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President Joe Biden spoke during an event Monday marking the 60th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act at the LBJ Presidential Library in Austin, calling for reforms of the Supreme Court and for limits on presidential immunity.

SUPREME COURT

Biden uses speech to call for reforms

President says changes would protect legacy of pivotal Civil Rights Act

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Austin Bureau

AUSTIN — Saying an “extreme” U.S. Supreme Court has undermined long-established

protections for civil rights, President Joe Biden on Monday called for major reforms, including a constitutional amendment to counter a recent ruling that expanded presidential immunity from criminal prosecution.

Appearing at his first public event since dropping out of the presidential race July 21, Biden used his speech commemorat-

ing the 60th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act to proclaim that the fight to protect civil rights was far from over and should focus next on the Supreme Court.

“We can and must protect and expand our civil rights in America,” Biden said at the LBJ Presidential Library in Austin.

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IN THE KNOW Eroding confidence

A 2022 survey regarding the Supreme Court fielded primarily after the Dobbs vs. Jackson Women’s Health ruling found:

Those who had a great deal of confidence in the court fell from the previous year:	Those who had hardly any confidence in the court rose from the previous year:
2022 .....18%	2022 .....36%
2021 .....26%	2021 .....21%

The survey was conducted May 5-Dec. 20, 2022, and included interviews with 3,544 American adults; margin of error: 3 percentage points.

SOURCES: General Social Survey; The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research

2024 PARIS SUMMER OLYMPICS

A medal drought finally quenched



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Frederick Richard (from left), Asher Hong, Brody Malone and Stephen Nedoroscik of the United States celebrated after winning the bronze medal in the men’s gymnastics team final Monday at the 2024 Summer Olympics in Paris. Along with fifth team member Paul Juda, they became the first U.S. men’s gymnastics team to win an Olympic medal in 16 years. While all five gymnasts did their part, it was Plano-native Hong who lit it up, writes Kevin Sherrington. By the end of Monday, the U.S. led in the medal count with 20 total: three gold, eight silver and nine bronze. (Story, 1C)

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Sands pushes Texas casinos

Vegas company courts area leaders in hopes of legalized gambling

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Las Vegas Sands, whose leadership owns the Dallas Mavericks, is back in North Texas. The company is looking to garner the support of the region’s business and city leaders for legalized gambling and destination resorts including casinos ahead of the 2025 legislative session.

The casino operator sent lobbyist Andy Abboud, senior vice president of government relations, to speak with leaders from Dallas, Fort Worth, Irving, Arlington, Farmers Branch and Visit Dallas at a Tuesday meeting in Hurst assembled by the North Texas Commission and the Texas Association of Business.

The North Texas Commission and Las Vegas Sands did not respond to interview requests from *The Dallas Morning News*. But the commission is looking to start a new exploratory committee by this fall to focus on how gambling

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DALLAS | HOMELESSNESS

City officials pitch tiny homes plan

Cost, management and effectiveness questioned by some

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Dallas city leaders are considering using tiny homes, refurbished shipping containers and campsites to combat homelessness.

They’re also talking about providing a parking lot for residents who prefer to stay in an RV or a car.

Earlier this year, officials surveyed cities like Austin

that have poured resources into bridging the gap between the streets and a permanent home.

They’ve toured tiny homes in a Los Angeles community built on what was previously a 6.8-acre parking lot and surveyed container homes in southern downtown Atlanta.

It’s all an effort to quickly move unhoused residents away from public spaces outside City Hall, libraries and major thoroughfares.

Like most U.S. municipalities, Dallas follows a princi-

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City officials have fielded plans for a 50-unit tiny home community, similar to these at The Cottages at Hickory Crossing in Dallas.

ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT

Trump agrees to be interviewed by FBI

Agency is investigating shooting where former president was injured

By ERIC TUCKER
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Former President Donald Trump agreed to be interviewed by the FBI as part of an investigation into his attempted assassination in Pennsylvania earlier this month, a special agent said Monday in disclosing how the gunman prior to the shooting

had researched mass attacks and explosive devices.

The expected interview with the 2024 Republican presidential nominee is part of the FBI’s standard protocol to speak with victims during the course of its criminal investigations. The FBI on Friday said that Trump was struck in the ear by a bullet or bullet fragment during the July 13 assassination attempt at a campaign rally in Butler, Pa.

“We want to get his perspec-

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A police officer threw a gas canister at protesters demonstrating against the official election results, which declared President Nicolas Maduro secured reelection, the day after the vote in Caracas, Venezuela, on Monday.

VENEZUELA | PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

Voting results contested



Matias Delacroix/The Associated Press

Consuelo Marquez held a Venezuelan flag in front of a police blockade Monday.



Cristian Hernandez/The Associated Press

A man carried a protester affected by tear gas thrown by police during demonstrations.



Fernando Vergara/The Associated Press

Riot police fired tear gas at protesters disputing Maduro's claim of victory in Caracas.



Matias Delacroix/The Associated Press

Protesters took cover during clashes with police amid demonstrations in Caracas.

Opposition candidate claims proof he, not Maduro, won race

By **JOSHUA GOODMAN** and **REGINA GARCIA CANO**
The Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela — As thousands of people demonstrated across Venezuela, opposition candidate Edmundo González on Monday announced that his campaign has the proof it needs to show he won the country's disputed election whose victory electoral authorities handed to President Nicolás Maduro.

González and opposition leader Maria Corina Machado told reporters they have obtained more than 70% of tally sheets from Sunday's election, and they show González with more than double Maduro's votes. Both called on people, some of whom protested in the hours after Maduro was declared winner, to remain calm and invited them to gather peacefully at 11 a.m. Tuesday to celebrate the results.

"I speak to you with the calmness of the truth," González said as dozens of supporters cheered outside campaign headquarters in the capital, Caracas. "We have in our hands the tally sheets that demonstrate our categorical and

IN THE KNOW Differing vote counts

The National Electoral Council, under President Nicolás Maduro's control, announced these election results based on data obtained from 80% of the voting stations:

Nicolás Maduro51.2%
Edmundo Gonzalez44.2%

Edison Research, a trusted pollster that conducts Election Day exit polls in the United States, projected that Gonzalez had won in a landslide with 65% of the vote.

Miami Herald

mathematically irreversible victory."

Their announcement came after the National Electoral Council, which is loyal to Maduro's ruling Unites Socialist Party of Venezuela, officially declared him the winner, handing him his third six-year term.

In the capital, the protests were mostly peaceful, but when dozens of riot gear-clad national police officers blocked the caravan, a brawl broke. Po-

lice used tear gas to disperse the protesters, some of whom threw stones and other objects at officers who had stationed themselves on a main avenue of an upper-class district.

A man fired a gun as the protesters moved through the city's financial district. No one suffered a gunshot wound.

The demonstrations followed an election that was among the most peaceful in memory, reflecting hopes that Venezuela could avoid bloodshed and end 25 years of single-party rule. The winner was to take control of an economy recovering from collapse and a population desperate for change.

"We have never been moved by hatred. On the contrary, we have always been victims of the powerful," Maduro said in a nationally televised ceremony. "An attempt is being made to impose a coup d'état in Venezuela again of a fascist and counterrevolutionary nature."

Machado told reporters tally sheets show Maduro and Gonzalez received more than 2.7 million and roughly 6.2 million votes, respectively.

"A free people is one that is respected, and we are going to fight for our free-

dom," Gonzalez said. "Dear friends, I understand your indignation, but our response from the democratic sectors is of calmness and firmness."

Venezuelans vote using electronic machines, which record votes and provide every voter a paper receipt that shows the candidate of their choice. Voters are supposed to deposit their receipt at ballot boxes before leaving.

After polls close, each machine prints a sheet showing the candidates' names and the votes they received.

But the ruling party wields tight control over the voting system, both through a five-member electoral council and a network of longtime local party coordinators who get near unrestricted access to voting centers.

Electoral authorities had not yet released the tally sheets for each of the 30,000 voting machines as of Monday evening. The electoral body's website was down, and it remained unclear when the tallies would be available. The lack of tallies prompted an independent group of electoral observers and the European Union to publicly urge the entity to release them.

CALIFORNIA

Wildfire leads to charge of arson

Man in court accused of starting largest blaze in the state this year

By **EUGENE GARCIA**
The Associated Press

FOREST RANCH, Calif. — The man arrested on suspicion of starting the Park Fire, the largest wildfire in California this year, by pushing a burning car into a gully made his first appearance in court Monday and was charged with arson.



RONNIE DEAN STOUT II

Ronnie Dean Stout II had a previous criminal record, according to the Butte County District Attorney's office. If convicted, this would be his third felony and he would be automatically sentenced to 25 years to life in prison as someone with three felonies under California's "three strikes law."

The Park Fire, the largest wildfire in California this year and the sixth largest in the state's recorded history, was one of more than 100 large active wildfires burning in the U.S. on Monday.

Evacuation orders were in effect on 25 wildfires, according to the National Interagency Fire Center. More than 27,000 wildland firefighters and support personnel are assigned to wildfires that have burned more than 3,200 square miles nationwide, the center said.

The Park Fire had scorched more than 575 square miles, an area greater than the city of Los Angeles, as of Monday, according to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. It destroyed more than 100 structures.

Firefighters increased containment to 12% on Saturday, helped by cooler temperatures and more humidity, officials said. More than 4,800 firefighters were battling the fire Monday, aided by numerous helicopters and air tankers.

Prosecutors said witnesses saw Stout push the burning car down an embankment and then calmly blend among people fleeing the area.

Stout served a 20-year prison sentence after being convicted in 2002 in Southern California's Kern County of robbery with great bodily injury, prosecutors said. A year earlier, he was convicted in Butte County of lewd and lascivious acts with a child under 14, the office said.

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■ In Friday's SportsDay section, a story about the Rangers' win over the Chicago White Sox on Thursday incorrectly stated the position that Marcus Semien played. He plays second base for the Texas Rangers.

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2024 PARIS SUMMER OLYMPICS

Refugee team symbol of hope for displaced

Athletes take center stage at Games at a time of historic global migration

By MEGAN JANETSKY
The Associated Press

PARIS — The first time Perina Lokure Nakang began to run for sport, she ran 9 miles along the road near her refugee camp in northwestern Kenya.

Now, the 21-year-old South Sudanese runner is competing in the Paris Olympics, among many of the 37 athletes on the Olympic refugee team who are pushing to see more refugees like her able to compete in the Games.

“I told myself if I continue running this, it is going to change my life,” she said. “In the Olympics, everyone is looking to me to represent them.”

They are getting support from former refugee Olympians and U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi, who told The Associated Press in an interview Sunday that the team is “a symbol of inclusion, of equality, of achievement for a large community around the world of refugees and displaced people.”

The Olympic refugee team was born at the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, a collaboration between the International Olympic Committee and UNHCR, with just 10 athletes from four different countries: Ethiopia, South Sudan, Syria and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Now, it has expanded to dozens of athletes who have fled 11 countries — ranging from Cuba to Afghanistan and South Sudan like Nakang, who escaped war when she was 7.

The refugee team has spurred hope by many to recover their dreams that were lost when they left their lives behind to start from

scratch in a new country.

These athletes have taken center stage in the Paris Olympics, a competition that has underscored themes like diversity and inclusion at a time of historic global migration.

Many current and former refugee athletes like Yiech Pur Biel see the platform offered by the Olympics as crucial in a larger push to humanize refugees and people fleeing their homes as nations around the world clamp down on access to asylum.

Another South Sudanese runner, the 29-year-old Biel was among the first 10 athletes to compete on the Olympic refugee team in 2016.

Now living in Nebraska and working with UNHCR, Biel said he hopes the team can “bring back the dream of refugees” and “showing what refugees can do.”

With growing representation of refugees in the Olympics, he said he hopes to reduce the need for there to be a refugee team at the Games.

“The team will grow. We don’t want to see [refugee populations] growing, but no one can control what is happening in the world,” Biel said. “Our end goal is to have people and end [the need] for a refugee team.”



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South Sudanese runner Perina Lokure Nakang, 21, is a member of the Olympic refugee team.

SUDAN



Eduardo Soteras/The Washington Post

Women sat in a classroom at a school repurposed as a shelter for internally displaced people in Omdurman, Sudan, last month.

Food is running out

Political, social strife leaves civilians to face crisis after crisis

By ISHAAN THAROOR
The Washington Post

One of the worst famines in decades is on the verge of breaking out in Africa’s third-largest country. Sudan is in the grips of more than 15 months of ruinous civil strife that’s led to untold calamity and horror.

Though casualty figures are far from clear, the top U.S. envoy to the region recently suggested that some 150,000 people may have been killed since the conflict between two rival warlords exploded last year. Now, the United Nations claims that some 750,000 people are on the brink of starvation.

The war’s vast effects are already measured in superlatives: Sudan is home to the world’s biggest internal displacement crisis, with some 11 million people forced by the fighting to flee their homes. Sudan is home to the world’s largest education crisis, with most schools shuttered and some 19

million children unable to attend classes. And it’s home to the world’s biggest hunger crisis: An estimated 26.6 million people — more than half the population — is “food insecure,” according to U.N. agencies, while 14 areas in the country have been declared “at risk of famine.”

The country is being torn apart by forces loyal to two former allies — Abdel Fattah al-Burhan, top commander of the Sudanese military, and Mohamed Hamdan Dagalo, universally referred to as Hemedti, chief of the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces, a faction that traces its antecedents to the genocidal campaigns of the Janjaweed militia in the western Darfur region two decades ago.

They blame each other for the suffering unleashed on the civilian population, with numerous reports of massacres, mass rapes and other atrocities. Bombardments and airstrikes indiscriminately flatten neighborhoods.

Widespread looting and violence wrecked harvests across Sudan’s agricultural sector, and relief groups complain of severe difficulties bringing aid into the country.

The warring parties have agreed to participate in fresh negotiations, facilitated by a joint U.S. and Saudi-led effort and slated to be held in Switzerland next month.

The conflict has been punctuated by myriad false dawns, with repeated cease-fires and truces barely lasting days, even hours, after they’re clinched. Aid organizations warn that the Sudanese military — which represents the faction formally recognized as Sudan’s government by the United Nations — is impeding the flow of critical food assistance into western areas of the country controlled by the RSF.

For relief groups, access to imperiled communities and the resources needed to help them are both scarce.



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How might Biden's ideas for high court work?

By LINDSAY WHITEHURST
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden on Monday proposed major changes for the U.S. Supreme Court — an enforceable code of ethics and term limits for justices — and a constitutional amendment that would limit the justices' recent decision on presidential immunity.

There's almost no chance of the proposal passing a closely divided Congress with Election Day looming, but the ideas could still spark conversation with public confidence in the court hitting an all-time low amid ethical revelations about some justices. It also comes against the backdrop of a contentious presidential election and growing Democratic outrage about recent decisions from the conservative-majority court.

Here's how the ideas might work, and the possible stumbling blocks:

Limited terms

Limiting how long justices serve on the nation's highest court has broad support among Americans, polling indicates.

A poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research in July 2022 found 67% of Americans support a proposal to set a specific number of years that justices serve instead of life terms, including 82% of Democrats and 57% of Republicans.

Biden's proposal would limit justices to 18-year terms, a system that he says would make nominations more predictable, less arbitrary, and reduce the chances that a single president could shape the court for generations to come.

There's a big problem: The Constitution gives all federal judges lifetime tenure, unless they resign, retire or are removed.

There are ideas about how to impose term limits without an amendment — but if such a law passed and were challenged in court the justices could end up ruling on it and it's unclear how they'd come down, said Charles Geyh, a law professor at Indiana University and expert in judicial ethics.

Enforcing code of ethics

The Supreme Court didn't have a formal code of ethics until last year, when the justices adopted one in the face of sustained criticism over undisclosed trips and gifts from wealthy benefactors to some justices, such as Clarence Thomas.

It still lacks a means of enforcement — something Biden says is "common sense." Members of Congress, for example, generally can't accept gifts worth more than \$50.

Justice Elena Kagan voiced support for adding an enforcement mechanism to the Supreme Court ethical code in a public appearance last week.

Still, making the high court's ethical code enforceable raises thorny questions about how it might be enforced — and by whom.

That ethical code is overseen by the Judicial Conference, which is headed up by Chief Justice John Roberts. He "might be reluctant to use whatever power the conference has against his colleagues," Stephen Gillers, a legal ethics expert at NYU School of Law, said in an email.



2021 File Photo/The Associated Press

A poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research in July 2022 found 67% of Americans support a proposal to set a specific number of years that Supreme Court justices serve, including 82% of Democrats and 57% of Republicans.

Presidential immunity

Biden is also calling for a constitutional amendment limiting the Supreme Court's recent decision giving former president Donald Trump — and all other presidents — broad immunity from criminal prosecution.

The amendment would "make clear that there is no immunity for crimes a former president committed while in office," Biden wrote in an opinion piece in *The Washington Post*. "We are a nation of laws — not of kings or dictators."

It wouldn't be the first time — the Constitution has been amended about five times in U.S. history to overturn a Supreme Court decision, Geyh said.

But constitutional amendments have even higher hurdles than new laws. The proposal must get support from two-thirds of both the House and Senate — and then be ratified by three-quarters of state legislatures.

No new amendments have passed in more than 30 years.

Other calls for reform

A former chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Biden has long resisted calls to reform the Supreme Court.

In 2021, he fulfilled a campaign promise by convening a commission to study potential changes to the court. It was not charged with making recommendations and cautioned that excessive change could potentially erode democracy.

The latest proposals come years later, and amid growing outrage among Democrats about high court opinions that overturned landmark decisions on abortion rights and federal regulatory powers. There's also a hotly contested presidential election against Trump underway.

Even if Biden's ideas aren't likely to pass, they could draw voter attention. Vice president Kamala Harris backed the proposal.

It's being blasted, though, by conservatives like activist Leonard Leo, who said in a statement: "It's about Democrats destroying a court they don't agree with."

GOP: Reforms 'dead on arrival'

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"We can and must prevent abuse of presidential power and restore faith in the Supreme Court. We can and must strengthen the guardrails of democracy."

The Civil Rights Act, considered the most sweeping civil rights legislation since the end of slavery, banned racial discrimination in public places, schools and places of employment.

The Voting Rights Act of 1965 and the Fair Housing Act of 1968 expanded those protections to the ballot box and the ability to buy a home.

Keeping court in check

To guard those freedoms from an increasingly intense attack from the right, Biden said, the U.S. Supreme Court — with its 6-3 conservative majority — must be checked.

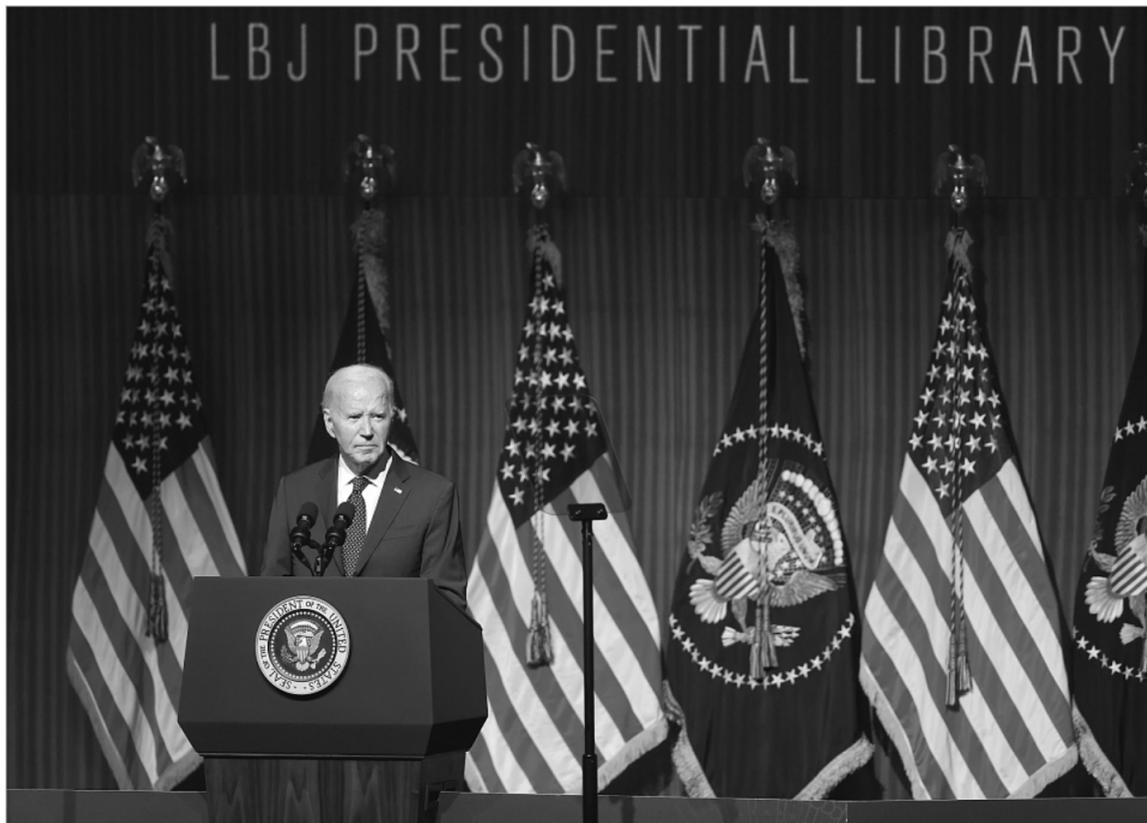
Justices should have 18-year term limits and operate under a mandatory code of conduct, Biden said, pointing to Justice Clarence Thomas, who accepted luxury trips from GOP megadonor Harlan Crow, a North Texas real estate magnate and son of legendary late Dallas real estate developer Trammell Crow.

Biden also said presidents should not be granted immunity for crimes they may commit while in office.

"I share our founders' belief that a president must answer to the law," Biden said. "We're a nation of laws, not kings and dictators."

Biden, who had unveiled his proposals earlier Monday, said the suggested reforms would guard the nation from an "extreme court" that has been "weaponized by those seeking to carry out an extreme agenda for decades to come."

"I've overseen more Supreme Court nominations as senator, vice president and president ... than anyone alive today," Biden said to applause from the crowd of invited guests. "I have great respect for our institutions and the separation of powers laid out in our Constitution. What's happening now is not consistent with that doctrine of separation of



Elias Valverde II/Staff Photographer

President Joe Biden delivered the keynote address during an event Monday commemorating the 60th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act at the LBJ Presidential Library in Austin, where he called for Supreme Court term limits.

powers."

Monday's celebration of the Civil Rights Act had been postponed after Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump was the target of an assassination attempt at a Pennsylvania rally July 13.

Civil Rights Act

Biden's visit to the library — named for President Lyndon B. Johnson, who signed the Civil Rights Act into law July 2, 1964 — featured tribute performances by a concert choir from the historically Black Huston-Tillotson University in Austin and local musical artist Ruthie Foster.

It also included a reading by actor Bryan Cranston of Johnson's speech on the day he signed the Civil Rights Act.

Former United Nations Ambassador Andrew Young gave the introduction before Biden spoke at 4 p.m.

A short video tribute replayed the words of past presidents who praised Johnson's

vision for a more equal society. Four other presidents in addition to Johnson and Biden have spoken at the LBJ Library to recognize advancements and challenges in civil rights.

"Every generation of Americans will look back at the Civil Rights Act and say, 'This is what the presidency is for,'" former President George W. Bush said in the video.

Several members of Congress, including U.S. Rep. Veronica Escobar, D-Texas, traveled to Austin with Biden.

He was also joined by the Rev. Al Sharpton; Marc Morial, president of the National Urban League; and Cecile Richards, former president of Planned Parenthood and daughter of former Texas Gov. Ann Richards.

After his speech, Biden traveled to Houston to pay respects to U.S. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, who died July 19 at age 74 after being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Jackson Lee will lie in state at Houston City Hall on Monday to begin a

week of remembrance events.

Vice President Kamala Harris is scheduled to attend a celebration of life service Thursday in Houston.

Biden spoke from the same stage where Johnson stood in late 1972 to give his final public remarks during a civil rights symposium at the library.

Johnson died a month later at his ranch near Stonewall.

Unlikely to pass

Biden's U.S. Supreme Court reform proposal, which has been in the works since Biden created a commission to study the issue early in his term, was endorsed by Harris but is considered unlikely to pass the deeply divided Congress with less than 100 days before the election.

Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell said Biden's proposal amounted to taking a "torch" to the "crown jewel of our system of government."

"President Biden and his leftist allies don't like the cur-

rent composition of the court so they want to shred the Constitution to change it," McConnell said.

Republican House Speaker Mike Johnson called the proposal a "dangerous gambit" that would be "dead on arrival in the House."

"I was informed by the press on Air Force One that the Republican speaker of the House said 'whatever he proposes is dead on arrival,'" Biden told the Austin audience. "I just think his thinking is dead on arrival." The crowd cheered.

Court rulings

Biden devoted most of his 25-minute speech to the proposal, saying recent actions by the ruling conservatives on the court had harmed the ideals and freedoms that defined America.

In 2013, the court declared a key part of the Voting Rights Act of 1964 to be unconstitutional, allowing states to enact voting requirements that Bi-

den said hurt access to the vote, particularly for communities of color.

In 2022, the court overturned constitutional protections for abortion, allowing states to make their own laws.

Last year, in a 6-3 vote, the Supreme Court ended colleges' ability to consider race in the admissions process, overturning decades of legal precedent supporting the practice.

"So many other civil rights that Americans take for granted," Biden said, "are likely to come before the court in the years to come."

Mixed reaction

Biden's message resonated with some of those in attendance, including Nisha Randle, who works for commissioner Rodney Ellis in Houston, a Democrat and former state senator.

"A larger majority of people are actually listening to what's actually happening at the Supreme Court," Randle said. "So I do think the president's suggested reforms are really important, timely, and hopefully more people will get behind them."

Amy Davis, an event program coordinator at UT Austin, wished Biden had focused more on actual civil rights and the need to protect them.

Davis would have liked for Biden to instead more forcefully address other endangered rights such as gay marriage. "If Roe vs. Wade can go away, then anything can go away," Davis said.

Looking ahead

Near the end of his speech, Biden pointed to the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in two years.

"July 4, 2026, will be a moment not only about our past but about our future," Biden said. "Imagine that moment and ask yourself, 'What do we want to be?'"

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Is nation energy independent? Mostly

Harris' recent statement on production levels rings true, with at least one caveat

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Republican candidates often criticize Democrats for throttling the U.S. energy sector or blame them for high gasoline prices. But just days before she became the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee, Vice President Kamala Harris, stole a page from the Republican playbook and boasted about U.S. energy production during Joe Biden's presidency.

In July 18 remarks in Fayetteville, N.C., Harris said, "Today, America has record energy production and we are energy independent."

Harris is right about record energy production, but she's only partly right about energy independence. By some definitions, the U.S. is energy independent, but by an important one, it's not.

Record production?

This part of Harris' statement is accurate.

Overall U.S. energy production — which includes everything from heating oil to gasoline to sources used to generate electricity such as coal, natural gas and renewables — hit 102.82 quadrillion British thermal units in 2023, more than 4% higher than the 2022 level, which was the previous record.

This reflects recent growth in U.S. energy production, which has flourished under both of the last two presidents, Donald Trump and Joe Biden. Experts credit the growth in shale oil and shale gas production, increases in renewable energies such as solar and wind and improvements in the energy efficiency of buildings and vehicles.

As for the other part of Harris' statement, some definitions of "energy independence" have been met — but not all.

One definition that was met under both Trump and Biden is the U.S. exporting more energy than it imports.

The Energy Information Administration, a federal office that tracks energy statistics, found that in 2019 — when Trump was president — the United States became a net exporter of overall



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U.S. energy production has flourished in recent years. Experts credit growth in shale oil and gas production, increases in renewable energy and improvements in the energy efficiency of buildings and vehicles.

energy for the first time since 1952.

That has continued ever since, with the gap widening to a record level in 2023, the most recent full year with available statistics.

Another, narrower, measure of energy independence is whether the U.S. is a net exporter of petroleum specifically. In 2020, the U.S. became a net exporter of petroleum for the first time since at least 1949. That has continued through 2022, the last year with available data.

A third form of energy independence occurs when domestic energy

production exceeds domestic consumption. This has been so from 2019 to 2023.

When we asked the Harris campaign to support its statement, it pointed to these metrics, and to a March report by the financial services company J.P. Morgan that used these statistics to support its conclusion that "the U.S. has achieved U.S. energy independence for the first time in 40 years."

One key metric

There is one important metric

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keeping the U.S. from complete energy independence. The data for crude oil — which is used to manufacture gasoline, which for many consumers is top of mind — has not followed the same pattern as energy overall.

Crude oil imports outpaced exports in each of the four years Trump was president, and during Biden's first three years in office. Crude oil and petroleum are different; the U.S. is a net exporter of petroleum, a finished product, but a net importer of crude oil, a raw product used to make petroleum and petroleum products.

There's a reason for the imbalance in crude oil imports and exports, experts say. Although the U.S. theoretically produces enough crude oil to satisfy its consumption, the U.S. cannot refine all of the crude oil it produces.

Crude is graded by its weight and its "sweetness," a measure of the oil's sulfur content. Most U.S.-produced oil is "light" and "sweet," and although some U.S. refineries can process it, many cannot.

These refineries are built to process heavier, less sweet crude (also called heavy, sour crude) from the Middle East and other overseas suppliers. That's a holdover from past decades, when the U.S. was primarily importing its crude.

This mismatch keeps the U.S. from simply using its own crude production to serve all of its domestic needs. Changing the mix of refineries to accommodate U.S.-produced crude oil would be expensive and take years to complete.

This means the U.S. is exporting a lot of its domestically produced crude on the international market. To make up for this, the U.S. still must import a substantial amount of oil for domestic use.

Mark Finley, a fellow in energy and global oil at Rice University's Center for Energy Studies, said a more accurate term for the U.S. position right now is "net self-sufficiency."

"To be self-sufficient means you produce everything you need," Finley said. "On a net basis, that is true for the U.S. in recent years. But to be independent means that what happens around the world doesn't matter to you. That is

absolutely false."

For instance, much of New England relies on foreign imports of oil and natural gas because the region lacks pipeline capacity and because of laws that regulate domestic shipping, said Hugh Daigle, an associate professor of petroleum and geosystems engineering at the University of Texas at Austin.

So, even in a period of greater energy independence for the U.S., its supply is still sensitive to international events, experts said. Harris' statement glosses over this reality.

"While the U.S. produces more energy than it consumes, it remains closely connected to — and dependent on — global developments," Finley said.

The last time we looked at a statement about energy independence in 2023, we rated it Half True. However, in that fact-check, of former Vice President Mike Pence, we did not also address the statement Harris mentioned about record-high energy production, which she was correct about.

Our ruling



Harris said, "Today, America has record energy production and we are energy independent."

Harris is correct about overall energy production being at a record high, and she is correct that the U.S. is energy independent by some definitions — being a net energy exporter, a net petroleum exporter and producing more energy than it consumes.

However, the U.S. is not a net exporter of crude oil, which is the source of gasoline.

Many U.S. refineries cannot process the type of crude oil produced in the U.S., so serving the domestic market requires importing a different type of oil from overseas. This keeps the U.S. and its economy beholden to overseas developments.

We rate the statement Mostly True.

FBI to interview Trump

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tive on what he observed," said Kevin Rojek, the special agent in charge of the FBI's Pittsburgh field office. "It is a standard victim interview like we would do for any other victim of crime, under any other circumstance."

Trump said in a Fox News interview that aired Monday night that he expected the FBI interview to take place Thursday.

Through more than 450 interviews, the FBI has fleshed out a portrait of the gunman, Thomas Matthew Crooks, that reveals him to be a "highly intelligent" but reclusive 20-year-old whose primary social circle was his family and who maintained few friends and acquaintances throughout his life, Rojek said. Even in online gaming platforms that Crooks visited, his interactions with peers appeared to have been minimal, the FBI said.

His parents have been "extremely cooperative," with the investigation, Rojek said. They have said they had no advance knowledge of the shooting.

The FBI has not uncovered a motive as to why he chose to target Trump, but investigators believe the shooting was the result of extensive planning, including the purchase under an alias in recent months of chemical precursors that investigators believe were used to create the explosive devices found in his car and his home, and the deployment of a drone about 200 yards from the rally site in the hours before the event.

The day before the shooting, the FBI says, Crooks visited a local shooting range and practiced with the gun that would be used in the attack.

After the shooting, authorities found two explosive devices in Crooks' car and a third in his room at home. The devices recovered from the car, consisting of ammunition boxes filled with explosive material with wires, receivers



Gene J. Puskar/The Associated Press

Former President Donald Trump has agreed to be interviewed by the FBI as part of the investigation into his attempted assassination at a Pennsylvania rally earlier this month at the Butler Farm Show grounds.

and ignition devices, were capable of exploding but did not because the receivers were in the "off" position, Rojek said. How much damage they could have done is unclear.

Online searches

The FBI has said that Crooks in the lead-up to the shooting had shown an online interest in prominent public figures, searching online for information about individuals including Trump and President Joe Biden. In addition, Rojek said, Crooks looked up information about mass shootings, improvised explosive devices, power plants and the attempted assassination in May of Slovakia's populist Prime Minister Robert Fico.

FBI Director Christopher Wray told Congress last week that on July 6, the day Crooks registered to attend the Trump rally, he googled: "How far away was Oswald from Kennedy?" That's a reference to Lee Harvey Oswald, the shooter who killed President John F. Kennedy from a sniper's perch in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963.

New details, meanwhile, were

emerging about law enforcement security lapses and missed communications that preceded the shooting.

Sen. Chuck Grassley, an Iowa Republican on the Senate Judiciary Committee, released text messages from members of the Beaver County Emergency Services Unit that showed how local officers had communicated with each other about a suspicious-behaving man who turned out to be Crooks lurking around more than an hour before the shooting.

One text just before 4:30 p.m. describes a man "sitting to the direct right on a picnic table about 50 yards from the exit."

In another text at 5:38 p.m., an officer tells other counter-snipers: "Kid learning around building we are in. AGR I believe it is. I did see him with a range finder looking towards stage. FYI. If you wanna notify SS snipers to look out. I lost sight of him." Photographs of Crooks circulated among the group.

AGR is a reference to a complex of buildings that form AGR International Inc., a supplier of automation equipment for the glass and plastic packag-

ing industry. Crooks scaled the roof of one of the buildings of the compound and is believed to have fired eight shots at the rally stage with an AR-style rifle that was purchased legally by his father years earlier.

Shots fired

The shots were fired at 6:12 p.m., according to a Beaver County after-action report.

Trump said he was "shot with a bullet that pierced the upper part of my right ear," and he appeared in the days later with a bandage on the ear. One rallygoer, Corey Comperatore, was killed, and two others were injured. Crooks was shot dead by a Secret Service counter-sniper.

In an interview with ABC News, a Beaver County officer who sounded the alarm said that after sending a text alerting others to Crooks, "I assumed that there would be somebody coming out to speak with this individual or find out what's going on."

An email to the Secret Service seeking comment was not immediately returned Monday.

IN THE KNOW The task force

A Pennsylvania congressman who witnessed the assassination attempt against former President Donald Trump firsthand will lead the House task force charged with investigating what went wrong. It will be comprised of seven Republicans and six Democrats and will issue a final report before Dec. 13.

PENNSYLVANIA REPUBLICAN: Republican Rep. Mike Kelly represents the city of Butler, where the July 13 attack occurred. He attended Trump's campaign rally and sponsored the legislation to create the



MIKE KELLY

task force.

OTHER REPUBLICANS: The other Republican members on the task force are Rep. Mark Green of Tennessee, the chairman of the Homeland Security Committee; Rep. David Joyce of Ohio, a former county prosecutor; Rep. Laurel Lee of Florida, a former assistant U.S. attorney; Rep. Michael Waltz of Florida, a former member of the U.S. Army Special Forces; Rep. Clay Higgins of Louisiana, a former Army staff sergeant and local law enforcement officer; and Rep. Pat Fallon of Texas, a former U.S. Air Force officer.

COLORADO DEMOCRAT: Rep. Jason Crow of Colorado will serve as the lead Democratic member of the committee. He is a decorated former Army Ranger having served in both Iraq and Afghanistan.

OTHER DEMOCRATS: Other Democratic members are Rep. Lou Correa of California, who sits on the subcommittee that recently visited the site of the assassination attempt; Rep. Madeleine Dean of Pennsylvania, who served in that state's House of Representatives for more than six years before coming to Congress; Rep. Chrissy Houlahan of Pennsylvania, a veteran of the U.S. Air Force; Rep. Glenn Ivey of Maryland, a former assistant U.S. attorney and state's attorney for Prince George's County; and Rep. Jared Moskowitz of Florida, the former director of emergency management in that state.

The Associated Press



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A medical worker treated Palestinian journalist Moath Amarneh at a hospital in the West Bank city of Bethlehem on July 10 after he was released from Megiddo Prison. Rights groups say conditions in Israel's prisons have deteriorated dangerously since Oct. 7.

ISRAEL-HAMAS WAR

Palestinians recount deadly prison abuse

Unknown number of people have died in jails since Oct. 7

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One Palestinian inmate died with a ruptured spleen and broken ribs after being beaten by Israeli prison guards.

Another met an excruciating end because a chronic condition went untreated.

A third screamed for help for hours before dying.

The details of the prisoners'

deaths were recounted by eyewitnesses and corroborated by doctors from Physicians for Human Rights Israel (PHRI), who sat in on autopsies, the findings of which were shared with families and obtained by *The Washington Post*. The three men are among at least 13 Palestinians from the West Bank and Israel to die in Israeli jails since Oct. 7, according to PHRI. An unknown number of prisoners from the Gaza Strip have also died.

Rights groups say conditions in Israel's jam-packed prisons have deteriorated dangerously

since the Hamas attacks on Israel. Former Palestinian prisoners described routine beatings, often carried out on entire cells or sections, usually with batons and sometimes with dogs. They said they were denied sufficient food and medical care and were subjected to psychological as well as physical abuse.

While international attention and condemnation has focused on the plight of Gazan detainees — specifically at the notorious Sde Teiman military site — rights advocates say there is a deeper, systemic crisis in Israel's penal system.

"Violence is pervasive," said Jessica Montell, executive director of the Israeli rights group HaMoked, which has worked for years with Palestinian inmates. "It's very overcrowded. Every prisoner that we've met with has lost 30 pounds."

Asked about the prisoners who have died behind bars since Oct. 7, as well the other allegations detailed in this story, Israel's prison service said in a statement: "We are not aware of the claims you described, and as far as we know, no such events have occurred. Nonetheless, prisoners and detainees have the right to file a complaint that will be fully examined and addressed by official authorities."

"All prisoners are detained according to the law," the statement continued. "All basic rights required are fully applied by professionally trained prison guards."

The prison system, built for 14,500 inmates, was housing 21,000, the letter said, not including an estimated 2,500 detainees from Gaza, most held in military facilities.

Journalist Moath Amarneh, 37, imprisoned for six months in Megiddo Prison after filming demonstrations in the West Bank, said his six-person cell held up to 15 during his stay.

The inmates would share a plate of vegetables and yogurt for breakfast. For lunch, each prisoner received half a cup of rice, and the cell — however many men were in it — would divvy up a plate of sliced tomatoes or cabbage. On good days, there might be sausage or beans. Dinner was an egg and some vegetables, he said.

"It's barely enough to survive," said lawyer Aya al-Haj Odeh, who said some clients reported being given as little as three slices of bread a day or a few spoonfuls of rice and having limited access to drinking water.

The Association for Civil Rights in Israel petitioned the Supreme Court in April over what it called it a "policy of starvation." Ben Gvir wrote to the group taking credit for the policy, saying he was working to "worsen the conditions" of security prisoners to "create deterrence," the ACRI said.

NEWS DIGEST

Magnitude 4.9 quake shakes California

A magnitude 4.9 earthquake struck California's Mojave Desert on Monday, sending shaking that was felt as far away as Los Angeles and Las Vegas.

The earthquake, which occurred at 1 p.m. Pacific time, was centered about 13 miles northeast of Barstow, roughly halfway between Los Angeles and Las Vegas.

There were no reports of damage or calls for service after the quake, according to Battalion Chief Travis Espinoza with the Barstow Fire Protection District.

Los Angeles Times

Teen's knife attack kills 2, injures 11 in England

Bloodied children ran screaming from a dance and yoga class "like a scene from a horror movie" to escape a teenager's savage knife attack that killed two children and wounded 11 other people Monday in northwest England, police and witnesses said.

A 17-year-old boy was arrested on suspicion of murder and attempted murder in the stabbing in Southport, a seaside town near Liverpool, Merseyside Police said. The motive was not clear, but police said detectives were not treating the attack as terror-related.

The Associated Press

FDA approves new colon cancer screener

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved a new blood test to screen for colon cancer in people considered "average risk."

Guardant Health, the California company that created the test, said Monday that Shield is the first blood test approved by the FDA as a primary screening option for colorectal cancer and also the first to meet requirements for Medicare reimbursement. It works by detecting tumor DNA and had more than 83% success rate in clinical trials.

A colonoscopy, which is recommended every 10 years, remains the most-accurate method to screen for colon cancer.

New York Daily News

Nigeria running short on fuel amid protests

Nigeria is running short of fuel ahead of nationwide demonstrations over the country's cost-of-living crisis that are scheduled to begin Thursday.

Fuel shortages have spread in the nation's commercial hub of Lagos as well its capital of Abuja, with state-owned oil firm Nigerian National Petroleum Co. saying the tightness in supply and distribution is due to a "hitch in the discharge operations of a couple of vessels" that carry fuel to land from larger sea-faring tankers.

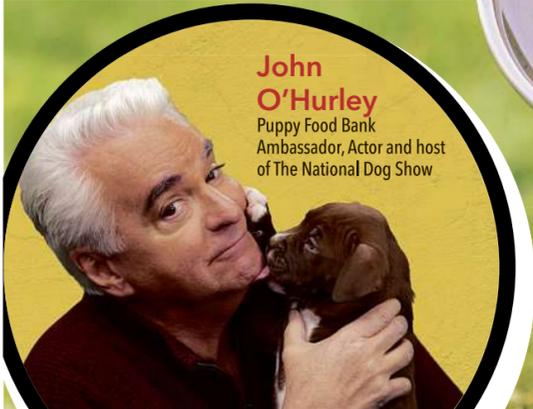
The shortages come amid calls for daily nationwide protests over the high cost of food and fuel, which are expected to begin Aug. 1.

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WAR IN UKRAINE

Russia seizes two more villages

Moscow's swarm tactics, attrition strategy continue to keep Kyiv on the defensive

By **SAMYA KULLAB**
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KYIV, Ukraine — Russian forces have overrun two front-line villages in Ukraine's eastern Donetsk region, a Ukrainian army sergeant said Monday, after relentless assaults that are part of a Kremlin summer push to overwhelm battlefield defenses there.

Separately, attacks in Russia's Kursk region by the Security Service of Ukraine, also known as the SBU, struck a number of substations causing power outages, according to a statement from the General Staff of Ukraine.

"They pressed non-stop" to capture Vovche and Prohres, the chief sergeant of Ukraine's 47th Separate Mecha-

nized Brigade, Oleh Chaus, told Radio Svaboda. "They sent in a large number of troops, which had not previously been used."

Russia's Defense Ministry claimed in recent days that it had taken control of the villages, but the Ukrainian General Staff made no official comment.

The villages lie about 20 miles northwest of Avdiivka, a Donetsk city that the Russian army seized in February after a long battle. That victory was the Kremlin's last major triumph in the war that is now in its third year.

Russia's onslaught, fueled by its heavy advantage in soldiers and weaponry, has repeatedly forced the Ukrainians to pull back from defensive positions to avoid being captured or killed.

Oleksandr Shyrshyn, the 47th brigade's deputy battalion commander, confirmed to local media that the villages had been taken. He blamed poor training of troops, low abilities of offi-

cers, low motivation and inadequate weapons for the setbacks.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy late Sunday described the situation in the Donetsk region as "extremely challenging."

Russia's strategy of attritional warfare, with powerful glide bombs smashing Ukrainian defenses before infantry move in, has brought incremental gains for the Kremlin as it seeks another big breakthrough.

Ukraine is significantly outgunned by Russia's bigger army on the roughly 600-mile front line.

Russian troops are intensifying their drive to breach Ukrainian defenses around Pokrovsk, a town of around 60,000 people before the war, the Ukrainian General Staff said Monday.

Russia launched 52 attacks there over the previous 24 hours — almost twice the daily number in recent weeks, it said.

IN THE KNOW

Xi eyes peacemaker role

President Xi Jinping is stepping up efforts to position himself as a peacemaker for ending Russia's war in Ukraine, despite growing criticisms from the U.S. and Europe that Beijing is propping up the Kremlin's battlefield efforts.

UKRAINIAN TALKS: With both Moscow and Kyiv facing pressure at home and abroad to find a way to end the war, China last week hosted its first senior official from Ukraine since the conflict began in 2022. While Foreign Minister Wang Yi told his Ukrainian counterpart Dmytro Kuleba the time was "not yet ripe" for peace talks, he said both sides were signaling a willingness to negotiate.

GREATER VISION: The activity underscores Xi's ambition to forge a bigger diplomatic role at a time when Kyiv — and the broader European region — are bracing for a dramatic shift in foreign policy from their most important ally. China hasn't shifted position but sees a window to establish itself as a more powerful player.

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Tiny home idea raises some concerns

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ple called “housing first” to end homelessness. Its bedrock stems from the idea that the best way to end homelessness is by first putting a roof over someone’s head.

Rehousing and rehabilitation, however, are complicated. No one person is the same.

Mental health issues and the reluctance to accept housing take time to overcome, and progress often appears slow-moving. In a May briefing, council member Gay Donnell Willis said the pace “forces streets, parks and other places to become a waiting room.”

Council member Jesse Moreno, who chairs the committee on housing and homeless, told *The Dallas Morning News* he saw an increase in homeless encampments across the city. He worried there were no metrics to determine how long it takes the city to rehouse people.

Moreno said he was focused on finding that out.

Officials fielded plans for a two-year pilot program in which the city would build 50 units and look for an adjacent camping and parking site for those who refused housing. The intention is to partner with a developer or nonprofit operator to run the project and pack the program with wrap-around mental health, behavioral, public transportation and food services.

Money for project

Christine Crossley, director at the Office of Homeless Solutions, said the city has \$1 million from the last budget cycle it can use to build structures. The funds will expire in September at the end of the current fiscal year, but the city also has bond funds it can utilize.

In May, voters approved a \$19 million bond proposition for projects addressing homelessness.

Similar stick-built structures in Seattle had a capital expense of \$350,000 for 24 units. There, the homes are the size of a small bedroom with windows and doors, and residents share kitchens and bathroom spaces.

Austin has a similar program with 225 units and an \$18 million building cost.

It won’t be the first tiny home community in Dallas. West of Fair Park on Malcolm X Boulevard sits a 50-unit village called The Cottages at Hickory Crossing.

Jamie Zachary, executive director of the Central Dallas Community Development Corp., the nonprofit in charge of the homes, said they were expensive when they were first built in 2016. The high price tag was due to the lack of a market at the time. Each unit, he said, cost nearly \$80,000.

But the market for tiny homes has grown. Zachary said each structure could be built for about \$15,000 to \$18,000. The nonprofit is looking to expand the program and build more structures.

‘Pray with me’

James Adams, 55, lived at the South Dallas tiny home site for six years. He arrived with a broken hip and a Hepatitis C diagnosis, resigned to a dependence on substances.

“I don’t see no reason to quit (alcohol and drugs). There’s one part of me that wants to, and another part of me doesn’t see the point,” Adams recalled telling a doctor at a clinic that partnered with the program.

The doctor, an internal medicine specialist, responded with words Adams said he’d never expect from a man of science. “John, will you pray with me?” the doctor asked.

Years at the intersection of Oak Lawn Avenue and the Stemmons Freeway had hardened his optimism, yet hope washed over Adams in that clinic. They say it takes a village to raise a child, he said.



Eliás Valverde II/Staff Photographer

The Cottages at Hickory Crossing West of Dallas helped James Adams, 55, for six years. He was dependent on drugs and suffering from a broken hip. Although he doesn’t live there anymore, he said the community saved his life. Dallas officials are eyeing a similar project, but some experts say the city should do more homework and prevent designing something “no provider is interested in implementing.”

This one, he said, pointing at the 50-unit community south of downtown, saved his life.

Adams is back to living in an encampment. He left the cottages after a fight with caretakers because he’d brought another resident in to live with him.

“I would never throw (the cottages) under the bus. They helped me,” said Adams, who added he is now drug-free.

He was elated to hear that the city was considering another program to move people off the streets.

Managing the program

Advocates and housing officials say building the structures is the easy part. The difficult part is finding an operator who can manage the program.

Crossley said the city does not have money to sustain the community. Instead, officials want to use construction funds as “seed money” to attract a partner who can bring in additional dollars to keep it going.

When council members return from their July recess, they’ll have many things waiting for consideration. Crossley’s team is looking for sites for the program, and one of the criteria is the new community must be in a City Council district that doesn’t have a single homelessness service project.

Wayne Walker, CEO of OurCalling, a nonprofit in the process of building a 500-unit community in Ellis County, said the program’s success boils down to the execution and political will. Dallas city leaders haven’t added any significant space in homeless shelters since the Bridge (a homeless recovery center) began 16 years ago, he said.

City-owned facilities acquired for permanent supportive housing, replete with educational services, mental health and rental support, are still waiting to take off.

Hotel Miramar on 1950 Fort Worth Ave. found an operator in St. Jude Inc. after three years of back-and-forth with nearby neighborhoods about the number of allowed units. Meanwhile, a vacant medical hospital in south Oak Cliff languishes in uncertainty amid opposition from nearby community members.

That’s nothing compared to the recurring costs linked with hospital visits, medical treatments, incarceration and emergency shelters. A May briefing on the economic costs

of homelessness showed Dallas and Collin counties racked up nearly \$200 million in bills.

Sanctioned campsites aren’t foolproof solutions either, according to a 2018 report from the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness. They can be costly and difficult to maintain.

“People staying within such settings are still unsheltered, still living outside and remain homeless — and oftentimes, these settings are not providing them with a truly safe, healthy, and secure environment,” the report said.

During the same May briefing, council member Chad West wondered if projects likely to cost the city more money, like tiny homes, could distract from what the city is already doing.

‘Shiny object’

He said there was a 24% reduction in unsheltered homelessness and the city just celebrated “effectively” ending veteran homelessness in Dallas and Collin counties.

“I’m hesitant with this whole discussion on putting some new shiny object out there that’s going to distract from those efforts,” West said.

The city currently partners with a consortium of over 100 organizations that provide outreach and social workers, crisis centers and shelters.

Housing Forward, the agency leading Dallas and Collin counties’ response to homelessness, counted significantly fewer people experiencing homelessness in January’s point-in-time count — 3,718. It was the lowest census of homeless people in the area since 2015.

Experts like Daniel Roby, CEO of the Austin Street Center, one of Dallas’ largest homeless shelters, say point-in-time counts are not perfect. They are a mere snapshot of the homelessness crisis, but they’ve tended to be the most reliable tool nationwide.

In reality, it’s hard to measure just how many chronically homeless people live in Dallas. Several live transient lives, moving from one place to another.

Roby was part of a task force created by Mayor Eric Johnson to assess Dallas’ homelessness needs and responses. The task force created the HOPE report, a moniker for homelessness, organizations, policies and encamp-

ments.

The report was emphatic in linking the “drastic shortfall” in housing units for low-wage residents with a rise in the unsheltered population, and temporary solutions like tiny homes risk becoming costly and taking money away from permanent housing initiatives. “The City must approach tem-

porary measures with caution, prioritizing long-term solutions, and learning from experiences of other cities to avoid exacerbating homelessness challenges,” the report said.

Roby said the city would benefit from bringing in a provider early to develop metrics and prevent designing something “no provider is interested

in implementing.”

Moreno is optimistic.

“We’ve never had everybody at the table the way we do today, and I’m grateful for that,” he said. “We have the city at the table. We have council members at the table. We have the continuum of care. We have providers at the table. Everyone has the same mission.”

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OPINION

Put child care on campaign agenda

Ask candidates what they would do to ensure affordable, quality programs

By LARRY V. DYKSTRA

A bit more than halfway into the recent presidential debate, Jake Tapper asked the candidates, "In your second term, what will you do to make child care more affordable?"

Donald Trump got the first shot at the question but spent his entire two minutes attacking Joe Biden because he "never fired anybody." Biden used most of his rebuttal time to continue the argument about who was the "worst president." Tapper's question was essentially left unanswered.

Providing high quality, affordable child care that works for everyone involved is a constant challenge. I learned about this troubling situation when I began serving as board president for a Dallas day school almost two years ago. In a vicious cycle of sorts, young parents need viable day care options in order to work, but child care is expensive and their ability to pay is limited. To keep tuition affordable, operators are pressured to keep costs low. This makes it difficult to adequately pay quality staff, leading them to seek better-paying jobs.

These issues are evolving into what many are now calling a day care crisis. Billions of dollars in relief funding for child care centers expired in September. As operating costs continue to rise due to inflation, the effects of lapsed government support will be devastating.

A study released earlier this year by public policy research institute The Century Foundation projects more than 70,000 child care programs could be forced to close, impacting as many as 3.2 million children and taking jobs from thousands of child care workers.

Both presidential candidates failed to provide the response child care advocates were hoping to hear. An appropriate answer would have acknowledged the premise underlying the question — that our child care system is facing a crisis that demands our immediate attention. It would



Staff Photo

A row of cubbies held backpacks for children at Little Mustangs Child Learning Academy in Richardson in February. Larry V. Dykstra, board president of the First Presbyterian Church of Dallas Developmental Day School, writes that child care and early childhood education should be front and center to this year's presidential campaign.

have cited extensive research that shows an investment in high quality, early childhood programming generates both short- and long-term benefits for participants, families and society.

Early childhood programs improve health and wellness via physical activities and sound nutrition. They equip preschoolers with the foundational cognitive, social and emotional skills they need to succeed later in life. They allow parents to gain employment, improving family economic stability, and alleviating parental stress while improving the local economy and growing tax revenues. And they generate long-term benefits to society like improved health and educational development, which reduces the need for remedial programs in areas such as health, education, poverty and criminal justice.

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To paraphrase a question commonly used to assess whether an incumbent has done enough to help the economy, we need to ask: Are our children better off today than they were eight years ago before either Trump or Biden became president? The answer is a resounding "No!"

It remains to be seen whether the newest candidate for president, Kamala Harris, will do better if elected.

Providing all preschool children with the good start to life they deserve

can be a public policy position able to transcend the divisiveness that characterizes today's politics, because it is something a vast majority of Americans already support. A poll released by the First Five Years Fund in May found that 89% of all voters want candidates to have a plan to make high-quality child care affordable for working parents.

We should fund universal early childhood education, not just because it is the morally right thing to do, but because it has been shown to be an investment that pays significant dividends. Nobel Prize-winning economist James Heckman has argued that investing in programs targeted toward a child's earliest years (ages 0 to 5) generates higher returns than programs serving older ages. The National Forum on Early Childhood Policy and Programs has concluded

that each \$1 invested in quality early childhood programs generates a \$4 to \$9 return.

To quote Nelson Mandela, "History will judge us by the difference we make in the everyday lives of children." We need to get to work today to avoid being judged harshly by future generations.

"Where do we begin?" I have two suggestions: First, let's pose Jake Tapper's question to all our elected leaders and press them for real answers and steadfast action.

Second, let's each ask that same question of ourselves: "What can I do to make child care more affordable?" Our children deserve an answer.

Larry V. Dykstra is an author and board president of the First Presbyterian Church of Dallas Developmental Day School.

Texas has tools to thwart Chinese spyware

Recent state law is a win but threats, such as Temu, keep coming

By MICHAEL LUCCI

Texas don't shy away from a fight.

The Lone Star State leads the nation in protecting our citizens and assets against malign foreign influence. With today's digitized economy, one of the most critical layers of protection is for our data and privacy.

Washington has moved too slowly on data and privacy protection. That's why our state legislators took matters into their own hands by enacting the Texas Data Privacy and Security Act, which passed Texas' House and Senate unanimously and was signed into law by Gov. Greg Abbott in 2023. It's a bipartisan, good-government win.

The law went into full effect on July 1, just in time to protect Texans against threats from China's government.

The law ensures that Texans have rights over their own personal data, along with privacy protections against corporations, both foreign and domestic, that do business in the Lone Star State.

As we enter into a new era



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Contributor Michael Lucci says Temu is a Trojan horse for the Chinese government, and Texas should take action to protect customer data.

of cyberwarfare and espionage, China is America's most comprehensive foreign threat. The party views digital applications as espionage tools to seize as much American data as possible for Beijing's use.

Unbeknownst to many Texans, Temu, the Chinese e-commerce giant that has spent billions of dollars marketing to Americans, is part of Chinese President Xi Jinping's arsenal of such tools.

While Temu is not explicitly mentioned in China's 2017 National Intelligence Law, as a company based in the People's

Republic of China, Temu and its parent company are subject to the law's requirement to turn over consumers' data to the Chinese government, as outlined in a Department of Homeland Security report: "A PRC intelligence agency may request that any PRC firm or entity secretly share access to a U.S. business or individual's data, or otherwise face penalties."

Like TikTok, Temu is another Trojan horse for the Chinese.

Temu is part of a long-term, comprehensive strategy that

China has been implementing in the United States for the better part of the last decade, using social media, advertising and e-commerce platforms to gain access to our data. The Temu app has infiltrated our homes, schools, military bases and hospitals, and that's just the beginning.

As of May 2024, Temu had approximately 50 million users in the U.S. — approximately one third of all users across the globe, according to Sensor Tower.

To be blunt: The Chinese won't stop unless we stop

them.

The good news is that Americans are beginning to take notice and take legal action.

According to a high-profile class-action lawsuit filed in Illinois, Temu has "wiretapped the electronic communications of its website visitors and failed to alert customers of a data breach." The lawsuit continues saying that Temu "is purposefully and intentionally loaded with dangerous malware and spyware activities on user devices ... all while going to great efforts to intentionally hide the malicious intent and intrusiveness of the software."

It's time for Texas to get in the fight.

Gov. Abbott has led the fight against China's technological influence by enacting a Model Security Plan for Prohibited Technologies, which has become a national blueprint.

Abbott banned TikTok and a series of other applications on official state devices and broadband. Abbott should add Temu to this prohibited list. In fact, the app should be banned as broadly as possible in any interaction with Texas' government, which the security plan allows.

Next, Texas should eliminate its financial exposure to Temu and other adversary companies. For example, Texas' ERS pension fund holds shares of PDD Holdings, which owns Temu.

Recently, Attorney General

Ken Paxton launched a Data Privacy and Security Initiative to protect Texans from foreign companies attempting to harvest American data. Paxton should immediately use his authority to launch a consumer protection investigation into Temu and its ties to Beijing.

If evidence justifies it, Temu's activities should be broadly curtailed within the Lone Star State to protect Texas consumers. Giving China's government access to our cellphone data provides seamless access to our biometrics, home addresses, credit card information and more.

In addition to investigating Temu, Paxton should also lead the charge against China's infiltration by rallying other states' attorneys general into taking a stronger stance against Temu. Turning a blind eye to China's proxies puts all states in danger.

Texas must make it unequivocally clear that if China wants to launch a spy campaign in the Lone Star State, they'll be met with the full force of our government.

Unlike Washington, D.C., here in Texas, we know how to quickly and decisively recognize and eliminate threats. With a crystal-clear Chinese threat in our state, it's time to act.

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EDITORIALS

Democratic Hopes Snuffed in Venezuela

After tainted election, Maduro must be isolated

When an autocrat declares victory despite evidence to the contrary, you are in make-believe territory.

On Sunday night, Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro was declared the winner of what we now understand was a tainted election.

There was hope in the weeks leading up to the vote: massive public demonstrations supporting the opposition candidate Edmundo González, an international community, including the U.S., backing up the electoral process with international monitors and polls suggesting a landslide victory for González.

With independent exit polls confirming González's triumph, Venezuelans worldwide took to the streets. Here in North Texas, parades of cars drove up and down the highways waving Venezuelan flags.

But the longer we waited to hear results, the more likely it seemed that fraud was brewing. Nobody except Maduro's allies believes the outcome. Even nations that have long sided with Maduro, like Colombia and Brazil, are now calling for an independent verification.

Maduro is the inheritor of Hugo Chávez's disastrous Marxist policies. His ruinous statism has driven Venezuela's economy into the ditch.

We had hoped, based on the broad and deep disgust Venezuelans have developed for Maduro and "Chavismo," that this election might be a new start. But Maduro is known as a master of voter suppression, and he didn't disappoint.

María Corina Machado, the opposition's

The UNRAVELING of LATIN AMERICA

Part of our series The Unraveling of Latin America. This editorial examines Venezuela's dubious election and what it means for its near future.

leader, made a wise call for peace.

"We are a civic peaceful movement, and that's how we will keep working until we make the truth prevail, and it will prevail."

In the past, security forces of the Maduro government have violently crushed public demonstrations, and so far Venezuelans seem to have no appetite to confront the regime.

In exchange for a free and fair election, the U.S. recently lifted crippling sanctions. That has helped boost Venezuela's economy and stem a tide of migrants. Given this farcical outcome, those sanctions must be reimposed immediately.

Unfortunately, this will probably mean another wave of migration.

Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., criticized the Biden administration for lifting the oil sanctions as part of an agreement with the Venezuelan opposition and the Maduro regime, known as the Barbados accords. We must disagree. This was a gamble worth taking. Even if it ultimately backfired, it was an appropriate attempt. But Maduro once again exposed that he and his regime are about the sustenance of their own power, not the people of a great nation.

What happens next is an open question, but one thing is certain: The Venezuelan autocrat will be more isolated after wasting a golden opportunity for a peaceful transition.

The U.S. and every Latin American nation that cares about democracy and rule of law must work against Maduro and on behalf of the Venezuelan people until this fraud is driven from office.

Address Border Crisis

Vice president should defend her record and reveal vision for immigration reform

Vice President Kamala Harris has a golden opportunity to demonstrate she is ready to govern from the middle by frankly addressing her role in the Biden administration's ineffective immigration policies. She should seize the moment before it slips away.

In the whirlwind week when she became the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee, Harris failed to significantly speak to border issues, let alone reveal what her policies might be and how they may be different from President Joe Biden's.

Her public comments have centered more generally on her base and on preserving abortion rights, an issue that has played well with Democrats and moderates amid conservative overreach throughout the country.

Because Harris didn't have to debate immigration concerns with any primary opponents, she hasn't been pressed to defend her record after Biden appointed her in 2021 to examine the root causes of the surge in migration from Central America.

Meanwhile, Republican leaders from former President Donald Trump to Gov. Greg Abbott have been relentless in their criticism of Harris, repeatedly referring to her as Biden's failed "border czar." In a recent editorial, we adopted similar language, calling Harris the "immigration czar," a term the Biden administration didn't use despite giving her major strategic oversight.

Harris might not have been a "czar," and we regret adopting what has become unhelpful partisan language. But there is no question she had a key role centered on one of the administration's most serious policy

weaknesses.

She shouldn't wait for a debate with Trump to answer the criticism about her work. She should soon signal, strongly and directly, that even as the number of illegal crossings has fallen in the last few months, she understands that border security remains a serious problem, especially for Texas, and one that can't be ignored.

Harris missed a good chance to do just that on Thursday when she was in Houston and shared her vision for the future in addressing the American Federation of Teachers union. Why not make the easy trip from there to the border to announce renewed support for sweeping immigration reform and to show she understands that most Americans want a secure border?

Last year, we examined the root causes of migration in our series *The Unraveling of Latin America*, something that went much deeper than Harris' 20-page strategic report on the same subject. We know that the U.S. approach to answering the immigration crisis must strike the right balance between border security measures and smart diplomacy with our southern neighbors. We'd like to hear more from Harris on how she'd do that. We would also like to see her acknowledge that the kind of hands off approach to border security Democrats have too often embraced is not acceptable.

Harris must not shrink from the onslaught of criticism about the border. She must rise to it and demonstrate that she shares the nation's concern about illegal immigration, toning down the GOP rhetoric and offering solutions with bipartisan appeal.

LETTERS

Powerless Texans

Re: "Time to pay for '21 storm," by Dave Lieber, Sunday Metro column.

Powerful column about powerful politicians and powerful energy corporations teaming up by overcharging and underperforming for the less-powerful Texas electric consumers, many of whom, including my Houston mother and father-in-law in their 80s, had no power for over a week because of a weak Category 1 storm.

Billions of dollars to billionaires who give millions to our one-party system: Republicans who dominate all three branches of our Texas government.

Dave, good job turning on the light for us consumers with little or no (or unreliable) power. No surprise Luminant, the power giant, did not return calls from *The Dallas Morning News*.

Chuck Noteboom, Fort Worth

Remember at the polls

Thank you, Dave Lieber, for being our watchdog and calling out our Texas lawmakers for their securitization plan that has cost consumers billions of dollars. I appreciate your explanation of how we, as consumers, are paying for the disaster of 2021, which I think we could have avoided if our state legislators and the governor had not insisted that our Texas grid is sufficient to handle such catastrophic storms.

The last I saw, the Texas budget surplus was nearly \$33 billion. If \$6 billion was the original amount borrowed, couldn't we use some surplus money to pay it and reduce the payments passed to the consumers? Maybe I don't understand all the details that have gotten us here, but I do understand the taxpaying consumers who didn't have a say in this mess but are paying for it.

The "[P]UC's" failure to protect consumer interests reflects the views of our current Texas administration. I hope people look at their electric bills and wonder, as I do, what it would be without being charged for something that wasn't my fault and not something I would have supported.

I will remember this on Nov. 5, and I hope everyone does the same when they go to the polls.

Kay L. Viney, Addison

Heartbreaking story

Re: "Loved one: He 'had so much more life to live' — 34-year-old's fatal encounter with police captured on body cam," Sunday Metro story.

The story about Cody Watkins' sad life and death at 34 years old is heartbreaking. And now his friend Christine Bulut is alone and homeless, living in the woods with just her dog for company and protection.

How many millions (billions?) are being spent on election campaigning? It's shameful when money could be much better spent to help the poor, homeless and mentally ill. Campaign reforms are needed!

Shawn Finley, Plano

Secret to Southwest seating

Re: "Airline to end open seating — Southwest's research prompts change from decades-old practice to assigned mode," Friday news story.

According to this story, I am part of the 20% minority who like Southwest Airlines' open seating. For those who are unaware of Southwest seating, the A group is the first to board. It unofficially stands for Anywhere on the Plane. The B group (Back of the Plane) is the second

group and finally C group is the least-desirable Center Seat Group.

You can only check in 24 hours prior to the flight, though you can pay a fee to get an A group seat ahead of time.

Since the days are numbered, I will now reveal my secret method of check-in. I set my alarm for 24 hours, 2 minutes prior to the flight. While on the Southwest app, I stare at my phone for those 2 minutes. It's a bit of zen time.

Then real strategy comes in. If you click exactly at the 24-hour mark, it will say not available for check-in. Take two breaths instead then you can more easily check in. I usually get a decent seat.

For those who stress about check-in, this does have some relaxation techniques plus there is a bit of adrenaline rush for a few seconds as it loads to see what position you get.

Now that I have exposed my hack, I may end up with a C seat. Maybe it's time for a change!

Kim Samuels, Dallas

Support energy reform

Re: "A record hot day for Earth — Sweltering planet hit its highest average global temperature ever Sunday," Wednesday news story.

Another record by 0.02 degrees over last year's record may not seem like big news, but at the same time it is a reminder that this is an ongoing issue that is in our hands.

To quote the story, "Scientists blame the supercharged heat mostly on climate change from the burning of coal, oil and natural gas and on livestock agriculture."

Luckily, we took a step forward just a few days ago. The Bipartisan Energy Permitting Reform Act of 2024 was introduced July 22 in the Senate. It represents a giant leap down the path of building new clean-energy infrastructure that will lower emissions, decrease costs and increase reliability for people nationwide. I urge my Sens. John Cornyn and Ted Cruz to consider supporting this new and important legislation.

Thomas Wikman, Dallas

Texas failures unacknowledged

Re: "Security director resigns — Secret Service chief stepping down after shooting at rally," Wednesday news story.

Secret Service Director Kimberly Cheatle resigned after admitting her agency's "most significant operational failure" in protecting former President Donald Trump. It is a shame that contrary to his public assurance to do so, Texas Department of Public Safety Director Steve McCraw has lacked the integrity to resign despite his agency's participation in the failure to protect students and teachers in Uvalde.

Bruce Marshall, Dallas/Lake Highlands

Cheer all you want

The Olympics have started. For the next couple of weeks, unbridled nationalism will be socially and politically acceptable. Enjoy.

Ted Gold, Plano

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Casino urges Texas to bet on gambling

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could affect the region.

Some key figures at the meeting included Arlington Mayor Jim Ross, Irving Mayor Rick Stopfer and Dallas city council member Chad West. Farmers Branch Mayor Terry Lynne was also in attendance, according to West.

'Be prepared'

Though West himself is not morally supportive of casinos and legalizing gambling, he thinks it's time for the region, and Dallas specifically, to begin preparing in case legislation passes in 2025 or beyond, he said.

"I'm personally not a gambler, and I don't really want to be. But I do think it's an industry that has an incredible economic impact opportunity," he said. "I unequivocally believe Texas will legalize gambling, and, because of that, I think we have a fiduciary duty as representatives to be prepared for that."

It's not just Dallas that's finding the need to prepare for gambling.

In Irving, 20 minutes west of Dallas, Sands has already purchased 108 acres across from the site of the Dallas Cowboys' former stadium. Tuesday's meeting was a good first step to bring leaders together for education on gambling, Stopfer said.

"We're one of the areas that, whenever anyone's looking to do business, whatever the new trend of the day is, we usually

get involved at some level in the conversation. It's no different with gaming," he said. "Where I think we need to be instrumental is in helping the Legislature with regulations at the state level. But that could be two or 20 years from now."

The North Texas Commission's chief operating officer, Patrick Brophy, said he wants to open the commission's application for its gambling committee to all of the region's big-time players, even those opposed to legalization.

"This is open to North Texas Commission members who we traditionally cater to, but well beyond that as well to get the full scope of our community including social services, public safety, nonprofits, arts and entertainment, mental health professionals and business and industry leaders," Brophy said, according to the *Dallas Business Journal*. "We want parity across the region."

Still, Dallas has yet to look too deeply into how it could regulate gambling venues like destination resorts, West said.

"The bottom line is that it's probably not going to happen this legislative session," he said. "It's really just about education right now. We don't have to jump in to figure out the land use or the zoning just yet, but educating folks on what is destination gambling is what we need to do."

Predictions

During its presentation to North Texas leaders, Sands said it predicts that, if Texas le-



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Las Vegas Sands casino owners Miriam Adelson (right) and Patrick Dumont bought the controlling share of the Dallas Mavericks for \$3.5 billion and now are spending millions on lobbyists to push legalized gambling in the state.

galizes gambling, the state could add \$13 billion to its gross domestic product, 70,000 new permanent jobs and 185,000 construction jobs based off a study from George Zodrow, a professor of economics at Rice University.

The study also predicts that D-FW stands to gain a \$34.7 million increase in tax revenue.

That number comes from adding up how operations could include a \$5.9 million gain in sales tax, \$28 million from property taxes and \$700,000 in nongambling taxes.

If a gambling amendment passes, the Sands' Abboud envisions that the casino operator could put two destination resorts in the Dallas-Fort Worth area and at least five in the state.

However, the goal would not be to flood the area with a

barrage of new casinos.

"It doesn't need to be everywhere," Abboud said. "It's like NFL teams or MLB teams. ... It doesn't need to be on every corner. If you diminish the market, you diminish the investment and you're just diminishing the economic impact that it can have."

Lobbying push

The investment that Sands is putting into legalized gambling in the Lone Star State has been immense. Beyond Sands owners Miriam Adelson and Patrick Dumont purchasing the Dallas Mavericks for \$3.5 billion, Adelson is pumping millions of dollars into over 100 Texas lobbyists, according to data from the Texas Ethics Commission, with the hopes that they can turn the momentum in the gambling giant's favor.

Adelson has spent at least \$13 million this year in Texas for primary and runoff elections and is backing pro-gambling coalitions like the Texas Destination Resort Alliance.

Despite gambling having the support of the majority of Texans, efforts to get any form of it legalized have failed to cross the finish line in recent years. Legalizing it would take a constitutional amendment, which means it would also need voter approval.

Texas Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick has told *The News* that pro-gambling legislation lacks the support of Senate Republicans, and the Texas Republican Party platform, approved earlier this year, says: "We oppose any expansion of gambling, including legalized casino gambling."

"Based on what happened last session, I believe it's generally understood that unless

and until there is real movement and momentum in the Senate next session — meaning the Senate actually taking up and considering the issue — there is likely not going to be any meaningful action on it in the Texas House," Rep. Jeff Leach, R-Allen, said in a text message to *The News* last month.

Still, West said it's time for D-FW to prepare for how gambling could drastically reshape the region.

"I think what's at issue here is the anticipation of what could come and will likely probably come at some point in the future," he said.

"With the financial implications of exactly how much tax revenue we're losing every year to every state and Mexico, I think Austin will eventually come around. Dallas needs to be prepared for when that happens."

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LIFE AND LOSS IN DALLAS

A mother hen of city's 'Widow Street'

This story is part of The Dallas Morning News' homicide project focused on sharing the stories of all people killed in Dallas in 2024.

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The signs say Colwick Drive, but Oretha Nash and Betty Hearn called it "Widow Street."

Oretha moved to the east Oak Cliff neighborhood, just north of Loop 12, more than 50 years ago.

Betty moved into the house next door a few years later. As older neighbors passed away — the men usually dying first — the two women considered it their duty to knock on doors and ask for small donations to buy flowers for the funeral.

Eventually widows themselves, they became best friends. Their regular walks, doctors' visits, barbecue picnics and vegetable and flower gardening were rich with nonstop conversation. Often the

talk was about their children — Betty's four girls and Oretha's two boys. As the years passed, about their grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Neither woman liked sitting still or being cooped up indoors. Betty, 80, and Oretha, 86, regularly mowed their yards, raked their leaves and worked as crossing guards. When not busy helping the bereaved, they served as mother hens to the young and old on Colwick.

"It was good," Oretha reminisced in her paneled den, red brocade fabric covering the couch and loveseat. "We were all one family, happy together. Until this. There's just no explaining it."

On March 17, dozens of police cars clogged the street. Betty had been killed in her home; Kelsie Miles, the 30-year-old granddaughter who lived with her, confessed to the shooting the same

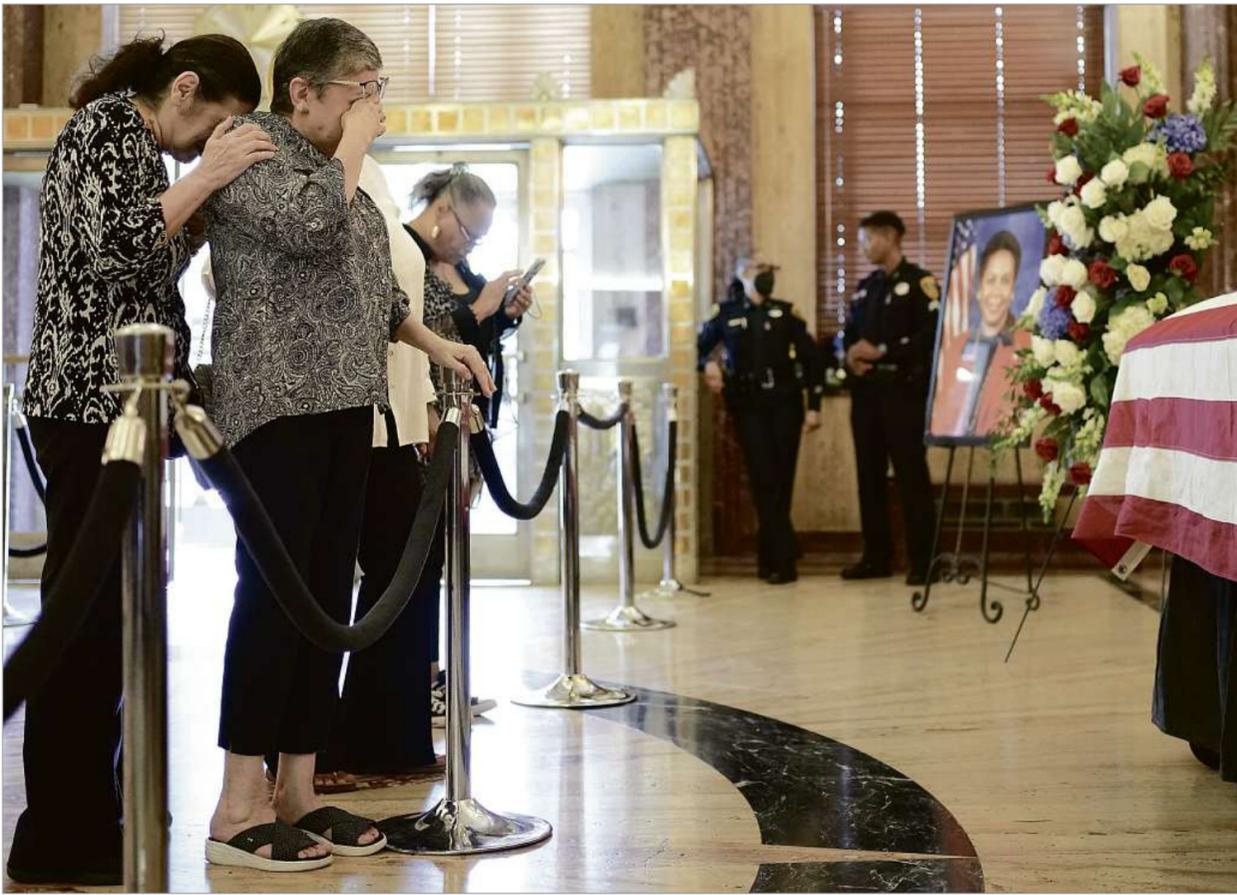
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Betty Lou Hearn was killed in east Oak Cliff on March 17. She and her best friend, Oretha Nash, spent decades in their neighborhood doing things together.

U.S. REP. SHEILA JACKSON LEE



Photos by Elizabeth Conley/The Associated Press

Ana Ferraro (left) and Alma Lara cry in front of the casket of U.S. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee in the rotunda of Houston City Hall on Monday. Lara ran for an elected position a few years ago and said she always considered Jackson Lee a dear friend.

Texans honor an advocate and friend

Residents, mourners and President Joe Biden came to pay their respects to U.S. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee of Texas, a longtime Democratic leader who pushed for legislation such as federal efforts to protect women from domestic violence and to recognize Juneteenth as a national holiday, as her body lay in state in Houston's city hall rotunda Monday. **(Story, 2B)**



Members of the Fort Bend Sheriff's Department color guard traded off as they watched over the late representative Sheila Jackson Lee's casket in the Houston city hall rotunda on Monday. Jackson Lee died on July 19 after battling pancreatic cancer.

ENVIRONMENT

Plastics research may help

UTA scientist focuses on by-product from materials to reduce global waste

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A University of Texas at Arlington scientist's research could have an impact on one of the world's most pressing problems: plastic waste.

Plastic waste has become a major environmental concern. From 1950 to 2015, more than 8,000 million tons of plastic was produced and only 6-7% was recycled, according to a 2017 study in *Science Advances*. More than half of the waste went straight to landfills.

Public health experts are starting to dig into the effects of microplastics and the potential effects they may have on human health. A process known as pyrolysis is seen by some researchers as a way to reduce plastic waste.

Essentially, a material — in this case, plastic — is placed into a chamber with no oxygen and heated until the material breaks down. Once the plastics are heated in this process, they form an oil called pyrolysis oil.

That's where Kevin Schug, a professor of analytical chemistry at UTA, comes in. He recently published a paper in the *Journal of Chromatography A* that aimed to identify two common types of plastic compounds, polyethylene (PE) and polypropylene (PP), in pyrolysis oils.

There are some potential benefits to this pro

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FRISCO

City dreams of Broadway for arts center

But first it needs to find a partner

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Frisco is getting closer to finding a partner to manage a proposed multimillion-dollar art facility.

Whether the city moves forward with the project, which is estimated to cost hundreds of millions of dollars, will be up to voters in a future election. Planning is still in its preliminary stages, Frisco Mayor Jeff Cheney said.

But an important part of those plans involves finding an organization to help operate the venue — something the mayor said he hopes will be achieved in the "coming months."

"We feel like we have an alignment there. We hope to have announcements in the near future as far as having a very strong partner to help manage the facility and actually bring the Broadway-level shows that would complement what is really happening in this region," he said.

Cheney said planning and construction will

BUSINESS

Toyota recalls 100,000 pickups

Plano-based Toyota Motor North America will be replacing the engines of more than 100,000 of its 2022-23 Toyota Tundra pickups. **3B**

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Fort Worth official to retire

After 10 years in the job, city manager David Cooke announced on Monday his plans to retire in February. **6B**

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DALLAS

Magazine praises Deep Ellum

TravelMag says it's an up-and-coming neighborhood — 1 of 16 around the U.S.

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Deep Ellum is one of 16 up-and-coming neighborhoods in the U.S., according to TravelMag, an online lifestyle magazine.

The magazine credited Deep Ellum's prominence in Dallas to its live music venues, restaurants and bars. The neighborhood is also home to a spectrum of cuisines, ranging from Hawkers, an Asian street food-inspired restaurant, to Terry Black's BBQ, which opened its first location in Austin.

Govalle in Austin was another Texas-based

neighborhood featured on the list. Other locales were chosen from cities like Los Angeles and Seattle.

The magazine picked neighborhoods in 16 of 25 major cities after examining the number of cocktail bars, coffee houses, eateries, LGBTQ-friendly boutiques and vegan spots. All of these could be "considered hip districts in their respective cities but not quite the trendiest."

Deep Ellum, a national historic site, grew after the Civil War when formerly enslaved people settled there. Soon, blues, jazz and railroads arrived. The neighborhood flourished into a commercial center and was one of the only areas where Black and Jewish residents could do business. On its 150th anni-

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U.S. REP. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

Lawmaker fondly remembered in Houston

Hundreds line up to honor life of influential Democratic leader

By JUAN A. LOZANO
The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Residents who stood in line to pay their respects to longtime U.S. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee of Texas as her body lay in state in Houston's city hall on Monday remembered her as an advocate for human rights and her community.

"I don't know of another politician that worked as hard as Sheila Jackson Lee did for our community, and I will be forever grateful to her for everything she did for our community," said Phyllis Moss, 62, a Houston resident who was among the more than 100 people who stood in line to enter city hall as the building was opened to the public.

President Joe Biden also was scheduled to come to Houston Monday evening to pay his respects to Jackson Lee, according to the White House.

"No matter the issue — from delivering racial justice to building an economy for working people — she was unrelenting in her leadership," Biden said in a statement after Jackson Lee's death.

The representative, who helped lead federal efforts to protect women from domestic violence and recognize Juneteenth as a national holiday, was 74 when she died on July 19 after being treated for pancreatic cancer.

Her body was to lie in state in Houston's city hall rotunda for 10 hours.

Residents, constituents and officials stood in line outside in hot and humid conditions before entering city hall and walking by her flag-draped casket. A large photo of Jackson



Photos by Elizabeth Conley/The Associated Press



(Top) People dressed in Buffalo Soldier uniforms

paid their respects by saluting the late U.S. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee as her body lay in state in the Houston city hall rotunda on Monday. Attendees (left) signed a guest book at the viewing. The longtime Democratic lawmaker of Texas died on July 19 and was receiving treatment for pancreatic cancer. Houston resident Phyllis Moss, 62, said, "I don't know of another politician that worked as hard as Sheila Jackson Lee did for our community, and I will be forever grateful to her for everything she did for our community."

Lee, as well as two large flower arrangements, stood nearby.

Some who walked by Jackson Lee's casket stopped to pray while others took photos.

Eskender Tamrat walked by and waved an Ethiopian flag. Tamrat, who immigrated to Houston from Ethiopia, called Jackson Lee "a longtime friend of Ethiopia and the Ethiopian community."

"She's a great community supporter. She's a great human rights advocate. But she's also a global leader because she doesn't just focus on the community in Houston or her area, but she focused on the betterment of every individual, every community," said Tamrat, 70.

By Monday afternoon, nearly 900 people had passed through the rotunda, according to a city spokesperson.

The Democrat had represented her Houston-based district and the nation's fourth-largest city since 1995. She previously had breast cancer and announced the pancreatic cancer diagnosis on June 2.

During a brief ceremony, Mayor John Whitmire said he saw firsthand Jackson Lee's passion and dedication for all Houston residents.

"She didn't let a redistricting line or a boundary line interfere with her voice. We gather here this morning, sad but a celebration," said Whitmire, who had reached out to Jackson Lee's family about having her lie in state at city hall.

Before being elected to Congress, Jackson Lee served on Houston's city council from 1990 to 1994.

Monday was the first of several days of events honoring Jackson Lee. Viewings and services are scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday before her funeral Thursday. Vice President Kamala Harris is scheduled to attend the funeral.

'All one family, happy together. Until this.'

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day. She faces a murder charge and remains in the Dallas County jail. According to an arrest affidavit, when Miles turned herself in to Grand Prairie police, she gave them permission to remove the handgun she had used from her car.

Betty's family has declined to speak publicly about the case beyond one written statement: "This is a tragedy for our family. We truly loved our sister, mother and grandmother. Please respect our privacy."

'So dear and so nice'

The commemorative program from the funeral offered a little more: "March 17 was definitely unexpected, with no answers to the questions of this life lesson."

The sanctuary was crowded. Mourners wore pink and white ribbons adorned with "Forever in our Hearts, Betty Lou Hearn" and a smiling photo from her days as a Dallas ISD aide.

Betty's daughters asked Oretha's son, Kelvin, to deliver the eulogy at Calvary Philadelphia Missionary Baptist, the church the two best friends attended for decades. He described Betty as "a beloved neighbor so dear and so nice," and a woman of God who loved her family with all her heart.

Community figure

Betty never missed a loved one's birthday and considered it her assign-



Family image

Betty Lou Hearn never missed a loved one's birthday. She visited her mom daily until the older woman's death. She was known and loved throughout her neighborhood.

Why This Story Matters

The Dallas Morning News is telling the stories of people killed in homicides in 2024 to show the toll of violent crime in Dallas. Reporting throughout the year will probe what officials are doing to address a crime that claimed at least 246 lives last year.

ment to make sure everyone received a perfect card.

When she could no longer care for her mother in her own home, she visited her at noon every day at the care facility until the older woman's death to make sure she didn't sleep through lunch.

No neighbor was friendlier, said Latitia Sims, 61, who lived two doors away for more than 40 years. "I truly, truly, truly want her family to know she was a blessing to our community and to me."

Latitia said one of her first thoughts was how Oretha would get along without her longtime pal. "What talks they must have had over all those years, and now it's over."

'It can get lonely'

Oretha's life is empty since her best friend's passing. She continues her crossing guard work at a nearby church and tends to her cottage's yard, aglow with lavender and white vinca and purple and pink crape myrtle.

Next door, Betty's clapboard house is stripped of its landscaping and some of its siding. Furniture, sheetrock, insulation and bags of belongings sit at the curb. A new owner is remodeling before moving in. "They couldn't keep the house," Oretha said. "That would be too sad."

Colwick Drive has changed a lot in recent years. With so many newcomers, its "Widow Street" one-big-family feel is almost gone, Oretha said. Her family visits often and Rocco, a fluffy white collie and Australian shepherd mix, is at her side, but Betty's passing hurts.

"She was my best friend and a good neighbor to me," Oretha said. "She'd do anything she could for me. It can get lonely with her gone."



LongeviQuest

Elizabeth Francis received a plaque honoring her status as the oldest living Texan at her 114th birthday last year. The Houston woman is now the oldest living person in the U.S.

HOUSTON

Oldest U.S. person turns 115

Woman gives her secret to long life: 'Speak your mind ... don't hold back'

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Elizabeth Francis, the oldest person in the U.S., marked another milestone as she celebrated her 115th birthday Thursday.

Living in Houston with her family, Francis became the oldest living American earlier this year following the death of 116-year-old Edie

Ceccarelli of California on Feb. 22, according to LongeviQuest, an organization that tracks the world's oldest individuals.

She is also the fourth-oldest person globally, according to the nonprofit Gerontology Research Group.

The Houston resident was born in Louisiana on July 25, 1909, a time when women had yet to secure the right to vote and shortly after William Howard Taft assumed the presidency.

She attributes her longevity to her faith. Asked about her secret to a long and happy life, she answered, "If the good Lord gave it to you, use it. Speak your mind and don't hold back."

Deep Ellum neighborhood lauded

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businesses have recently sought to evolve the locale. In 1973, Interstate 345 split the neighborhood from downtown Dallas and siphoned off economic activity from a historically Black area. The Texas Department of Transportation announced plans to reconstruct I-345 in a below-grade trench to recon-

Community members and

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versary last year, 213 buildings were added to the National Register of Historic Places, a federal program that opens doors to expertise, grants and incentives for preservation and rehabilitation.

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Business

Bringing South American flavors to U.S.

In an effort to gain more customers in the U.S., P.A.N. is launching a line of frozen flavors combining the classic tequeño with pizza flavors. **4B**

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ECONOMY

Fed may cut rates presently

Now, the questions remain: How quickly, and how much?

By **CHRISTOPHER RUGABER**
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Two years after launching an aggressive fight against inflation and one year after leaving its benchmark interest rate at a near-quarter-century high, the Federal Reserve is expected to signal this week that it will likely reduce borrowing costs as soon as September.

A rate reduction this fall — the first since the pandemic — would amount to a momentous shift and a potential boost to the economy. Fed rate cuts, over time, typically lower borrowing costs for such things as mortgages, auto loans and credit cards.

A single cut in the Fed's key rate, now at roughly 5.3%, wouldn't by itself make much difference to the economy. Financial markets widely expect it. Some borrowing costs have already dropped slightly in anticipation of the move. As a result, the main question for the central bank will be: How fast and how far will the policymakers ultimately cut rates?

It's a question of keen interest to both major presidential candidates, too. Any signal that the Fed will rapidly cut rates could boost the economy and potentially lift Vice President Kamala Harris' election prospects. Former President Donald Trump has argued that the Fed shouldn't cut rates until its next meeting, in November, which will come two days after the election.

Futures markets have priced in a 64% likelihood that the Fed will cut rates three times this year, in September, November and December, according to CME Fed-Watch. As recently as last month, Fed officials had collectively forecast just one rate reduction in 2024 and four in 2025 and 2026, suggesting that they lean toward a more measured pace of cutting rates about once a quarter.

How the economy fares in the coming months will likely determine how quickly the Fed acts. Should growth remain solid and employers keep hiring, the Fed would prefer to take its time and cut rates slowly as inflation continues to decline.

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PLANO

Toyota acts on engine recall



Photos by Jordan Vonderhaar/Reuters

A worker assembled parts of a Tundra truck at Toyota's plant in San Antonio on April 17. The pickup for model year 2022-23 is one of two vehicles with engines that have been recalled by the automaker because of machining debris that could cause loss of power.

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Plano-based Toyota Motor North America, the Japanese automotive giant's North American subsidiary, will be replacing the engines of more than 100,000 of its 2022-2023 Toyota Tundra pickup trucks and Lexus LX SUVs.

Toyota launched a recall in May, noting that machining debris may not have been cleared from some vehicles during production, which could cause them to lose power. Toyota and Lexus dealers will be replacing the engines at no cost to customers and customers will receive loaner or rental cars while repairs are being made, the company said.

Toyota declined an interview request from *The Dallas Morning News*. The company has been making significant inroads in North Texas since it moved to its 100-acre custom-built Plano campus in 2017.

In Dallas-Fort Worth, Toyota holds four of the top 10 spots for the top-selling used cars in the area, ac-

Automaker plans replacements for over 100,000 trucks and SUVs



Workers dropped engines onto vehicle frames at Toyota's factory in San Antonio on April 17.

According to CoPilot, a car searching tool. The Toyota Camry, RAV4, Tacoma and Corolla all hold a place on the list. Toyota produces 180,000

vehicles in Texas annually.

Still, the potential for vehicles losing power could be risky, which prompted the May recall, Toyota

said in a statement.

"In the involved vehicles, this [machining debris] can lead to potential engine knocking, engine rough running, engine no start and/or a loss of motive power," the company said. "A loss of motive power while driving at higher speeds can increase the risk of a crash."

For Toyota, it's not the only recall it's had recently. Last month, the company said it was conducting a noncompliance safety recall for 145,000 2024 Toyota Grand Highlander SUVs and Lexus TX SUVs over airbag deployment issues. Toyota said it expects to have an update on the issue by mid-August.

It's also not the only time in recent years that an automaker has had to conduct an engine replacement after recalls. Hyundai recalled 470,000 Sonata vehicles in 2015 over a similar issue. Honda, one of Toyota's biggest rivals for the past century, and Acura also recalled 250,000 vehicles last year over engine stall risks, which required some engines to be replaced.

GROCERS

N. Texans take on quest

H-E-B contest features area companies vying for spot on shelves

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Every year, Texas grocery giant H-E-B holds a competition for the best and most creative Texas-made goods. Winners are awarded sizable cash prizes and guaranteed spots on H-E-B shelves.

This year, the 11th year of the Quest for Texas Best competition, half of the 10 finalists are food businesses from the North Texas area.

In the list of finalists are the Blue Corn Butterscotch Pancake Mix from Oak Cliff restaurant Encina, sports drinks from Dallas-based HydroNation, chamoy candy from Dallas-based Sarape Treats, frozen filled naan from Dallas-based Marasi Foods and Honey Dust from Bee King's in Canton.

Out of the 10 finalists, four will be awarded prizes. The top honor is the grand prize, which comes with a \$25,000 check. After that is a separate first-place winner, who is awarded \$20,000. Second place gets \$15,000, and third takes home \$10,000. This year's winners



Encina

Oak Cliff-based Encina entered its Blue Corn Butterscotch Pancake Mix into H-E-B's 11th annual Quest for Texas Best competition. The winners will be announced Aug. 9.

will be announced Aug. 9 at an event in Fair Park.

Last year's grand prize went to PhoLicious, a family-run business from Houston that makes Vietnamese pho kits. No Dallas-Fort Worth businesses were 2023 winners.

More than 450 products were reviewed for the 2024 competition, according to H-E-B. Since the contest was launched in 2014, the grocery chain has handed out \$2.2 million in prize money to Texas businesses.

Of the thousands of products that have been entered in-

to the competition over the past decade, more than 1,000 of them have been carried in H-E-B stores.

"Small businesses drive innovation and keep our communities vibrant, which is why we are dedicated to finding and supporting the best small businesses in Texas," said James Harris, H-E-B's director of diversity and inclusion. "We are amazed year after year by the creative products submitted for the competition and look forward to making these inventive products available to our shoppers."

ONLINE SAFETY

Common crypto scams sneak into social media

FTC: Cryptocurrency fraud has skyrocketed on popular platforms

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When Kelly Mitchell, 56, had her Facebook account hacked by scammers, she didn't realize she had joined the group of nearly one million people who had been a part of ransomware attacks, phishing attacks or data security breaches in the past year.

In what's become a more common trend, cryptocurrency and its growth has also led to an industry of scam artists looking to infiltrate people's lives on social media with the goal of walking away with someone else's money. It means that people must be more careful when going online, experts say.

Mitchell, co-founder of Dallas-based Mitchell Gorman Architects, had been off Facebook for over half a year when she realized she was unable to access her account. Later, she realized her account was overtaken with

IN THE KNOW
Billions of dollars lost on internet

CRYPTO SCAMS: Americans lost \$1.41 billion over 47,537 fraud reports, the Federal Trade Commission said in its 2023 data book.

MONEY TO FRAUD: Of people who provided their age, those aged 20-29 said they lost money to fraud in 44% of reports filed with the FTC, while 25% of people aged 70-79 reported such losses. People 80 and over reported losing money in 22% of their reports, according to the data book.

2021 REPORTS: The commission also said reports of cryptocurrency fraud have "skyrocketed" in recent years.

Federal Trade Commission

poorly photoshopped images promoting a bogus company's crypto scheme on Mitchell's account.

It's a tactic that has become all too common, said Eric O'Neill, former counterintelligence operative at the FBI and national security strategist for cybersecurity company NeXasure.

The crypto scam that had gotten Mitchell was likely a combination of an impersonation attack — where internet criminals make it seem like they're someone else — and "pig butchering," which is when scammers will try to get people to make long-term investments into bogus

schemes until the scammer has the money they want, O'Neill said.

"Pig butchering is what you're seeing a lot of in the crypto space where attackers will impersonate someone, get their target to believe the lie and continue to invest more money until the scheme is fattened up," he said. "Then, the attacker will butcher the pig, the scam in this instance, and disappear."

Mitchell wasn't alone, according to the Federal Trade Commission.

Crypto scams lost Americans \$1.41 billion over 47,537

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Market summary table with columns for S&P 500, DOW JONES, NASDAQ, U.S. BONDS, DOLLAR, GOLD, CRUDE OIL, NAT. GAS, CATTLE, CORN, and COTTON. Includes 1-day, 1-year, and YTD percentage changes.

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FOOD

Global brand serves up new twist on tequeños

South American snack tweaked to appeal to U.S.

By IMELDA GARCÍA Staff Writer imelda.garcia@dallasnews.com

P.A.N., the pre-cooked cornmeal brand with a plant in Greenville, is launching a line of frozen tequeños to suit the American palate with pizza and chocolate flavors.

features crispy dough filled with cheese, mozzarella, tomato and a hint of oregano. P.A.N. will soon launch its chocolate tequeño, a combination of crispy dough with melted chocolate.

Bally Sports will return to Comcast subscribers

Most Comcast subscribers will be able to watch their favorite sports teams again after it reached an agreement with their distributor. Comcast and Diamond Sports announced Monday that 15 regional sports networks will be available on Thursday after being blacked out for three months.

BRIEFS

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Instagram to let users create custom chatbots

Instagram parent Meta Platforms Inc. will let users create their own AI-powered chatbots and add them to their profiles, an effort to court creators and further integrate the company's artificial intelligence software into its most popular consumer products.

Billions of accounts make social media inviting target

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fraud reports, the FTC said in its 2023 data book. In 2021, the commission also said reports of cryptocurrency fraud have "skyrocketed" in recent years.

Awareness, diligence

Meta, the parent company of Facebook, Instagram and WhatsApp, did not respond to an interview request from The Dallas Morning News.

But its near 3 billion active users on Facebook, many of which are fake accounts, has only amped the need for individuals to address online safety on social media in recent years, said Paul Bischoff, consumer privacy expert and editor at Comparitech.com.



Paula Ulichney/The Associated Press

Popular social media sites like Facebook and X have billions of combined users worldwide, making them attractive targets for crypto scammers abusing the platforms.

How to protect yourself

Despite the annoyance that applying tools like two-factor authentication and using complicated passwords may bring users, it should be everyone's first step, said Stephanie Talamantez, a former FBI agent who used to serve as an agent on cryptocurrency fraud cases.

raise a red flag, O'Neill said. "The problem is, people trust what they see," he said. "But we need people to change their mindset to taking a moment to see whether they can verify if whatever they're reading is something they can trust. That's the only way to defeat these sorts of things."

Even Texas crypto leader Lee Bratcher, founder and president of the Texas Blockchain Council, has long said that the lack of safety education is one of the biggest problems he hopes he can help the state address.

Mitchell's account, which had been overtaken by the scammer, was also posting religious messages, another common tactic users need to be wary of, Bischoff said.

So using tools like GPTZero, which claims it can detect when something is written by AI, can be another useful tool. "The fact of the matter is that no, you did not win the lottery, the Nigerian prince doesn't want to put all his fortune in your hands and crypto investment schemes won't make you a millionaire overnight," O'Neill said.

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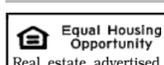
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RFQ #25B-02-600 for Test & Balance and/or Commissioning Services (On Call Services)

Irving ISD will receive Statements of Qualification for Test & Balance and/or Commissioning Services, until 4:00 p.m. (Central time), AUGUST 20, 2024, at the Irving ISD Purchasing Office, Located at the 2621 West Airport Freeway, Irving, Texas 75062

Pre-Proposal Conference: Not Scheduled

Beginning July 30, 2024, 8:00 a.m. the Request for Qualifications (RFQ), including the Scope of Services, and other requirements will be posted and made available on the Irving ISD Purchasing website at: <https://www.irvingisd.net/Page/5656> (Bond Procurement Opportunities). The posted documents are the official Request for Qualification (RFQ) and will include all information relevant to the procurement process and for Firms to provide a Statement of Qualifications. Lastly, please note that it is the Firm's responsibility to monitor the above-mentioned Purchasing website for any Addenda issued related to this RFQ.

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City of Richardson Legal Notice

CAUSE NO. CC-24-01157-E

CITY OF RICHARDSON, TEXAS § CONDEMNATION PROCEEDING
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 JANA REALTY, LLC, a Texas § AT LAW NO. 5
 Limited Liability Company, § OF DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS
 and HENRY SCHEIN §

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: Jana Realty, LLC, a Texas Limited Liability Company, and all parties having an interest in the property described in the Petition in Eminent Domain filed herein

You are hereby notified that the City of Richardson filed its Petition with the Clerk of the above referenced Court of Dallas County, Texas, seeking the condemnation of certain land or interest therein as described in the condemnation petition for the purposes of the Main Street Phase II Project, more particularly described in said petition. The property interest sought to be obtained is generally referred to as a 0.0590-acre tract of land being situated in the William R. Bodine Survey, Abstract No. 153, Dallas County, Texas, further being part of Lot 1, Block A, Dawn Addition No. 1, an addition to the City of Richardson, Texas according to the plat recorded in Volume 81171, Page 1071 of the Deed Records of Dallas County, Texas, and being more fully described in the Petition. The Special Commissioners appointed by the Court have set the time and place of hearing the parties and said matters as 9:00 A.M. on the 7th day of August, 2024, at the Conference Room located at Richardson City Hall located at 2360 Campbell Creek Blvd., Suite 525, Richardson, Texas 75082. You are hereby notified to appear at the time and place aforesaid for the purpose of offering any evidence you desire on the issue as to the damage to be assessed against the City of Richardson and to be paid to the owners of said property to be condemned.



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NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF CITY PLAN COMMISSION HEARING

The City Plan Commission of the City of Dallas, Texas was scheduled to hold a Special Called Public meeting at 9:00 a.m., Friday, August 2, 2024, via videoconferencing and in the Council Chambers, 6th Floor, of Dallas City Hall to receive comments on the ForwardDallas 2.0 Comprehensive Plan and an ordinance adopting the ForwardDallas 2.0 Comprehensive Plan. The hearing has been canceled.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call the Department of Planning and Development at (214) 670-4209.

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FORT WORTH

City manager to retire in February

He has served for 10 years, the longest tenure for anyone in the position

By CECILIA LENZEN
fortworthreport.org

After serving as Fort Worth's city manager for more than a decade, David Cooke is preparing to retire in February 2025, the Fort Worth Report first reported Monday.

Cooke is the longest-tenured city manager in Fort Worth's history. He assumed the role in June 2014 and observed his 10-year anniversary last month.

"Retirement is something I've thought long and hard about, and I feel the timing is right," Cooke wrote in a letter to city employees.

He will continue in his role until next year in order to ensure a "seamless transition." In the coming weeks, he plans to work with council members on a plan to transition out of the role.

The city's chief spokesperson, Reyne Telles, told the Report that the timeline for hiring Cooke's successor will be up to City Council's discretion. As many council members weren't aware of Cooke's plan to retire until Monday morning, they have not yet formulated a plan for the job hunt, he said.

Details on the search for the next city manager will likely be discussed at an upcoming council meeting, Telles said. Council has been on recess during the month of July and will have its first meeting since summer break on Aug. 6.

Gyna Bivens, the only council member involved in Cooke's hiring who is still in office, told the Report she's glad to have worked alongside him for the entirety of his tenure. Of the council members interviewed by the Report, Bivens was the only one who knew of his plan to retire before Monday.

"When David and I talked about [his retirement], I called him a dino-



Sandra Sadek/Fort Worth Report

"Retirement is something I've thought long and hard about, and I feel the timing is right," Fort Worth City Manager David Cooke wrote in a letter to city employees. He said he will work with the city to ensure a "seamless transition" with his successor.

saur because in the world of city government, city managers don't usually survive this long," Bivens said. "It's not unusual to see a city manager leave five to seven years in, but you have one who has been here for a decade. It speaks to the respect this council and previous councils have had for his leadership."

Council member Chris Nettles said the news of Cooke's retirement came as a surprise based on his previous conversations with Cooke, but he and other city leaders knew this day would come eventually.

"The last conversation we had [before Monday] is that he's doing his dream job," Nettles said. "He's loved working in the city of Fort Worth and didn't have any plans of retiring. So I'm not sure what his reasoning for retiring is, but he certainly has given us 10 years."

Council member Alan Blaylock was shocked to get the news Monday morning upon returning from vacation late Sunday night. He heard the news at the same time as the public and was still processing it.

"I know that decisions like that are personal, and I'm eager to talk to David and understand his reasons," Blay-

lock said of Cooke's decision to keep the news under wraps.

Although the news came suddenly, it wasn't much of a shock to council member Macy Hill. She said his decade-long tenure was sure to come to an end soon.

"After 10 years, I think it would've been a surprise too if he stayed longer," Hill said.

Mayor Mattie Parker said in a statement that Cooke's leadership has left an "indelible mark" on the city and that she's "incredibly proud" of that leadership.

"He has continually led with integrity, intelligence and, most importantly, always remembering to have fun along the way," Parker said. "His accomplishments are too many to list, but above all he ensured our city is in the best possible fiscal health of any large city in the country."

As city manager, Cooke oversees Fort Worth's \$2.6 billion budget and manages its approximate 8,100 city employees.

"The past decade has been a remarkable professional experience," Cooke wrote in the letter to staff. "Serving as your city manager for the past 10

years has been an incredible and fulfilling journey, thanks to each and every one of you."

In an interview with the Report this summer, Cooke pointed to lowering the city's property tax rate by nearly 20 cents since 2014, stabilizing the pension fund and passing the city's largest budget ever as some of his top achievements.

Cooke did not return the Report's request for additional comment Monday.

Bivens said one of Cooke's biggest accomplishments was his effort to lower the city's property tax rate. But other, smaller efforts have also created a lasting impact on the city, she said.

She noted his early efforts to invest in the long-neglected Stop Six community in southeast Fort Worth. He launched the city's neighborhood improvement program, which aims to improve a neighborhood's vitality through capital improvements, better public safety and more affordable housing.

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ENVIRONMENT

Saharan dust to sweep Texas

It will appear as haze in horizon as area prepares for triple-digit heat

By MARIA SALETTE ONTIVEROS
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A wave of dust is expected to sweep the skies this week along with the return of triple-digit temperatures.

The Saharan dust is lingering around the Caribbean, near Cuba, and is steadily moving toward the Gulf of Mexico.

"By Tuesday morning, it is set to reach the Texas Gulf coast, bringing into the area with hazy skies during the day on Wednesday," said Juan Hernandez, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Fort Worth.

The incoming dust will appear as a haze in the horizon, more likely to be noticed during sunrises and sunsets.

"Throughout the week, temperatures will stay around 100 to 102 degrees, with heat index values soaring between 105 and 110 degrees daily," Hernandez said.

The area has no chances of rain this week.

National Weather Service officials recommend staying hydrated, opting for loose and light-colored clothing, taking frequent breaks in the shade or air conditioning and ensuring pets are safe.

Fed also looks at job market when considering rate cuts

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"They want to be very gradual in how they pull back," said Gennadiy Goldberg, head of US rates strategy at TD Securities. "But if the labor market actually looks like it's slowing down," Goldberg suggested, Fed officials might conclude that "they should be moving a little bit quicker than they otherwise would."

Cooling labor

There are signs that the labor market is cooling, as the Fed has intended. Job growth has averaged a decent but unspectacular 177,000 a month for the past three months, down from a red-hot three-month average of 275,000 a year ago.

It's not yet clear whether that cooling reflects a return of the economy to a more sustainable, less inflationary, post-pandemic period of growth or whether the cooling will continue until the economy slides into a recession.

"That's the million-dollar question at this point," Goldberg said.

Chair Jerome Powell and other Fed officials have underscored that they're paying nearly as much attention to the threat posed by a hiring slowdown as they are to inflation pressures. That shift in the Fed's emphasis toward ensuring that the job market doesn't weaken too much has likely boosted market expectations for a rate cut.

"Elevated inflation is not the only risk we face," Powell said in congressional testimony earlier this month, after the most recent jobs report showed the unemployment rate ticking up for a third straight month to a still-low 4.1%. Yet Powell also characterized the job market and growth at that time as "strong."



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The Federal Reserve is expected to signal this week that it will likely reduce borrowing costs as soon as September. The Fed's key rate currently sits at roughly 5.3%.

Healthy growth

And on Thursday, the government reported that the economy grew at a healthy 2.8% annual rate in the April-June quarter, though that figure followed a tepid 1.4% expansion in the first three months of the year.

"The economy looks pretty solid at the moment," said William English, an economist at the Yale School of Management and a former senior Fed staffer. "I don't think there are real signs now that something bad is going to happen."

English, like many other observers, thinks Powell will provide a clearer picture of future rate moves at his annual speech in August during the Fed's monetary policy conference in Jackson Hole, Wyo. This week, though, the Fed may change the statement it issues after each meeting in ways that could hint that a rate cut is coming soon.

For example, the statement it released after its June meeting had read, "In recent months, there has been modest further progress toward the (Fed's) 2% inflation objective." When it issues its new state-

ment on Wednesday, the Fed could drop "modest" or alter it in some other way to underscore that additional progress on inflation has been achieved.

Expectations

In June, the Fed's policymakers had forecast that year-over-year inflation would average 2.8% in the final three months of this year. On Friday, the government said that inflation has already fallen below that level, to 2.5% in June, according to the Fed's preferred measure.

If inflation remains below the Fed's year-end target, that could justify cutting borrowing rates more than the single reduction the policymakers forecast in June.

Still, even as price pressures cool, annual inflation may not fall much more this year — and could even rise a bit by the end of 2024. That's because monthly inflation readings fell to very low levels in the second half of last year.

So even low monthly figures in the coming months might not pull down year-over-year inflation.

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Process may help to divert plastic waste

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cess, according to Schug. Mechanical recycling, the most common form of recycling, requires separating plastic waste. And it can only be done on Type 1 and Type 2 plastics — basically only soda bottles, water bottles and milk jugs.

But with the pyrolysis process, any plastic can be turned into pyrolysis oil for reuse and refining — some of it can be reused as plastic, or some of it can be used as fuel. This could potentially reduce their abundance in the environment, said Petr Vozka, an analytical chemistry professor at California State University in Los Angeles, who wasn't involved in Schug's research.

Difficult to determine

However, pyrolysis oils are a mixture of thousands of plastic compounds, including PE and PP. This makes it difficult to determine how to refine the oils. Being able to consistently identify any of these compounds is a key step to making

pyrolysis of plastics more effective.

Schug cautioned against using pyrolysis oils to only create fuel, as these oils would create greenhouse gasses. Solar energy and wind energy are ultimately more sustainable energy sources than pyrolysis oils, according to Schug.

'Cog in the wheel'

But he argues the process could be a "cog in the wheel" of a more sustainable future. A better goal, instead of using pyrolysis oils as fuel, would be to use them to create new plastic which would divert plastic waste from the environment, according to Schug.

Vozka said people often claim that pyrolysis can reduce greenhouse gas emissions, though he doesn't think that is the case. But for countries that need plastic waste management systems, like India or Egypt, pyrolysis can provide an alternative while greener technologies are developed, Vozka said.

Not everyone believes that pyrolysis is a sustainable or cli-



University of Texas at Arlington

Kevin A Schug, a professor of analytical chemistry at UT-Arlington, is working to make plastics recycling more effective by identifying the source plastic for the resulting pyrolysis oil, facilitating the selection of the right refining process.

mate friendly alternative.

Veena Singla, an adjunct assistant professor of environmental health sciences at Columbia University, said pyrolysis oils won't significantly reduce our need for fossil fuels. She said the best solution will always be to keep crude oils in the ground while looking for more sustainable materials.

Jane Dell is a chemical engineer and National Geographic Explorer, an international group of high-level scientists and experts who receive funding and support from the National Geographic Society. She also founded The Last Beach Cleanup, a nonprofit that brings attention to plastic pollution.

She agreed with Singla via email. Economically, the incentives for creating new plastics from raw materials and

crude oil will always be cheaper than repurposing plastics through pyrolysis, according to Dell.

And Dell pointed to the Environmental Protection Agency's draft national strategy to prevent plastic pollution, which states that turning plastic waste to fuel is not considered recycling.

Complex pyrolysis

One of the reasons pyrolysis presents a challenge for sustainability efforts is because of pyrolysis oils.

Once the plastic compounds are broken down into an oil, determining which compounds come from which plastics is difficult. This makes picking the right refining process a challenge.

To tackle this problem,

Schug and his colleagues used nontraditional separating methods to identify PP and PE.

They did this by using supercritical fluid chromatography and ultraviolet detectors. In Schug's study, SFC was used over more traditional chromatography methods because the process can better analyze heavier compounds.

The process also uses a superheated and pressurized form of carbon dioxide, which is less toxic than other chemicals used in chromatography methods.

Schug said that, since this method successfully identified PP and PE oils, it could help determine which compounds in mixed plastic waste could have the most benefits for reuse.

He also said other compounds should be tested to de-

termine their unique signatures, especially if these oils are to be further refined.

Though pyrolysis may not reduce greenhouse gas emissions, the process may help reduce plastic waste accumulation that has already entered the environment, according to Vozka. He said Schug's research can help pioneer these efforts.

"Certainly, plastics in the environment is a huge problem, and if we can have more ways to divert plastic waste into usable products, then that's a major benefit for our environment," Schug said.

Jordan Chapman reports on science for The Dallas Morning News as part of a fellowship with the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

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Jo Klein passed away on the evening of July 19, 2024 at the age of 75 following a long battle with Parkinson's. She was born on June 28, 1949 in McCook, Nebraska to Merle and Doloris Clifton. She has one sister, Patricia Clifton, and three brothers, Roy Clifton, Ray Clifton, and Garry Clifton. She thoroughly enjoyed the visits and adventures with her three nephews Clint Clifton, Josh Clifton, Jonathan Clifton, and two nieces Brecken Lutz and Emma Reis.

In 1982, she married her wonderful husband, Bert, the love of her life. She enjoyed their worldwide photography trips. Jo always said Bert was a real "Keeper" and "marrying him was the best decision she ever made." He was her rock and as he said he was the teacher and she was the student.

Jo graduated in 1973 with a Master of Science from the University of Nebraska. She retired from a successful career with healthcare companies including Vizient (formerly Novation) and Abbott Laboratories. At Abbott, she was responsible for a worldwide microbiology business and often traveled to Japan, Italy, and Russia. While at Novation, she was instrumental in advancing their approach to continued growth with recruitment of several major healthcare systems. She also built a valuable relationship with Arizona State University where she conducted an industry-wide study "The Value of Group Purchasing in the Health Care Supply Chain". She was Chairman for several years of the Health Sector Supply Chain Research Consortium and the Mark McKenna Healthcare Management Lecture Series.

Jo was diagnosed with Parkinson's in 2013, which was a life changing event. She aspired to be a role model where improving the lives of those with Parkinson's became a cornerstone of her approach to life. Her PD friends often referred to her as the Alpha Chick because she served with purpose, was methodical, disciplined and results-driven. She was Vice President of the Dallas Area Parkinson's Society Board of Directors where she was instrumental in developing the Community Day and Kenneth H. Cooper, MD Lifetime Achievement Award. She was extremely proud of working with pharmacists and hosting the first ever Medication Management Educational Session for Parkinson patients.

A private family grave-side service was held at the Temple Emanu-El cemetery.

At a later date, there will be a celebration of life event for her.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the National Parkinson Society, the Michael J. Fox Foundation, or the Dallas Area Parkinson Society.

OBITUARY | EDNA O'BRIEN

'Defiant and courageous' Irish author

By HILLEL ITALIE
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Edna O'Brien, Ireland's literary pride and outlaw who scandalized her native land with her debut novel *The Country Girls* before gaining international acclaim as a storyteller and iconoclast that found her welcomed everywhere from Dublin to the White House, has died. She was 93.

O'Brien died Saturday after a long illness, according to a statement by her publisher Faber and the literary agency PFD.

"A defiant and courageous spirit, Edna constantly strove to break new artistic ground, to write truthfully, from a place of deep feeling," Faber said in a statement. "The vitality of her prose was a mirror of her zest for life: she was the very best company, kind, generous, mischievous, brave."

O'Brien published more than 20 books, most of them novels and story collections, and would know fully what she called the "extremities of joy and sorrow, love, crossed love and unrequited love, success and failure, fame and slaughter." Few so concretely and poetically challenged Ireland's taboos on

religion, sex and gender. Few wrote so fiercely, so sensually about loneliness, rebellion, desire and persecution. A world traveler in mind and body,

O'Brien was as likely to imagine the longings of an Irish nun as to take in a man's "boyish smile" in the midst of a "ponderous London club."

O'Brien was an unknown about to turn 30, living with her husband and two small children outside of London when *The Country Girls* became one of Ireland's most polarizing works of fiction in memory. Written in just three weeks and published in 1960, for an advance of roughly \$75, *The Country Girls* follows the lives of two young women — Caitheleen (Kate) Brady and Bridget (Baba) Brennan journey from a rural convent to the risks and adventures of Dublin. Admirers were as caught up in their defiance and awakening as would-be censors were enraged by such passages as "He opened his braces and let his trousers slip down around the ankles" and "He patted my

knees with his other hand. I was excited and warm and violent."

Fame, wanted or otherwise, was O'Brien's ever after. Her novel was praised and purchased in London and New York while back in Ireland it was labeled "filth" by Minister of Justice Charles Haughey and burned publicly in O'Brien's home town of Tuamgraney, County Clare. Detractors also included O'Brien's parents and her husband, the author Ernest Gebler, from whom O'Brien was already becoming estranged.

O'Brien would be recognized well beyond the world of books. The 1980s British band Dexy's Midnight Runners named her alongside Eugene O'Neill, Samuel Beckett and Oscar Wilde among others in the literary tribute "Burn It Down." She dined at the White House with then-first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and Jack Nicholson and befriended Jacqueline Kennedy, whom she remembered as a "creature of paradoxes. While being private and immured, she also had a hunger for intimacy — it was as if the barriers she had put up needed at times to be battered down."

O'Brien's other books includ-

ed the novels *August Is a Wicked Month*, the story of a woman's sexual liberation that was banned in parts of Ireland; *Down By The River*, based on a true story about a teenage Irish girl who becomes pregnant after being raped by her father, and autobiographical *The Light of Evening*, in which a famous author returns to Ireland to see her ailing mother. Her most recent work, *Girl*, a novel about victims of Boko Haram, came out in 2019.

Josephine Edna O'Brien was one of four children raised on a farm where "the relics of riches remained. It was a life full of contradictions. We had an avenue, but it was full of potholes; there was a gatehouse, but another couple lived there."

By her early 20s, she was working in a pharmacy in Dublin and reading Tolstoy, Thackeray and O'Connor among others in her spare time. She began writing fiction that ran in the literary magazine *The Bell* and found work reviewing manuscripts for the publishing house Hutchinson, where editors were impressed enough by her summaries to commission what became *The Country Girls*.

PUBLIC SAFETY BRIEFS

DALLAS

Man struck by multiple vehicles dies

A man died Sunday morning after he was struck by multiple vehicles, Dallas police said.

The man was hit by several vehicles at about 3:10 a.m. in the southbound lanes of I1900 N. Central Expressway near Forest Lane, police said. All the suspect vehicles left without stopping, and the man died at the scene.

Police ask anyone with information or witnesses to contact Detective Kenneth Watson

at 214-671-0015 or by email at kenneth.watson@dallaspolice.gov.

Gabrielle Beechert

NORTHEAST DALLAS

Suspect faces murder charge in July killing

A suspect was arrested in the July 23 fatal shooting of a woman in far northeast Dallas.

Officers responded to a shooting call around 9:45 a.m. on Audelia Road where they found Ariel Wesley, 28, shot in an apartment, police said. Dallas Fire-Rescue responded, and Wesley died at the scene.

Amori Jones, 21, was arrested later that day and faces a murder charge in connection with Wesley's death. Jones' bail was set at \$1 million.

It was not immediately clear if Jones has a lawyer.

Julia James, Sofia Barnett

OAK CLIFF

Pedestrian killed in hit-and-run crash

A pedestrian was killed in a hit-and-run crash Sunday morning in southeast Oak Cliff.

Dallas police said the woman was on foot, just before 7 a.m., when a car hit her in the

10400 block of Julius Schepps Freeway, on the southbound exit ramp of Interstate 45 to eastbound Interstate 20.

The motorist left the scene and did not provide any help. A suspect has not yet been identified.

The victim's identity is being confirmed by the Dallas County Medical Examiner, a police spokesperson said via email.

Anyone with information regarding the case, filed under Nos. 115245-2024 and 115246-2024, can contact Detective Kyle Land at 214-671-0014, or email kyle.land@dallaspolice.gov.

Sofia Barnett

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5-DAY FORECAST FROM NBC 5 WEATHER EXPERTS

David Finrock, Samantha Davies, Rick Mitchell, Grant Johnston, Kevan Smith, Adrienne Vonn

TODAY

Wind S 10-20
 UV Index: 11. On a 15-point scale, 11 is extreme
 Heat Index: 106
 Ozone: Yellow, mod.



Lots of sun; breezy, hot

24-hour high **99**
 24-hour low **79**

Hour-by-hour forecast

5 a.m.	80	7 p.m.	96
7 a.m.	79	9 p.m.	90
9 a.m.	82	11 p.m.	87
11 a.m.	87	Wednesday	
1 p.m.	92	1 a.m.	84
3 p.m.	95	3 a.m.	82
5 p.m.	99	5 a.m.	80

WEDNESDAY



Breezy and hot

High 100
 Low 79
 Wind SSW 12-25

THURSDAY



Mostly sunny and hot

High 101
 Low 79
 Wind S 10-20

FRIDAY



Hot with sunshine

High 103
 Low 80
 Wind S 6-12

SATURDAY



Hot; clouds and sun

High 103
 Low 80
 Wind SSE 6-12

DIARY

Yesterday's temperatures and relative humidity (Recorded at D/FW Int'l Airport)

Midnight	82	71%
1 a.m.	81	77%
2 a.m.	80	82%
3 a.m.	80	85%
4 a.m.	80	85%
5 a.m.	79	87%
6 a.m.	79	87%
7 a.m.	79	87%
8 a.m.	79	87%
9 a.m.	84	74%
10 a.m.	87	65%
11 a.m.	89	63%
Noon	88	63%
1 p.m.	91	57%
2 p.m.	94	50%
3 p.m.	95	49%
4 p.m.	95	47%
5 p.m.	97	43%
6 p.m.	94	45%
7 p.m.	94	45%
8 p.m.	92	52%
9 p.m.	90	56%
10 p.m.	88	61%
11 p.m.	87	67%

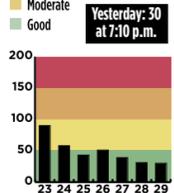
DAILY HIGH

97 at 2:59 p.m.

†Temperatures are forecast estimates.

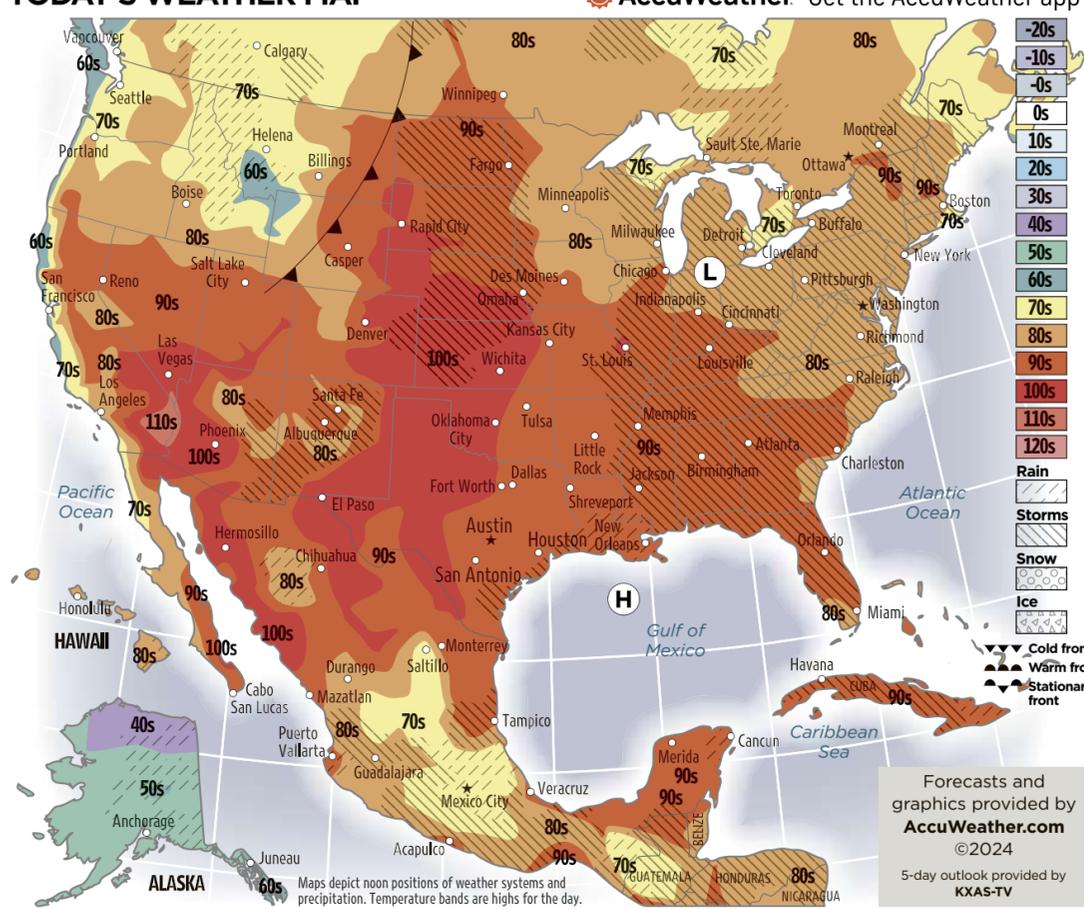
AIR QUALITY

Unhealthy
 Unhealthy for sensitive groups
 Moderate
 Good



Yesterday: 30 at 7:10 p.m.
 SOURCE: Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

TODAY'S WEATHER MAP



NATIONAL HIGHS, LOWS & FORECAST

City	Yesterday			Today			Tomorrow		
	HI	LO	P	HI	LO	F	HI	LO	F
Albany, N.Y.	84	69	.01	89	74	ts	84	70	ts
Albuquerque, N.M.	96	74	-	97	71	ts	97	74	pc
Anchorage, Alaska	61	54	.16	59	51	r	64	54	pc
Atlanta	87	73	.43	91	75	ts	95	75	ts
Baltimore	94	72	.47	86	74	ts	98	71	ts
Birmingham, Ala.	92	72	t	93	76	ts	96	76	ts
Bismarck, N.D.	90	59	.57	96	65	ts	85	62	s
Boise, Idaho	93	66	-	86	62	pc	95	67	s
Boston	75	66	.05	85	72	ts	79	71	ts
Buffalo, N.Y.	89	67	-	84	70	ts	83	68	ts
Burlington, Vt.	86	67	-	89	73	ts	80	70	ts
Casper, Wyo.	94	43	-	94	53	s	87	52	s
Charleston, S.C.	88	70	-	92	74	ts	94	78	ts
Charleston, W. Va.	86	72	.05	87	69	ts	89	71	ts
Charlotte	88	73	.19	90	72	ts	95	73	ts
Chicago	84	72	.11	90	71	pc	90	72	ts
Cincinnati	84	71	.05	88	71	ts	89	72	ts
Cleveland	84	69	1.07	80	70	ts	88	70	ts
Colorado Spgs, Colo.	91	64	-	96	65	s	95	63	pc
Columbia, S.C.	87	75	t	93	74	ts	95	74	ts
Columbus, Ohio	87	73	.02	87	70	ts	88	72	ts
Concord, N.H.	77	65	.02	88	69	ts	78	68	s
Denver	99	58	-	100	62	s	97	60	s
Des Moines, Iowa	92	70	.55	93	74	ts	98	71	ts
Detroit	85	73	t	84	68	ts	87	72	ts
Fairbanks, Alaska	58	53	.13	60	51	r	64	49	c
Fargo, N.D.	88	62	-	91	71	ts	87	66	ts
Flagstaff, Ariz.	84	54	-	84	55	s	84	57	pc
Grand Rapids, Mich.	86	70	t	86	66	ts	86	69	ts
Hartford, Conn.	74	67	.42	88	73	ts	82	70	ts
Helena, Mont.	92	56	-	75	55	pc	90	58	s
Honolulu	88	75	t	87	76	sh	88	75	pc
Indianapolis	84	67	.03	90	72	ts	92	74	ts
Jackson, Miss.	95	77	-	97	76	ts	96	75	pc
Juneau, Alaska	62	52	-	62	54	sh	58	54	r
Kansas City, Mo.	93	76	-	97	77	s	99	75	s
Knoxville, Tenn.	86	71	.09	89	72	ts	89	73	ts
Las Vegas, Nev.	106	84	-	107	81	s	108	86	pc
Little Rock, Ark.	95	78	-	96	78	s	97	77	ts
Los Angeles	81	60	-	83	61	s	84	63	s
Louisville, Ky.	88	74	.03	94	75	ts	93	78	ts
Memphis, Tenn.	92	76	-	94	77	ts	95	78	s
Miami	93	75	.58	90	80	ts	93	82	pc
Milwaukee	80	71	.44	87	71	pc	83	71	ts
Mpls/St Paul, Minn.	88	70	.16	84	70	ts	91	72	ts
Nashville, Tenn.	86	73	.34	96	77	ts	96	75	ts
New Orleans	93	78	t	93	78	pc	92	80	pc
New York	84	68	.04	84	73	ts	86	74	ts
Oklahoma City	98	74	-	100	77	s	98	76	s
Omaha, Neb.	95	72	-	99	75	ts	99	72	ts
Orlando, Fla.	92	76	.11	94	76	ts	93	77	ts
Pensacola, Fla.	91	77	.61	89	78	ts	93	78	ts
Philadelphia	87	72	-	83	74	ts	92	74	ts
Phoenix, Ariz.	109	88	-	109	90	s	112	88	s
Pittsburgh	86	65	.20	80	69	ts	88	71	ts
Portland, Maine	70	63	.03	80	67	ts	77	66	ts
Portland, Ore.	70	63	.07	80	62	sh	85	62	s
Providence, R.I.	71	62	.87	82	72	ts	80	69	ts
Rapid City, S.D.	101	55	-	103	66	ts	90	59	pc
Raleigh, N.C.	77	70	.03	88	73	ts	96	75	ts
Reno, Nev.	90	57	-	93	61	s	99	63	s
Richmond, Va.	88	70	-	85	73	ts	94	73	ts
Sacramento, Calif.	88	57	-	91	58	s	96	58	ts
St. Louis	93	71	.60	100	79	ts	100	82	pc
Salt Lake City	97	70	-	94	67	s	95	60	pc
San Diego	76	65	-	75	65	pc	73	64	pc
San Francisco	66	55	-	71	57	pc	72	56	pc
Santa Fe, N.M.	97	66	-	94	62	ts	93	63	pc
Savannah, Ga.	90	74	.01	92	75	ts	94	77	ts
Seattle	69	58	.10	73	59	sh	77	58	pc
Shreveport, La.	95	79	-	97	77	ts	96	75	ts
Sioux Falls, S.D.	91	67	-	93	73	ts	90	69	ts
Spokane, Wash.	83	59	t	80	60	pc	86	62	ts
Syracuse, N.Y.	88	63	-	91	73	ts	82	69	ts
Tallahassee, Fla.	94	76	.06	92	76	ts	93	75	ts
Tampa, Fla.	90	77	1.29	93	78	ts	91	80	ts
Tucson, Ariz.	100	77	-	99	79	ts	101	79	pc
Tulsa, Okla.	97	78	-	99	80	s	101	80	s
Washington, D.C.	93	75	.26	86	76	ts	93	76	ts
Wichita, Kan.	102	76	-	103	78	s	108	77	ts

HIGHS & LOWS

U.S. HIGH	113
El Centro, Calif.	
U.S. LOW	32
Mammoth Lakes, Calif.	
TEXAS HIGH	106
Borger	
TEXAS LOW	65
Marfa	
For the 48 contiguous states	

DUST & DANDER

Today's Dust & Dander Forecast: **10 Extreme**
 Indoor dust and dander levels will be extremely high. Actions to control indoor dust and dander are very strongly recommended.
 The AccuWeather.com Dust & Dander Forecast will help you determine how conducive conditions are to the accumulation of dust and dander in the air and on the surfaces inside your home.

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SKY WATCH

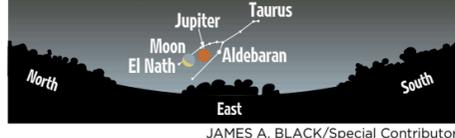


The star Elnath is quite close to the moon early tomorrow. The star's name means "the butting one," which describes its position at the tip of a horn of Taurus. A second name for the star is Beta Tauri, indicating that it's the bull's second-brightest star.

- by UT McDonald Observatory, 512-471-5285, www.as.utexas.edu/mcdonald/mcdonald.html

The Planets

Planet	Rise	Set
Mercury	8:43 a.m.	9:26 p.m.
Venus	7:56 a.m.	9:20 p.m.
Mars	2:11 a.m.	4:11 p.m.
Jupiter	2:39 a.m.	4:43 p.m.
Saturn	10:22 p.m.	9:56 a.m.
Uranus	1:33 a.m.	3:21 p.m.
Neptune	10:48 p.m.	10:49 a.m.



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INTERNATIONAL FORECAST & HIGHS AND LOWS

MEXICO				CANADA				ASIA-PACIFIC			
City	Yesterday	Today	Forecast	City	Yesterday	Today	Forecast	City	Yesterday	Today	Forecast
Acapulco	90	79	.68	Calgary	82	52	-	Bangkok	91	82	.44
Cancun	91	80	-	Edmonton	81	52	-	Beijing	95	78	1.24
Chihuahua	99	74	-	Halifax	70	60	sh	H.C. Minh City	91	79	.02
Durango	88	56	-	Montreal	86	68	.01	Hong Kong	88	81	.29
Guadalajara	82	64	.13	Ottawa	79	61	.02	Jakarta	91	77	-
Guanajuato	83	60	.02	Quebec	88	59	-	Manila	86	79	.07
Hermosillo	108	79	.14	Toronto	82	6					



Lia Assimakopoulos: Wearing No. 23 is an honor for the Mustangs, and Isaiah Nwokobia has shown the qualities displayed by Jerry LeVias to hold on to it for the second consecutive season. **5C**

COWBOYS TRAINING CAMP

QB Lance still a mystery

Third pick of 2021 draft may be a potential star, but it's hard to judge from sidelines



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OXNARD, Calif. — The third-team quarterback is guiding his unit down the field in team drills Sunday, closing in on the goal line but running out of time according to the end zone clock. A fan shouts, "Let's go Trey, shake the rust off..."

Rust, indeed. Trey Lance, the mystery acquisition the Cowboys made 11 months ago, is perhaps the mystery man of the entire NFL. The quarterback selected with the third pick of the

2021 draft by the San Francisco 49ers — does he still possess the potential that made Kyle Shanahan and John Lynch trade three first-round picks to move up to get him?

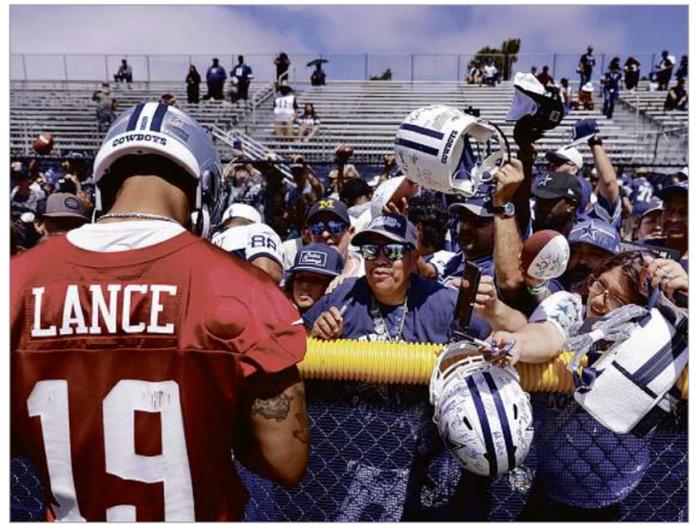
The Cowboys think so, or at least management does. Otherwise, they would not have sent a fourth-round pick to the 49ers a year ago for a guy

Veteran running back Freeman impresses coaches. **3C**

Williams' injury adds to defensive challenge. **3C**

who has barely dipped his toe into the NFL waters. But trading for him when they did (right at the end of preseason), the Cowboys never got to use him in an August game and Lance did nothing more than direct the scout team in practice and dress as the No. 3 quarterback for every game last sea

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Tom Fox/Staff Photographer

Cowboys fans reach out in hopes of getting an autograph from quarterback Trey Lance following a training camp practice in Oxnard, Calif.

PARIS SUMMER OLYMPICS

U.S. mission accomplished



Smiley N. Pool/Staff Photographer

Plano native Asher Hong of the United States competes on the vault during the men's gymnastics team final. The U.S. men's gymnastics team won the bronze medal. It was the team's first Olympic medal in 16 years.



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All five team members play role in taking bronze medal

PARIS — On the first U.S. men's gymnastics team to win an Olympic medal in 16 years, which only feels more like 60, Frederick Richard is its star; Brody Malone, the captain; Paul Juda, the stabilizer; Stephen Nedoroscik, the closer.

Asher Hong?
The juice.

On Monday at Bercy Arena in the team finals, when the momentum finally turned in the men's favor after all these years in the shadow of a women's program that drew stars to Sunday's qualifying like it was the Oscars, the Plano native was the one who lit it up.

All five did their jobs, no question. That was the plan. It wasn't take-no-prisoners; it was take-no-risks. Brett McClure, the high performance director, harbored no delusions that they might beat Japan and China, historic programs and rivals that finished 1-2 in an epic photo-finish. The U.S.'s conservative approach enabled them to finish

See **HONG** Page 8C

Inside

Canadian teen outdueled U.S. swim pair in 400 IM. **6C**
UT's Ryan Crouser bidding for third shot put gold. **6C**
U.S. women cruised in rematch of Tokyo basketball final. **7C**
U.S. gymnast Carey seeks redemption after tumble. **8C**

BASKETBALL

Sisters making history

Wings All-Star Sabally fulfills lifetime dream with her sibling's help

By **SOPHIA VESELY**
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Wings fans have waited all season to see Satou Sabally play, and they're finally getting their chance.

One catch: The letters on

the front of her uniform spell Deutschland, not Dallas.

Sabally, who's been out with a shoulder injury since the start of the WNBA season, returned to the court this week at the Paris Olympics.

The U.S.-German dual citizen led Germany in qualifying to its first Olympics in February, when her injury occurred.

"It's always been a dream of mine to go to the Olympics,"

Sabally recently told *The Dallas Morning News*. "I just never thought it would be possible because Germany has never been at this level. So it's really amazing to be a part of history and to be a part of the first to do so."

The 26-year-old will fulfill her dream alongside her younger sister, Nyara Sabally, who

See **SABALLY** Page 7C



Smiley N. Pool/Staff Photographer

The Wings' Satou Sabally missed the first half of the WNBA season but is ready to play in the Olympics.

McMichael still has a message

Former Texas star Steve McMichael, a feared and boisterous member of the Bears, will not attend his induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame, but he will have a speech. **2C**

ALSO INSIDE

High school football games to air on Thursday nights again. **2C**
More trades before today's deadline. **5C**

SCORES

AL, 4C	NL, 4C
at Baltimore.....11-4	at Cincinnati.....7
Toronto.....5-8	Chicago.....1
Cleveland.....8	at Milwaukee.....8
at Detroit.....4	Atlanta.....3
at Boston.....14	Washington.....3
Seattle.....7	at Arizona.....
Kansas City.....8	
at Chicago.....5	

Interleague, 4C

Texas.....6	at NY Mets.....15
at St. Louis.....3	Minnesota.....2
NY Yankees.....14	Pittsburgh.....5
at Philadelphia.....4	at Houston.....3

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RANGERS 6, CARDINALS 3

Moving pieces ahead of the deadline

Semien, Smith are swapped in batting order; Jung activated

ST. LOUIS — Can you fix a season-long, almost team-wide issue in two days?

Well, it appears the Rangers are gonna try.

They began the final countdown to Tuesday's trade deadline by making moves involving 14 players. It included activating

RANGERS INSIDER



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Josh Jung, who will go somewhere into the middle third of the lineup when he officially returns to the starting lineup Tuesday. They officially added a more offensive backup catcher

Rangers deal pitcher Lorenzen to Royals. **4C**

with Carson Kelly replacing Andrew Knizner. And they flipped the Nos. 1 and 3 hitters in their lineup, dropping Marcus Semien out of the leadoff spot for the first time since Bruce Bochy took over as manager.

All in an effort to somehow get the offense moving in the right direction. It takes a village

sometimes to budge an offense that seems to be stuck on scoring two or three runs a game. In the first 10 games after the All-Star break, the Rangers scored four or fewer runs in eight of them. For the season, the Rangers were averaging 4.26 runs per game entering Monday.

"I think this is going to make us a better team offensively," manager Bruce Bochy said Monday afternoon ahead of the

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News To Use

TODAY'S TV

EVENT	TIME	TV
MLB		
NY Yankees at Philadelphia	5:30	TBS
Rangers at St. Louis	6:30	BSSW
The Basketball Tournament quarterfinals		
Happy Valley vs. Eberlein Drive	6:00	FS1
Men's soccer		
Champions Tour: Barcelona vs. Man City	6:00	ESPN

Today's Olympic TV, 7C		
Leagues Cup: Austin FC vs. CF Monterrey	8:00	FS1
Tennis		
Mubadala Citi DC Open	Noon	BSSW
Mubadala Citi DC Open	2:00	BSSW+
TODAY'S RADIO		
MLB: Rangers at St. Louis, 6:30 p.m., KRLL-FM 105.3 The Fan		

MAIN EVENTS

	30 TUE	31 WED	1 THU	2 FRI	3 SAT
RANGERS: 972-726-4377	KRLL-FM (105.3)				
	at St. Louis 6:45 p.m. (BSSW)	at St. Louis 1:15 p.m. (BSSW)		Boston 7:05 p.m. (BSSW)	Boston 6:05 p.m. (BSSW)
WINGS: 817-469-9464	Next: Aug. 16 Connecticut 8:30 p.m. (Ion)				
	Olympic break				
FC DALLAS: 469-365-0000	KFXX-AM (1190)				
		Leagues Cup Juárez 8 p.m. (Apple TV)			
ROUGHRIDERS: 972-731-9200					
	at San Antonio 7:05 p.m.	at San Antonio 7:05 p.m.	at San Antonio 7:05 p.m.	at San Antonio 7:05 p.m.	at San Antonio 7:05 p.m.

Game dates, times subject to change

THE LINE

MLB Today American League			LA (Glasnow) at Mil. (TBD)			138-118 at SD (Waldron) OFF-OFF Atl. (TBD)		
Favorite	LINE	Underdog	Favorite	LINE	Underdog	Favorite	LINE	Underdog
at Bal. (Burnes)	200-168	Tor. (Bassitt)	Tex. (Scherzer)	118-100	at St.L. (Lynn)	at Hou. (Brown)	OFF-OFF	Pit. (TBD)
at Det. (TBD)	OFF-OFF	Cle. (Williams)	at Hou. (Brown)	OFF-OFF	Pit. (TBD)	at LAA (Ganning)	126-108	Col. (Quantrill)
K.C. (Wacha)	180-152	at Chi. (Cannon)	at NYM (Manaea)	132-112	Min. (Festa)	at NYM (Manaea)	124-106	at Phi. (Nola)
Sea. (Castillo)	126-108	at Bos. (Paxton)	NYJ (Cole)	184-154	Oakland (Sears)	at SF (Ray)	184-154	Oakland (Sears)
National League			Interleague			at TB (Springs)	172-144	Miami (Cabrera)
Favorite	LINE	Underdog						
at Ari. (Nelson)	164-138	Was. (Corbin)						
Chi. (Steele)	134-114	at Cin. (Montas)						

BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

HIGH SCHOOLS

Slate of games to be televised Thursdays

CW33 will again broadcast Dallas-area high school football games live on Thursday nights, and this year's 11-game regular-season schedule will feature three nationally ranked teams and eight state-ranked teams.

The CW33 schedule starts with six-time state champion Highland Park playing at Rockwall-Heath on Aug. 29. Rodney Webb, entering his second season as Rockwall-Heath's head coach, spent a year as the athletic director for Highland Park ISD before returning to coaching in 2023.

Highland Park, ranked No. 3 in the state in Class 5A Division I after an 11-2 season in 6A last year, is the winningest program in state history with 886 wins, according to Dave Campbell's Texas Football.

Week 2 will have a matchup of state-ranked teams as 5A Division I No. 2 Denton Ryan hosts 5A Division II No. 11 Mansfield Timberview.

North Crowley, coming off a 14-1 season and appearance in the Class 6A Division I state semifinals, is No. 49 in the MaxPreps national rankings and No. 5 in the Dave Campbell's 6A preseason state rankings will face off with Rockwall three-star quarterback Landyn Locke (committed to Wisconsin) and the state's 22nd-ranked 6A team on Sept. 19.

The other nationally ranked team on the CW33 schedule is South Oak Cliff, winner of Class 5A Division II state titles in 2021 and 2022 and the state runner-up last season. Ranked No. 98 nationally and No. 2 in the state in 5A Division II, SOC will have its game against Woodrow Wilson televised on Oct. 17.

The other team ranked in the top 10 in the state that will appear on CW33 is Frisco Lone Star, the No. 6 team in the pre-season 5A Division I poll and the Oct. 24 opponent for Frisco Wakeland. Lone Star is coming off a 10-2 season.

Here is the full CW33 broadcast schedule:

Aug. 29	Highland Park at Rockwall-Heath
Sept. 5	Mansfield Timberview at Denton Ryan
Sept. 12	Prosper Walnut Grove at Frisco Emerson
Sept. 19	North Crowley at Rockwall
Sept. 26	Fort Worth Dunbar at Kennedale
Oct. 3	Hurst L.D. Bell at Justin Northwest
Oct. 10	Jesuit at Lake Highlands
Oct. 17	Woodrow Wilson at South Oak Cliff
Oct. 24	Frisco Lone Star at Frisco Wakeland
Oct. 31	Week 10 regular season - Teams TBD
Nov. 7	Week 11 regular season - Teams TBD

Greg Riddle

NFL

HALL OF FAME

A dominating presence

Ravaged by ALS, McMichael still has message for induction

By ANDREW SELIGMAN
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Steve McMichael always had that big and boisterous persona and a willingness to say whatever was on his mind, so it's no stretch to think the Chicago Bears great's Pro Football Hall of Fame induction speech would have been one to remember.

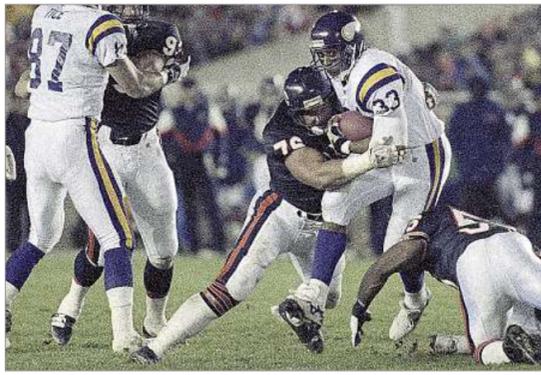
"He would cut a scorcher," his wife Misty McMichael said. "He would have been amazing."

McMichael is in the advanced stages of ALS and won't be able to make the trip from Homer Glen, Ill., to Canton, Ohio, for his induction Saturday. He lost his ability to move and speak, though he will deliver a brief and heartfelt message he put together through an eye-gaze device: "Hello Chicago. Thank you, Chicago."

The 66-year-old McMichael is part of a seven-member class that includes former Bears Devin Hester and Julius Peppers.

An All-Pro defensive tackle in 1985 and 1987, he played in a franchise-record 191 consecutive games from 1981 to 1993 and ranks second to Richard Dent on the Bears' all-time sacks list with 92 1/2. His final NFL season was with Green Bay in 1994.

Whether he was terrorizing opponents or discussing the Bears on sports talk radio, the man known as "Ming The Merciless" and "Mongo" after the character in *Blazing Saddles* remained a prominent presence in Chicago long after his playing days ended. He also spent five years in professional wrestling in the late 1990s.



1992 File Photo/The Associated Press

Former University of Texas star Steve McMichael (76) played in a franchise-record 191 consecutive games from 1981 to 1993 for the Chicago Bears.

McMichael's brash personality and willingness to say whatever was on his mind made him a natural for professional wrestling. It also got him ejected from a Cubs game in 2001 for calling out home plate umpire Angel Hernandez during the seventh-inning stretch.

He began working for World Championship Wrestling at the height of the "Monday Night Wars" with the World Wrestling Federation, starting as a color commentator and later joining Ric Flair in the "Four Horsemen" group.

McMichael told the *Chicago Tribune* in April 2021 that he was battling Lou Gehrig's disease, which affects nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord, causing loss of muscle control.

"I promise you, this epitaph that I'm going to have on me now? This ain't ever how I envisioned this was going to end," McMichael told the *Tribune*.

McMichael has gone from a 270-pound giant who used to blast through NFL offensive linemen and drive wrestlers headfirst into the mat with the "Mongo spike" to someone who

is bedridden and rail thin, a decline documented through photos on social media.

McMichael was born in Houston and starred at the University of Texas from 1976-79, becoming a consensus first-team All-American as a senior. He entered the College Football Hall of Fame in 2010.

The New England Patriots drafted McMichael in the third round in 1980. He didn't last long, appearing in just six games as a rookie before getting released prior to his second season. McMichael would play hard on and off the field, getting in fights in practice and taking in Boston's nightlife afterward.

"They looked at me and said, 'Steve, we think you're the criminal element in the league. Get out,'" McMichael said in his 2019 Gridiron Greats Hall of Fame induction speech.

The same traits were welcomed by George Halas in Chicago.

"Papa Bear" made it clear. "You know what he said to me, guys?" McMichael recalled in that speech. "I've heard what kind of dirty rat you are in prac-

tice. Don't change, Steve."

McMichael became one of the most feared players on what might be the greatest defense ever assembled. With Hall of Famers Dan Hampton, Mike Singletary, Dent and McMichael, the 1985 Bears demolished just about everyone in their path on the way to the franchise's lone Super Bowl championship.

He played 15 years in the NFL — 13 with Chicago. His final season was with the rival Green Bay Packers in 1994, after being released by the Bears.

Soon after his career ended, McMichael started getting involved with professional wrestling. He was also a fixture on sports radio in Chicago.

To see him now? "It just breaks my heart," said Dave Siden, McMichael's friend for more than 40 years.

The two met when Siden lived across the street from the old Halas Hall at Lake Forest College.

"Changed my life, man," he said.

Siden got prime seats at games and behind-the-scenes access at wrestling events. And when McMichael married Misty in 2001, he was a best man.

"It's just really cool to be a part of Steve's life and, as Steve says, bask in his reflective glory," Siden said.

Now, McMichael gets one more moment of glory.

"He's scared to die and he shouldn't be because he's the most badass man I've ever known inside and out," Misty McMichael said. "He's a good man. He's gonna be in heaven before any of us, so I don't know what he's afraid of. But I've told him to please hang on 'til the 3rd and then, you know, I don't want to see him suffer anymore. He's been suffering."

NFL BRIEFS

Texans DE suspended six games

Autry violated league PED policy; Rodgers snaps at teammates

HOUSTON — Houston Texans defensive lineman Denico Autry was suspended for the first six games of the regular season on Monday for violating the NFL's policy on performance-enhancers.

Autry denied he knowingly ingested a banned substance but said he would accept the suspension. Autry said he discovered the pharmacy that filled a prescription for him had "intentionally, recklessly, or negligently" included a banned substance.

Autry is allowed to participate in preseason practices and games. His first regular-season availability will be Oct. 20 at Green Bay. Autry apologized to the Texans organization, teammates and fans for any distraction his positive test causes.

Autry, 34, has 59 sacks in 10 NFL seasons. He had a career-high 11 1/2 last season for the Tennessee Titans and signed a two-year, \$20 million free-agent contract with the Texans in March.

Autry said his attorney provided the NFL with documentation from his physicians establishing he neither asked for nor was prescribed any banned substances.

Don't step on me: Aaron Rodgers was downright ticked off.

The New York Jets quarterback took the snap, started to drop back — and ended up

sprawled on the grass after one of his offensive linemen stepped on one of his feet.

Rodgers shouted. He wasn't hurt, but he was angry.

Monday was that kind of a day, the first this summer in full pads, for the Jets' offense. The temperature was hot and so was the quarterback's temper.

"Yeah, it was a little frustrating today," tight end Tyler Conklin said. "As an offense, especially after having some really good days together, we're excited to put the pads on and you don't want to go out there and have a bad day like that, I guess you could say."

"But on days like that, I think you learn a lot about yourself. And obviously there's a lot of camp and a lot of practices to figure stuff out, so it's just part of the process."

When it's a four-time NFL MVP coming off a torn Achilles tendon getting fired up on the field, though, it raises eyebrows a bit more than usual.

"I think that's the beauty of playing with a great like that, right?" Conklin said. "You have someone that's going to at all times hold everybody accountable no matter who you are or what happens. And I think that's kind of been something that, you know, not every team has that."

Whole new world for rookie: Chicago Bears rookie quarterback Caleb Williams has experienced some ups and downs during his first eight days of training camp. Despite his occasional

struggles, the first pick of the 2024 draft from Southern California believes he's making progress.

"I think I'm on track to be ready," Williams said. "I'm exactly where I need to be and where they want me to be. I'm excited."

"Every day I wake up, I'm learning something new. Getting ready for the season, pre-season and these next practices. Very excited, still progressing."

The Bears haven't decided whether or how much Williams will play in Thursday night's preseason opener, the Hall of Fame Game against the Houston Texans at Canton, Ohio.

League investigating oil broker: The NFL is investigating whether a prominent Houston oil broker who owns a minority stake in the city's professional football franchise violated the league's personal-conduct policy.

National Football League investigators have initiated inquiries into allegations of inappropriate behavior by Javier Loya, a minority owner of the Houston Texans, during poker parties he hosted at his Louisville, Ky., mansion in May 2022, according to spokespeople for the league and the team.

"The matter remains under review of the league personal conduct policy," NFL spokesperson Tim Schlittner said.

Loya, co-CEO of energy brokerage OTC Global Holdings LP, was charged with first-degree rape and sexual

abuse stemming from his alleged behavior at the poker parties. He denied the allegations at the time. In April, a Kentucky judge dismissed the felony charges, and Loya pled guilty to a misdemeanor count of physical harassment. He paid a \$100 fine.

Lions' Decker gets extension: Taylor Decker endured a lot of losing early in his career with the Detroit Lions and the team plans to have the veteran offensive tackle around to potentially experience some success, keeping him under contract through the 2027 season.

Decker signed a \$60 million, three-year extension Monday, according to a person familiar with the situation who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the terms were not announced.

Detroit drafted Decker out of Ohio State with the No. 16 pick overall in 2016 and he was entering the last year of his contract before reaching the new deal.

AROUND THE LEAGUE

Carolina: The Panthers will be without special teams standout Sam Franklin for the foreseeable future after he broke his foot in Saturday's practice, according to coach Dave Canales. Canales said he's hopeful Franklin could return at some point this season.

Minnesota: The Vikings signed 10-year veteran DB Bobby McCain to add depth and experience for their secondary.

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Cowboys Training Camp

Loss of Williams adds to the challenge

Defensive coordinator Zimmer expects rookie Kneeland to play a lot

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To be determined.

Williams suffered a torn ACL and partial tear of his MCL in his left knee in Sunday's practice, people with knowledge of the player's MRI results said. He will have surgery next month and will be lost for the season.

The free agent departures of Dorance Armstrong and Dante Fowler left Williams a clear path into the starting lineup. Zimmer said he planned to use Williams up to 75% of the snaps in the upcoming season.

"It will be a big loss," Zimmer said. "We'll just have to move some chess pieces around and try to figure out



Tom Fox/Staff Photographer

Cowboys defensive end Sam Williams (54) was expected to play a significant role in his third NFL season, but he suffered a torn ACL and partial tear of his MCL on Sunday.

other ways to do things."

The first piece to get a look will be Marshawn Kneeland, the team's second-round pick out of Western Michigan. The heir apparent to DeMarcus

Lawrence's job at left defensive end could now be playing alongside him as a rookie.

"Marshawn Kneeland has done a really nice job," Zimmer said. "I think he would have

played anyway. I think he's going to have to end up playing a lot now. ... He's a goer. I think he's smart, he's tough, he's going to be physical. He's learning like all of them.

"I think when we get the pads on we'll learn more. But I think he's going to be a very good player."

Vilami Fehoko, Chauncey Golstohn, Tyrus Wheat and Durrell Johnson are the other ends on the roster in this camp. Who are the candidates most likely to emerge from that group?

"I don't know yet, honestly," Zimmer said. "We're looking at all of those guys. We're just going to have to see."

"Until we get the pads on, it's hard for me to make a lot of evaluations."

The lack of proven depth at the position is another reason club officials spent Sunday night and Monday discussing if there was a veteran or two to

bring in from the outside who could upgrade the position.

As of Monday afternoon, executive vice president Stephen Jones said no veterans were scheduled to fly to The Star for a visit and workout. But club officials planned to meet again Monday evening to discuss their options.

"We'll just see," Jones said. "It depends on the guy. Everybody is pouring over the tape and seeing if there is anything. But we're very pleased with what Kneeland has done so far."

"If the right guy is there, we'll pull the trigger. If not, we'll kind of keep playing along, see how our guys do and go from there."

Catch David Moore with The Musers every Monday-Friday at 9:35 a.m. and on the Hardline every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 4:15 p.m. on The Ticket (KTCK-AM 1310 and 96.7 FM) during training camp.

COWBOYS BRIEFS

Freeman adds to RB potential

After missing rookie season, Overshown eager to start hitting

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OXNARD, Calif. — Cowboys officials have said the running game will be done by committee with Ezekiel Elliott at the top.

Stephen Jones revealed Monday who will also have a role on the committee.

The Cowboys' executive vice president told 105.3 (KRLD-FM) "The Fan" that Royce Freeman will be part of that rotation with Rico Dowdle and Malik Davis battling for the No. 3 spot.

"That Freeman guy has really impressed," Jones said. "We were just talking about it [Sunday] at the scout dinner. 'What in the hell was he doing sitting around out there?' An interesting guy to just have been sitting there."

The six-foot Freeman enters his seventh NFL season with a 3.8 career yards per carry average. The former third-round pick by Denver in 2018 is on his fifth NFL team. Last season, for the Rams, he rushed 77 times for 319 yards and two touchdowns.

"He's a great two-three combination in terms of what he can do as a backup," Jones said. "He's a big, thick guy. And he's a hell of a special teams player as well. He'll be a good addition and great complement to [Elliott]. And then we'll let these young guys between [Dowdle and Davis] and those guys battle it out."

If the Cowboys keep three running backs, 2023 sixth-round pick Deuce Vaughn might be on the bubble for the 53-man roster. Vaughn has been fielding kickoffs in practices this summer to provide some versatility to his game. Fullback Hunter Luepke is also an interesting player to keep on the 53 because of his special teams work.

Overshown returns: DeMarvion Overshown is less than 24 hours away from doing something he hasn't done in nearly one full year. Put on pads and get after it.

Meaningful?

"Oh yeah," the linebacker said. "The last time I didn't

COWBOYS TRAINING CAMP PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Times are Central
TUESDAY — Open practice, 1:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY — Open practice, 1 p.m.
FRIDAY — Open practice, 1 p.m.
SATURDAY — Open practice, 1 p.m.
MONDAY — Open practice, 1 p.m.
AUG. 6 — Open practice, 1 p.m.
AUG. 8 — Scrimmage vs. Los Angeles Rams, 4 p.m.
AUG. 9 — Open practice, 1 p.m.
AUG. 11 — Preseason, at LA Rams, 3:25 p.m.
AUG. 13 — Open practice, 1 p.m.
AUG. 15 — Open practice, 1 p.m.
AUG. 17 — Preseason, at Las Vegas Raiders, 9 p.m.
AUG. 19 — Open practice, 1 p.m.
AUG. 20 — Open practice, 1 p.m.
AUG. 21 — Open practice, 1 p.m.
AUG. 24 — Preseason, vs. Los Angeles Chargers, 3 p.m.
NOTE: After Aug. 21's practice in Oxnard, the team will return to its training facilities in Frisco. Select practices will be open to the public and will be announced at a later date.

play football for a year was before I even started playing.

"Just putting the pads on and being able to hit somebody, it's going to feel good."

The third-round pick out of Texas got off to a fast start in last year's camp, impressing coaches and teammates alike. He looked so good that then-coordinator Dan Quinn began carving out a role for him in the team's defensive packages.

But Overshown went down in the Cowboys second pre-season game against Seattle and had to be carted off the field. A torn ACL ended his rookie season before it ever began.

"I left on a good note," said Overshown, who was cleared to return to the practice field to open this camp. "That's kinda where I want to pick up, bringing that energy to the defense."

"We run and we're violent."

Tuesday will be the first padded practice of this camp for Dallas. The training staff will have some restrictions for Overshown. To what extent, he's not sure.

As long as he gets to do one thing.

"I know I'm going to be limited, but I'm going to be out here and you're definitely going to hear my pads popping a little bit," Overshown said. "I know I'm going to throw my pads around even if I've got to hit myself."

"I'm hitting somebody."

David Moore

Briefly: Stephen Jones said contract talks with the agents for CeeDee Lamb and Dak Prescott have been "upbeat and cordial." ... The Cowboys will have their first padded practice on Tuesday.



Tom Fox/Staff Photographer

Cowboys quarterback Trey Lance (19) showed enough potential at North Dakota State that he was the third overall pick in the 2021 draft, but after an injury early in his NFL career, he still hasn't played significant snaps in the league.

TIM COWLISHAW

Lance will get preseason snaps

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son.

So now he is here, throwing passes and ... getting stopped at the 1-yard line as the clock ran out Sunday. Who is he? What is he? Everyone wants to know, not just because of the curiosity that comes with having been such a high pick. The Cowboys have a little decision to make on Rayne Dakota Prescott, 31 years young as of Monday, and while logic says the Cowboys will extend him at some point, at that level of money (at least \$60 million per season), there are no givens.

So who is Trey Lance? He's not a bust because he hasn't played enough to be declared anything of the type, not like Denver's Zach Wilson, who was almost reviled by Jets fans for his play and occasionally his attitude. Wilson was picked one spot ahead of Lance. Trevor Lawrence went with the first pick and already has been rewarded with a second deal averaging \$55 million per year, so at least the Jaguars have decided Lawrence is the real deal even if others are less certain.

With Lance, as a rookie with the 49ers he mostly watched Jimmy Garoppolo but he came off the bench a few times and made two starts. Twice his first pass of the game went for a touchdown. But early in the second game of 2022, after earning the starting job, Lance suffered a season-ending ankle injury. The rest is Brock Purdy history. A seventh-round rookie, in fact the final pick of that seventh round, took over and led the 49ers to an NFC Championship Game appearance in Philadelphia. That rendered Lance expendable. Hence, the star on his helmet.

Lance looks the part at 6-4, 222, a Dak-sized quarterback with younger running legs. Says the right things, too, about Dak's leadership and guidance, about his desire to fulfill all that potential.

"I feel like I'm getting better out here every day, just getting as ready as I can for the preseason games, try to go out and have a good showing," Lance said.

Those games are coming soon — Dallas plays the Rams

on Saturday, Aug. 11 at 3:25 p.m. — and head coach Mike McCarthy, who sounds as baffled as the rest of us when it comes to Lance, says he will get him as much playing time as possible. That's for the quarterback's benefit and for this team's benefit, if they are to view him either as their future or as someone who can regain his trade value.

You have to remember that Lance was the mystery man even before the '21 NFL draft. He started just 17 games in two seasons in college, and it wasn't at a Power Five level (North Dakota State) before the 49ers backed up the truck to get him. How much can we learn here in practice? He's throwing to Racey McMath and Jalen Cropper and getting picked off by Caalen Carson. That's life with the third unit.

The preseason won't be much different because you know Sean McVay isn't tossing any Rams starters into the fire Aug. 11 and you should probably expect the same from the Raiders' Antonio Pierce and the Chargers' Jim Harbaugh as the Cowboys take on all LA

teams, present and past. So we'll still be guessing about Lance to some extent, but maybe we can reach a better consensus than camp observers did Sunday.

I was surprised late Sunday afternoon to see Trey Lance trending on X (what did I miss?) and the first two posts said he was "dropping dimes" and looking good with accompanying video while the third said what a shame it was that he still can't make basic throws with more accompanying video. So who knows?

Can he ever live up to being the third pick in the draft?

"That's not for me to decide. I'll let you guys talk about that, that's your job," he said with an easy smile. "I'm just trying to find a way to help the team win games when the opportunity comes."

The opportunity to beat the Rams in a game where the outcome is irrelevant is coming soon. The opportunity to lead the Cowboys in 2025? That's a long shot but don't rule out either Lance or Jerry Jones in finding a way to make that happen.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

WEST	W	L	Pct	GB	Home	Away	L10	Str
Seattle	56	52	.519	—	31-23	25-29	4-6	L-1
Houston	55	51	.519	—	30-23	25-28	5-5	L-2
Texas	52	55	.486	3½	29-23	23-32	6-4	W-1
Los Angeles	46	60	.434	9	23-32	23-28	5-5	W-1
Oakland	44	64	.407	12	26-27	18-37	7-3	L-1
CENTRAL	W	L	Pct	GB	Home	Away	L10	Str
Cleveland	64	42	.604	—	33-15	31-27	5-5	W-2
Minnesota	58	47	.552	5½	29-21	29-26	4-6	L-1
Kansas City	58	49	.542	6½	36-22	22-27	6-4	W-1
Detroit	52	56	.481	13	25-27	27-29	4-6	L-2
Chicago	27	82	.248	38½	17-38	10-44	0-10	L-15
EAST	W	L	Pct	GB	Home	Away	L10	Str
Baltimore	63	44	.589	—	32-25	31-19	4-6	L-1
New York	63	45	.583	½	27-23	36-22	5-5	W-3
Boston	56	49	.533	6	26-27	30-22	3-7	W-1
Tampa Bay	54	52	.509	8½	29-28	25-24	6-4	W-2
Toronto	50	57	.467	13	26-28	24-29	6-4	W-1

at Bal. 11-4, Tor. 5-8 Zach Eflin turned in a gritty pitching performance in his Orioles debut, Anthony Santander hit his 30th home run and Baltimore cruised in the first game. Vladimir Guerrero Jr.'s second home run of the doubleheader helped Toronto to a split.

Cle. 8, at Det. 4 José Ramírez homered twice to give him 26 this season and had an RBI double, providing plenty of offense for Tanner Bibee.

at Bos. 14, Sea. 7 Wilyer Abreu capped a 12-pitch at-bat with an RBI single and Masataka Yoshida hit the next pitch for a two-run homer in a seven-run third inning for Boston.

KC 8, at Chi. 5 Bobby Witt Jr.'s grand slam — and fourth hit of the game — capped Kansas City's six-run, eighth inning rally and the Royals handed Chicago a franchise-record 15th straight loss.

SUNDAY'S RESULTS

at Toronto.....7	Rangers.....3	at Los Angeles.....8	Oakland.....6
Minnesota.....5	at Detroit.....0	New York.....8	at Boston.....2
Seattle.....6	at Chicago.....3		

TODAY'S PITCHERS

	Pitchers	TV/Time	2024		Last three starts		
			W-L	ERA	W-L	IP	ERA
Cle.	Williams (R)		0-3	4.50	0-2	14.2	4.30
at Det.	TBD	12:10	0-0	0.00	0-0	0.0	0.00
Tor.	Bassitt (R)		8-9	3.78	1-2	16.2	5.94
at Bal.	Burnes (R)	5:35	10-4	2.46	1-1	19.1	3.26
Sea.	Castillo (R)		8-10	3.38	1-1	19.0	1.42
at Bos.	Paxton (L)	6:10	8-2	4.43	1-0	13.2	5.27
K.C.	Wacha (R)		7-6	3.65	2-0	16.2	3.24
at Chi.	Cannon (R)	7:10	1-5	4.43	0-2	18.0	3.50

NATIONAL LEAGUE

WEST	W	L	Pct	GB	Home	Away	L10	Str
Los Angeles	63	44	.589	—	34-20	29-24	7-3	W-1
San Diego	57	51	.528	6½	26-28	31-23	7-3	L-1
Arizona	55	51	.519	7½	28-25	27-26	6-4	L-1
San Francisco	53	55	.491	10½	32-22	21-33	6-4	W-4
Colorado	38	69	.355	25	24-29	14-40	4-6	L-4
CENTRAL	W	L	Pct	GB	Home	Away	L10	Str
Milwaukee	61	45	.575	—	31-19	30-26	7-3	W-2
Pittsburgh	54	52	.509	7	26-26	28-26	6-4	W-2
St. Louis	54	52	.509	7	27-25	27-27	4-6	L-1
Cincinnati	51	55	.481	10	26-28	25-27	4-6	W-1
Chicago	51	57	.472	11	27-25	24-32	4-6	L-1
EAST	W	L	Pct	GB	Home	Away	L10	Str
Philadelphia	65	41	.613	—	38-19	27-22	3-7	L-2
Atlanta	56	49	.533	8½	30-21	26-28	3-7	L-1
New York	56	50	.528	9	29-28	27-22	7-3	W-1
Washington	49	57	.462	16	23-27	26-30	5-5	L-1
Miami	39	67	.368	26	22-34	17-33	6-4	L-1

at Cin. 7, Chi. 1 Carson Spiers allowed one hit in five scoreless innings in his return from the injured list, and Cincinnati homered three times in a victory over the Cubs. TJ Friedl hit a three-run homer for the Reds and Will Benson hit a two-run shot, his career-best 12th of the season.

at Mil. 8, Atl. 3 Willy Adames hit a three-run homer in the sixth and rookie Jackson Chourio added a two-run shot in the eighth to lift Milwaukee past Atlanta.

Was. at Ari. For results of the late game, go to [SportsDayDFW.com](https://www.sportsdaydfw.com).

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TODAY'S PITCHERS

	Pitchers	TV/Time	2024		Last three starts			
			W-L	ERA	W-L	IP	ERA	
Tex.	Scherzer (R)		BSSW	2-3	3.57	1-1	12.0	4.50
at S.L.	Lynn (R)		6:45	5-4	4.17	1-1	13.2	7.90
N.Y.	Cole (R)		TBS	3-2	5.40	2-1	17.2	4.08
at Phi.	Nola (R)		5:40	11-4	3.44	1-0	17.0	3.18
Miami	Cabrera (R)			1-3	7.04	0-1	13.1	7.43
at T.B.	Springs (L)		5:50	0-0	0.00	2-0	16.0	0.56
Min.	Festa (R)			1-1	8.16	1-1	10.0	10.80
at N.Y.	Manaea (L)		6:10	6-4	3.74	1-1	16.2	5.40
Pit.	TBD			0-0	0.00	0-0	0.0	0.00
at Hou.	Brown (R)		7:10	9-6	4.00	3-0	18.0	1.50
Col.	Quantrill (R)			7-7	4.09	1-1	14.0	6.43
at L.A.	Canning (R)		8:38	3-10	5.04	0-1	12.2	6.39
Oak	Sears (L)			7-8	4.81	2-1	17.1	5.19
at S.F.	Ray (L)		8:45	1-0	1.80	1-2	14.0	5.79

INTERLEAGUE

NYY 14, at Phi. 4 Aaron Judge homered twice to increase his major league-leading total to 39, Jazz Chisholm Jr. hit his first two home runs for the Yankees to give New York its first three-game winning streak since early June.

at NYM 15, Min. 2 Pete Alonso homered to start a six-run fourth inning and the New York Mets blew out Minnesota in the opener of an interleague series between playoff contenders.

Pit. 5, at Hou. 3 Paul Sears allowed one earned run over six innings in a no-decision and Michael A. Taylor hit a tiebreaking three-run homer in the ninth off Josh Hader to lead Pittsburgh.

SUNDAY'S RESULTS

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Chicago Cubs.....7	at Kansas City.....3		

TODAY'S PITCHERS

	Pitchers	TV/Time	2024		Last three starts			
			W-L	ERA	W-L	IP	ERA	
Chi.	Steele (L)			2-4	3.08	1-1	17.0	3.71
at Cin.	Montas (R)	6:10	4-8	5.01	0-2	16.0	9.00	
Atl.	TBD		0-0	0.00	0-0	0.0	0.00	
at Mil.	TBD	7:10	0-0	0.00	0-0	0.0	0.00	
L.A.	Glasnow (R)		8-6	3.47	0-1	14.0	7.71	
at S.D.	Waldron (R)	8:40	6-9	3.64	1-2	19.0	3.79	
Was.	Corbin (L)		2-10	5.26	1-2	18.0	4.00	
at Ari.	Nelson (R)	8:40	7-6	4.85	1-0	18.2	3.86	

RANGERS BRIEFS

Lorenzen dealt to Royals

In return, Rangers get minor league LHP in a flurry of activity

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The Rangers made their first major league acquisition of trade deadline season on Sunday. They sold off their first piece on Monday.

The Rangers traded right-handed pitcher Michael Lorenzen to the Kansas City Royals in exchange for minor league left-hander Walter Pennington, the organization announced Monday. Lorenzen, 32, signed a one-year, \$4.5 million contract with the Rangers toward the end of spring training to help shore up an injured pitching staff and yielded a 3.81 ERA in 101 2/3 innings.

Texas' starting rotation is soon to undergo an overhaul with right-handers Jacob deGrom and Tyler Mahle on their way back from respective elbow surgeries. Lorenzen — who had a 5.97 ERA in his last seven starts for Texas, including one on Saturday in which he lasted just two-thirds of an inning against the Toronto Blue Jays — would have been among the odd men out with Nathan Eovaldi, Max Scherzer, Andrew Heaney and Jon Gray already on the active roster.

Lorenzen drew praise for his competitiveness in Texas. He threw four innings of one-run ball out of the bullpen in Sunday's loss to the Blue Jays just one day after he threw 40 pitches during his first-inning meltdown.

"It's no surprise," third baseman Josh Smith said of Lorenzen's relief appearance. "He's such a good teammate."

Pennington, 26, has a 2.26 ERA in 59 2/3 innings this season at Triple-A Omaha and has almost exclusively worked out of the bullpen in his four professional seasons. He made his major league debut on July 5 with the Royals and pitched two-thirds of an inning and recorded a strikeout against the



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Rangers shortstop Corey Seager watches his RBI double in the third inning against the St. Louis Cardinals. With the 6-3 win, the Rangers are 3 1/2 games out in the AL West.

Colorado Rockies. He throws a sinker, four-seam fastball, cutter and slider with velocity that sits in the low 90s.

Rotation in flux: The Rangers began the week with two holes in the starting rotation.

On Monday morning, they dealt Michael Lorenzen to Kansas City for minor league lefty Walter Pennington, then got official word they'd be without Jon Gray for at least two weeks due to a groin strain. Manager Bruce Bochy added it's possible Gray could miss more time than that.

It leaves the Rangers in a bit of a scramble in the short term, but the expectation is Tyler Mahle, scheduled to make his sixth minor league rehab start on Wednesday for Triple-A Round Rock, could join the rotation as early as next week.

"We have some options," Bochy said.

The Rangers will need starters on Friday and Saturday against Boston. Lorenzen, who didn't get out of the first on Saturday, but pitched in relief Sunday is not an option. The Rangers opted to deal with the short-term pinch in the rotation be-

cause they expect to shortly have a surplus. Dealing him for Pennington opened up a spot on the 26-man roster.

It's possible the club will use Dane Dunning and José Ureña for those two starts. Both pitched multiple innings on Sunday after Gray exited his scheduled start against Toronto during warmups.

The Rangers also added multi-inning relief reinforcements by activating lefty Cody Bradford from a 3 1/2 month IL stint due to a back issue and recalling right-hander Gerson Garabito. They would likely serve as the long relievers while Dunning and Ureña are needed in the rotation.

Bradford, 26, was off to a sharp start to the season after earning the No. 5 spot in the rotation before a stress fracture in a rib sidelined him just two weeks and three starts into the year. The recovery and rehab has been a slow process. Over the last 10 days, however, he allowed just two hits in 5 2/3 scoreless innings of rehab work in the minor leagues.

Bradford split time last year between the rotation and the

bullpen and was an effective multi-inning reliever.

The Rangers other transactions on Monday:

■ Pennington, who made his MLB debut earlier this month, was optioned to Triple-A Round Rock upon his acquisition. He will work as a reliever at Round Rock.

■ Infielders Justin Foscoe, Jonathan Ornelas and catcher Andrew Knizner were all optioned to Triple-A Round Rock. Davis Wendzel, the Rangers' second pick behind Josh Jung in 2019, was designated for assignment.

■ OF Evan Carter was transferred to the 60-day IL with his lumbar sprain. The Rangers had no further information on Carter on Monday, but the move is essentially procedural. On the 60-day IL, he no longer counts against the 40-man roster. He has, however, already been on the IL for more than 60 days, meaning he can return as soon as he's ready.

Right-hander Austin Pruitt, who allowed a 12.46 ERA in four appearances early in the season, was released.

Evan Grant

EVAN GRANT

Moves an effort to spark offense

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Rangers' 6-3 series-opening win at St. Louis. "That's what our hope is. That's why Jung is here. That's why we made the trade. We've been scoring more here in the last month. But we needed a lot of help."

Seemed to work out OK on first glance. The Rangers' first run-scoring rally began with a two-out single by new leadoff hitter Josh Smith, who then scored on a Corey Seager double. The decisive three-run rally in the seventh began with a double by Semien, who wound up on third thanks to an error on the play. The flip-flopped duo reached base four times.

Semien also made the defensive play of the game, a diving stop with the bases loaded in the seventh to start an inning-ending double play when the Cardinals had a chance to tie it up. And even the night ended nicely for the Rangers, too. Pittsburgh beat Houston and Boston trounced Seattle to get the Rangers back within 3.5 games of the AL West lead.

Even with the success, the Rangers might not be done tweaking. With the trade deadline arriving Tuesday at 5 p.m. CT, the Rangers are still searching for a bat that could help them upgrade at DH. Their DHs have been the least productive group of DHs against right-handed pitchers in the majors. The Rangers DHs had a .252 Expected Weighted On Base Average (xwOBA) against right-handers entering Monday. Guys like San Francisco's Mike Yastrzemski and Milwaukee's Jake Bauers, both left-handed hitters with af-

Next five

Day	Opponent	Time	TV	Starter	Opp. starter
Tue.	at St. Louis	6:45	BSSW	Max Scherzer (2-3)	Lance Lynn (5-4)
Wed.	at St. Louis	1:15	BSSW	Andrew Heaney (4-10)	Sonny Gray (10-6)
Fri.	Boston	7:05	BSSW	TBD	Kutter Crawford (6-8)
Sat.	Boston	6:05	BSSW	TBD	Tanner Houck (8-7)
Sun.	Boston	1:35	BSSW	Nathan Eovaldi (7-4)	TBD

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fordable remaining contracts, remain possible options.

The Rangers also recalled Ezequiel Duran from Triple-A Round Rock after a four-week swing-refinement program. Duran, who was in the lineup as the DH Monday, hit .318 with a .990 OPS over the last three weeks at Round Rock. Duran had six starts at DH earlier in the year with the Rangers.

But Project Runs-way really relies on the long-awaited return of Jung from a fractured wrist suffered four games into the season and the somewhat surprising flip of Semien and Smith.

The hope is Smith, who began the week sixth in the AL in OBP at .379, will give the Rangers more early baserunners. And that Semien, hitting third, would get more drivable fastballs. Semien has only reached base at a .308 rate to start games. He is, however, hitting .302 with an .884 OPS with runners on base.

"With Josh Jung coming back you're going to see a little different lineup, so we just thought we'd take a look at it here in this series and maybe further," Bochy said. "We've been in a little rut here with getting two or three runs. Is it a big change? No. All we did is split those two for right now. I'm just hoping a change — any kind of change — will do something to get this offense going on a consistent basis.

"Marcus has a lot of experience driving in runs and he's been really good with runners on base."

The move comes at a time, however, when Semien has gotten hot at the plate. He was batting .290 with more walks (six) than strikeouts (four) since the All-Star break.

"Hopefully, I still hit," Semien said. "We're just trying to change it up and see if we can go on a run right now. These things happen from time to time. I don't mind hitting in the middle of the lineup. I've done it before."

The biggest part of the shake-up — Jung — will

SMU's No. 23 staying in same locker

Skyline grad Nwokobia will keep prized jersey for second straight year

All offseason Isaiah Nwokobia's family kept asking him the same question.

"What's the number? What's the number?" he recounted.

After earning the honor of wearing SMU's No. 23 jersey last season, Nwokobia got to share the news with his loved ones that his number wouldn't be changing quite yet.

Ahead of fall camp, head coach Rhett Lashlee announced the redshirt junior safety was selected by his teammates to wear No. 23 for the second consecutive season. The jersey is worn each year by the SMU player that best exemplifies the leadership and courage displayed by Jerry LeVias, the first Black football player at SMU.

The tradition has been in place since 2009 and stayed intact through four head coaches. Nwokobia is just the fourth player to earn the honor more than once (Chris Banjo in 2009, 2010 and 2011; Stephon Sanders in 2012, 2013 and 2014; and Nick Horton in 2016 and 2017).

"It's an honor just to know that my teammates believe in me that much and gave me the honor to wear it twice," Nwokobia said after Monday's practice.

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"I know a lot of guys haven't been able to do that, to wear it two years back-to-back, so that's really special to me."

But when you look back on Nwokobia's three years in the program, it's easy to draw parallels between the safety and LeVias himself.

His standout 2023 season, in which he became the first defensive player to be named MVP of the AAC championship game, followed a challenging first two years in which entering the transfer portal was a serious option.

The 6-1, 202-pound safety was one of the highest-rated recruits in SMU history when he arrived on campus in 2021 as the No. 48 safety in the country, per 247sports. The Dallas native and Skyline grad led SMU in interceptions as a true freshman before a shoulder injury sidelined him for the final three games of that season.

In 2022, he returned under a new coaching staff and his snap count decreased before a hamstring injury led him to redshirt.



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SMU junior safety Isaiah Nwokobia is only the fourth player to earn the honor of wearing SMU's No. 23 more than one season since the jersey tradition began in 2009.

As enticing as the portal was, he returned to SMU last year, appearing in all 14 games,

leading the team with four interceptions and ranking third in total tackles (61). He also led

the AAC with two defensive touchdowns. He put an exclamation mark on the year by in-

tercepting a fourth-down pass with just under five minutes remaining in the AAC championship to help SMU clinch its first conference title in 39 years.

Cornerbacks coach and co-defensive coordinator Rickey Hunley Jr. wasn't surprised to see Nwokobia earn the No. 23 honor again, especially after the offseason he had.

"He doubled down on who he is. Real recognizes real," Hunley said. "I thought he stepped up again as a leader in the offseason. I thought he pushed the envelope with guys like Deuce Harmon — guys we expect to come in and contribute. He held them to a standard. It's not a standard that he just talks. It's one that he lives."

Nwokobia helped lead a defense that ranked 12th nationally in 2023 in total defense and 13th in passing yards allowed. He'll face a much bigger challenge this fall against ACC receivers each Saturday.

But he's taking comfort both in his team's belief in him and all that he's had to overcome to earn his spot.

"It helps a lot just knowing that I've already been through a lot," he said. "Just knowing that as long as I keep my head down and just work, everything else will take care of itself. It brings me comfort knowing that as long as I stay focused on the things that have gotten me here, everything will be OK."

MLB AT A GLANCE

Flurry of trades starts race to deadline early

Fedde and Pham from White Sox head south to contending St. Louis

The St. Louis Cardinals added starting pitcher Erick Fedde in one of many moves several playoff hopefuls made Monday, the day before MLB's trade deadline.

Fedde and outfielder Tommy Pham went from the lowly White Sox to the Cardinals as part of a three-team deal. Chicago also sent hard-throwing reliever Michael Kopech to the NL West-leading Dodgers.

Los Angeles also got utilityman Tommy Edman and a pitching prospect from the Cardinals, and sent three infield prospects to Chicago.

The Dodgers later reacquired utilityman Amed Rosario from Tampa Bay, getting him in a deadline deal for the second year in a row — they got him from Cleveland last July for Noah Syndergaard. Rosario signed with the Rays as a free agent this spring, then hit .307 with two homers and 26 RBIs in 76 games.

Seattle, in a tight race with Houston for the AL West lead,

made its third significant move ahead of the deadline by getting veteran Justin Turner from Toronto for a minor league outfielder. The Mariners added Randy Arozarena and Yimi Garcia in a pair of trades last week.

AL Central leader Cleveland added experienced outfielder Lane Thomas from Washington for a minor league left-hander and two infielders. The 28-year-old Thomas is batting .253 with eight homers in 77 games this season, along with 28 stolen bases and a 25-game on-base streak for the longest active in the major leagues. His 24 outfield assists since the start of last season are the most in the majors.

The 31-year-old Fedde should provide a boost for the Cards' rotation as they try to rally into a playoff spot after they missed the postseason last year.

Fedde is 7-4 with a 3.11 ERA in 21 starts in a successful return to the majors. He finalized a \$15 million, two-year deal with the White Sox in December after he pitched for the NC Dinos in South Korea in 2023. A first-round draft pick by

Washington in the 2014 amateur draft, he is 28-37 with a 4.92 ERA in 123 big league games (109 starts).

The Cincinnati Reds picked up veteran first baseman Ty France and cash from Seattle in exchange for minor league catcher Andruw Salcedo. The 30-year-old France, a 2022 AL All-Star, was designated for assignment last week by the Mariners after hitting .223 with eight homers and 31 RBIs in 88 games.

Turner is expected for now to get the bulk of playing time at first base for Seattle, but can also play third base and was the designated hitter for 71 of the 89 games he appeared in for Toronto. The 39-year-old hit .254 with six homers and 31 RBIs in 89 games for the Blue Jays, but since June 1 has batted .301 with an .800 OPS.

Boston acquired right-handed pitcher Quinn Priester from the Pittsburgh Pirates for minor league infielder/outfielder Nick Yorke in an exchange of former first-round draft picks. The Red Sox then optioned Priester (2-6, 5.04 ERA) to Triple-A Worcester.

Bloody nose doesn't deter



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St. Louis added White Sox starting pitcher Erick Fedde in a three-team trade to bolster its rotation as it pushes for a playoff spot in the National League.

Orioles' McCann: James McCann had just been struck in the face with a fastball, and as the blood gushed from his nose and mouth, there was one overriding thought racing through his mind.

"I take pride in staying tough, doing what I can to stay on the field," he said later Monday. "That's what I was able to do today."

The pitch was thrown by Blue Jays rookie Yariel Rodriguez, who was struggling with his control before unleashing a first-inning pitch with the bases loaded that hit McCann square in the face.

Baltimore's backup catcher immediately dropped to the ground. He was bleeding profusely when team head athletic trainer Brian Ebel began providing treatment at the plate.

"At first, it's more scary than anything. It's like taking a pretty good right hook," McCann said.

McCann eventually shuffled to first base, but was still bleeding before manager Brandon Hyde sent him to the dugout.

By the time the game was ready to resume, McCann had stopped bleeding and returned to the field, wearing a new jersey and taking his spot as a run-

ner at first base.

AROUND THE MAJORS

Milwaukee: Brewers closer Trevor Megill was placed on the 15-day injured list with a lower back strain on Monday, retroactive to Friday, becoming the latest in a string of Milwaukee pitchers to miss time this season due to injury. Tyler Jay was recalled from Triple-A Nashville to take Megill's spot.

NY Mets: In a surprising move Monday, the New York Mets cut veteran reliever Jake Diekmann and promoted fellow left-hander Matt Gage.

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BASEBALL

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Sugar Land	15	11	.577	2 1/2
Round Rock	14	12	.538	3 1/2
Albuquerque	12	15	.444	6
El Paso	11	16	.407	7
Okla. City	9	18	.333	9
WEST	W	L	Pct.	GB
Salt Lake	18	9	.667	—
Reno	16	10	.615	1 1/2
Tacoma	14	13	.519	4
Las Vegas	13	13	.500	4 1/2
Sacramento	11	16	.407	7

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Salt Lake	at Tacoma	2:05
Okla. City	at El Paso	7:35
Reno	at Sacramento	8:45
Albuquerque	at Las Vegas	9:05

TEXAS LEAGUE

SOUTH	W	L	Pct.	GB
Midland	.....18	9	.667	—
Frisco	.....16	11	.593	2
San Antonio	.....14	12	.538	3 1/2
Amarillo	.....11	16	.407	7
Corpus Christi	.....7	19	.269	10 1/2
NORTH	W	L	Pct.	GB
Inter Miami	.....16	4	.800	—
Springfield	.....17	10	.630	—
Tulsa14	12	.538	2 1/2

NW Arkansas13	13	.500	3 1/2
Arkansas13	14	.481	4
Wichita10	17	.370	7

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Midland	at Corp. Christi	6:35
Amarillo	at Tulsa	7:00
Springfield	at Wichita	7:05

SOCCER

MLS

Western	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
LA Galaxy	.....13	5	7	46	47	34
LA FC	.....13	5	5	44	45	30
Salt Lake	.....12	4	8	44	49	31
Vancouver	.....11	7	5	38	40	31
Colorado	.....11	9	5	38	47	41
Seattle	.....10	7	7	37	34	26
Portland	.....10	8	6	36	48	39
Houston	.....9	7	7	34	31	27
Minn. United	.....9	10	6	33	40	41
Austin FC	.....8	10	7	31	28	37
FC Dallas	.....8	11	6	30	38	39
Kansas City	.....6	14	6	24	41	52
St. Louis City	.....10	11	23	32	46	46
San Jose	.....4	19	2	14	31	61

EASTERN

Inter Miami	.....16	4	5	53	56	39
Cincinnati	.....15	7	3	48	44	33
Columbus	.....12	4	7	43	47	22

New York	.....10	4	11	41	42	31
NYC FC	.....11	9	5	38	36	30
Charlotte FC	.....10	8	7	37	30	27
Orlando City	.....9	9	7	34	39	38
Toronto FC	.....9	14	3	30	34	47
Atlanta	.....7	11	7	28	35	36
Philadelphia	.....6	10	9	27	45	42
Philadelphia	.....6	10	9	27	45	42
CF Montreal	.....6	10	9	27	34	49
Nashville	.....6	11	8	26	26	39
D.C. United	.....6	11	8	26	35	50
Chicago6	12	7	25	30	42
New England7	14	2	23	23	47

MONDAY'S LEAGUES CUP RESULTS

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NY Red Bulls	Pachuca
Necaxa	at Minnesota
Austin	at Monterrey
Vancouver	at LA FC
Montreal	San Luis

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San Luis	vs CF Montreal	6:00
Pachuca	vs New York	7:00
Minn. U.	vs Necaxa	8:00
Monterrey	vs Austin FC	8:00
LA FC	at Vancouver	9:30

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

BALTIMORE ORIOLES— Recalled LHP Gade Povich from Norfolk (IL).

BOSTON RED SOX— Acquired RHP Quinn Priester from the Pittsburgh Pirates in exchange for INF/OF Nick Yorke. Optioned RHP Quinn Priester to Worcester (IL).

CHICAGO WHITE SOX— Recalled LHP Sammy Peralta from Charlotte (IL). Recalled CF Dominic Fletcher from Charlotte. Selected

the contract of RHP Toulk Toussaint from Charlotte.

DETROIT TIGERS— Selected the contract of LHP Bryan Sammons from Toledo (IL). Optioned RHP Ricky Vanasco to Toledo. Optioned LHP Easton Lucas to Toledo. Recalled SS Ryan Kreidler from Toledo. Recalled CF Dillon Dingler from Toledo.

HOUSTON ASTROS— Recalled RHP Kaleb Ort from Sugar Land (PCL).

KANSAS CITY ROYALS— Signed RHP Kyle DeGroat. Placed RHP John Schreiber on the 15-day IL. Signed OF Corey Cousin. Recalled RHP Will Klein from Omaha (IL).

NEW YORK YANKEES— Reinstated RF Giancarlo Stanton from the 10-day IL. Designated CF Jahmil Jones for assignment.

SEATTLE MARINERS— Traded 3B Ty France and cash to Cincinnati Reds for C Andruw Salcedo.

TEXAS RANGERS— Optioned LHP Walter Pennington to Round Rock (PCL). Traded RHP Michael Lorenzen to the Kansas City Royals for LHP Walter Pennington. Activated C Carson Kelly.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS— Recalled LHP Brandon Eisert from Buffalo (IL). Traded 3B Justin Turner and cash to Seattle Mariners for OF RJ Schreck. Optioned RHP Yerry Rodriguez to Buffalo.

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS— Recalled RHP Slade Cecconi from Reno (PCL). Optioned RHP Vilber Diaz to Reno.

ATLANTA BRAVES— Recalled RHP Darius Vines from Gwinnett (IL). Optioned RHP Jimmy Herget to Gwinnett.

CINCINNATI REDS— Placed C Austin Wynns on the 10-day IL. Transferred RHP Graham Ashcraft from the 15-day IL to 60-day IL. Selected the contract of C Eric Yang from Louisville (IL).

LOS ANGELES DODGERS— Traded RHP Ricky Vanasco to Detroit Tigers for cash. Traded 3B Miguel Vargas, SS Alexander Albertus and SS Jeral Perez to Chicago White Sox for RHP Michael Kopech.

MIAMI MARLINS— Claimed SS David Hensley off waivers from Houston Astros.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS— Recalled LHP Tyler Jay from Nashville (IL). Placed RHP Trevor Megill on the 15-day IL.

NEW YORK METS— Designated LHP Jake Diekmann for assignment. Recalled LHP Matt Gage from Syracuse (IL).

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES— Activated RHP Carlos Estevez. Optioned RHP Michael Rucker to Lehigh Valley (IL).

PITTSBURGH PIRATES— Traded RHP Quinn Priester to Boston Red Sox for 2B Nick Yorke. Signed SS Wyatt Sanford.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS— Designated C Nick Rapsco for assignment.

WASHINGTON NATIONALS— Signed RHP Yoel Tejada Jr.

FOOTBALL

ATLANTA FALCONS— Signed WR James Washington to a contract.

CLEVELAND BROWNS— Signed OL Zach Johnson to a contract. Placed OL Brian Allen on Reserve/Injured.

DETROIT LIONS— Signed OL Taylor Decker to a three-year contract extension.

HOUSTON TEXANS— Activated FB Andrew Beck from the PUP List.

LAS VEGAS RAIDERS— Signed WR Terrell Bynum to a contract. Waived LB Darrien Butler.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS— Signed DB Bobby McCain to the roster.

NEW YORK JETS— Activated FB Nick Bowden from the PUP List.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS— Activated WR Ricky

Pearsall from the NFL list.

BASKETBALL

ATLANTA HAWKS— Acquired F David Roddy from the Phoenix Suns in exchange for F E.J. Liddell.

PHOENIX SUNS— Signed G Tyus Jones to a contract.

SAN ANTONIO SPURS— Signed F Harrison Ingram to a two-way contract.

HOCKEY

CAROLINA HURRICANES— Signed F Martin Necas to a two-year contract.

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS— Signed Ds Izaak Phillips and Louis Crevier to one-year, two-way contracts.

MINNESOTA WILD— Signed D Brock Faber to an eight-year contract extension.

SOCCER

ATLANTA UNITED— Acquired a 2024 international roster spot from Seattle Sounders in exchange for \$100,000 in 2025 General Allocation Money (GAM).

MINNESOTA UNITED— Signed D Jefferson Diaz to a three-year deal.

TENNIS

WORLD TOUR CITI OPEN (at Washington)

MONDAY'S RESULTS

Surface: Hardcourt outdoor

SERVER'S ROUND OF 64

Mayot, France, 6-4, 7-6 (3).

Jeffrey John Wolf, United States, d. Zachary Svajda, United States, 6-4, 7-5.

Cristian Garin, Chile, d. Aslan Karatsev, Russia, 6-4, 6-2.

BASKETBALL

WNBA

Western	W	L	Pct.	GB
Minnesota	.....17	8	.680	—
Seattle	.....17	8	.680	—
Las Vegas	.....16	8	.667	1/2
Phoenix	.....13	12	.520	4
Los Angeles	.....6	18	.250	10 1/2
Dallas	.....6	19	.240	11
MINNESOTA UNITED	W	L	Pct.	GB



Paris Summer Olympics

SWIMMING

Canadian's gold rush begins

17-year-old McIntosh dominates in 400 IM, U.S. stars 2nd and 3rd

NANTERRE, France — The American swimmers collected plenty of hardware Monday night at the Olympic pool.

Katie Grimes and Emma Weyant stood side by side on the Paris podium. Ryan Murphy picked up the seventh medal of his illustrious career. Luke Hobson earned his first medal in a stirring race.

But none of them were gold. In a way, it felt like a changing of the guard, especially when Murphy could only manage a bronze and longtime breaststroke stalwart Lilly King was edged out of a medal by a mere hundredth of a second.

"We have a lot of people who have been doing this for a long time, the absolute legends of the sport," Murphy said. "All

the young people that are winning would say they look up to them."

Grimes and Weyant could celebrate knowing nobody was going to catch 17-year-old Canadian Summer McIntosh in her dominant 400-meter individual medley victory. McIntosh claimed the first gold medal of her just-burgeoning career Monday night with a dominating victory in the 400-meter individual medley.

McIntosh collected her first medal of any color on the opening night of swimming, taking a silver in the 400 freestyle behind Ariarne Titmus — and ahead of Katie Ledecky.

Now, McIntosh has the most prized color of all.

"I try to take every event very individually and just do my work, but starting off for me — getting on the podium — is definitely a great way to start," McIntosh said. "You try to continue to get better and better."

She pushed the pace hard

through the first half of the grueling race — the butterfly and backstroke legs — to leave everyone in her wake except American Katie Grimes.

McIntosh was under her own world-record pace, but couldn't keep it going. She touched in 4 minutes, 27.71 seconds, more than three seconds off the mark of 4:24.38 she set at the Canadian trials in May.

But it was more than enough to blow away the field in the Olympic final.

McIntosh seemed to take it all in stride. Maybe it's because she competed at the Tokyo Olympics at age 14, so she sort of feels like a veteran now.

"Every single time I get to race on the world stage, I learn more and more about handling mentally and physically and emotionally and trying not to get too high or too low," McIntosh said.

She's got a grueling schedule in Paris which includes two more individual races — the

200 butterfly and 200 IM.

Youth served in 200 free: David Popovici made the teenagers 2-for-2 on the night when he pulled off a thrilling victory in the men's 200 freestyle.

The 19-year-old Romanian was among three swimmers who swapped the lead back and forth on the final lap. First, it was American Luke Hobson edging in front. Then Britain's Matthew Richards, out in Lane 1, pushed to the lead.

Finally, it was Popovici mustering everything he had to get to the wall in 1:44.72 — a mere two hundredths ahead of Richards, with Hobson just 0.07 back to earn the bronze.

More Italian gold: Thomas Cecon gave Italy its second gold in as many nights at La Defense Arena, rallying to win the men's 100 backstroke.

China's Xu Jiayu led at the turn, just ahead of American Ryan Murphy — the 2016 gold medalist. Cecon was third, but



Bernat Armangué/The Associated Press

Summer McIntosh celebrates after winning the her first Olympic gold medal in the women's 400 individual medley. The 17-year-old now has won a silver and gold in Paris.

he switched to another gear on the return lap.

The Italian, who has held the world record since the 2022 world championships in Budapest, now has a gold medal to go with it after finishing in 52.00.

Xu claimed the silver (52.32), while the 29-year-old Murphy settled for the bronze for the second Olympics in a row at 52.39.

Cecon followed Nicolò Martinenghi, who grabbed Italy's first gold at the pool with a victory in the 100 breaststroke Sunday night.

Backstroke battle ahead:

In the only semifinals of the night, Australia's Kaylee McKeown and Regan Smith of the U.S. set up a much-anticipated duel in the women's 100 backstroke.

They each won their heats, with McKeown posting the fastest time (57.97) and McKeown right on her heels (57.99). McKeown is the reigning Olympic champion and former world-record holder — a mark that Smith snatched away with time of 57.13 at the U.S. trials last month.

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BRIEFS

Crouser slowing, but still ready to defend

Nadal and Djokovic meet at Roland Garros for potential final time

PARIS — Ryan Crouser, the two-time defending gold medalist in the shot put and four-time national champ at Texas, coaches himself in northwest Arkansas, and he conceded that he hasn't always done his prize pupil any favors.

Since winning the world indoor title in March, he's suffered two elbow injuries and pulled a pectoral muscle as a result of over-training.

Which is no way to go into his third Olympics.

"But I still believe at the top end," he said at a U.S. Track and Field news conference Monday, "I'm as good as I ever was, if not better."

Crouser was among four U.S. Olympians — sprinter Noah Lyles, hurdler Grant Holloway, pole vaulter Katie Moon and long jumper Tara Davis-Woodhall — to field questions about their prospects as well as Team USA's when competition starts Thursday.

Just getting out of the U.S. Olympic Trials is a world-class accomplishment.

"We joke that if the entire world had to qualify [at Trials]," Crouser said, "no one would."

Lyles, who will run in the 100, 200 and 4x100 relay, is one of the team's top hopes, along with Dallas' Sha'Carri Richardson. Davis-Woodhall, who set the collegiate record at Texas, nearly didn't make it to Paris after fouling on her first two attempts at the Olympic Trials before qualifying.

"It took around three weeks for me to recover from that," she said. "It was mentally, physically and emotionally draining. I think I needed that."

"If I just get that first jump out of the way, it's playtime."

Davis-Woodhall and Crouser have been forthcoming about their mental health struggles in track and field. Even winning gold, Crouser said this spring, isn't a panacea.

He acknowledged Monday that, at 31, he can't train like he did when he was 25 or 26. He spends as much time now taking care of his aches as he does training.

Not that his problems seem to bother him in competition. He won the world title in Budapest last summer after being diagnosed with blood clots.

But is he really healthy enough to three-peat? Comparing his condition to an airplane loaded up and ready to go, he said he's got a "short runway" and it's "tough



Smiley N. Pool/Staff Photographer

Fans cheer a victory by France's Alexia Richard and Lezana Placette over Germany's Laura Ludwig and Louisa Lippmann with the Eiffel Tower in the background at the beach volleyball venue.

to know where I'm at."

"But I'm excited and seeing if I can surprise myself."

Houston boxer out early: Top-seeded Joshua Edwards, the Pan-Am gold medalist and first Houston super heavyweight to qualify for the Olympics since George Foreman, made a quick exit from Paris on Monday, losing to Italy's Diego Lenzi in a split decision.

Going into the Olympics, Edwards, 6-3, 212, said he's "something the super heavyweight division has never seen," but Lenzi didn't appear to have any trouble figuring him out.

According to the *Houston Chronicle*, after Edwards was deducted a point for failing to keep his head up in the second round, he told his corner, "I'm tired."

The 6-1, 246-pound "Italian Stallion" — yes — was simply too strong for Edwards, attempting to become the first U.S. super heavyweight to win an Olympic gold medal since Tyrell Biggs in 1984.

Kevin Sherrington

Djokovic too much for Nadal: Novak Djokovic, who won, and Rafael Nadal, who lost, met at the net and hugged after playing at the Paris Olympics in the 60th — and quite possibly last — installment of a record-breaking and often riveting rivalry between tennis greats who share a mutual respect if not a close friendship.

This 6-1, 6-4 victory for Djokovic came in the second round of the Summer Games — instead of a Grand Slam final, like nine previous head-to-head encounters — and it was not the most scintillating contest, either, other than for a 20-minute interlude in the second set, when Nadal's final push made things briefly competitive after he ceded 10 of the initial 11 games.

Afterward, neither Nadal, who is 38, nor Djokovic, 37, was willing to concede they won't play each other again, even if that seems likely. Nadal certainly seems as if he could be close to retirement; he's had two injury-filled seasons, needed hip surgery a little more than a year ago, and spoke in 2023 about 2024 being his farewell.

But he's not done at these Olympics, pairing with Carlos Alcaraz in doubles for Spain, and said Monday he's a bit tired of getting asked every day about his future.

"I cannot live every single day with the feeling that it's going to be, or not going to be, my last match. I come here, I try my best, I play. And when I decide to stop playing, or when I decide to keep going, I will let you know. I don't know," Nadal said. "If I feel that I am not competitive enough to keep going or physically I am not ... ready to keep going, I will stop, and I will let you know."

What was clear for the first 1½ hours against Djokovic is that Nadal was diminished, nowhere near the skilled and ever-hustling version of himself that won a record 14 French Open trophies on the same red clay at Roland Garros that is hosting Summer Games matches.

He acknowledged as much after leaving Court Philippe Chatrier, where fans repeatedly tried to encourage him with chants of "Ra-fa! Ra-fa!"

Gauff advances easily: Coco Gauff is making it look easy at the Paris Olympics so far, adding a 6-1, 6-1 victory over Maria Lourdes Carle of Argentina in the second round of singles Monday to her growing collection of lopsided results.

So what if Gauff had more than twice as many unforced errors, 26, as winners, 11? So what if she only put 55% of her first serves in play? So what if she wound up with six double-faults and zero aces?

"You can't argue with the scoreline, to be honest," the 20-year-old American said.

Sure can't. Look at what she's managed to do so far at her first Olympics: Not only is Gauff 3-0 across singles and women's doubles, where her partner is Jessica Pegula, but she has dropped a combined total of nine games across six sets in those three matches.

Gauff's American team-

mates Danielle Collins and Emma Navarro won, but the fifth-seeded Pegula was eliminated from singles 4-6, 6-1, 6-3 by Tokyo Games bronze medalist Elina Svitolina of Ukraine in the day's last match. Collins eliminated 2018 Australian Open title winner Caroline Wozniacki 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.

Historic bronze for United States: American fencer Nick Itkin won the bronze bout in men's foil 15-12 against Kazuki Iimura to add that medal to the team bronze he won in Tokyo. "It's a blur. It's so fast, but it's a moment of relief," he said.

After Lee Kiefer and Lauren Scruggs won gold and silver in women's foil Sunday, Itkin's medal made it the first time that the U.S. has won individual medals in men's and women's fencing events at the same Olympics.

Horigome beat two Americans in street skateboarding: Yuto Horigome was not even thinking about the podium this time. The first men's street skateboarding champion when the sport debuted in the Olympics in 2021, he was so far back going into his final try that it looked as if he would fall short.

Instead, the 25-year-old from Japan landed the best trick of the competition to pass Americans Jagger Eaton and Nijah Huston for a repeat title.

Horigome scored a 97.08 on

SUMMER OLYMPIC MEDALS				
45 of 329 total events				
Nation	G	S	B	Tot
United States	3	8	9	20
France	5	8	3	16
Japan	6	2	4	12
China	5	5	2	12
Britain	2	5	3	10
Australia	5	4	0	9
South Korea	5	3	1	9
Italy	2	3	3	8
Canada	2	1	2	5
Hong Kong	2	0	1	3
Kazakhstan	1	0	2	3
South Africa	1	0	2	3
Brazil	0	1	2	3
Sweden	0	1	2	3
Germany	2	0	0	2
Moldova	0	0	2	2
Belgium	1	0	1	2
Azerbaijan	1	0	0	1
Romania	1	0	0	1
Uzbekistan	1	0	0	1
Fiji	0	1	0	1
Kosovo	0	1	0	1
Mongolia	0	1	0	1
Poland	0	1	0	1
Tunisia	0	1	0	1
Croatia	0	0	1	1
Egypt	0	0	1	1
Hungary	0	0	1	1
India	0	0	1	1
Ireland	0	0	1	1
Mexico	0	0	1	1
Slovakia	0	0	1	1
Spain	0	0	1	1
Switzerland	0	0	1	1
Turkey	0	0	1	1
Ukraine	0	0	1	1

Monday to vault into first and secure back-to-back gold medals. He beat Eaton by just 0.1 points in a thrilling finish in front of a charged-up crowd that was much different than the empty stands in Tokyo three years ago.

Eaton and Huston each sat in first place during the final. Eaton was in gold medal position until Horigome finished a trick known as a nollie 270 to nosebluntside — similar to the one the Arizona native did minutes earlier to get into that spot.

Women's rugby reaches semis: The U.S. advanced to a semifinal match against defending champion New Zealand with a 17-7 quarterfinal win over Britain, avenging a loss to the British at the same stage in Tokyo three years ago.

Sammy Sullivan and Kristi Kirsche scored second-half tries to seal the win.

Champions Park a big hit: With medals around their necks and the Eiffel Tower in the background, Paris Olympics athletes chanted, danced and even cried.

In a first for the Summer Games, organizers gave athletes a place to celebrate their victories and be closer to fans — and they made the most of it.

Champions Park launched Monday at the Trocadero, the site of the opening ceremony of the Paris Games, where Olympic winners can share their experience with family members and thousands of fans who this time didn't need to buy tickets or make reservations to be part of Games.

Players from the French men's rugby team, which beat Fiji over the weekend to win gold, were the first to be welcomed at the park, dancing and running around the stage as the crowd chanted. They posed at the end of the stage for a photo with the Eiffel Tower in the background, then led the crowd to chant with them.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ROUNDUP | UNITED STATES 102, JAPAN 76

U.S. dominates in gold medal rematch

Sabally sisters lead Germany to first-ever victory in Olympics

VILLENEUVE-D'ASCQ, France — A'ja Wilson scored 24 points and Breanna Stewart added 22 to help the U.S. beat Japan 102-76 on Monday night in the Olympic opener for both teams.

The Americans now have a 56-game Olympic winning streak that dates to the 1992 Barcelona Games.

The last of those victories before Monday also came against Japan when the two teams played for the gold medal in the Tokyo Games three years ago. The U.S. came away with a 90-75 win for its seventh straight gold medal.

Now Monday's victory tipped off the run to keep that streak going.

Japan, which was severely undersized against the U.S., used its frenetic style of shooting 3s off drives to the basket to try and keep the game close.

It worked for about 17 minutes as Japan only trailed 37-32 with 3:01 left before the half. The U.S. then scored 13 of the final 19 points before break, including a three-point play by Wilson with 8.2 seconds left to



Mark J. Terrill/The Associated Press

Brittney Griner scored 11 points and grabbed nine rebounds for the United States in its 102-76 win over Japan, a rematch of the 2021 gold medal game.

open up a double-digit lead.

The Americans, who next play on Thursday against Belgium, put the game away in the third quarter. Chelsea Gray had nifty passes to Wilson for easy scores and the U.S. was off and running. Japan never threatened.

Maki Takada scored 24 points, and Mai Yamamoto

added 17 for Japan, which hit 15 3-pointers. The U.S. made only four of its 20 3-point attempts.

This was Brittney Griner's first game internationally since she spent time in a Russian prison in 2022 after she was sentenced to nine years in jail for drug possession and smuggling. Playing for her country again was a far-fetched idea at

that point. Ten months later, she was free after a high-profile prisoner exchange.

Now, 19 months later, she's suiting up for the U.S. in the Paris Games — her first trip to play overseas since returning from Russia.

Griner was huge in the 2021 gold medal game, scoring 30 points. It was the most points

scored by an American player in a gold medal contest.

She had 11 points and nine rebounds Monday. With Wilson grabbing 13, the Americans had a dominating 56-27 advantage on the boards.

Sabrina Ionescu and Kelsey Plum each added 11 points for the Americans.

Germany 83, Belgium 69: Nyara Sabally scored 16 points to help Germany turn its Olympic debut into a historic victory. But she went to the locker room after she collided with a New York Liberty teammate in the third quarter.

Sabally had to be helped off the court after Leonie Fiebich's left shoulder smashed into her jaw with 1:25 left in the third. Sabally grabbed her face, bent over and then laid down on the court after the inadvertent contact that overshadowed Germany's big victory.

Wings player Satou Sabally led Germany with 17 points. Alexis Peterson had 15, Fiebich finished with 14 and Frieda Buhner added 11 in a big win in a group featuring the United States and 2021 silver medalist Japan.

Nigeria 75, Australia 62: Ezinne Kalu made her first four 3-pointers and scored 17 of her 19 points in the first half Mon-

day as Nigeria earned its first win in women's basketball at the Olympics since 2004, upsetting Australia in their group play opener.

Nigeria failed to qualify for the 2016 Rio Games and went winless in Tokyo. Australia is led by coach Sandy Brondello from the WNBA's New York Liberty and came in ranked third in the world, compared to 12th for Nigeria.

Fans inside Pierre Mauroy Stadium were on their feet cheering and applauding Nigeria in the final seconds before the players and coaches ran to midcourt to jump, hug and celebrate. Then they high-fived the Australians.

France 75, Canada 54: France shut down Canada while allowing only two points in the second quarter, turning a tight game into a runaway opening victory.

FIBA said the two points allowed, as part of a 23-2 period for France, was the fewest points allowed in any quarter of an Olympic game male or female.

Gabby Williams said it was an important performance given France coach Jean Aime Toupane's emphasis on defense.

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Sabally sisters make history for Germany

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plays for the New York Liberty.

Sabally remembers embracing Nyara, 24, at the buzzer Feb. 11 after Germany defeated Brazil in the final game of the 2024 FIBA Women's Olympic Tournament, the result that punched their ticket.

She recorded 20 points, 11 rebounds, and four assists, while Nyara added 10 points and five rebounds.

"When my sister and I hugged each other, it was the best," Sabally said. "I just couldn't believe it. We were both like, 'Oh my God, we are going to Paris!' Just sharing that moment with my sister was unbelievable."

Sabally dislocated her shoulder during the first game against Serbia and fought through the pain until the end of the qualifying tournament.

"Obviously with my injury, [playing Brazil] was the hardest game of my life, but it was really worth it," she said. "I am just so happy that I feel like I persevered, and as a team, we really earned it."

Sabally had surgery nine days later and missed the first 25 games of the Wings' regular season.

The team has felt her absence, sitting at the bottom of the league with just three wins in the last 20 games. Last season, Sabally averaged 18.6 points per game, 8.1 rebounds, and 4.4 assists, leading the Wings to the semi-finals and earning All-WNBA First Team and All-Star distinctions.

But the 6-4 forward is back to training and expects to be at full strength for the Olympics.

"I feel like I am finally back to myself," she said. "I'm training by myself and with the team. Definitely jumping in already and doing a lot of exercises. Obviously not full contact, but I feel like I am doing everything. I'm doing my normal regimen, lifting 100%. No pain."

Sabally said she is most excited to share this experience with Nyara.

"That is really something that no one can ever take away from you, and



Brian Snyder/Reuters

Satou Sabally led Germany with 17 points and sister, Nyara, scored 16 in an 83-69 women's Olympic basketball debut victory over Belgium. Satou Sabally always dreamed of playing in the Olympics but wasn't sure she'd ever get the chance because Germany had never reached that level.

doing it at the highest level possible with your sister that you grew up with, she knows me, and I know her," Sabally said. "It is really truly something special. I'm just cherishing the moment and taking everything with me. Even with her too, she's matured so much, and I am just so proud of who she became as a person, as a woman, as a player."

Both sisters played for the Oregon Ducks, overlapping one season (2018-19) but never taking the court together. Nyara suffered a torn ACL and

missed the entire season.

The sisters have just one memory of playing together.

"We always kind of missed each other, and I moved away from home when I was 17, so that would have been the time when we would have competed together," Sabally said. "We actually did have one school tournament that we did, and we won. It was a school youth Olympic tournament [in high school], and it was a lot of fun. She had 36 [points], and I had 30 points. I think that was the only tournament

we really played together."

Germany, listed at No. 19 in the FIBA World Rankings, is the underdog of Olympic Group C, featuring No. 6 Belgium, No. 9 Japan, and the top-ranked U.S. team.

The U.S. boasts nine Olympic gold medals and has won the last seven consecutive Games, while Japan earned silver in the 2020 Olympics.

Sabally said she knows it will be a challenge for Germany to make it out of the group stage, but she's hopeful. "Anything is possible," she said.

"Obviously, we have a hard group, but I think every other group is hard as well. We just have to do team basketball. That is how you win and compete at the highest level."

"I love playing against the best players," Sabally added. "What better team to measure yourself against than USA?"

Germany defeated Belgium 83-69 in its Olympics opening game and next faces Japan on Thursday before closing pool play against Team USA Sunday.

OLYMPIC CHANNEL GUIDE

Cable or satellite provider	KXTX	Olympic Channel	NBCSN	Golf	USA	NBC Universo		
Spect. Addison Carrollton	5	10	43	316	31	35	46	898
Spect. Denton	5	10	53	not listed	80	79	61	213
Spect. Duncanville	5	10	53	277	80	79	61	109
Spect. Fort Worth	5	10	53	277	80	79	61	109
Spect. Park Cities	5	10	53	277	80	79	61	109
Spect. Red Oak/Ellis Co.	5	10	53	277	80	79	61	109
Spect. Rockwall	5	10	53	337	80	79	61	213
Spect. Waxahachie	5	10	53	277	80	79	61	109
Frontier FiberOptic	5	10	102	98	90	93	50	275
Suddenlink	5	not listed	52	not listed	43	44	55	not listed
AT&T U-Verse	5	39	216	667	640	641	124	3009
Dish Network	5	39	208	389	159	401	105	838
DirectTV	5	39	355	624	220	218	242	410

Spect.-Spectrum

Schedule subject to change and/or blackouts

TUESDAY
ARCHERY—8:45 a.m.: (E) Individual: Round of 64, 32; 8 p.m.: (USA) Individual: Round of 64, 32
BADMINTON—5:45 a.m.: (E) group play: singles, doubles
BASKETBALL—11:30 p.m.: (USA) Women's Group C: USA vs. Japan; 4 a.m.: (E) Men's Pool A; 6:45 a.m.: (USA) Men's Group A: Canada vs. Australia
BASKETBALL 3X3—3:15 p.m.: (Ch. 5) Men's pool play
BEACH VOLLEYBALL—5 a.m.: (Telemundo) Voleibol de Playa, Boxeo y Natación; 1:15 p.m.: (E) Pool play; 4 p.m.: (Ch. 5) Pool play; 5 p.m.: (USA) Pool play; 10 p.m.: (USA) Pool play
BOXING—5 a.m.: (Telemundo) Voleibol de Playa, Boxeo y Natación
CANOING—3 p.m.: (E) Slalom: Men's Kayak, Women's Canoe Heats
CYCLING—6:15 a.m.: (E) Qualification: BMX Freestyle; 8:10 a.m.: (E) Qualification: BMX Freestyle
EQUESTRIAN—10 a.m.: (E) Dressage: Grand Prix
FENCING—9:30 a.m.: (E) Team Epee Semifinals; 3:30 p.m.: (E) Women's Team Epee Bronze/Gold

Finals; 7 p.m.: (USA) Women's Team Epee Bronze/Gold Finals
GOLF—9 a.m.: (Golf) Golf Central - Paris Preview
GYMNASTICS—10 p.m.: (Ch. 5) Women's Team Final; 10 p.m.: (Ch. 5) Primetime in Paris (July 30)
HANDBALL—8:45 p.m.: (USA) Shooting, Handball
ROWING—10:45 a.m.: (USA) Heats: Double Sculls & more
RUGBY—8:30 a.m.: (USA) Women's Semifinals; Noon: (E) Women's Bronze, Gold Finals; 4 p.m.: (USA) Women's Bronze, Gold Finals
SHOOTING—8:45 p.m.: (USA) Shooting, Handball
SOCCER—8 a.m.: (Telemundo) Spain vs. Egypt; (Universo) Dominican Republic vs. Uzbekistan; 10 a.m.: (Telemundo) Ukraine vs. Argentina; (Universo) Morocco vs. Iraq; Noon: (Telemundo) United States vs. Guinea; (Universo) New Zealand vs. France; (USA) Men's Group A: USA vs. Guinea; 2 p.m.: (Telemundo) Paraguay vs. Mali; (Universo) Israel vs. Japan
SURFING—10 p.m.: (Ch. 5) Primetime in Paris (July 30)
SWIMMING—4 a.m.: (USA) Heats: Women's 200m Fly & more; 5 a.m.: (Telemundo) Voleibol de Playa, Box-

eo y Natación; 1:30 p.m.: (Ch. 5) Finals: Women's 100m Back & more; 10 p.m.: (Ch. 5) Primetime in Paris (July 30)
TABLE TENNIS—11:15 a.m.: (USA) Mixed Doubles: Final
VOLLEYBALL—2 p.m.: (USA) Men's pool play
WATER POLO—9:30 a.m.: (USA) Men's Group: USA vs. Romania
WEDNESDAY
BADMINTON—3:15 a.m.: (USA) group play: singles, doubles
BASKETBALL 3X3—2:05 a.m.: (Ch. 5) NBC Late Night (July 30)
BEACH VOLLEYBALL—3 a.m.: (E) Pool play
DIVING—4 a.m.: (E) Women's Synchro 10m Platform Final
ROWING—4:50 a.m.: (E) Finals: Quadruple Sculls & more
SURFING—2:05 a.m.: (Ch. 5) NBC Late Night (July 30)
SWIMMING—4 a.m.: (USA) Heats: Women's 200m Fly & more
TRIATHLON—1 a.m.: (USA) Women's Final



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WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS

Illness ends Carey's hopes in floor

However, she will look for redemption as the U.S. team goes for gold

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PARIS — Jade Carey won't get a chance to defend the floor exercise gold medal she won three years ago in Tokyo, a victory that served as a vindication for the winding path she took to the Games.

An uncharacteristically mistake-riddled routine during qualifying Sunday led Carey to finish well outside the top eight at the Paris Olympics. She acknowledged afterward she hadn't been feeling well, not exactly an optimal way to prepare for a 45-second routine that requires strength, precision and stamina.

The 24-year-old did earn a spot in the vault final following a third-place finish behind Simone Biles and Brazil's Rebeca Andrade.

Yet more importantly for Carey, she'll be on the floor Tuesday night with Biles and the rest of the five-woman U.S. team as it tries to reclaim the top of the podium after finishing runner-up to Russia in Tokyo.

Yes, the gold on floor she claimed in Japan is precious. Yet the experience as a whole was a little strange. And it wasn't just the COVID-19 pandemic that stripped the stands of fans and the Games of some of its soul.



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Carey claimed a spot in the Olympics by traveling across the globe, racking up enough points in World Cup events to earn a nominative spot that was uniquely hers.

It was ultimately a one-time-only thing — the International Gymnastics Federation abandoned the practice after a single quadrennial — but Carey dutifully checked off the boxes necessary to assure herself of a trip to Japan.

Still, it was weird. While Carey and MyKayla Skinner — who earned a spot as a vault specialist — were part of the

U.S. delegation, they weren't officially on the four-woman U.S. team that finished runner-up to Russia.

The rules stipulated the duo also couldn't wear the same leotard as Simone Biles, Sunisa Lee, Jordan Chiles and Grace McCallum.

"It was weird because we were still Team USA, but not like a part of them," Carey said after the U.S. Olympic trials. "But everyone did a really good job of still trying to make sure that, like, me and McKayla felt included and part of the team."

Up to a point anyway.

When Biles removed herself from the team final to focus on her mental health, Carey watched from the stands helpless. There was nothing she could do but cheer on Lee, Chiles and McCallum as they tried to navigate the emotional blow of losing their unquestioned leader in real-time.

That won't be an issue this time, not after Carey and her father Brian — her longtime personal coach who is now an assistant at Oregon State, where his daughter is a rising junior — put together a meticulous plan that saw her build

back her skills in the run-up to the Games.

Staying patient was not easy even though she had plenty to focus on while competing for the Beavers. Carey found she thrived in a college environment, one of the reasons she opted to stay in school while Lee (Auburn) and Chiles (UCLA) left school in 2023 to prep for another potential trip to the Games.

Still, as the calendar flipped to 2024, she grew anxious. Her father put together a training schedule designed to have her ramp up her skills gradually,

with the idea of peaking in time for the Olympic trials.

"It felt stressful at times because I knew that I could be doing a lot harder gymnastics and more skills than I was competing," she said. "But just knowing that, like, my dad's plan was right for me and not pushing too hard until I actually needed to."

Yet in a nod to Carey's age — advanced for an elite, though not as advanced as it used to be — and workload, Brian Carey wrote down the weekly schedule in pencil so there could be plenty of flexibility.

Everything worked out. By the time Trials rolled around, Carey's vaulting was close to where it was at her peak. The power in her tumbling had returned, which made hearing her name called when the team was announced all the more gratifying.

She admitted making it this time was "more special" than in 2021. She was team-adjacent in Tokyo. On Tuesday night, she will salute the judges in the same leotard as the other four Americans, intent on adding a team gold that would serve as the highlight of a career stuffed with them.

Perhaps just as importantly, she'll do it with friends she considers sisters.

"We want to make our dreams happen together," Carey said. "Especially from last time. So it just means the world to us to be able to go there again all together."

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Hong provides juice needed for bronze

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only a point-and-a-half out of second and two ahead of Great Britain.

For instance: Before clinching bronze with a score nearly 4 less than the 15.200 he posted in qualifying, Nedoroscik, a pommel horse specialist who sat around two hours waiting for something to do, got his marching orders from his coach.

"Eighty percent," Sam Mikulak told him, "is all you need."

Not what you'd read on Alabama's locker room wall, but, hey, it worked. He knew it's not good to get Nedoroscik too geeked. He's geeky enough as it is, which you'd know if you'd seen him in his black horn-rimmed glasses underneath the pile of backpacks he schlepped around for teammates at qualifying. His peers are built like fire hydrants. Nedoroscik looks like he should haunt a chemistry lab, not swing gracefully around and over a pommel horse. If they make this story into a movie, Michael Cera is a lock for the part.

The point is, Nedoroscik had one job to do, and if he wasn't exactly magnificent at it Monday, he was plenty good enough. Same with Malone. The squad's only two-time Olympian, a medal hopeful, he'd been a flop in qualifying. Literally. Fell four times across three apparatuses.

Like Nedoroscik, he didn't put on a show Monday, but he didn't wobble once. In qualifying, the '22 world champ on the high bar needed three starts on the apparatus, ending up with just 10 points. When his score Sunday came up 14.166, his coaches protested, but their hearts weren't in it. They were just happy he didn't end up face-first on his finely-chiseled chin.

In fact, the U.S. went 18 for 18 on six apparatuses, meaning no one slipped, fell or landed on his *derriere*. Might not sound like much to you, but Japan couldn't say that. Neither could China, whose Su Weide fell *twice* from



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From left, Asher Hong (Plano), Frederick Richard, Brody Malone and Paul Juda of the United States react as teammate Stephen Nedoroscik finishes competing on the pommel horse during the men's gymnastics team final. Nedoroscik closed out the team's bronze-medal performance.

the high bar in the final rotation, costing China two points and effectively the gold.

Juda would be hard-pressed to make the starting lineups of either of the gold or silver medalists, but he set the tone for the U.S. on all four apparatuses he competed on Monday. Stuck the landing and turned it over to the next guy.

When he volunteered to go first on the pommel horse in the final rotation, Hong could tell Juda's nerves were frayed. They were *this close* to a medal. They knew it, even if they refused to look at the scores. Stayed in their "bubble," as they called it. But

they had an idea the bronze was in hand after going 15-for-15.

When Juda raised his hand and tentatively said he'd go first one more time, Hong moved in.

"Paul, you're the man for the job," he said.

"You earned this moment."

The sense of belief was all Juda needed to hear.

"I went up there," he said,

"and I was light as a feather."

Funny thing is, Hong believes he just as easily could have handled the horse in the Olympics. It's his weakest, which is why Nedoroscik took his place, denying Hong an opportunity to compete for the all-around

Thursday. But he's getting better on the horse. He was a half-point better on the bars Monday than he'd been in qualifying, and his 14.533 on the rings led the Americans, as did his spectacular 14.833 on the vault.

Going into the second rotation, the U.S. was in fifth place overall. Once Hong, a 5-1 blur, landed his twisting, double-back somersault in the vault, the U.S. was in first.

"That," Mikulak said, "was when then momentum was heating up, and that's Asher's M.O. He's gonna rise to the occasion. There's no way he's missing this. This is, like, his

moment.

"This is what he's been dreaming of, and he finally got it."

When not giving the team a shot of adrenaline on an apparatus, Hong is its head cheerleader. He and Richard, both still just 20, represent the high-wire future of the men's team. At one point it was hard to tell who'd expended more energy: Richard, a crowd-pleaser who added a gadget to his high bar routine, improving his qualifying score by .7; or Hong, who did everything but climb up on the bar with him.

Weren't you afraid of wear-

ing yourself out?

"Oh, no," Hong said, smiling. "Hyping everybody gets me more hyped, too."

Once Nedoroscik landed, the rest of the U.S. team members let out everything they'd held in reserve all day. Next thing you knew, the closer, who called it "the greatest moment of my life," was crowd-surfing his teammates. Malone, whose face is a mask in competition, looked like a kid at Christmas. They had a right to party. The men's team had waited 16 long years for this, since Richard and Hong were only 4 years old. The boys are all grown up.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL BOX SCORES

Table with columns: Team, AB, R, H, BI, BB, SO, Avg. Baltimore 11, Toronto 5. Includes player stats for Springier, Berroa, Horwitz, Guerrero, Turner, Barger, Varsho, Kirk, Schneider, Clement, Jimenez, and totals.

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Table with columns: Team, AB, R, H, BI, BB, SO, Avg. Mets 15, Minnesota 2. Includes player stats for Margot, Wallner, Buxton, Larnach, Lewis, Vazquez, Santana, Castro, Martin, Jeffers, Kepler, Lee, and totals.

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Table with columns: Team, AB, R, H, BI, BB, SO, Avg. Boston 14, Seattle 7. Includes player stats for Robles, Locklear, Arozarena, Raleigh, Polanco, Rivas, Raley, Moore, Vosler, Haniger, Rojas, and totals.

Seattle IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA Gilbert, 2 2/3 7 7 0 4 69 3.11 (L6-7) Thornton, 2 7 5 4 0 1 42 4.44 Speier, 1 1/2 2 2 0 3 27 5.95 Snider, 1 0 0 0 0 1 14 1.50 Saucedo, 1 0 0 0 1 0 9 1.95 Boston IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA Pivetta, 6 6 3 3 4 1 10 109 4.7 (W1-7) Wingenter, 1 1/2 3 4 1 2 36 27.00 Horn, 1 1 0 0 0 1 7 6.39 Inherited runners scored-Thornton 1-1, Speier 1-0, Wingenter 2-0, WP-Gilbert, Wingenter, PB-Raleigh (4), Umpires-Home, Andy Fletcher; First, Jansen Visconti; Second, Cory Blaser; Third, John Bacon. T-2.47. A-35,007 (37,755).

Table with columns: Team, AB, R, H, BI, BB, SO, Avg. Milwaukee 8, Atlanta 3. Includes player stats for Kelenic, Riley, Ozuna, Olson, Murphy, Rosario, Laureano, Duvall, Arcia, Alvarez, and totals.

Atlanta IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA Pineda, 5 3 1 1 0 8 70 2.54 Chavez, L, 1-2, 1 2 3 3 1 0 26 2.33 (BS 0-1) Bummer, 1 2 1 1 1 1 17 3.29 Vines, 1 4 3 2 0 1 25 8.56 Milwaukee IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA Rea, 5 5 3 2 2 6 82 3.59 Milner, 1 0 0 0 0 1 13 4.35 (W4-1) Peguero, H, 11, 1 0 0 0 0 5 3.40 Mears, H, 1, 1 0 0 0 2 10 0.00 Wilson, 1 1 1 1 0 0 13 4.04 Inherited runners scored-Milner 1-0, Peguero 1-0, IBB-off Bummer (Contreras), Umpires-Home, Alfonso Marquez; First, Lance Barrett; Second, Mark Ripberger; Third, James Jean. T-2.14. A-28,698 (41,700).

Table with columns: Team, AB, R, H, BI, BB, SO, Avg. Cincinnati 7, Chicago 1. Includes player stats for Hoerner, Busch, Suzuki, Happ, Tauchman, Swanson, Wisdom, Crow-Armstrong, Amaya, and totals.

Chicago IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA Taillon, 4 7/5 6 6 6 1 4 81 3.35 (L7-6) Lopez, 1 1/2 1 0 0 0 1 20 0.73 Pearson, 1 1/2 1 1 1 0 1 18 6.75 Smily, 1 0 0 0 0 6 2.75 Cincinnati IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA Spiers, 5 1 0 0 2 4 68 3.46 (W4-2) Moll, 1 1 0 0 0 1 19 2.52 Wilson, 1 0 0 0 0 2 13 4.50 Sims, 1 0 0 0 1 12 3.57 Farmer, 1 1 1 1 0 1 18 2.81 Inherited runners scored-Smyly 1-0, HBP-Pearson (Stephenson), WP-Taillon, Umpires-Home, D.J. Reyburn; First, James Hoye; Second, Charlie Ramos; Third, John Litka. T-2.25. A-21,837 (43,891).

Table with columns: Team, AB, R, H, BI, BB, SO, Avg. Pittsburgh 5, Houston 3. Includes player stats for Palacios, Taylor, Reynolds, Tellez, Bart, Hayes, Diaz, Bregman, Alvarez, McCormick, Peña, Singleton, Dubon, Meyers, Caratini, Cabbage, and totals.

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Houston IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA Diaz, 4 2 1 1 0 3 11 3.11 (W4-4) Bednar, 1 2 1 1 2 0 20 4.95 (S19-22) Houston IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA Scott, 3 0 0 0 4 35 1.37 Ort, 2 1/2 2 1 1 0 1 26 1.59 Abreu, H, 25, 1 1/2 1 0 1 3 30 2.75 Pressly, BS, 2-8, 1 2 1 2 1 25 3.54 Hader, 1 1 3 3 2 2 30 4.11 (L4-6) Inherited runners scored-Abreu 1-0, HBP-Skenes (Caratini), WP-Skenes, Umpires-Home, Todd Tichenor; First, Austin Jones; Second, Nestor Ceja; Third, Manny Gonzalez. T-2.51. A-40,522 (41,000).

Table with columns: Team, AB, R, H, BI, BB, SO, Avg. Cleveland 8, Detroit 4. Includes player stats for Kwan, Martinez, Ramirez, J.Naylor, Fry, Gimenez, Noel, B.Naylor, Rocchio, and totals.

Cleveland IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA Bibee, 6 7 2 2 0 2 95 3.48 (W9-4) Avila, 1 1/2 0 0 0 2 0 29 3.19 Barlow, 1 0 0 0 2 1 19 3.12 Gaddis, 1 1 2 2 1 0 22 1.41 Kansas City IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA Marsh, 4 7/5 6 2 2 1 3 69 4.71 Zepa, 1 1/2 3 2 2 0 2 14 3.40 Stratton, 1 1/2 2 1 1 0 1 20 4.60 (W3-3) Smith, H, 7, 1 0 0 0 0 10 4.41 McArthur, 1 0 0 0 0 0 10 5.31 (S18-23) Chicago IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA Flexen, 6 9 2 2 0 2 97 5.13 Banks, H, 7, 1 0 0 0 0 3 18 4.12 Zepa, 1 1/2 3 3 3 0 2 22 3.86 Brebbia, L, 0-6, 1/2 1 3 3 1 0 20 5.71 (BS 2-5) Peralta, 1 1 0 0 1 0 19 2.57 Inherited runners scored-Zepa 2-0, Stratton 1-0, Brebbia 1-1, HBP-Marsh 2 (DeJong,Lopez), Brebbia (Frazier), Umpires-Home, Bruce Deekman; First, Mark Wegner; Second, Clint Vondrak; Third, Jeremie Rehak. T-2.49. A-12,179 (40,241).

Table with columns: Team, AB, R, H, BI, BB, SO, Avg. New York 14, Philadelphia 4. Includes player stats for Verdugo, J.Soto, Judge, Grisham, Wells, Narvaez, Stanton, Chisholm, Torres, Rice, LeMahieu, Volpe, and totals.

New York IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA Gil, 5 5/3 5 3 3 3 8 92 3.20 (W11-5) Tonkin, H, 1, 1 1/2 1 1 1 0 19 2.59 Gomez, 2 2 0 0 0 1 27 3.97 Philadelphia IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA Wheeler, 5 7 7 3 3 6 103 2.94 (L10-5) Marte, 2 3 2 2 0 1 25 4.87 G.Soto, 1 3 3 1 2 30 4.08 Stubbs, 1 2 2 1 0 22 18.00 Inherited runners scored-Tonkin 2-0, WP-Tonkin(2), Gomez, Umpires-Home, Alan Porter; First, Sean Barber; Second, Ryan Blaney; Third, Jim Wolf. T-2.52. A-44,289 (42,901).

Philadelphia IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA Wheeler, 5 7 7 3 3 6 103 2.94 (L10-5) Marte, 2 3 2 2 0 1 25 4.87 G.Soto, 1 3 3 1 2 30 4.08 Stubbs, 1 2 2 1 0 22 18.00 Inherited runners scored-Tonkin 2-0, WP-Tonkin(2), Gomez, Umpires-Home, Alan Porter; First, Sean Barber; Second, Ryan Blaney; Third, Jim Wolf. T-2.52. A-44,289 (42,901).

Table with columns: Team, AB, R, H, BI, BB, SO, Avg. Kansas City 8, White Sox 5. Includes player stats for Massey, Witt, Pasquantino, Perez, Renfroe, Melendez, Fermin, Garcia, Isbel, Frazier, Blanco, and totals.

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Tart-cherry juice relieved reader's neck pain

KING FEATURES SYNDICATE

For years, I suffered from moderate to severe neck pain. Surgery, physical therapy, acupuncture and massage all provided temporary relief, but the pain rebounded before very long.

I recently tried tart-cherry juice and, almost immediately, my neck pain was relieved. I take my morning pills with the juice and don't miss a day.

Researchers interested in muscle performance have studied tart cherries (*Prunus cerasus*) in the form of juice or concentrate (*International Journal of Sport Nutrition and Exercise Metabolism*, March 1, 2021). Investigators have also explored the potential benefit of tart cherries for easing the pain of gout (*Current Rheumatology Reviews*, 2024).

We have not heard that cherry juice could alleviate neck pain. If you would like to learn more about cherries and other nondrug approaches to managing joint pain, you may be interested in our 100-page



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book *The Graedons' Guide to Alternatives for Arthritis*. You can find it in the books section of the store at PeoplesPharmacy.com.

I heard that tea tree oil could eradicate toenail fungus. The problem was that after about a week, I developed a severe reaction that blistered like poison ivy. Does tea tree oil have similar properties to poison ivy sap?

Although people frequently use tea tree oil (*Melaleuca alternifolia*) to treat skin conditions, it can cause allergic contact dermatitis with an itchy rash. The reaction to poison ivy



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is also allergic contact dermatitis. So far as we can tell, however, people allergic to poison ivy are not super-sensitive to tea tree oil.

For a time, I was sweetening mint tea with stevia. I eventually discovered that my internal flora and fauna can't handle stevia. The problems started long enough after drinking the tea

that I didn't make the connection for quite a while.

Stopping the use of stevia absolutely ended the problem. When I test it cautiously, I get the same result. Some folks may not recognize this could be an issue.

Many people assume that noncaloric sweeteners such as aspartame or stevia do not affect our gut microbes. Research by Dr. Eran Elinav and

colleagues at the Personalized Nutrition Project shows that such sugar substitutes may disrupt the balance of the microbiome (*Cell*, Aug. 19, 2022). You can listen to Dr. Elinav explain this in our free podcast. It's "Show 1321: Rebalancing our Microbiome Through Personalized Nutrition and Viruses."

A while back, I saw my

doctor and I almost broke the blood pressure machine. The nurse measured my blood pressure three times because it was so high.

Of course, I tried to think of what I had done that might raise my blood pressure so much. The next day, I read the label on the Preparation H I was using and put two and two together. I do think the warning about increasing blood pressure should be clearer!

Preparation H contains the decongestant phenylephrine that constricts blood vessels. This action is how it shrinks the swelling of hemorrhoidal tissues, as the ads used to say.

When you constrict blood vessels, blood pressure may rise. That's why the label warns to "Ask a doctor before use if you have ... high blood pressure."

You are not the only one to have experienced this adverse effect. Another reader wrote: "I used Preparation H and had a sudden spike in blood pressure. My normal blood pressure reading is around 106 over 62."

Widow put off by livestream invite

ANDREWS McMEEL SYNDICATION

Dear Abby: The daughter of a friend is getting married and sent an email announcement with a link to watch a livestream of the ceremony. I have never been invited to not attend an event before, and frankly, my feelings are hurt. (My husband was an incredible artist. Should I send a livestream of others enjoying his work in person?)

Does etiquette require I send a wedding gift? I would've understood not being invited if they were keeping it a small affair, but inviting a widow to witness a friend's emotional, romantic moment in the solitude of her home seems cruel. Am I out of touch with what is socially acceptable?

Not Going in Texas

Dear Not Going: If the wedding is being held some distance from where you live, then the invitation to livestream was probably an attempt to be considerate. Today, many meaningful events are livestreamed, including funerals and memorials. If you would find watching the ceremony depressing and prefer not to "tune in," then don't do it. And, no, you are not required to send a gift. (A sweet e-card congratulating the couple would be a nice gesture.)

Dear Abby: My brother is married to a very nice woman. It's the second marriage for both, and they both work, although they do not handle money well. They have traveled to family events and ended up running out of money for meals, car rentals, etc.

My sister-in-law heard about a girls trip my daughters-in-law, a few close friends and I will be taking. She has invited herself along, and I don't know how to politely tell her she can't come unless she has the money up front to pay her share. It would kill me



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to hurt her feelings. Please advise.

Responsible Lady Out West

Dear Responsible Lady: Who has paid for the food and car rentals that this couple didn't have the money to cover? Were those relatives ever reimbursed? Unless you want to foot the bill for your SIL on this trip (to which she has invited herself), you'll have to summon up the courage to tell her you will under no circumstances be doing that. If her feelings are hurt when you state the obvious (that you are not a pushover), so be it.

Dear Abby: I am a 79-year-old woman. I have had a friend since high school who is five months younger than I am. A few weeks, sometimes months, before my birthday rolls around, she'll come out with comments about her being several months younger. These comments hover between sarcastic and just plain mean.

I think she thinks she's being clever, but after many years of this, it is no longer funny. When she makes a comment this year about my BIG birthday, what could my comeback be, in essence, telling her to knock it off?

Same Age in Florida

Dear Same Age: How about this, spoken with a smile of course: "Oh, honey, age is only a number. My birthday may come before yours, but you are right behind me. I'm trying out the number before you get there. At this point, I consider each day a blessing and so should you."

Spouse won't say he wants own bed

WASHINGTON POST WRITERS GROUP

Adapted from an online discussion.

Dear Carolyn: My husband decided that he functions better when he goes to bed later and gets up later, so he stopped going to bed with me and would crawl into bed a couple of hours after I did.

Since then, he keeps finding new reasons to sleep in the guest bed in his office instead of with me. We got a puppy, and the back door is closer to his office. Our older dog had surgery and couldn't take the stairs. Each of those added up to months. I came down with COVID. He got sick, too, and just didn't answer when I asked if he was coming back to bed.

I've asked point-blank if he just doesn't want to share a bed with me, and he denies it, but then he keeps sleeping elsewhere anyway.

I miss my husband, and I don't know how else to ask the same question if he won't give me a straight answer.

Take the Hint?

Dear Take the Hint? I'm sorry. You have your answer, just not in words.

I suggest two things from here: 1. Say it for him. "You deny that you prefer to sleep in separate rooms, but your choices every night are making that preference clear. It's not what I want, I think I've made myself clear there — but I would rather hear you say it than be in this kind of weird limbo where I'm being told one thing and living another. So, would you like to make it official, that you are more comfortable having your own room and own bed?"

That phrasing is much easier to agree to, by the way, than, "Do you not want to share a bed with me anymore?" which emotionally can be much more loaded than the situation really is. Some people just sleep much better alone, nothing personal.

2. Tell him how you feel: that you will accept it, for example, but also miss having



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him next to you. Express your worries about intimacy and suggest other ways to stay close.

People still reflexively connect sleeping apart with alienation — whisper, whisper, "separate bedrooms!" — but will grant in the next sentence how important sleep is to physical and mental health. Snorers, insomniacs, fidgets, late readers, human furnaces and other involuntary enemies of co-sleeping, and people who just prefer to sleep alone, can have close, loving, intimate marriages, too. Imagine if marriage had to be one thing for everyone? Ouf.

Re: Hint: My partner stops breathing for a long time. Like ... 45 seconds. Often, as soon as he falls asleep. I'm not a doctor, so I can't say it's sleep apnea, but I know it's dangerous, and he refuses to get a sleep study. Listening to someone you love dearly and passionately *stop breathing* is agony. When I can't stand it, I get up and sleep in the next room. I hate it, but I've also said my piece about sleep apnea, he's said no, and there's nothing more I can do.

Anonymous

Dear Anonymous: There is one more thing — you can make sure your wills and other paperwork are in order. This must be terrifying; I'm so sorry he won't hear you.

Re: Hint: My husband and I have always had separate bedrooms. It's wonderful. We both get good-quality sleep and still engage in plenty of happy time. Definitely discuss it to make sure there isn't something bigger lurking. If not, try not to take it personally and set up a bedroom for him. You won't regret it.

Happy

Seeking the attire for 'snooty' opera

ANDREWS McMEEL SYNDICATION

Dear Miss Manners: How does one dress for the opera nowadays? It's our first time at the Met, and I got good seats for my wife and myself.

In London, I wore a suit, and then after the pandemic, I wore chinos and a jacket. London is easygoing. Is New York snooty?

Gentle Reader: Snooty? Please do not use that word anywhere near the opera, which you obviously love. It is an association that has driven people away from enjoying robust music and stories of sex and violence, thinking that opera is fit only for snobs — who don't really enjoy it, but believe that it conveys class and status.

Nonsense. Historically, opera in America was mass entertainment. Opera companies traveled around the country, where towns had opera houses — and opinionated audiences to fill them.

How did they dress? Probably in their Sunday best. Dressing up was a way to show respect and a sense of occasion. Besides, it can be fun.

But it can also turn competitive. And in 19th-century New York, competition among the rich centered on the opera house — not only in regard to dress and jewels, but also as to who was allowed to buy box tickets. Ordinary people were priced out of the competition and reacted by rioting in the streets.

But the idea stuck: that opera was a somewhat ridiculous indulgence for showoffs, and not for honest folk. Which explains why this once hugely popular entertainment is in financial trouble today.

Wear whatever you like. You will be the only person who dresses down — and Miss Manners may not be the only one who dresses up. And neither of us will



MISS MANNERS

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sneer at the other.

Dear Miss Manners: I abhor being asked what I do for work, as I find it the laziest way to glean anything about my being.

I am happy with what I do, the environment I work in (academia) and the people with whom I interact most frequently. But when I'm asked by strangers what I do, I'd rather they ask about the origins of my last name, where I purchased the sweater they covet, or the last meal that made me giggle with glee.

What might be a positive derailment for the work question? I understand that it is a common conversation starter, but once I'm asked what I do, my interest in life goes gray.

Gentle Reader: There is hardly a conversation opener left that some do not consider offensive. Even the weather isn't safe, as it could lead to controversy about climate change.

Nor are your examples. Questions about surnames may imply that someone doesn't really belong, and asking about purchases may seem to inquire about financial status. (The one about giggling over meals simply bewilders Miss Manners.)

But as you say, the questioner is merely trying to start a conversation. So start one, about whatever topic you like. Asked about your job, you could say, for example, "It leaves me time to garden, which is my favorite occupation."

HOROSCOPE

By NANCY BLACK Tribune Media Services

JULY 30 BIRTHDAY: Common dreams propel collaborations this year. Summer studies or travels shift direction, leading to an autumn windfall of family benefits.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 9 — Edit carefully before publishing. Don't gossip, and don't believe everything you hear.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 9 — There's more work coming in. Avoid a conflict of interests. Wait to see what develops.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Today is a 9 — Take charge. Advance a personal project to new levels. Don't crow about it yet.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Today is a 6 — Privately plan and organize. Fix something before it breaks. Be prepared to move quickly.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is an 8 — Keep showing up for your team. Do what you said you would. Community connections open exciting opportunities.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — Make professional goals and deadlines for lasting benefits. Make sure you have the facts.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is an 8 — Develop your investigation. A fascinating inquiry reveals valuable treasure.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 9 — Your greatest asset is your own determination. Encourage full disclosure.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 9 — Push to advance your shared plan and discuss it later. Action gets farther than words now.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 9 — Stick to tested physical and health routines. Something doesn't compute.

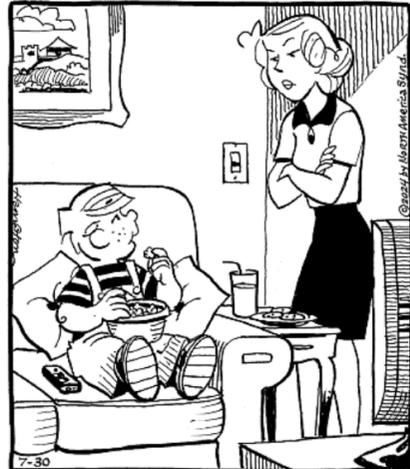
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 9 — Good fortune follows your own initiative. Go for what you want. Ignore gossip.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 9 — Full speed ahead with domestic projects. Do the job you've been considering.

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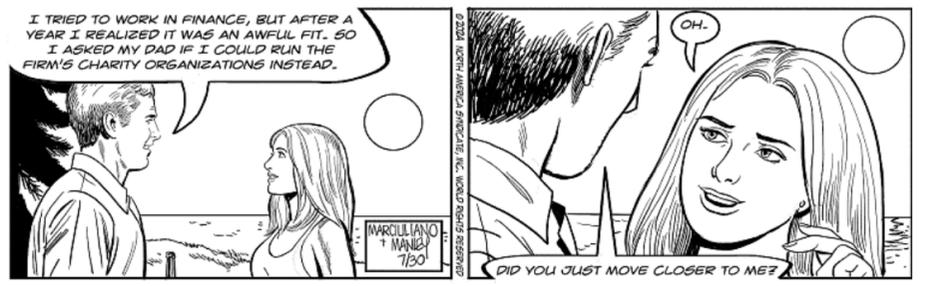
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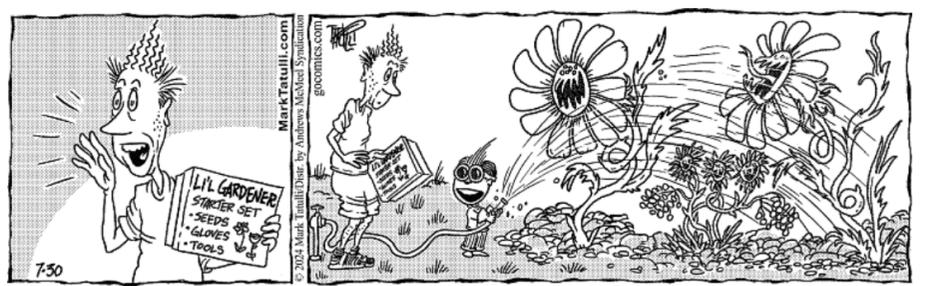
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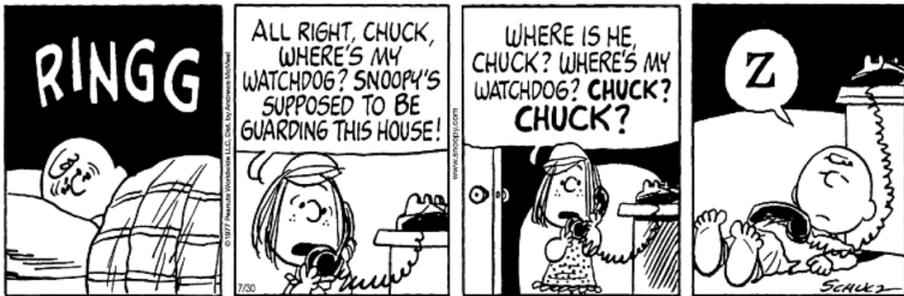
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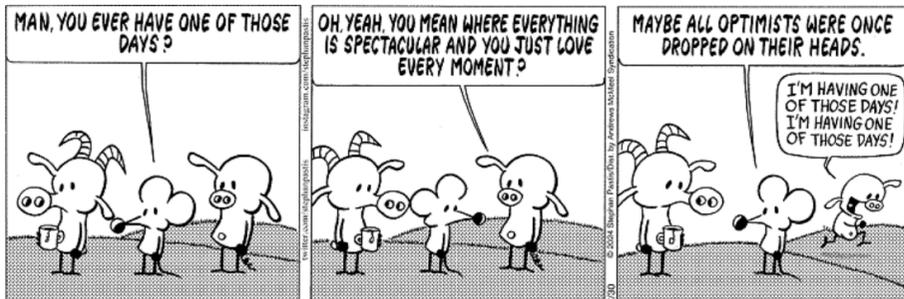
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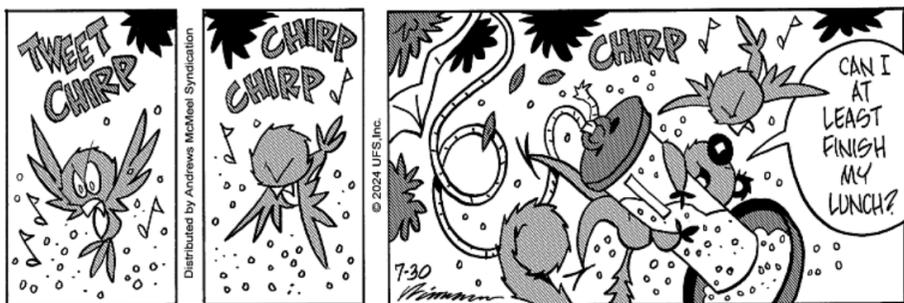
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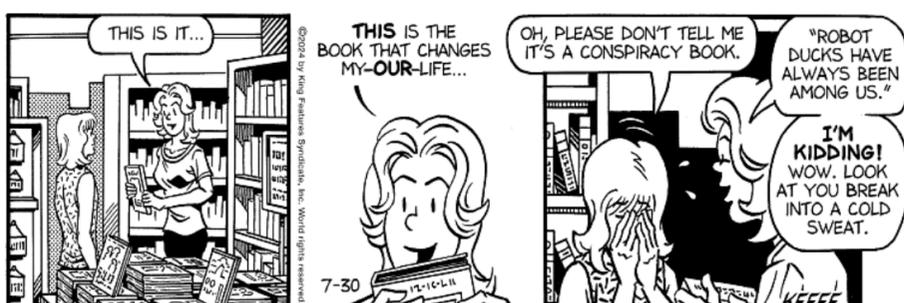
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By Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman



TODAY IN HISTORY

The Associated Press

1619 The first representative assembly in Colonial America convened in Jamestown in the Virginia Colony.

1864 During the Civil War, Union forces tried to take Petersburg, Va., by exploding a gunpowder-laden mine shaft beneath Confederate defense lines; the attack failed.

1930 Uruguay won the first FIFA World Cup, defeating Argentina 4-2.

1956 President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a measure making "In God We Trust" the national motto, replacing "E Pluribus Unum."

1965 President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Social Security Amendments of 1965, which led to the creation of Medicare and Medicaid.

1976 Bruce Jenner, now known as Caitlyn Jenner, set a world record of 8,618 points and won the gold medal in the Olympic decathlon at the Montreal Summer Games.

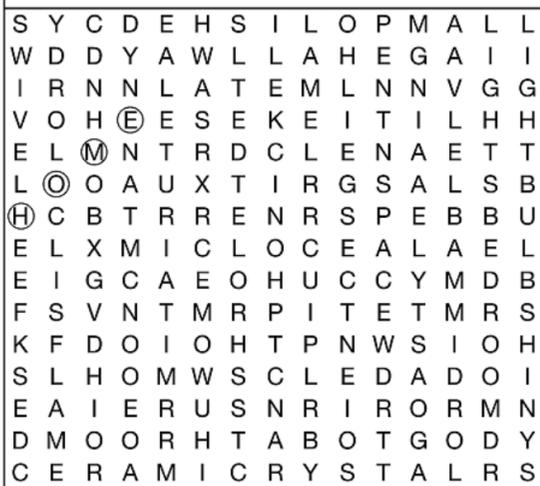
2012 Three electric grids in India collapsed in a cascade, cutting power to 620 million people in the world's biggest blackout.

WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

WALL SCENCES Solution: 8 letters



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Bathroom, Bedroom, Candle, Ceiling, Ceramic, Chrome, Color, Cone, Copper, Crystal, Desk, Dimmable, Direction, Electric, Extends, Fixture, Flame, Glass, Hallway, Home, Hotel, Indoor, Lamp, Lantern, Lightbulb, Lights, Living Room, Metal, Movie, Nickel, Outwards, Polished, Rods, Rustic, Shiny, Space, Stable, Style, Swing, Swivel, Tilt, Torch, Trendy Yesterday's Answer: Home Runs To purchase THE COLLECTED WONDERWORD, Volumes 62 through 77, order online at www.WonderWordBooks.com. (In Canada, call 1-855-232-2367)

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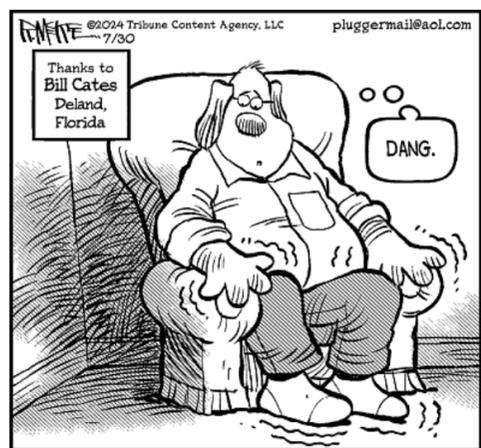
LOVE IS...

By Kim Casali



PLUGGERS

By Rick McKee



You are a plugger if your hands and feet go to sleep before you do at night.

COMMUTER PUZZLE

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ACROSS

- 1 Person's individuality
5 Polka brand
9 Sandbar
14 Where to find Bangkok and Beijing
15 Sneaker brand
16 Uneasy
17 Practice boxing
18 Lease
19 Spice jar holders
20 Balanced proportions
22 Most recent
23 Owns
24 Fully fill
25 Unit of gem weight
28 ___ and the Supremes: 2 wds.
33 Biblical garden
34 Holy city in Islam
35 "Amazing!"
36 Ear-splitting

- 37 Early video game company
38 Sneaker brand
39 Vinyl records: Abbr.
40 Stories
41 Jealous feeling
42 Blended family member
45 Wise people
46 Agitate
47 Truck fuel
48 Threaded fasteners
51 Items not usually on the menu
56 Brief break
57 "Spartacus," e.g.
58 Ill-behaved kid
59 Deep yellow
60 Part of a chain

- 61 Part of a script
62 Rats' homes
63 Go ___ hiding
64 Dutch cheese

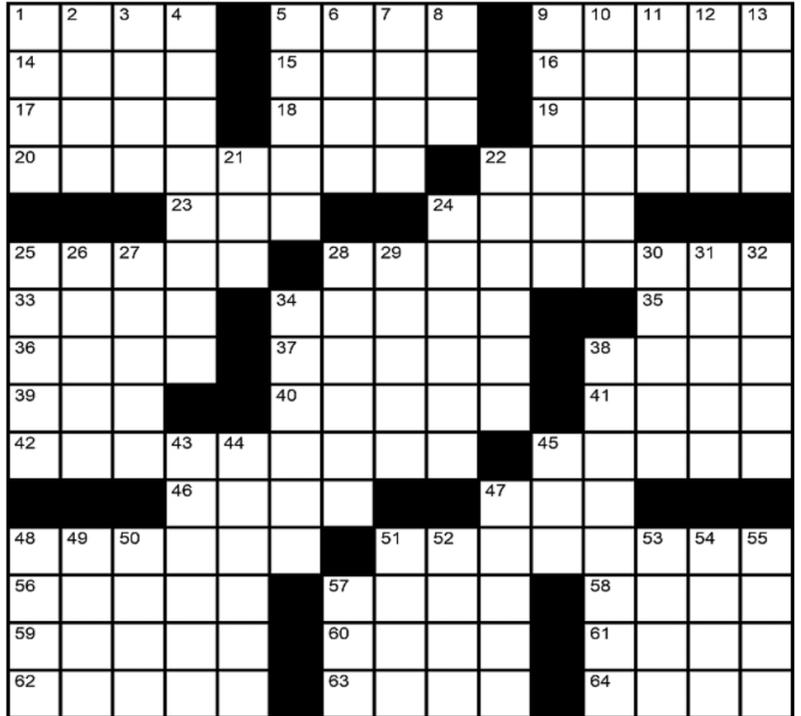
DOWN

- 1 Impertinence
2 Spot
3 Actor Hemsworth
4 Agricultural worker
5 Pub game
6 "I'm so ___ it"
7 Itsy-bitsy
8 Took a bench
9 Rock layers
10 Warming appliance
11 A single time
12 Makes a request
13 "___ we forget"
21 Have a meal
22 Hawaiian porches
24 Hallowed

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER



- 25 Basic units of biology
26 Take in
27 Find another purpose for
28 Attention to ___
29 "Show me your cards": 2 wds.
30 In debt
31 Figure out
32 Moves from side to side
34 Singer Johnny
38 Doable
43 Car radio button
44 Cringes in fear
45 ___ fly
47 Geico mascot
48 Go across
49 Showed up to
50 BBQ blends
51 Twirl
52 Half a quart
53 Very, very dry
54 Actress Turner
55 Goblet part
57 Horror director Roth



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SUDOKU PUZZLE

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

Sudoku grid with numbers 1-9 in various positions across a 9x9 grid.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

Grid showing the solution for yesterday's puzzle.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By BOBBY WOLFF Andrews McMeel Syndication

East clearly had enough to bid game after his partner's preemptive four-card raise here, but he enlisted his partner's help with a natural four diamonds. South made the push to four spades, and East could happily complete his description by showing extra values with a double.

The heart jack lead went to the ace, and East paused to count. West might have bid on with a void in spades, a fifth heart or four-card diamond support, so it seemed he was 1-4=3=5. In that case, dummy's clubs could not be established.

So, East shifted to a trump, which was won with dummy's seven, and declarer made the mistake of playing on clubs. East won and continued trumps, after which there was no way back for declarer. Upon taking the diamond ace, East could play a third trump to hold declarer to one ruff. South was left with a slow loser in a red suit for down one.

Establishing the clubs required an unlikely 3-3 break. It was far better for declarer to hope both diamond honors were on-side. He should have played a diamond to the jack at trick three and then ruffed a heart (avoiding the temptation to pitch a diamond on the heart queen) before leading another diamond to East's ace. Declarer would win the next trump in hand and ruff his diamond loser. It would not help East to grab the first diamond here.

A trump opening lead would have beaten the contract legitimately. Should West have found it, given that he had the clubs sewn up and his partner had shown the red suits?

NORTH ♠ A 10 8 7 ♥ Q ♣ 5 3 ♦ J 9 8 7 4 3

WEST ♠ 3 ♥ J 10 8 6 ♦ 7 6 2 ♣ K 10 6 5 2 EAST ♠ J 6 5 ♥ A 7 5 4 3 ♦ A Q 10 9 ♣ A

SOUTH ♠ K Q 9 4 2 ♥ K 9 2 ♦ K J 8 4 ♣ K

Vulnerable: North-South Dealer: East

The bidding: South West North East 1 ♠ 3 ♥ 3 ♠ 4 ♦ 4 ♠ Pass Pass Pass Dbl. All pass

Opening Lead: Heart jack

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds: ♠ J 6 5 ♥ A 7 5 4 3 ♦ A Q 10 9 ♣ A

South West North East 1 ♥ Pass 1 ♠ Pass ?

Answer: By default, you should raise spades with this shape and a minimum opening, but you have a bit much for that here. Three spades would show four-card support, so a better plan is to rebid two diamonds, intending to support spades later. In doing so, you will show extras with this pattern. While you run the risk that two diamonds will be passed out, game was probably never going to make in that case.

BABY BLUES



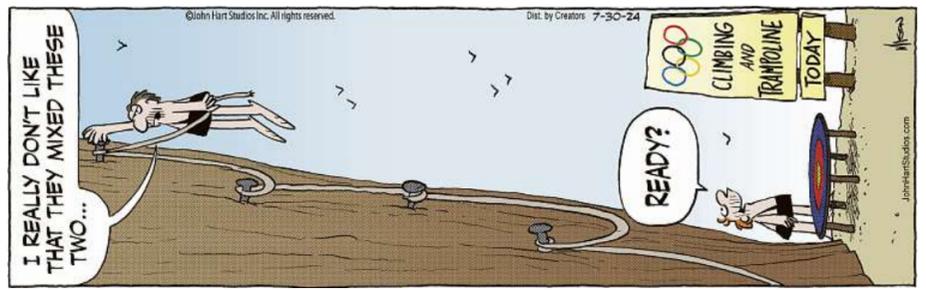
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BALDO



By Hector Cantu and Carlos Castellanos

B.C.



By Mastroianni and Hart

BIZARRO



By Wayne and Piraro

BLONDIE



By Dean Young

SCRABBLE GRAMS

Scrabble Grams puzzle with racks of letters and a solution grid.

SCRABBLE GRAMS SOLUTION

Solution for the Scrabble Grams puzzle, showing rack scores and total points.

TUESDAY PRIME TIME

Large TV schedule table for Tuesday, July 30, 2024, listing various channels and programs.

WALLACE THE BRAVE

By Will Henry



PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

By Dana Simpson



BIG NATE

By Lincoln Peirce



BREAKING CAT NEWS

By Georgia Dunn



JUMPSTART

By Robb Armstrong



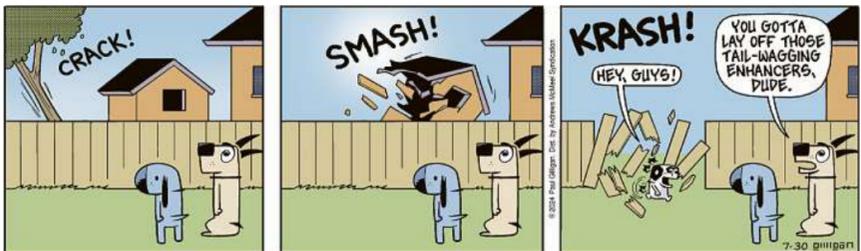
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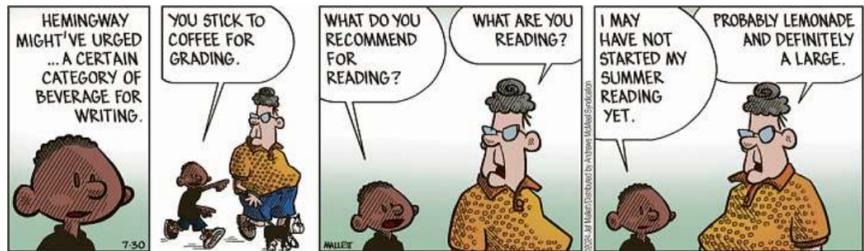
POOCH CAFE

By Paul Gilligan



FRAZZ

By Jef Mallett



NANCY

By Olivia Jaimes



DARK SIDE OF THE HORSE

By Samson



ADAM@HOME

By Rob Harrell



THE DUPLEX

By Glenn McCoy and Gary McCoy



CUL DE SAC

By Richard Thompson



THE FUSCO BROTHERS

By J.C. Duffy



LOLA

By Todd Clark



WUMO

By Wulff and Morgenthaler



FRANK AND ERNEST

By Thaves



THATABABY

By Paul Trap



CLOSE TO HOME

By John McPherson

OFF THE MARK

By Mark Parisi



MODERATELY CONFUSED

By Jeff Stahler

ZIGGY

By Tom Wilson and Tom II



