front of the theater.

'Goodfellas,' 'Law & Order' actor Paul Sorvino dies at 83

By LINDSEY BAHR
AP Film Writer

Paul Sorvino, an imposing actor who specialized in playing crooks and cops like Paulie Cicero in "Goodfellas" and the NYPD sergeant Phil Cerretta on "Law & Order," has died. He was 83.

His publicist Roger Neal said he died Monday morning in Indiana of natural causes.

"Our hearts are broken, there will never be another Paul Sorvino, he was the love of my life, and one of the greatest performers to ever grace the screen and stage," his wife, Dee Dee Sorvino, said in a statement.

In his over 50 years in the entertainment business, Sorvino was a mainstay in films and television, playing an Italian American communist in Warren Beatty's "Reds," Henry Kissinger in Oliver Stone's "Nixon" and mob boss

Eddie Valentine in "The Rocketeer." He would often say that while he might be best known for playing gangsters, his real passions were poetry, painting and opera.

Born in Brooklyn in 1939 to a mother who taught piano and father who was a foreman in a robe factory, Sorvino was musically inclined from a young age and attended the American Musical and Dramatic Academy in New York where he fell for the theater. He made his Broadway debut in 1964 in "Bajour" and his film debut in Carl Reiner's "Where's Poppa?" in 1970.

With his 6-foot-4-inch stature, Sorvino made an impactful presence no matter the medium. In the 1970s, he acted alongside Al Pacino in "The Panic in Needle Park" and with James Caan in "The Gambler," reteamed with Reiner in "Oh, God!" and was

among the ensemble in William Friedkin's bank robbery comedy "The Brink's Job." In John G. Avildsen's "Rocky" follow-up "Slow Dancing in the Big City," Sorvino got to play a romantic lead and use his dance training opposite professional ballerina Anne Ditchburn.

He was especially prolific in the 1990s, kicking off the decade playing Lips in Beatty's "Dick Tracy" and Paul Cicero in Martin Scorsese's "Goodfellas," who was based on the real-life mobster Paul Vario, and 31 episodes on Dick Wolf's "Law & Order." He followed those with roles in "The Rocketeer," "The Firm," "Nixon," which got him a Screen Actors Guild Award nomination, and Baz Luhrmann's "Romeo + Juliet" as Juliet's father, Fulgencio Capulet. Beatty would turn to Sorvino often, enlisting him again for his political satire "Bul-

worth," which came out in 1998, and his 2016 Hollywood love letter "Rules Don't Apply." He also appeared in James Gray's "The Immigrant."

Sorvino had three children from his first marriage, including Academy Award-winning actor Mira Sorvino. He also directed and starred in a film written by his daughter Amanda Sorvino and featuring his son Michael Sorvino.

When he learned that Mira Sorvino had been among the women allegedly sexually harassed and blacklisted by Harvey Weinstein in the midst of the #MeToo reckoning, he told TMZ that if he had known, Weinstein, "Would not be walking. He'd be in a wheelchair."

He was proud of his daughter and cried when she won the best supporting actress Oscar for "Mighty Aphrodite" in 1996.

Big Papi a big hit at Hall of Fame induction

COOPERSTOWN, N.Y. (AP) — David Ortiz promised to speak from the heart. As usual, Big Papi delivered.

His megawatt smile tinged with a tad of emotion, the former Boston Red Sox slugger was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame on Sunday — after his daughter Alexandra sang the national anthem — and was humbled by his surroundings.

“I want to thank God for giving me the opportunity to be here today and for giving me the joy of being able to travel this path, this path that has allowed me to be here today and hopefully inspire everyone to believe in yourself,” Ortiz said.

Ortiz was greeted by a raucous crowd chanting “Papi! Papi!” as many fans made the four-hour drive from the vicinity of Fenway Park to attend the festivities.

When he took the stage, Ortiz pointed skyward as is his wont in special moments, a way of honoring his late mother, who died two decades ago after a car accident.

“I always tried to live my life in a way ... so I can make a positive influence in the world,” said the 46-year-old Ortiz, just the 58th player elected in his first year on the ballot. “And if my story can remind you of anything, let it

remind you that when you believe in someone you can change the world, you can change their future, just like so many people believed in me.”

Ortiz, who survived a nightclub shooting in the Dominican Republic three years ago, soaked in the celebration.

Legions of fans crowded onto the field adjacent to Clark Sports Center, sun umbrellas and Dominican Republic flags sprinkled all around. Ortiz’s No. 34 was seemingly everywhere as fans chanted and sang in Spanish. A sign that read ‘I Love U’ summed up the admiration for Big Papi on his special day.

Six Era Committee selections also comprised in the Class of 2022 — former Twins teammates Jim Kaat and Tony Oliva, the late Minnie Miñoso, former Dodgers star and Mets manager Gil Hodges, and Black pioneers Buck O’Neil and Bud Fowler.

In 14 years with the Red Sox, Ortiz hit 500 homers — 17 of them in the postseason.

If there was a blemish, there was a report by The New York Times that said he tested positive during the 2003 survey drug test conducted by MLB and the players’ association. Ortiz was never penalized for performance-

enhancing drugs, and MLB and the union never confirmed there was a positive test. The sides said the survey test results never were vetted to the point of the testing with penalties that started in 2004.

That was far from the mind on this day as Ortiz paid tribute to many in both English and Spanish. “It’s an honor to be on this stage,” Ortiz said. “I can ask for no more.”

The 83-year-old Kaat, now a broadcaster for the Twins, pitched for a quarter of a century, winning a World Series a year before retiring in 1983. He thanked his dad for instilling the discipline needed to succeed, his wife for always being there, and his former minor league manager, 94-year-old Jack McKeon, who was in the audience.

“I am humbled and honored to be included in this fraternity, some of the greatest players to play the game, and I thank you for being part of this wonderful day,” said Kaat, a native of Zeeland, Michigan.

Oliva was the American League Rookie of the Year in 1964, led the league in hits five times, and became the first player in major league history to win batting titles in each of his first



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HALL OF FAME inductee David Ortiz, formerly of the Boston Red Sox, speaks during the National Baseball Hall of Fame induction ceremony, Sunday, in Cooperstown, N.Y.

two seasons, finishing with a lifetime average of .304 in 15 seasons with the Twins.

Oliva got his chance in part because of Miñoso, the Cuban Comet.

“I’ve been so blessed, so lucky,” said Oliva, who turned 84 four days ago. “I appreciate it

very much. I’d like to say thank you to all those friends, all those wonderful friends, all those friends from all over the world. I appreciated it very much, very much.”

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GOGEBIC SAMSONS



Submitted photo

EWEN-TROUT CREEK’S Jaden Borseth, seated second from left, sits with Gogebic Community College basketball coach Dennis Mackey, left, and his parents, Heather and Justin Borseth, as he prepares to commit to play basketball this coming season for the Samsons. Borseth was the 2022 Mr. U.P. Basketball his senior season. Standing behind are Borseth’s sisters, Kallie, left, and Kate.

Finau surges to win 3M Open

BLAINE, Minn. (AP) — After reading he was the betting favorite for the 3M Open, Tony Finau felt the pressure surprisingly mount in his mind as he sought to extend the momentum he has built this summer.

Playing catch-up proved to be the right formula for his third PGA Tour victory.

Finau shot a 4-under 67 to win the 3M Open by three strokes Sunday, erasing a five-stroke deficit with 11 holes left as Scott Piercy tumbled out of the lead down the stretch at windy TPC Twin Cities.

“I expected myself to contend and win again this year, so to be able to do it this late in the season when you’re running out of tournaments and you put that type of expectation on yourself, it’s so satisfying,” said Finau, who finished at 17-under 267.

Sungjae Im (68) and Emiliano Grillo (71) tied for second place. Piercy followed his tournament-record 54-hole score with a wince-inducing 76 to tie for fourth, four strokes back. James Hahn surged up the board with a 65 to match Piercy and Tom Hoge (70) at 13 under.

Piercy bogeyed four of six holes before a triple-bogey implosion on No. 14, allowing Finau — playing in the preceding trio — to take over for good. Gracefully congratulated by Piercy outside the scoring tent, the 32-year-old Finau recorded the largest winning rally in four editions of this event.

“I’m about as good an example as any of how tough it is to seal the deal,” said Finau, whose prior victories were in 2016 and 2021. He has 10 second-place finishes and three

thirds. “Anytime you win one, it’s awesome to get the respect of the guys that you’re playing against.”

Finau, who tied for third at the 3M Open in 2020, jumped from 30th to 17th in the FedEx Cup race. He entered the week ranked 17th in the world.

Finau made a 31-foot putt for birdie on the 15th green to strengthen his grip on the lead, as he confidently walked the course in his slender 6-foot-4 frame, white hat and aqua-striped polo.

The surest sign this was Finau’s day came on No. 17. His tee shot clanged off the side of the grandstand, ricocheted back onto the green and rolled into the rough — just a few feet from the water. He landed the perfect chip within a foot of the hole to make the par 3.

Twins sweep 2-game series with Tigers behind Gray, Miranda

DETROIT (AP) — Sonny Gray allowed two hits in six innings to lead the Minnesota Twins to a 9-1 victory over the Detroit Tigers on Sunday.

Gray (5-3) is 2-0 against the Tigers this season, allowing one run on six hits in 13 innings.

“I’m pretty familiar with their lineup, which helps, but I think a lot of this was building on some good things I found in my last start before the break,” he said. “I was able to throw my fastball for strikes and I was able to land my breaking ball where I needed it.”

Jose Miranda had three hits and scored twice for the Twins, who are 2-0 since the All-Star break. The bottom three hitters in Minnesota’s order — Miranda, Gio Urshela and Gary Sanchez — combined for six hits, five RBIs and four runs.

“We’ve been talking about that all season,” Twins manager Rocco Baldelli said. “If you wait for your 1-2-3 hitters to get you going every game, you are going to have a lot of bad days. The bottom of our order has gotten us going a lot this year. Miranda gets something, Gio gets something and we’re building from that.”

The Twins took a 3-0 lead in the first with a little help from the Tigers. With one out, Carlos Correa singled and took third on Jorge Polanco’s double. Max Kepler hit a grounder to second, but Correa beat Jonathan Schoop’s throw to the plate.

“We played the infield in, because our offense hasn’t been doing a lot lately and we had some concerns about hitting Sonny Gray,” Tigers manager A.J. Hinch said. “Jonathan

made the right play, and if the throw is a little more to the catcher’s left, he’s probably out.”

Tigers first baseman Harold Castro misplayed Alex Kiriloff’s grounder, allowing Polanco to score, and Rony Garcia hit Nick Gordon and Miranda to force in Minnesota’s third run.

“It always helps to get an early lead, because it gives me more options,” Gray said. “If I get into a tough count, I can throw a fastball down the middle with conviction and see what they can do with it. If they hit it out, we still have the lead, and I got some outs with that today.”

Garcia (3-3) allowed three runs on three hits and three hit batters in 2 2/3 innings before leaving with elbow soreness. He was activated before the game after having been on the injured list with shoulder problems.

“This is a separate injury than what he was dealing with before,” Hinch said. “This is a pain radiating down his bicep that started on his last two pitches today. I think he’ll be shut down again for a bit.”

Detroit didn’t get a baserunner until Gray hit Javy Baez with one out in the fourth. Miguel Cabrera drew a two-out walk, and Eric Haase made it 3-1 with a single.

The Twins scored three runs in the seventh, including RBI doubles by Urshela and Polanco, and Sanchez made it 8-1 with a two-run double in the eighth.

Any thoughts of a late Tigers rally ended in the bottom of the eighth, when

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Elliott given Pocono win after Hamlin, Busch disqualified

LONG POND, Pa. (AP) — The siren at the Dawsonville, Georgia, pool hall that sounds whenever Chase Elliott wins a race did indeed go off Sunday night without the hometown star ever leading a lap at Pocono Raceway.

“Winner, winner Joe Gibbs Racing are cheaters!” the Dawsonville Pool Room tweeted.

In an extraordinary decision for a NASCAR Cup Series race, Joe Gibbs Racing driver Denny Hamlin had his Pocono win thrown out and runner-up and teammate Kyle Busch also was disqualified after their Toyotas failed inspections.

Elliott shot up from third place and the

Hendrick Motorsports driver was awarded his fourth victory of the season. He never led a lap in the No. 9 Chevrolet — and his car also was inspected by NASCAR.

Hamlin lost his record seventh victory at Pocono and his third win of the season. Busch led a race-high 63 laps.

NASCAR believed the last time it disqualified an apparent winner was April 17, 1960, when Emanuel Zervakis’ victory at Wilson Speedway in North Carolina was thrown out because of an oversized fuel tank.



Associated Press

CHASE ELLIOTT drives through Turn 1 during the NASCAR Cup Series auto race at Pocono Raceway, Sunday, in Long Pond, Pa.

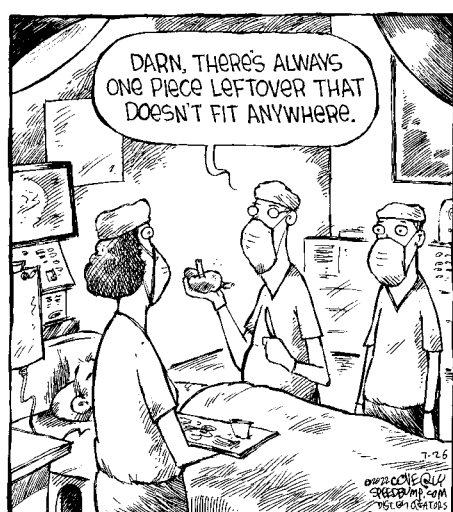
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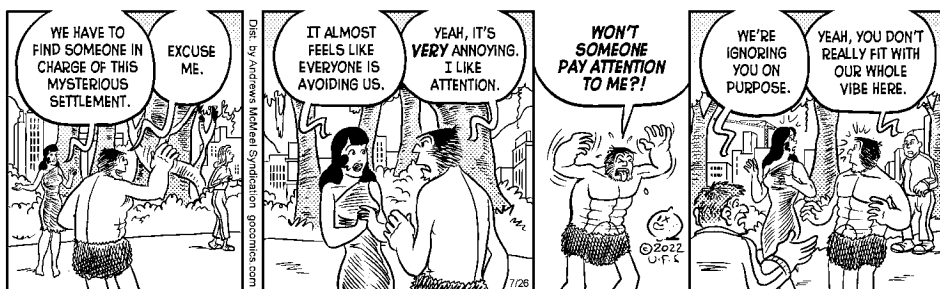
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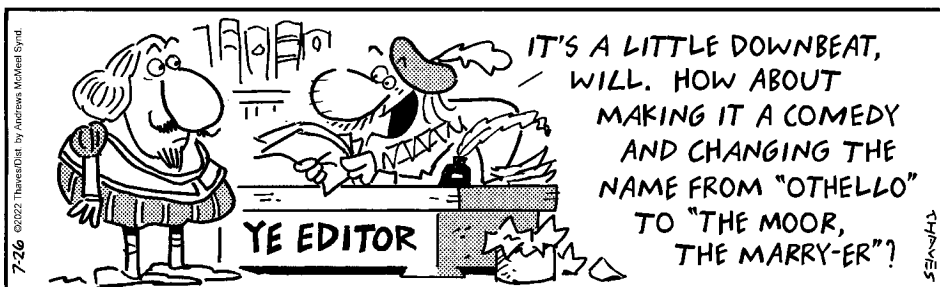
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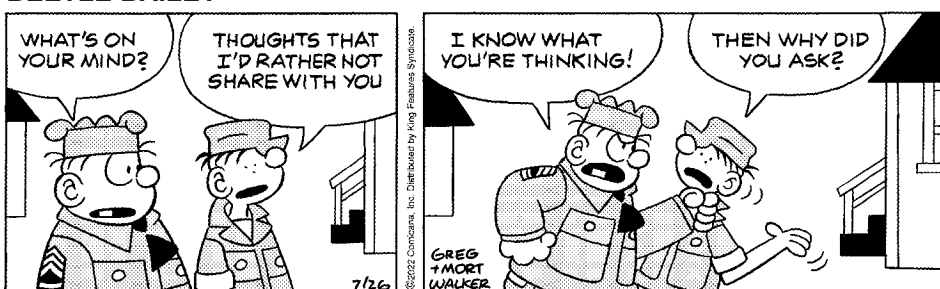
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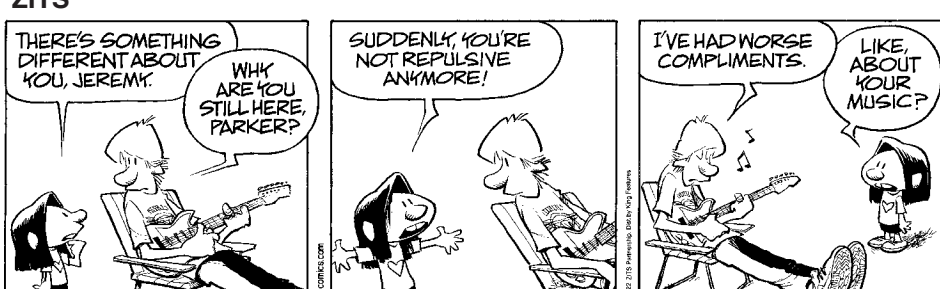
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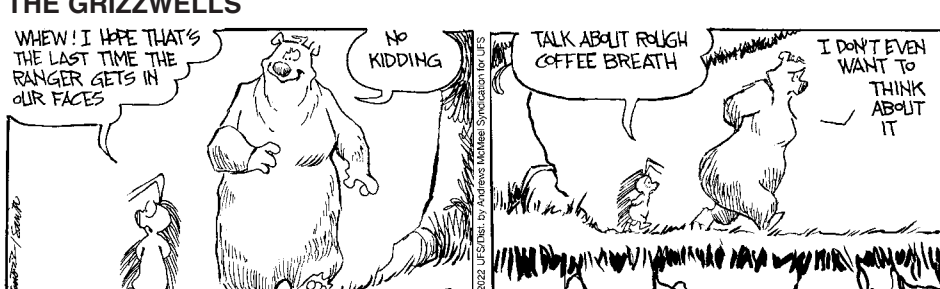
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THE GRIZZWELLS



Son's behavior is hot and cold

Dear Annie: My son's wife was pregnant with their third child in November 2021. At that time, even though my wife is severely handicapped, I offered to come over and spend time with the "grandkids" while she gave birth. She called in December and said, "Pop, I'm in labor." I said,

Dear Annie

"Don't worry, I'll look in on the kids while you all are in the hospital." I spent two great days with the kids, bought them McDonald's and, the middle child's favorite, Wendy's. I sat with them, talked and played video games, which they beat me at. We laughed and had a great time.

Then, on the third day, she was coming home, and my son sent me a text saying, "Don't come over for a couple weeks so we can get the baby acclimated." I replied that we weren't even considering coming over and he didn't have to say anything.

But then he told me, "Well, just like the last two kids, we won't allow you and Mom to see this one for two years."

I'm 65, and my wife has had a stroke and heart attack recently. I've been diagnosed with an aortic aneurysm. So our time is valuable.

I told my wife, and she cried. She said, "I'm done with her and him." He smokes weed 24/7, and I'm not opposed to weed, but there are limits.

We ran into some previous good friends of theirs two days ago. They told us they haven't spoken to them either or really spent any time with them this past year. They told us she's strange, and he smokes weed because his life with her sucks.

We're confused, and at this point, I find their lack of compassion ridiculous.

We had six kids and were always heading right to our parents to show them off. — Confused in Maryland

Dear Confused: Not sure what you are confused about. Their lack of compassion is pretty straightforward. Your son needs to get help for his drug problem first and foremost. It has totally clouded his judgment. As far as letting you into the grand-

kids' lives and then out of the blue saying you can't see them for two years, that is cruel and irrational behavior. Next time your son is sober and you can have a real conversation with him, tell him how you feel. Ask him to ask his children if they enjoy hanging out with Grandma and Grandpa. My guess is that they will be very sad about their grandparents' distance.

Dear Annie: This is in reply to the woman who signed her letter "Coping With Toxic Sister." I realize she raised a number of issues that you addressed, but the one that interests me was the photograph her sister took of her when her genitals were accidentally exposed.

That picture could fit into the category of criminal child pornography if the woman was under 18 years of age, 30 years ago, when the photo was taken.

Under federal law, whoever took the picture could qualify as a producer of child pornography, which has a mandatory 15- to 30-year prison sentence plus fines.

Showing the picture to someone else could constitute distribution, and anyone who sees it could wind up being exposed to legal ramifications.

Not incidentally, convicted child pornography criminals must register as sex criminals. Their names and addresses are a matter of public record, and most states maintain an internet site of sex criminals and their addresses. — Watchdog

Dear Watchdog: Thank you for your letter. You make a very important point if the woman was under 18 when the photo was taken. But that is a big "if," as there was no indication of the writer's age at the time of the photo. She said her nieces and nephews were children 30 years ago but did not say that she was a child. However, if she was a minor at the time, your understandable concern about the protection of children should be applauded.

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

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TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

If today is your birthday: You'll encounter plenty of opportunities that require you to ignore emotions and favor practicality, and allow you to take advantage of whatever comes your way. Change based on your needs will keep you on the path to success. Look at a challenge as an asset, and engage in competitive action that encourages you to be and do your best.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Test the water before you decide to get wet. Know what you are up against, and use the tools and skills you have mastered to combat anything negative. Strength comes from knowing your limitations.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Branch out, try something new and exciting, and get involved and make a difference. Helping others will encourage you to pay closer attention to those closest to you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Think before you do something you'll regret. Don't take out your frustration on others. Observe what's going on and wait to see the results. Time is on your side, so let things unfold naturally.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

— Personal changes will lift your spirits and build confidence. A shift in your living arrangements will help rectify a problem. An innovative approach will pay off. Romance is on the rise.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — The changes unfolding around you are not solid. Take a pass if you feel the least bit uncomfortable with arrangements made by others. Discipline will help counter disagreeable behavior.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You'll gravitate toward someone who shares your feelings. Be a good listener because the information you receive will give you a better understanding of a situation involving a loved one.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Review your options. Don't let anger force you to make a premature move. Discipline is required if you want to finish what you start and reap the rewards you deserve.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Explore new possibilities and connect with people who share your concerns. Put your heart and soul into making a difference. Keep your expenditures

low, while still helping others. Romance is favored.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Refuse to let an overrated opinion lead you astray. Dissect information and use intelligence to find an efficient way to get what you want. Set ground rules and stick to them.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Uncertainty will set in if you listen to someone negative. Look for the silver lining, and you will find a way to combat any disruption that comes your way. Self-improvement is favored.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Don't let anyone take advantage of you. Focus on what's essential. Do the research yourself instead of trusting others to offer an honest opinion. Now's the time to go for the brass ring.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Spend time with someone who motivates you to do better. Listen to advice and consider how to utilize any offers you receive to improve your life. Stop waiting for things to happen and get moving.

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'The money is gone': Evacuated Ukrainians forced to return

POKROVSK, Ukraine (AP) — The missile's impact flung the young woman against the fence so hard it splintered. Her mother found her dying on the bench beneath the pear tree where she'd enjoyed the afternoon. By the time her father arrived, she was gone.

Anna Protsenko was killed two days after returning home. The 35-year-old had done what authorities wanted: She evacuated eastern Ukraine's Donetsk region as Russian forces move closer. But starting a new life elsewhere had been uncomfortable and expensive.

Like Protsenko, tens of thousands of people have returned to rural or industrial communities close to the region's front line at considerable risk because they can't afford to live in safer places.

Protsenko had tried it for two months, then came home to take a job in the small city of Pokrovsk. On Monday, friends and family caressed her face and wept before her casket was hammered shut beside her grave.

"We cannot win. They don't hire us elsewhere and you still have to pay rent," said a friend and neighbor, Anastasia Rusanova. There's nowhere to go, she said, but here in the Donetsk region, "everything is ours."

The Pokrovsk mayor's office estimated that 70% of those who evacuated have come home. In the larger city of Kramatorsk, an hour's drive closer to the front line, officials said the population had dropped to about 50,000 from the normal 220,000 in the weeks following Russia's invasion but has since risen to 68,000.

It's frustrating for Ukrainian authorities as some civilians remain in the path of war, but residents of the Donetsk region are frustrated, too. Some described feeling unwelcome as Russian speakers among Ukrainian speakers in some parts of

the country. But more often, lack of money was the problem. In Kramatorsk, some people in line waiting for boxes of humanitarian aid said they were too poor to evacuate at all. The Donetsk region and its economy have been dragged down by conflict since 2014, when Russian-backed separatists began fighting Ukraine's government.

"Who will take care of us?" asked Karina Smulka, who returned to Pokrovsk a month after evacuating. Now, at age 18, she is her family's main money-earner as a waitress.

Volunteers have been driving around the Donetsk region for months since Russia's invasion helping vulnerable people evacuate, but such efforts can end quietly in failure.

In a dank home in the village of Malotaraniivka on the outskirts of Kramatorsk, speckled twists of flypaper hung from the living room ceiling. Pieces of cloth were stuffed into window cracks to keep out the draft.

Tamara Markova, 82, and her son Mykola Riaskov said they spent only five days as evacuees in the central city of Dnipro this month before deciding to take their chances back home.

"We would have been separated," Markova said.

The temporary shelter where they stayed said she would be moved to a nursing home and her son, his left side immobilized after a stroke, would go to a home for the disabled. They found that unacceptable. In their hurry to leave, they left his wheelchair behind. It was too big to take on the bus.

Now they make do. If the air raid siren sounds, Markova goes to shelter with neighbors "until the bombing stops." Humanitarian aid is delivered once a month. Markova calls it good enough. When winter comes, the neighbors will cover their windows with plastic film for basic insulation and clean the fireplace

of soot. Maybe they'll have gas for heat, maybe not.

"It was much easier under the Soviet Union," she said of their lack of support from the state, but she was even unhappier with Russian President Vladimir Putin and what his soldiers are doing to the communities around her.

"He's old," she said of Putin. "He has to be retired."

Homesickness and uncertainty also drive returns. A daily evacuation train leaves Pokrovsk for relatively safer western Ukraine, but another train also arrives daily with people who have decided to come home. While the evacuation train is free, the return one is not.

Oksana Tserkovnyi took the train home with her 10-year-old daughter two days after the deadly attack on July 15 in Dnipro, where they had stayed for more than two months. While the attack was the spark to return, Tserkovnyi had found it difficult to find work. Now she plans to return to her previous job in a coal mine.

Costs in Dnipro, already full of evacuees, were another concern. "We stayed with relatives, but if we needed to rent it would have been a lot more," Tserkovnyi said. "It starts at 6,000 hryvnia (\$200) a month for a studio, and you won't be able to find it."

Taxi drivers who wait in Pokrovsk for the arriving train said many people give up on trying to resettle elsewhere. "Half my work for sure is taking these people," said one driver, Vitalii Anikieiev. "Because the money is gone."

In mid-July, he said, he picked up a woman who was coming home from Poland after feeling out of place there. When they reached her village near the front line, there was a crater where her house had been.

"She cried," Anikieiev said. "But she decided to stay."

CELEBRITY CIPHER
by Luis Campos
Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

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I L Y I F V B K S F I N I K . " — B H Y U L H
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Previous Solution: "It's not terrible, people telling you you're great; what's terrible is when you start believing it." — Woody Harrelson
TODAY'S CLUE: *W sjenba M*

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Feds sue poultry producers, alleging unfair worker practices

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department filed a lawsuit Monday against some of the largest poultry producers in the U.S. along with a proposed settlement seeking to end what it claims have been longstanding deceptive and abusive practices for workers.

The suit, filed in federal court in Maryland, names Cargill, Sanderson Farms and Wayne Farms, along with a data consulting company known as Webber, Meng, Sahl and Co. and its president.

In its lawsuit, the Justice Department alleges the companies have been engaged in a multiyear conspiracy to exchange information about the wages and benefits of workers at poultry processing plants to drive down employee competition in the marketplace. The companies did not immediately respond to messages seeking comment.

The government contends the data consulting firm helped to share the information about the workers' compensation with the companies and their executives. By carrying out the scheme, officials allege, the companies were able to compete less intensely for workers and reduce the amount of money and benefits they had to offer their employees, suppressing competition for poultry processing workers across the board, according to court papers.

The defendants and unnamed co-conspirators in the lawsuit account for

hiring about 90% of all chicken processing jobs in the nation.

The suit is the latest example of the Justice Department's antitrust enforcement targeting companies the government believes engage in anticompetitive behavior to stifle workers or harm consumers. It also comes as the department continues a broader investigation into labor abuses in the poultry industry.

"Through a brazen scheme to exchange wage and benefit information, these poultry processors stifled competition and harmed a generation of plant workers who face demanding and sometimes dangerous conditions to earn a living," said Doha Mekki, the principal deputy assistant attorney general for the Justice Department's antitrust division.

The suit against the companies was filed with a proposed consent decree — a settlement that would require the companies to pay \$84.8 million in restitution for workers who were harmed by the unlawful information sharing network.

The settlement would also put in place a federal monitor selected by the Justice Department who would ensure compliance for the next decade. The consent decree also would permit Justice Department lawyers and investigators to inspect the poultry processors' facilities and interview their employees to ensure they are complying with

the terms, according to court documents.

The suit comes as Cargill and Continental Grain, of which Wayne Farms is a subsidiary, formed a joint venture to acquire Sanderson Farms, paying \$203 per share in cash for a company that last year processed more than 4.8 billion pounds (2.2 billion kilograms) of meat.

The companies plan to combine Sanderson Farms with Wayne Farms to form a new, privately held poultry business. Operations will include poultry processing plants and prepared foods plants across Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, and Texas.

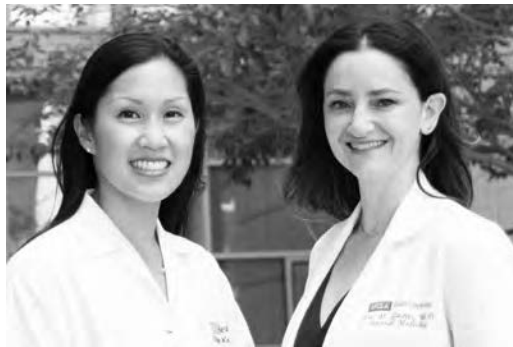
Wayne Farms has more than 9,000 employees. It makes products under brand names including Wayne Farms fresh and prepared chicken, Platinum Harvest premium fresh chicken, Chef's Craft gourmet chicken, Naked Truth premium chicken and Ladybird premium chicken.

Laurel, Mississippi-based Sanderson Farms has 17,000 employees and 12 plants. It processes 13.6 million chickens per week.

The proposed consent decree would also resolve allegations that Sanderson Farms and Wayne Farms treated chicken farmers unfairly by using a system that reduced their pay for low performance.

The farmers sign contracts to raise the chickens, and the processing companies provide the birds and the feed.

Ask The Doctors



by Elizabeth Ko, M.D. & Eve Glazier, M.D.

ADULTS WITH SMALLPOX VACCINE MAY HAVE IMMUNITY FROM MONKEYPOX

Dear Doctors: How long does the smallpox vaccine stay effective? I ask because I received it as a child in the 1950s. Is it known if the vaccine would be effective against monkeypox some 60 years later, or is a booster needed? Does a booster even exist?

Dear Reader: With cases of monkeypox spreading throughout the world, concern about this rare virus is growing. The disease, which is endemic to central and west Africa, began to appear in Europe and the United States in May. Since that time, the U.S. has recorded more than 350 cases. Yet health officials warn that, due to unfamiliarity with the disease and limited testing, the actual number of cases in this country is likely higher. We've discussed this outbreak before, but with cases on the rise, we think a recap is wise. Monkeypox is related to smallpox, but the disease that it causes is not as severe. For the majority of people who become infected, symptoms are similar to those of the flu. That includes fever, chills, headache, body aches, swollen lymph nodes and fatigue. In more severe cases,

patients develop a distinctive rash and lesions, most often on the hands, the face and the soles of the feet.

Monkeypox is not known to be transmitted during brief periods of shared airspace. Instead, the disease most often spreads through direct physical contact with an infected individual, or with their bodily fluids. Because sores may be inside the body, including the mouth, vagina or anus, sexual transmission is possible. The virus can also be spread by contact with items that have touched either the infectious rash or bodily fluids, such as linens or clothing.

An infected individual is contagious from the moment symptoms begin. Those who develop a rash or lesions can continue to spread the disease until the rash has healed completely and is covered by a fresh layer of skin.

Adults like yourself who received the smallpox vaccine during the nationwide program that was in effect from the late 1940s until 1972 are believed to have continuing immunity. This includes members of the U.S. military, who continued to

receive smallpox vaccinations until 1991.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says that, based on past data collected in Africa, the smallpox vaccine is at least 85% effective in preventing monkeypox. However, since this situation is so new, the precise degree of protection is not known. Researchers say that while older adults who have been vaccinated against smallpox may be susceptible to monkeypox infection, they are likely to experience only mild symptoms. The data show that the majority of healthy adults who become infected do not become severely ill. And to your question about smallpox boosters, no, they are not available.

To combat this outbreak, the U.S. has just purchased 2.5 million doses of monkeypox vaccine, which bolsters the 500,000 doses already stockpiled. Distribution to high-risk individuals is expected to begin soon. You can find detailed information about smallpox and monkeypox at the CDC website. Visit cdc.gov/poxvirus and click the appropriate link.



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