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Fire now sixth-largest in state history

Weather expected to make blaze more challenging

By Michael Cabanatuan, Jessica Flores and Jill Tucker

CHICO — After two days of cooler weather allowed firefighters to gain some control of the huge Park Fire near Chico, the 5,000 firefighters on the front lines of the blaze Monday were bracing for warmer days and more wind ahead that could spur the fire's progress.

The change in weather and increased sunshine were expected to further dry out the vegetation — particularly the abundant crop of grasses — that

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has fueled the 370,000-acre blaze, now the sixth-largest in California history.

"This is a fuel-driven fire," said Scott Weese, a Cal Fire fire behavior analyst at a morning firefighter briefing in Chico. "Things are going to start earlier today, and things are going to start challenging us."

Fire officials pushed significantly more resources at the blaze through the weekend to gain ground and keep it away from larger communities. Currently, the flames are most active in largely rural areas dotted with very small towns.

The fire grew to about 560 square miles — about 12 times the size of San Francisco — despite fire crews making progress on surrounding the conflagration with containment lines.

As of Monday morning, crews had contained about 12% of the fire, which is burning in **Park Fire continues on A9**



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Brandon Negrete, a Ventura County firefighter fighting the Park Fire, uses a flare gun to set a backfire Sunday.

Palo Alto parents fume over ethnic studies

By Carolyn Stein

Parents in Palo Alto are fuming about the school district's plans for an upcoming ethnic studies class, saying they're worried the curriculum is too political and will push left-leaning political activism on impressionable high school students. The district denies the charge and says it's working on an inclusive model for the class.

The battle in Palo Alto reflects fights that have played out elsewhere in the Bay Area and are expected to escalate when the state mandate to teach ethnic studies is rolled out at all schools starting in the 2025-26 school year.

Generally, ethnic studies is an interdisciplinary academic field focused on the experiences of racial minorities in the United States, with attention typically on Native Americans, African Americans, Latinos, and Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

While educators have been given some instruction on how to teach ethnic studies, how schools choose to teach the classes can vary. The wide range of approaches has sparked controversy around the state, leaving some parents concerned about what their children are learning and whether the content pro-

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Skaters use a dry Vaillancourt Fountain in San Francisco on Friday. It was conceived as "a fountain to hide a freeway," meant to provide a distraction from elevated ramps behind it.

Unpopular fountain worth gushing about

Much-derided artwork has place in revived plaza

Now that there's momentum for a total makeover of the red-brick plateau known as Embarcadero Plaza, count me in. I only have one small request:

Don't get rid of Vaillancourt Fountain.

Yes, I'm referring to the oft-ridiculed concoction of overscale concrete pipes from 1971, bent and contorted in angles that brings a full-on collision to mind. The fountain that, in recent years, has been dry more often than not. The one that makeover proponents, I suspect, wish would just go away.

JOHN KING
URBAN DESIGN

But here's the flip side: San Francisco is the should-be-proud possessor of one of urban America's truly bizarre works of public art. Show some affection for the mottled tangled tubes! Rev up the fountain so that waters can gush with theatrical glee! A reimagined fountain could bloom as an exuberant tribute to how the city's waterfront is an incomparable fusion of the present and the past.

The jumbled 40-foot tall fountain is the best reminder that, from 1958 to 1991, the downtown shoreline was hidden behind the clam-

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Program would offer \$100 for negative drug tests

By Maggie Angst

Faced with a devastating fentanyl crisis, San Francisco Mayor London Breed has increasingly embraced punishment and law enforcement crack-downs to try to stop people from using illicit drugs. But a proposal released Monday would rely on incentives rather than discipline to encourage sobriety.

Breed and Supervisor Matt Dorsey on Monday unveiled legislation called "Cash Not Drugs" that would reward some welfare recipients with \$100 every week they test negative for illicit drugs. Despite the name of the program, the payment would not be in cash but rather in the form of a gift card or an electronic benefit transfer, similar to a debit card, used by some other government programs, Dorsey said.

"I want to make it just as easy to get treatment as it is to go out there and buy dope," Breed told dozens of people in recovery at a rally in front of City Hall on Monday. "Whatever it takes to get people on the right path — that's what we need to do."

Breed added that before she took office, San Francisco "was not focused on abstinence-based solutions." But over the past three and a half years, her administration has invested more than \$20 million in absti-

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Klamath River dam removal nears completion

Hundreds of miles of waterway to open to migrating salmon

By Kurtis Alexander

The nation's largest dam-removal project is moving along faster than planned, with the demolition work on the Klamath River near the California-Oregon border due to wrap up as soon as next month — and salmon expected to make their long-awaited return soon after.

Following months of blasting and drilling, three large hydroelectric dams slated for dismantling this year are close to being cleared out of the river channel. A smaller fourth dam was taken out last fall.

Officials at the Klamath River Renewal Corp., which is manag-



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Work continues on the removal of the Iron Gate Dam on the Klamath River near Hornbrook (Siskiyou County) on Friday.

ing the \$500 million deconstruction effort about a six-hour drive from San Francisco, credit a combination of good weather

and speedy crews for putting the bulk of the work on track to finish about a month and a half before their Oct. 15 deadline.

"Us being ahead of schedule is all the better for protecting the river and for protecting the fish," said Ren Brownell, spokeswoman for the Renewal Corp.

The dams are being removed in a bid to restore the Klamath's natural flows and, in doing so, revive the region's fish and wildlife, notably salmon. Considered sacred by tribes and fundamental to fishermen, salmon have plummeted in part because the dams have blocked access to hundreds of miles of waterways where the fish historically spawned. The hope is that removing the dams and opening up new spawning habitat will lead to more chinook salmon — as much as 80% more, models show.

Managers of the project had planned to get the dams out before large numbers of chinook

Dams continues on A7



BAY AREA & BUSINESS

Fed poised to lower rates, but how fast, far will it go?

By Christopher Rugaber

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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 policy-makers 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



Associated Press file photo

The Federal Reserve is expected to signal it will likely reduce borrowing costs as soon as September.

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 FedWatch. 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 sol-

id and employers keep hiring, the Fed would prefer to take its time and cut rates slowly as inflation continues to decline.

"They want to be very gradual in how they pull back," said Gennadiy Goldberg, head of U.S. 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."

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.

BUSINESS IN BRIEF

ENGLAND

Projects axed as debt discovered

Britain's new Labour government has axed several construction projects and withdrawn a winter fuel payment for millions of retirees to cover what it calls a newly found 22-billion-pound (\$28 billion) shortfall in the public finances.

It blames the former Conservative administration. The Treasury chief in her first major speech accused the Conservative government of covering up the dire state of the public purse following a review of departmental spending that she commissioned after Labour's landslide victory.

Reeves also confirmed that the government has reached agreement to end the long-running strike of doctors at the start of their career.

ENTERTAINMENT

Sequel breaks more records

Marvel is back on top with "Deadpool & Wolverine." The comic-book movie made a staggering \$205 million in its first weekend in North American theaters, according to studio estimates Sunday.

It shattered the opening record for R-rated films previously held by the first "Deadpool" (\$132 million) and notched a spot in the top 10 openings of all time.

Including international showings, where it's racked up an addition \$233.3 million, "Deadpool & Wolverine" is looking at a global opening of over \$438.3 million.

In the top domestic opening weekends ever, "Deadpool & Wolverine" is seated in 8th place between "The Avengers" and "Black Panther."

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

China, Italy to cooperate again

Chinese President Xi Jinping called for further cooperation with Italy on Monday at a meeting with Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni, saying the two countries were the ends of the historical Silk Road trade route.

Meloni pulled Italy out of China's Belt and Road Initiative — whose name refers to the ancient overland trade route — in December, but signed an agreement Sunday that provides a new path for the two countries to co-

operate on trade and other issues.

Meloni is on a five-day state visit, her first trip to China as prime minister.

AI

LinkedIn rolls out new job aids

Like many other tech companies, LinkedIn is all in on artificial intelligence systems that can create text, images and other media in response to queries.

Last month, the professional networking platform rolled out new AI features that can help users search for jobs, tailor their resumes and create personalized cover letters from scratch.

A May report by the market research firm Emarketer noted that consumer-facing brands have been showing more interest in LinkedIn thanks to new advertising formats and changes in user behavior on the Microsoft-owned platform.

AGRICULTURE

Argentina says it will help farmers

Argentine President Javier Milei has told his country's struggling farmers that he was committed to scraping export taxes and rescuing the key agricultural industry.

Miller was addressing the gathering of farmers in flat caps and home-knit sweaters, a powerful group that helped vault him to power but has grown increasingly impatient with his progress.

The country's agricultural producers say they're willing to give the libertarian president more time to deliver on his free-market promises.

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CORRECTION

Judge's ruling enabled wife's 'abduction' of son, Insight, F1, July 28

An incorrect reason was given for the wife's trip to Kazakhstan with her son. It was to attend her brother's wedding.

Congress: U.S. flags should be made in America

By Patrick Whittle

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Soon, Old Glory will have to be born in the land of the free and not merely flying over it.

Congress has passed a proposal to require the federal government to purchase only American flags that have been completely manufactured in the U.S. The U.S. imports millions of American flags from overseas, mostly from China, and the sponsors of the proposal said it's time for American flags to originate in the country they represent.

Supporters of the proposal, led by Republican Sen. Susan Collins of Maine and Democratic Sen. Sherrod Brown of Ohio, said the change is more than just symbolic — they believe it will support American jobs and manufacturers while preserving the nation's most recognized banner.



Jose Luis Magana/Associated Press

Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, is one of two senators leading support for the American flag proposal.



Brown

To honor its significance, the federal government should only use flags entirely manufactured in the United States," Collins said.

"The American flag serves as a symbol of our identity, resolve, and values as one people.

Supporters of the proposal said Monday that they expect the measure to be signed into law soon. It was sent to President Joe Biden on Thursday.

Federal rules currently require the government to buy flags that contain half U.S.-made materials, supporters of the proposal said. The rule change, called the "All American Flag Act," requires government-purchased flags

to be produced entirely with American-made materials as well as manufactured in the U.S.

The value of U.S. flag imports in 2015 was well over \$4 million, according to federal data. The vast majority of those imports came from China, supporters of the rule change said.

In 2017, the U.S. imported some 10 million American flags, and 99.5% of them came from China, supporters of the proposal said. Those figures include all American flags imported into the country and not just those purchased by the federal government.

Collins and Brown have been pushing for American flags to be manufactured in the U.S. for several years. Previous efforts to change the rules to require U.S.-made flags found success in the U.S. Senate but stalled when they reached the House of Representatives.

McDonald's sales down as people try to save

By Dee-Ann Durbin

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They're not lovin' it. McDonald's global same-stores fell for the first time in nearly four years in the second quarter as inflation-weary consumers skipped eating out or chose cheaper options. The company said it's working on fixes, like meal deals and new menu items, but it expects same-store sales to be down for the next few quarters.

"Consumers still recognize us as the value leader versus our key competitors, it's clear that our value leadership gap has recently shrunk," McDonald's Chairman, President and CEO Chris Kempczinski said Monday during a conference call with investors. "We are working to fix that with pace."

Sales at locations open at least a year fell 1% in the April-June period, the first decline since the final quarter of 2020, when the pandemic shuttered

stores and millions stayed home.

In the U.S., same-store sales fell nearly 1%. McDonald's saw fewer customers but it said those who came spent more because of price increases. Kempczinski defended the higher menu prices, saying the costs for paper, food and labor increased as much as 40% in some markets over the last few years.

It's an issue that goes beyond the Chicago burger giant. Customer traf-

fic at U.S. fast-food restaurants fell 2% in the first half of the year compared to the same period a year ago, according to Circana, a market research company. David Portalatin, a food industry adviser for Circana, expects high inflation and rising consumer debt will also dent traffic in the second half of 2024.

McDonald's also reported lower store traffic in France and the Middle East, where people have been boycotting the chain because of a perception that it supports Israel in the war in Gaza. Kempczinski said weak consumer sentiment in China has customers fleeing to lower-priced rivals.

McDonald's warned in April that more of its inflation-weary customers were seeking better value and affordability. The company introduced a \$5 meal deal at U.S. restaurants on June 25, which was late in this financial reporting period.



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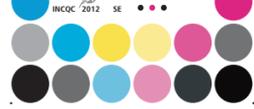
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Health officials tracking spread of bird flu

Bay Area, nation watch with caution — but not panic

By Catherine Ho

In what may feel eerily reminiscent of the early COVID days of 2020, an avian flu outbreak has been spreading globally — most recently in Colorado to clusters of poultry workers who are thought to have contracted the H5N1 virus this month from sick birds.

The workers represent the latest in a handful of human cases that have been detected since March, in three states and bring the total of confirmed or presumptive human cases in the United States to 13.

Like the beginning of the COVID pandemic — and the start of the mpox outbreak in 2022 — testing to confirm avian flu is limited, and reserved only to people with symptoms who think they've been exposed to infected wild birds, poultry or cattle. That means cases are likely being undercounted. Only a small number of laboratories can run the test, and it can take days to get results.

"It's déjà vu or Groundhog Day," said UCSF infectious diseases specialist Dr. Peter Chin-Hong of the avian flu testing landscape. "It's not impossible, but there are barriers to testing people for H5N1."

While the situation may seem hauntingly familiar, H5N1 and COVID are very different viruses. Experts say the state of avian flu, though worrisome, is not a cause for panic. They emphasize there's no evidence the virus — which dates back more than 60 years — is spreading from person to person or that it's causing severe symptoms in people, which would be two key signals the outbreak is escalating to a more serious human epidemic.

"The risk to the general public is very low, and risk of person-to-person transmission is extremely low," California state epidemiologist Dr. Erica Pan said in an interview Friday. "Our focus is on workers who



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H5N1 has been around for decades, but the current strain of avian flu is jumping from birds to cattle and humans. No serious illnesses have been reported from avian flu in the U.S.

are exposed to infected animals. That being said, we are making sure we're doing everything we can to be prepared if things change."

Because surveillance for H5N1 in humans is part of the ongoing flu monitoring system that U.S. health agencies have had in place for seasonal influenza for decades, health officials are better situated to spot H5N1 in humans if and when it does occur, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

As part of this surveillance, a representative sample of about 36,000 specimens from patients who've tested positive for flu at U.S. hospitals has been analyzed by the CDC, and H5N1 has not been found in any of them. Separately, there's more targeted testing happening at farms in Colorado and elsewhere where poultry workers have reported feeling ill and H5N1 is suspected. This analysis is performed to see if there are additional cases in humans at the same or nearby farms.

There is no direct-to-consumer home test kit that can confirm H5N1, as there is for the coronavirus.

What makes the current H5N1 outbreak more concerning than earlier ones is that the virus is spreading to and among more mammals than previous

bird flu viruses, including — for the first time — dairy cows. This poses a new threat for humans because people interact with dairy cows much more often than with animals such as sea lions, which have also contracted H5N1. And today's virus appears able to jump back and forth between birds and mammals, which gives it more chances to mutate in a way that would make it more transmissible to and among humans.

"To date, we have not seen genetic changes in the virus that would make it more likely to transmit between humans, but we are closely monitoring it," the CDC said Thursday.

Even though the virus appears to be spilling over to humans in relatively contained settings — on poultry and dairy cattle farms, where workers are in prolonged contact with infected chickens and cows — regular testing on farms is mostly voluntary.

It's not clear how the virus gets passed from cows to people, but many scientists think it's likely through the mammary glands when milk gets sprayed into the eyes of a dairy worker, for instance. That would explain why many of the workers who have been infected reported conjunctivitis, or pink eye, as their main symptom.

Testing is usually done only

after a worker reports feeling ill, which kicks off a process to test other workers and livestock in the area. Officials basically wait for someone to report a sick worker or cow and then test other workers and cows, rather than proactively testing all farms.

"There are still difficulties in gaining access to dairy farms," said Dr. Michele Barry, director of the Center for Innovation in Global Health at Stanford.

In California, where the virus has not been detected in humans or dairy cows, the Department of Food and Agriculture has developed mandatory H5N1 testing for dairy operators that sell raw milk for consumption. The dairy operators are either on a voluntary testing program or a mandatory testing schedule, according to the agency. To date, no such tests on milk have detected the avian flu virus.

In May, routine testing by the department revealed two chickens at a live bird market in San Francisco had H5N1. The San Francisco Public Health Department monitored the market's employees who came in close contact with the chickens; none reported symptoms during the 10-day monitoring period, and no members of the public were exposed.

The avian flu is not the fast-moving and grave threat to human health that COVID was before vaccines became available. There are many key differences that may offer some reassurance that society is not on the precipice of another emergency-level pandemic.

Unlike SARS-CoV-2, H5N1 isn't a new virus. It was first detected in a poultry outbreak in Scotland in 1959, according to the CDC, and widely recognized since the 1990s, so scientists are more familiar with its behavior and how to deal with it. The first time H5N1 infected humans was in 1997 in Hong Kong, which resulted in 18 cases, including six deaths. It again made the jump to humans in 2003 in Vietnam and Thailand, resulting in 23 cases, including 18 deaths.

The current H5N1 outbreak in humans is treatable with the ex-

isting oral antiviral medication oseltamivir, better known by its brand name Tamiflu, which is the same antiviral doctors use to treat annual influenza and is widely available. This is "a really important distinction and really reassuring," said state epidemiologist Pan.

There is already one vaccine, and a second prospective vaccine undergoing clinical trials, that could be produced and distributed if needed. The U.S. is stockpiling 4.8 million doses of the current vaccine, made by the U.K. flu vaccine company CSL Seqirus. Finland is already offering this vaccine to its farm workers.

And so far, people who've had confirmed or presumptive cases of H5N1 have experienced mild symptoms and none have needed hospitalization — in stark contrast with the most serious early COVID cases where many people died or had to be put on ventilators to survive.

Perhaps most importantly, there is no evidence of human-to-human transmission of H5N1, which would be one trigger for public health officials to quickly step up their response. The other triggers would be if infected people started to get seriously ill or if many more human cases were reported.

H5N1 doesn't appear to be spreading fast like SARS-CoV-2, at least from the limited testing that is happening, which buys public health agencies more time to plan for worst case scenarios.

"It's not rapidly moving, so it seems like slow motion," Chin-Hong said.

California and San Francisco health officials say they are closely monitoring the outbreak in birds and cattle, and are prepared to respond if or when the situation escalates.

The San Francisco Department of Public Health said it will work with federal and state agencies to respond to avian flu if needed, and "will update the public if any actions are necessary to protect health."

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EDNA O'BRIEN 1930-2024

Irish literary giant scandalized her nation

By Hillel Italie
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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." She is survived by her sons, Marcus and Carlos.

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 religious, sexual and gender boundaries. Few wrote so fiercely, so sensually about loneliness, rebellion, desire and persecution.

"O'Brien is attracted to taboos just as they break, to the place of greatest heat and darkness and, you might even say, danger to her mortal soul," Booker Prize winner Anne Enright wrote of her in the Guardian in 2012.

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." She befriended movie stars and heads of states while also writing sympathetically about Sinn Féin leader Gerry Adams and meeting with female farm workers in Nigeria who feared abduction by Boko Haram.

O'Brien was an unknown about to turn 30, living with her husband and two small children outside of London, when "The Country Girls" made her Ireland's most notorious exile since James



Charles Sykes/Associated Press 2013

Author Edna O'Brien, who scandalized her native Ireland with her debut novel, "The Country Girls," died Saturday.

Joyce. 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."

'Creature of paradoxes'

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 hometown 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.

"I had left the spare copy on the hall table for my husband to read, should he wish, and one morning he surprised me by appearing quite early in the doorway of the kitchen, the manuscript in his hand," she wrote in her memoir "Country Girl," published in 2012. "He had read it. Yes, he had to concede that despite everything, I

had done it, and then he said something that was the death knell of the already ailing marriage — 'You can write and I will never forgive you.'"

She continued the stories of Kate and Baba in "The Lonely Girl" and "Girls in Their Married Bliss" and by the mid-1960s was single and enjoying the prime of "Swinging London": whether socializing with Princess Margaret and Marianne Faithfull, or having a fling with actor Robert Mitchum ("I bet you never tasted white peaches," he said upon meeting her). Another night, she was escorted home by Paul McCartney, who asked to see her children, picked up her son's guitar and improvised a song that included the lines about O'Brien "She'll have you sighing/She'll have you crying/Hey/She'll blow your mind away."

Enright would call O'Brien "the first Irish woman ever to have sex. For some decades, indeed, she was the only Irish woman to have had sex — the rest just had children."

O'Brien was 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 she befriended Jacqueline Kennedy, whom O'Brien 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 related well to Kennedy's reticence, and longing. The literary world gossiped about the author's love life, but O'Brien's deepest existence was on the page, from addressing a present that seemed without boundaries ("She longed to be free and young and naked with all the men in the world making her love to her, all at once," one of her characters thinks) to sorting out a past that seemed all boundaries — "the don'ts and the don'ts and the don'ts."

In her story "The Love Object," the narrator confronts her lust,

and love, for an adulterous family man who need only say her name to make her legs tremble. "Long Distance" arrives at the end of an affair as a man and woman struggle to recapture their feelings for each other, haunted by grudges and mistrust.

"Love, she thought, is like nature but in reverse; first it fruits, then it flowers, then it seems to wither, then it goes deep, deep down into its burrow, where no one sees it, where it is lost from sight and ultimately people die with that secret buried inside their souls," O'Brien wrote.

"A Scandalous Woman" follows the stifling of a lively young Irish nonconformist — part of that "small solidarity of scandalous women who had conceived children without securing fathers" — and ends with O'Brien's condemning her country as a "land of shame, a land of murder and a land of strange sacrificial women." In "My Two Mothers," the narrator prays for the chance to "begin our journey all over again, to live our lives as they should have been lived, happy, trusting, and free of shame."

O'Brien's other books included the erotic novel "August Is a Wicked Month," which drew upon her time with Mitchum and 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 the autobiographical "The Light of Evening," in which a famous author returns to Ireland to see her ailing mother. "Girl," a novel about victims of Boko Haram, came out in 2019.

O'Brien is among the most notable authors never to win the Nobel or even the Booker Prize. Her honors did include an Irish Book Award for lifetime achievement, the PEN/Nabokov prize and the Frank O'Connor award in 2011 for her story collection "Saints and Sinners."

Humble beginnings

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." Her father was a

violent alcoholic, her mother a talented letter writer who disapproved of her daughter's profession, possibly out of jealousy. Lena O'Brien's hold on her daughter's imagination, the force of her regrets, made her a lifelong muse and a near stand-in Ireland itself, "the cupboard with all things in it, the tabernacle with God in it, the lake with the legends in it."

Like Kate and Baba in "The Country Girls," O'Brien was educated in part at a convent, "four years" made feverish by a disorienting crush she developed on one of the nuns. Language, too, was a temptation, and signpost, like the words she came upon on the back of her prayer book: "Lord, rebuke me not in thy wraith, neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure."

"What did it mean?" she remembered thinking. "It didn't matter what it meant. It would carry me through lessons and theorems and soggy meat and cabbage, because now, in secret, I had been drawn into the wild heart of things."

By her early 20s, she was working in a pharmacy in Dublin and reading Tolstoy and Thackeray among others in her spare time. She had dreams of writing since sneaking out to nearby fields as a child to work on stories, but doubted the relevance of her life until she read a Joyce anthology and learned that "Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man" was autobiographical. 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."

"I cried a lot writing 'The Country Girls,' but scarcely noticed the tears. Anyhow, they were good tears. They touched on feelings that I did not know I had. Before my eyes, infinitely clear, came that former world in which I believed our fields and hollows had some old music slumbering in them, centuries old," she wrote in her memoir.

"The words poured out of me, and the pen above the paper was not moving fast enough, so that I sometimes feared they would be lost forever."

Life Tributes

Donald Everett Rhoades

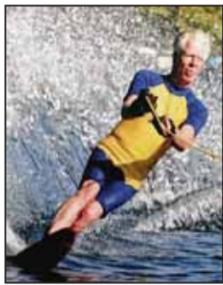
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Donald Everett Rhoades passed away peacefully July 16, 2024, in Redwood City, Ca.

Don was born in Oakland, California to Dorothy & Donald Rhoades on Feb. 5, 1933. He and his twin sister Marilyn grew up in Palo Alto, Ca where he attended Palo Alto High School. After attending Lawrenceville School in New Jersey for one year, he enrolled at the University of California, Berkeley. As a Golden Bear, he was a member of the water polo team and the Zeta Epsilon Tao Fraternity. Following graduation in 1955, Don served in the Navy, stationed in Hawaii and then attended business school in Europe.

Don joined Kaiser Permanente Aluminum & Chemicals Corporations as project manager, overseeing port site development abroad. He spoke fondly of his travels to Austria, Germany, and Ghana and his work in Jamaica where he oversaw the establishment of "Port Rhoades," named in honor of his father.

Don later settled in Swansboro, in the foothills of Northern California. He enjoyed boating water and



snow skiing at Lake Tahoe where he won many blue ribbons as a trick skier and a speedboat racer. A pilot for over 50 years Don especially loved to share the experience of riding in a Pitt's Special while he flew loops, rolls & stall turns with those who could brave it.

Uncle Dusty is survived by his two nieces, Karen Hoffman Gilhuly and Sheila Hoffman Lee and their families. He was preceded in death by his niece Nancy Hoffman (2018) and his twin sister Marilyn Rhoades Hoffman (2017).

As a family friend said upon Don's departure, "now he is blissfully flying his plane up in the heavens."

Dr. Frank Don Tomasello

Dr. Frank Donald Tomasello (July 15, 1934 - July 27, 2024) hit some big milestones on his life journey. He recently celebrated his 90th birthday and passed away on the day of his 55th wedding anniversary.

Don lived a full and energetic life. He graduated from UC Berkeley in the 50s (when tuition cost \$50 per semester) and maintained lifelong friendships with his Pi Kappa Alpha brothers. After graduation, he opened a podiatry practice in Castro Valley, CA.

As a new business owner, the Chamber of Commerce wished to take a publicity photo of him at "Oktoberfest 1960." By luck and the grace of God, he was paired with another business owner for the photo - ballet school director Penelope Ann Lovelock (AKA, "the love of his life"). They married and had two children, David and Vanessa. Don loved skiing, hiking,



traveling, meeting new people, and eating unusual food. He was a good steward of his home, which is where he passed away with family by his side. A man of many names, Frank / Don / Dr. T / Papa is already missed tremendously.

In lieu of flowers, and in light of Don's love of Lake Tahoe, a modest gift in his honor could be directed to the Tahoe Fund: www.tahoe fund.org

MARTIN PHILLIPS 1963-2024

Founded influential New Zealand band

By Mikael Wood
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

Martin Phillips, whose band the Chills was a mainstay of the 1980s New Zealand indie-rock scene that served as a formative influence on the likes of R.E.M. and Pavement, has died. He was 61.

A 2019 documentary about Phillips and the Chills chronicled the musician's struggles with hepatitis C; New Zealand's Otago Daily Times reported that Phillips had been admitted recently to Dunedin Hospital with liver problems.

A proponent of the so-called Dunedin sound associated with New Zealand's Flying Nun record label, the Chills played jangly yet propulsive guitar pop that set wistful melodies against arrangements drawing on punk and psychedelia. Phillips, who wrote with a poetic flair about art, death and romance, was the band's only constant member in a career that attracted a devoted cult following across four decades.

In a statement Sunday, Neil Finn of Crowded House — a fellow New Zealander whose early band Split Enz once enlisted the Chills as an opening act — called Phillips "one of NZ's greatest songwriters" and described him as having been "fascinated by and devoted to the magic and mystery of music."

After playing in a short-lived group called the Same, Phillips formed the Chills in 1980 with a lineup that included his sister Rachel; in 1982, the band signed to Flying Nun and proceeded to make a string of scrappy yet tuneful singles including the stomping "I Love My Leather Jacket" and "Pink Frost," which became perhaps the band's best-known song.

In the 1990s they signed in the U.S. to Warner Bros. subsidiary Slash Records, which helped drive the knowingly titled "Heavenly Pop Hit" to No. 17 on Billboard's modern rock chart.

The band's most recent album, "Scatterbrain," came out in 2021.

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In Oakland, Schiff backs AAPI residents

By Jessica Flores

U.S. Senate candidate Adam Schiff visited Oakland's Chinatown on Sunday, meeting potential voters and doubling down on his support for the AAPI community.

During a meet-and-greet at the Oakland Asian Cultural Center in the morning, Rep. Schiff, D-Burbank, told a crowd of about 60 people that he intends to create new funding streams to provide grants for community organizations that provide resources to Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

Attendees, a majority of whom were nonprofit leaders and local elected officials, asked Schiff about his plans to combat anti-Asian hate crimes and legislation throughout the country, including a new bill in Florida that bars Chinese nationals and citizens of six other countries from purchasing land.

Others asked whether Schiff will support continuing infrastructure funding for the Port of Oakland. The city announced last year that the port will receive federal funding for "projects to decarbonize their operations," according to a news release.

Schiff said the "avalanche of hate" directed at AAPI communities in the past several years has been "disgraceful." He said the



Senate candidate Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Burbank, holds a meet and greet with an audience composed largely of members of the AAPI community at the Oakland Asian Cultural Center on Sunday.

most important resource is speaking out against it and "coming to the defense of our neighbors when they're being assaulted."

Government officials, he said, also need to dismantle obstacles to AAPI communities reporting hate crimes, such as language barriers and distrust of law enforcement. Schiff said he plans to continue diversifying his staff to reflect and better understand the needs of the

communities he serves.

"We need to devote resources proactively to try and protect our community members before there's a crime," he said, adding that he will "use whatever influence I have in the grant process to support the work of good community-based organizations."

In response to the question about the Port of Oakland, Schiff said if elected he will fight for funding and resources for the port while ensuring that near-

by residents in West Oakland have access to clean air.

"I'm aspiring to represent the whole state — not just the part of the state where I came from or where I live now, but all of California," he said.

Schiff is polling far ahead of Republican rival Steve Garvey in the November race for the late Sen. Dianne Feinstein's old seat, currently held by Laphonza Butler.

Dong Suh, chief deputy

of administration at Asian Health Services in Oakland Chinatown, told the Chronicle he attended the event because he wanted to know whether Schiff supports tackling health issues that affect AAPI communities. Suh, also a member of the Oakland Chinatown Improvement Council, said he wants Schiff to understand that public safety and quality of life are key components of health.

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derstands the issues and he understands the AAPI community more than other politicians that we've seen," Suh said.

"The fact that he's from Southern California, which actually has a (larger) AAPI population, he understands the need for key issues," he said. "I was pretty impressed with his responses."

Phillip Ha, an Oakland resident, wasn't so convinced. Ha said he attended the meet-and-greet to learn more about Schiff and whether he can help AAPI businesses and residents in Oakland, who Ha said have been assaulted and robbed. Ha said he wants to hear politicians advocate for more police officers to ensure safety.

Asked whether he plans to vote for Schiff, Ha said: "I'll think about it."

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Downtown S.F. building to be sold at major discount

By Laura Waxmann

The Southern California investor who last year scooped up a university campus nestled in the Oakland hills and a mostly empty retail complex near Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco is said to be closing in on a half-empty office building in downtown.

Meanwhile, a pair of local investors are reportedly close to inking a deal in the city's SoMa neighborhood.

BH Properties, out of Los Angeles, has been selected to purchase the 117,000-square-foot office building that once headquartered Zendesk at 989 Market St. for \$13.5 million, or roughly \$115 per square foot, according to multiple individuals with insight into the deal, which has yet to close.

The purchase price is a stark discount — nearly 80 percent — from the \$61.3 million that owner ABS Real Estate Investments paid for it a decade ago. BH declined to comment on the pending deal when contacted Friday, and ABS could not immediately be reached for comment.

Last June, BH Properties shelled out \$65 million



Google Street View

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for Oakland's 60-acre Holy Names University campus. It paid the same amount for the 200,000-square-foot Anchorage Square shopping center in San Francisco just two months later.

In San Francisco's SoMa, Flynn Properties, a San Francisco property management company, is said to have partnered with Ellis Partners, also based in the city, to acquire 631 Howard. The price for the roughly 108,000-square-foot building,

which is leased to SC Johnson & Son, is said to have landed at about \$38.8 million, or \$360 per square foot.

Ellis Partners declined to comment when contacted on Friday, and Flynn Properties — which purchased the historic Huntington Hotel in the city's Nob Hill neighborhood as part of another joint venture last year — could not be reached for comment.

Seller Invesco acquired 631 Howard for \$62 million in 2014 and also could not

immediately be reached for comment.

The sellers in both the 989 Market and 631 Howard deals are core funds that are likely looking to sell down their office port-

folios, according to market insiders. The deals are expected to close next month.

Both of the buildings are considered to be high-quality, creative and heavily renovated — the difference in the pricing could be driven by their varying occupancy levels, but is also said to be a reflection of the markets in which they are located.

The 989 Market property is nearly half vacant, though Blick Art Materials still occupies its ground floor. Blick's lease for the retail space runs for another year, and sources say conversations are ongoing about whether the art materials business will stay.

The building at 631 Howard, on the other hand, is fully leased.

989 Market is just a block away from the city's newly opened Ikea, which has come as a much-needed

boost to the neighborhood. And yet, the area has been plagued by empty storefronts as a list of major retailers have exited in recent years.

An individual with insight into the deals said that if the 989 Market building traded locations with 631 Howard, it would likely command a similar pricing.

The roughly \$360 per square foot price for 631 Market is slightly higher than pricing for a handful of office towers that traded hands in the downtown core in recent years — which generally landed between \$200 and \$300 per square foot.

Real estate firm JLL facilitated the sales of both properties, but declined to comment on either deal when contacted Friday.

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County has first West Nile death since '06

By Aidin Vaziri

A Bay Area county has reported its first mosquito-related death in nearly two decades. Contra Costa County officials announced Saturday that a resident succumbed to a West Nile virus infection this month.

The death of the unidentified man from East County was reported on July 16, marking the first West Nile virus-related fatality in Contra Costa County since 2006.

Dr. Meera Sreenivasan, deputy county health officer, said the death was a wake-up call for residents that “reinforces how important it is to reduce risk of West Nile virus infection by re-

ducing our exposure to mosquitoes.”

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, West Nile virus is most commonly spread through the bite of an infected mosquito. Mosquitoes become carriers when they feed on infected birds.

Contra Costa Health's Communicable Disease Program is investigating the case but has not determined where the infection occurred. The agency said no further details will be released to protect the victim's privacy.

The Contra Costa Mosquito and Vector Control District has detected more signs of the virus in East County, and one dead bird and five chickens used in

monitoring tested positive for the virus in Oakley, according to district spokesperson Nola Woods.

“We are deeply saddened by the loss of a Contra Costa County resident to West Nile virus,” said Paula Macedo, district general manager. “This tragic event serves as a stark reminder of the importance of protecting ourselves from mosquito bites and supporting community efforts to control mosquito populations.”

California officials previously warned of “another long and intense mosquito season” after unusually high West Nile virus activity in 2023. They pointed to climate change, heavy rain and flooding, which create stagnant

water habitats for disease-spreading mosquitoes.

In 2023, California reported 428 cases of West Nile virus across 34 counties, resulting in 19 deaths — more than double the number of cases from the previous year.

Health officials noted about 80% of people who contract West Nile virus never develop symptoms. However, the remaining 20% can develop flu-like headaches, body aches, fevers, nausea, vomiting and swollen lymph nodes. People older than 60 with underlying medical conditions are at higher risk for increased complications, including neurological issues and, in rare cases, death.

Contra Costa County advised residents to reduce their risk by avoiding mosquitoes, particularly during early morning or evening hours, draining standing water, using insect repellent and ensuring doors and windows are properly sealed.

Separately, Santa Clara County officials confirmed virus-carrying mosquitoes have been found in five ZIP codes in northern San Jose and the Alum Rock area. To mitigate the issue, Vector Control plans to spray pesticides from trucks between 10 p.m. and 2 a.m. Monday and Thursday.

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Free beer, pro-S.F. magazine event counter ‘doom loop’

By Sam Whiting

Broke-Ass Stuart got somebody else to pay for publication of his first literary magazine, and he got a third party to pay for the beer. All he had to do, in his role as editor-in-cheap, was stand at the entrance of Jack Kerouac Alley and absorb the credit from a crowd that overflowed the alley onto the sidewalk of City Lights Books and onto Columbus Avenue.

“The city is full of great things, and this is part of it,” he said as hundreds of people lined up Sunday afternoon for their copy of “The Dreams I Dreamt: Letters to San Francisco” and their little ticket to be redeemed for a pint of draft beer of their choice at Vesuvio Cafe next door.

“The Dreams I Dreamt” wasn’t run off at Kinko’s and stapled together. It is a first-class collection glued between a heavy cardstock cover illustrated by Paul Madonna of “All Over Coffee,” with content co-edited by Oscar Villalon, the esteemed editor of Zyzzyva, the city’s long-standing literary journal.

“The book looks amazing,” North Beach resident Robin Carr said as she thumbed through while waiting in line at the bar. She’d run into Stuart at a previous event and “liked his chatter,” she said. “The ‘doom loop’ is not the correct narrative, and he’s trying to counter that with this book. The city is jumping. We see it every day.”

Stuart, who has built a small industry out of his ability to survive on the cheap in one of the world’s most expensive cities, had time for a side project because he is not running for mayor this time. The field is too crowded already, so he ap-



Photos by Juliana Yamada/Special to the Chronicle

Broke-Ass Stuart, real name Stuart Schuffman, introduces a reading of his literary journal, “The Dreams I Dreamt: Letters to San Francisco,” at Jack Kerouac Alley in San Francisco.



Copies of “The Dreams I Dreamt” were given away to hundreds of people at the event backed by the Civic Joy Fund.

proached the Civic Joy Fund, a nonprofit arts and small business organization that is trying to drive economic recovery in

historian Gary Kamiya, the author of “Cool Gray City of Love,” who contributed an essay with the simpler title “San Francisco is My Home,” and Stuart Schuffman, the real name of Broke-Ass Stuart, who contributed “It’s Fogust in San Francisco.”

But it is still July, and the sun was shining on Jack Kerouac Alley on magazine release day after a foggy Saturday. There were more people than there were beer tickets to give away, and there were 300 of those. In all, 800 copies of the booklet were handed out to attendees.

“We are a promotional machine ourselves,” said Stuart, who worked the giveaway table with project partner Alex Mak. “Word of mouth is fire.”

Co-editor Villalon described the 89-page volume as “an entertaining and engaging cross section of the many voices we have in the Bay Area. We’re lousy with great writers, and we wanted to show a slice of that richness with this publication.”

As the readings started, San Francisco event producer Kimber Neely circled around with a vintage Pentax K1000 camera loaded with color film. It was that kind of crowd and that kind of day.

“I feel like the creative spirit of San Francisco is here today,” she said. “It’s why I moved here in 2011. I want to see this kind of event happen again and again.”

Broke-Ass Stuart is all for that. He is already thinking “The Dreams I Dreamt, Volume II.”

“In a dream world, we do it twice a year,” he said. “Next time, we can do it faster and better.”

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Crowd steps in as officers try to arrest man in Redwood City

By Nora Mishanec

A large crowd antagonized three police officers as they tried to use stun guns on a man under arrest for allegedly shoplifting at a Redwood City shopping center Friday night, police said.

The crowd “gathered and displayed antagonistic behavior” toward several officers who were attempting to subdue the man at Sequoia Station Shopping Center, Redwood City Police Department Capt. Ashley Osborne said Saturday in a statement. Additional officers had to separate the crowd from the arresting officers and provide security as they completed the arrest, Osborne said.

One officer fractured an an-

kle and another suffered a head wound that required stitches, she said.

The incident began shortly before 8:30 p.m. Friday when eyewitnesses called 911 to report the man asking for money and “causing a disturbance” outside the shopping center, police said. When officers arrived, the man, Aaron Martinez, allegedly entered a store and returned carrying two stolen bottles of alcohol.

Police said Martinez struck one officer in the face with one of the glass bottles after the officer questioned him. The 31-year-old allegedly fought with officers and resisted their efforts to place him in handcuffs, Osborne said.

During the struggle, the officers tried to use their stun guns to subdue Martinez, but were unable to do so, police said. Members of the crowd attempted to intervene at that point, Osborne said. It was unclear whether any members of the crowd were taken into custody. Martinez “was eventually subdued and officers took him into custody,” she said. Clinicians at a local hospital checked him for injuries before he was transported to the jail, police said.

He was scheduled to appear in court Monday, records showed.

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Bicyclist, motorcyclist die in Antioch crashes

By David Hernandez

A bicyclist and a motorcyclist died in separate crashes in Antioch on Saturday, police said.

The first crash occurred around 12:20 a.m. when a vehicle struck the bicyclist in the area of Lone Tree Way and Sagebrush Drive. Officers rendered aid until paramedics arrived, but the woman died at

the scene, police said.

The driver, a 38-year-old Antioch man, was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol, police said.

Further information about the bicyclist and driver was not released.

Around 7:45 p.m., a motorcycle and a sport utility vehicle collided in front of a liquor store on West 10th Street near

Antioch High School. Officers found the motorcyclist, a 32-year-old Brentwood man, unresponsive on the ground, police said. He was taken to a hospital where he died, police said.

Investigators determined speed was a factor in the collision, but police did not release further information.

Police ask anyone with information to call investigators at 925-778-2441 or 925-779-6864. Tipsters may text ANTI-OCH to 274637.

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Teen girl killed, man injured in Hayward weekend shooting

By Anna Buchmann

A 15-year-old girl was killed and a man was injured in a weekend shooting in Hayward, police said.

The shooting was reported Sunday morning in the 900 block of West Tennyson Road, Hayward police said in a news release. Officers arrived at 11:15 a.m. and found the teenage girl with gunshot wounds, the release said.

She was taken to a hospital, where she died from her injuries, police said.

A man who had left the scene after being injured in the same shooting was found near the 28000 block of Ruus Road, ac-

ording to the release. That man, a 41-year-old Hayward resident, was transported to a hospital and treated for his injuries, which were not life-threatening, police said.

It did not appear that the two victims knew each other, police said. Their identities were known but were not immediately released by authorities.

No arrests have been made in the shooting, which was Hayward’s eighth homicide of the year, police said.

Anyone with information is asked to call Detective Navas at 510-293-7176.

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Bayview-Hunters Point searched after shooting

By David Hernandez

San Francisco police scoured streets in and around the Bayview-Hunters Point neighborhood for a crime scene after a shooting victim showed up to a hospital Sunday afternoon, police said.

The male victim turned up at the hospital with a gunshot

wound around 1:40 p.m. Police did not provide his age, further information about his condition or details about the circumstances of the shooting.

Police ask anyone with information to call the department at 415-575-4444.

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DAMS

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began migrating up the river from the ocean this fall, ensuring the fish could swim farther upstream and begin to reclaim their old home. Having the dams out ahead of schedule means that even early arriving fall-run chinook, and ultimately more fish, will be able to get to the soon-to-be-accessible waters.

“That first fish that makes it past the dam footprints: symbolically, it’s huge,” said Toz Soto, senior biologist and fisheries program manager for the Karuk Tribe, which long advocated for the river restoration and is now helping with it. “It’s something that a lot of us thought we would never see in our lifetimes.”

The fall run of chinook salmon is the river’s biggest run, contributing to the diets and rituals of tribes as well as the state’s commercial and recreational fishing seasons. Both seasons were canceled this year, and last, because of low fish numbers. The Klamath also hosts other runs of chinook, including the once dominant spring run, as well as runs of coho salmon, steelhead and lamprey, all of which are likely to benefit from the new upstream waters.

How far upstream the incoming fish will go this year remains the big question.

Scientists expect that the historic habitat of salmon won’t be fully repopulated for a decade or longer. The fish generally have a three-year life cycle — they’re born in the river, spend most of their lives at sea and return to the river to reproduce. Going forward, each new generation is expected to move higher into the watershed until it’s flush with fish.

Since the early 1900s when dam construction began, the fish have been limited to the lower part of the 250-mile Klamath, denying them of nearly half of the river’s main stem and countless tributaries, totaling more than 300 miles of waterways, and reducing their spawning capacity.

The newly opened-up waters will extend from Northern California’s Siskiyou County into the mountains and high desert of southern Oregon. These rivers and creeks not only offer more habitat but colder, spring-fed water that salmon require, particularly as the climate continues to warm.

“To rebuild the stocks, we need patience,” said Damon Goodman, Klamath director for the conservation group California Trout, which is also helping with the river restoration. “We’re digging our way out of a hole we’ve dug for 100 years. ... (But) we’ll eventually have this more diverse portfolio of fish that will better adapt to climate extremes and have more abundant runs.”

Goodman as well as Soto with the Karuk Tribe are part of a coalition of scientists from the federal government, state governments in California and Oregon, tribes, universities and environ-



Photos by Carlos Avila Gonzalez/The Chronicle
Heavy machinery and trucks remove dirt and rocks as progress continues on the removal of the Iron Gate Dam. The restoration of the Klamath River is meant to revive the region’s fish and wildlife.



Wild horses nibble on plants along the shore of Jenny Creek as it empties into Iron Gate Reservoir after the area was replanted. Work continues on the removal of the Iron Gate Dam.

mental groups that is preparing to monitor the returning fish.

The group will use sonar, basically fancy fish-finders, to detect fish moving through the for-

mer dam sites. They’ll also catch a sample of the fish with tangle nets to identify them, then return them to the water with some equipped with radio tags to

track where they go.

“It’s a pretty comprehensive project, and you need a lot of coordination,” said Bob Pagliuco, marine habitat resource special-

ist for the National Marine Fisheries Service, who has helped formulate the monitoring plan.

While Pagliuco and others are optimistic about fish repopulating new areas, a number of obstacles await upstream, which scientists will be closely watching. These include: two large dams that aren’t being removed, though they have fish ladders; the sprawling Upper Klamath Lake in Oregon that fish must cross to get to the higher parts of the watershed; and municipal development along waterways that can affect water quality and water depths.

“We’re going to learn a lot here in the coming year and the next few years,” Soto said.

Until late August or early September, though, the focus remains on dam demolition.

Of the three remaining dams due out, the 126-foot Copco 1 Dam, basically a towering concrete wall wedged into a steep river canyon, is furthest along. All of its above-ground concrete is out, and crews this past week were removing 20 feet of material below ground.

The other two dams, 173-foot Iron Gate and Oregon’s 68-foot J.C. Boyle, remained in various stages of deconstruction. Both are earthen dams, essentially large piles of rocks and gravel that require vast amounts of material to be hauled off. Copco 2 Dam was razed in October.

Once the remaining dams are completely down, small cofferdams upstream of each of the large dams are scheduled for removal. The cofferdams, originally built to divert water out of the river during the construction of the large dams, are being used now to help steer river water around the demolition work. Once they’re out, water will flow over what had been the base of the dams. This is expected in August.

Removal of any remaining infrastructure will continue afterward, likely into September, according to the Renewal Corp. About 300 people have been on the job sites and crews have been working six 10-hour days a week.

The dams, collectively known as the Klamath Hydroelectric Project, were built between 1911 and 1962 to provide electricity. The latest operator, Portland, Ore.-based PacifiCorp, however, decided the cost of repairs wasn’t worth the amount of power they generated. The dams did not provide flood control or water storage.

At the urging of several tribes, environmentalists and fishing groups, PacifiCorp agreed, with the blessing of the states of California and Oregon, to proceed with dam removal, a move that took years to formalize and prepare for.

Financing for the work is being provided by the utility and California voter-approved bonds. The nonprofit Klamath River Renewal Corp. was established to oversee the project.

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DRUGS

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nence-based recovery programs like “Cash Not Drugs.”

The plan lands as Breed faces a difficult reelection campaign, in which the misery on San Francisco’s streets and the high number of fatal overdoses continue to be concerns for voters. Breed has arrested hundreds of drug users and dealers since she began a law enforcement crackdown in the Tenderloin, but it remains unclear if any of those arrested have entered treatment. At the same time, she has also added treatment beds and backed street teams to try to help more people.

“Cash Not Drugs” would become San Francisco’s latest investment in a strategy known as contingency management, which offers incentives to people struggling with substance use as positive reinforcement to change their behaviors. Studies have found it can be an especially effective approach for treating people who use methamphetamine or cocaine, for which there are no FDA-approved medications to treat withdrawal and reduce cravings.

San Francisco’s Department of Public Health already offers several smaller-scale contingency management programs. DPH is spending \$2 million this fiscal year on those programs and the



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number of participants enrolled in programs has increased within the last year, but the department could not provide specific figures. Dorsey said his proposed legislation would help “scale up” the city’s efforts and make a more profound impact.

“If we can make progress to help people get on the other side of their addiction, we will see progress on all kinds of things — from street conditions to retail theft to, hopefully and most importantly, reversing the level of overdoses,” Dorsey said in an interview.

The legislation would establish an incentive program to operate side-by-side with a recent voter-approved measure that threatens to strip welfare recipients of cash

aid from the city if they are deemed to be drug users and refuse to take part in treatment.

Voters in March passed Proposition F, which allows the city to carry out drug screenings for around 5,200 San Franciscans who receive monthly cash payments through the County Adult Assistance Program. The voter-approved measure, which will take effect on Jan. 1, requires those who are determined to be illicit drug users to actively participate in a free treatment program — or risk losing their cash aid. They are not mandated to test negative for illicit drugs, but participation is necessary.

Critics called the ballot measure cruel and ineffective.

The proposed “Cash Not

Supervisor Matt Dorsey speaks about new legislation called Cash Not Drugs on Monday in San Francisco. Dorsey and Mayor London Breed unveiled the program that would reward some welfare recipients with \$100 every week they test negative for illicit drugs.

said getting a clean test back provided a healthy adrenaline rush that helped reduce his cravings for the high he got from stimulants.

“There are going to be folks in your community who will say, ‘Why are we giving money to drug addicts?’ And it’s because giving small amounts of money like this to drug addicts will actually help them change their life and get off drugs,” he said Monday.

If endorsed by the full Board of Supervisors, the program would be administered by the Human Services Agency as a three-year pilot program in coordination with the Department of Public Health. The proposed legislation requires the agencies to work with an independent organization to assess the program’s effectiveness and to report its findings annually.

“When voters passed Proposition F by a large margin last March, they sent a strong message that they believed single adults on public assistance, who face significantly higher risks for substance use disorders, should be clinically assessed and offered opportunities for treatment,” Trent Rhorer, the executive director of San Francisco’s Human Services Agency, said in a statement.

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FOUNTAIN

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orous Embarcadero Freeway — an ugly double-deck roadway that curved from the Bay Bridge to Folsom Street and pushed nearly a mile north to Broadway. Picture our view up Market Street to the Ferry Building severed by a 60-foot-tall jersey barrier.

Better yet, don't.

This history explains why Vaillancourt Fountain strikes such a provocative pose, especially when its 20 or so right-angled spigots would spew 30,000 gallons of water per minute. It was conceived as "A fountain to hide a freeway," to quote the 1967 Chronicle piece that announced the selection of Canadian sculptor Armand Vaillancourt. Big and aggressive and loud, the goal was to provide a visual distraction to the elevated ramps behind it while muffling noise from constant traffic.

From opening day in 1971, there were more detractors than defenders. Interestingly, there was similar blowback to two other head-turners of the era: Sutro Tower and the Transamerica Pyramid. The former has become a cult icon; the latter rivals the Golden Gate Bridge as a sculptural symbol of today's city.

The freeway was dismantled in 1991, thankfully, and the Embarcadero's healing process began. Witness the Ferry Building's restoration and the promenade thick with joggers and strollers. The Exploratorium draws families to Pier 15.

Residential buildings at all price levels fill land along Folsom Street once shadowed by ramps. Rincon Park features a supersize bow-and-arrow and a bayside lawn where nearby residents let their dogs run free.

About the only thing that hasn't prospered is, you guessed it, Embarcadero Plaza. Patchy brickwork and institutional lunch tables bolted to the



Fred Larson/The Chronicle 1987

U2 frontman Bono spray-painted "Rock n Roll Stops the Traffic" on one of the fountain's limbs during a free 1987 lunchtime concert at then-Justin Herman Plaza in San Francisco.



Jerry Telfer/The Chronicle 1968

A model of the proposed Vaillancourt Fountain in 1968. From opening day in 1971, there were more detractors than defenders.

periphery are no match for the magnetic pull of the waterfront show. Nor is the gaunt fountain that looms above two sandwich boards announcing "Pardon our mess/This area is closed."

So I applaud Embarcadero Center owner BXP for hiring design firm HOK to draw up

conceptual plans for how the plaza and an adjacent park could be reimaged as an enticing 21st century gathering spot.

One where, in the renderings, Vaillancourt Fountain is nowhere to be seen.

"It was designed for a differ-

ent era," Aaron Fenton, a senior vice president at BXP, said of the plaza in general and the fountain in particular. "The fountain was oriented facing the city. It was never meant to be seen from behind."

Phil Ginsburg, longtime general manager of the city's Recreation and Park Department, palpably is no fan of Vaillancourt's concrete pyrotechnics.

"We need to take a fresh look at this," he said carefully when we spoke. "There are a series of tradeoffs." Ginsburg also pointed out that since the last water pump broke in June, "the fountain itself is not operable. It's dead."

But let's get real: Vaillancourt Fountain has suffered from not-so-benign neglect for decades. When the jets have been turned on in recent years, the water was often mixed with green or red algae killer. The concrete hasn't received a thorough scrub, I would guess, since U2 frontman Bono spray-painted "Rock n Roll Stops the

Traffic" on one of the cantilevered limbs during a 1987 lunchtime concert.

Now imagine using the makeover to celebrate the fountain as an only-in-San Francisco showcase. Install an energy-efficient mechanical system using recycled water. Bring the fountain's backside to life with an interactive children's play area a la Crown Fountain in Chicago's Millennium Park.

That clever touch was suggested to me by Dean Macris, San Francisco's former planning director. He's politically savvy enough to know that civic works of art can't be removed without laborious hearings. So why not turn the ugly duckling into a swaggering swan?

"Make the water *more* important, and make the back as appealing as the front," Macris said. He also talked about how he tried to rally business and philanthropic support for a grand new park between Market Street and the Ferry Building when he was Gavin Newsom's top planner in the early 2000s: "It's the heart of the city," he said. "We should do something spectacular with it."

Macris was ahead of his time. Now, though, the need to reinvent downtown is front and center in the persistent wake of the pandemic; that's why mayoral candidates Mark Farrell and Aaron Peskin, as well as BXP and the administration of Mayor London Breed, are talking up the idea of an Embarcadero Plaza 2.0.

Another thing: The eye-popping success of Presidio Tunnel Tops shows that the private and public sector, working together, can enhance San Francisco's luster in magnificent ways.

That's the opportunity at Embarcadero Plaza. Treat Vaillancourt Fountain with respect, and let it play a starring role.

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CURRICULUM

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notes a specific political ideology.

In Palo Alto, parents have received little information as to what materials and lesson plans the district will use, but they fear that students will walk away with an obsession over oppression and political struggles, with little understanding of commonalities between different ethnic groups.

"It would sure help if we as parents could see the curriculum," said Alan Crystal, a parent with an incoming senior in the Palo Alto school district. "A lot of what we want is just to see what's being proposed, and to see the curriculum."

A small group of incoming freshmen at Palo Alto Unified School District will take a pilot ethnic studies class this fall, a precursor to the mandatory course that will be offered the following year. Statewide, starting with the class of 2030, ethnic studies will be a graduation requirement.

Many supporters of ethnic studies say that the class is important for helping students who identify as racial minorities learn about their culture, background and history, especially if those details have been left out of more traditional curricula. Supporters have also pointed to research that shows that ethnic studies courses can help boost student engagement and increase GPAs. Opponents of ethnic studies typically argue that the discipline is a form of indoctrination and can lead to political division within classrooms.

The Palo Alto Parent Alliance, which garnered 1,400 signatures on a petition, says it supports ethnic studies but wants more transparency and opportunities for parental input. Parents are upset that district officials have refused to meet to discuss their concerns and have not released the full curriculum.

The district contains two traditional high schools with around 3,000 students.

Parents told the Chronicle that the district held three parent input sessions, but few questions were answered. Questions were later addressed

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Sarith Honigstein, a member of the Palo Alto Parent Alliance

in a FAQ on the district's website, though parents said they were still dissatisfied.

In a letter circulated in May, the alliance accused the district of adopting a "liberated" ethnic studies curriculum focused on oppression and discrimination toward ethnic groups, which parents think will lead to politically divisive classroom environments. Instead, the parents are pushing for an "inclusive" ethnic studies model that has a greater focus on the roles and contributions of racial and ethnic groups while emphasizing commonality between people of various backgrounds.

"We aren't against ethnic studies," said Sarith Honigstein, a member of the Palo Alto Parent Alliance, who supports an inclusive approach to the curriculum. "Our issue is with a nontransparent rollout."

Associate Superintendent Guillermo Lopez told the Chronicle that the district is sticking with an inclusive teaching model.

Palo Alto is the latest district caught up in the debate. Officials in San Mateo received hundreds of emails last year from parents saying that the district's ethnic studies curriculum was pushing a left-wing political agenda onto students. In the Mountain View Los Altos High School District, a nonprofit sued the district to release documents surrounding its ethnic studies curriculum.

In some cases, specific lessons in ethnic studies classes have sparked outrage. At Menlo-Atherton, a teacher came under fire for her lesson on the Israel-Palestine conflict, with complaints that the presentation was an oversimplification and not balanced.

The concerns in Palo Alto are part of a larger national debate on how to talk about race, identity and the United States' history of discrimination toward ethnic and racial groups. In California, the Jewish Legislative



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Parent Alan Crystal stands outside Palo Alto High School on Friday. He and other parents want the Palo Alto Unified School District to be more forthcoming about its ethnic studies curriculum.

Caucus is pushing a bill that aims to ensure that ethnic studies courses are free of antisemitism and prejudice.

Other states have tried to control discussions about race and ethnicity in classrooms. Florida last year banned its schools from teaching an Advancement Placement African American Studies class. In Tennessee, the law restricts teachers from teaching certain topics related to race, including the idea that an individual can be inherently privileged due to their race.

In Palo Alto, the parent alliance pointed to the district's partnership with Berkeley History Social-Science Project to help build the pilot program as evidence that the district is building a "liberated" ethnic studies program, and cited lesson plans and texts that were previously advertised by the Berkeley project.

Some specific examples the alliance listed in their letter to the district included a lesson plan curated by the Berkeley project about Black activism against police violence in the United States, as well as books recommended by the project like "Pedagogy of the Oppressed."

The district, however, says that the letter is not accurate and lists teaching materials that

are not included in the course. "A lot of that information was taken off the UC Berkeley's Social Sciences website and none of that really applies to our course," Lopez said.

The pilot course is also building off an ethnic studies elective that has been offered in the past to ensure that the course meets the state's requirements.

The pilot will be taught in Gunn and Palo Alto high schools, with two teachers facilitating lessons for 20 students. By running this pilot course, Lopez hopes the district can figure out what works well in an ethnic studies course and what doesn't.

"All we can do is continue to have ... conversations and train our staff to understand some of the do's and don'ts," Lopez said. "Our goal is to be inclusive of all communities."

Jason Muñoz, director of the Berkeley History-Social Science Project, said that the project's job is not to tell teachers to teach one curriculum over another, but to help teachers tailor the class to their own district.

"It's not my role to encourage teachers to use any one framework over another one. It is my job to present what is available and let teachers decide," Muñoz said, noting that he was impressed with the thought and

care he saw the Palo Alto teachers putting toward the course.

Jeff Duncan-Andrade, an associate professor of race and resistance studies at San Francisco State University, argues that the best ethnic studies education is both "liberatory" and "inclusive," explaining that the goal of ethnic studies is to help young people learn about their background and how to "love" themselves while also learning about the past and addressing modern-day problems.

In Palo Alto, parents remain skeptical and want information beyond unit titles and guiding lesson questions for the course.

"I actually tried to engage with one of the teachers from one of the high schools who's running the program. ... I tried to explain what our concerns were, and I was told outright by her in an email that she cannot talk to me," said Linor Levav, a founding member of the alliance and a parent whose son is an incoming senior.

"If they're proud of what they're doing and they're confident that what they're doing ... reflects the community's values, I don't understand why you wouldn't share that," Levav added.

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Rescuer saves dog, pups stranded near Park Fire

By Nora Mishanec

Crews in Butte County rescued a Rottweiler and her puppies on Saturday, three days after the dogs' owner left them behind while evacuating the 360,000-acre Park Fire.

The owner's truck broke down Wednesday evening while evacuating a remote area above Cohasset about 15 miles north of Chico, the Butte County Sheriff's office said.

The owner left the truck behind with two adult Rottweilers and their puppies inside, officials said.

The owner gave fire officials the location of the truck, but the area was not accessible until Saturday,

when a helicopter rescue crew flew to the area to retrieve the dogs.

Pilot Conner Smith dropped rescuer Trevor Skaggs, who ran 1½ miles to the truck, officials said.

Skaggs "found the puppies and mother alive, but tired and very thirsty," officials said. "Unfortunately, the puppies' father had died."

After giving the mother and her puppies water and bites of his protein bar, Skaggs persuaded the dogs to return with him to the helicopter, which carried the group to safety.

The North Valley Animal Disaster Group was taking care of the

dogs on Sunday, officials said.

"It's been a horrific few days for our community and we are grateful to be able to share this amazing story," county representatives said.

Lower temperatures, higher humidity levels and calmer winds reduced fire activity this weekend helped crews make significant gains on the blaze covering parts of Butte, Plumas, Shasta and Tehama counties.

Nearly 4,000 firefighters worked continuously to increase containment to 12%, according to Cal Fire.

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Cal Fire: Blaze near Bay Point nearly contained

By Nora Mishanec

The Point Fire in Contra Costa County was 90% contained as of Sunday evening, according to Cal Fire.

Evacuation orders for Bay Point residents were downgraded to warnings as the 470-acre fire approached full containment Sunday evening, fire officials said. Firefighters continued to clear debris and patrol the blaze, which started at about 3 p.m. Thursday.

It was one of two fires burning in the Bay Area as of Sunday. The Creek Fire burning southeast of Fremont was 734 acres and 25% contained two days after it began near the Sunol Wilderness Regional Preserve.

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PARK FIRE

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Butte, Tehama, Shasta and Plumas counties and has forced evacuations across the region.

The Park Fire started in Upper Bidwell Park in Chico on Wednesday afternoon, when authorities said witnesses saw a man pushing a burning car into a ravine, igniting nearby vegetation. The fire spread rapidly, heading north, through areas that hadn't burned in decades, according to Cal Fire officials.

Police arrested a suspect — Ronnie Stout, 42, of Chico — and are continuing to investigate. Stout was scheduled to be arraigned Monday afternoon in Butte County Superior Court in Oroville, according to the county district attorney's office.

On the fire lines Monday, temperatures were expected to reach the upper 70s in the lower elevations of the fire and upper 80s in the valleys, with relative humidity dropping to the 20% range. Southwest wind gusts of up to 20 mph were expected at higher elevations in the evening, which could result in more rapid fire spread along the northern and eastern flank of the fire.

"With the (atmospheric) instability, clear skies and a little bit more wind, I think we're going to see even more intensity in fire than we saw (Sunday) afternoon," said U.S. Forest Service incident meteorologist Jeff Tonkin, who is advising Park Fire firefighting efforts.

Over the weekend, fire crews made progress establishing containment lines, though spot fires sparked by flying embers challenged those efforts. One of



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A tanker plane drops retardant on the Park Fire near Lomo on Sunday. The fire has grown to about 12 times the size of San Francisco.

the most concerning was a 100-150-acre spot fire that crossed Highway 32 near Humboldt Road on Sunday afternoon. Crews worked overnight to surround it with bulldozer and hand-dug lines, officials said. They expected to continue working on it Monday as well.

Firefighters were likely to see more spot fires as the winds and temperatures pick up, fire offi-

cial said.

"They're mostly cabins, camps, campgrounds," said Blanca Mercado, a Cal Fire spokesperson. "It's nothing like some of the larger towns on the outskirts of the fire."

Officials from Cal Fire and the Butte County Sheriff's Office removed evacuation warnings on the southeast side of the fire Monday morning, including

the town of Paradise, and downgraded an order to a warning in one area north of Chico along Richardson Springs Road.

Forest Ranch remained under mandatory evacuation, as did Cohasset, both of which suffered losses of homes and other structures.

Even as firefighters gained some ground on the blaze, Buddy Bloxham, a Cal Fire battalion

chief, said the warmer weather means the fight is far from over.

"The fire is going to gain some energy out there on the line," he said. "We'll bend but won't break."

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Holdouts refusing to flee despite evacuation orders

By Michael Cabanatuan

FOREST RANCH — Lesli Kostiz, her husband and a handful of her neighbors are living on the edge of the 360,000-acre Park Fire — refusing to leave their homes despite evacuation orders.

The Forest Ranch residents live just up Stage Road from Highway 32, which firefighters have attempted to use as a barrier to keep the fire from spreading toward their community and Paradise, which was devastated by the Camp Fire in 2018.

As of Sunday afternoon, the fire had destroyed at least 66 structures and threatened some 4,200 more, though the total tally of the blaze's destructive force was likely to grow in the coming days since it takes time for areas to be rendered safe enough for damage assessments.

The fire roared close to their homes on Saturday as helicopters and airplanes bombed an area a few hundred yards away, just across the highway, with water and bright pink fire retardant.

"It was so noisy," said Lesli, who's lived on the property for 50 years. "The 747 and the Chinooks made a lot of noise. It was like a 'Twilight Zone' episode."

Neighbor Justin Freese, an 8-year resident of Forest Ranch, said the aerial firefight "was like an air show," he said. "Everyone was here but the Blue Angels."

But neither the noise nor the danger of living so close to California's largest wildfire of the year stirred the 10 or so residents to obey evacuation orders from Butte County Sheriff Kory Honea. First responders have said in past fires that holdouts — like Kostiz and Freese — are not only endangering their own lives but also put



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Justin Freese, 40, and Elliott Patchill, 35, both of Forest Ranch, sit Sunday on a couch outside Freese's house, which is inside the evacuation order area threatened by the Park Fire.

at risk the lives of already-exhausted law enforcement and fire personnel. They can also hamper firefighting efforts.

"As much as we try to tell people it's not safe, it's not smart, that you can replace a house but you can't replace a life, people still don't listen and defy us," Cal Fire spokeswoman Lynne Tolmachoff told the Chronicle in 2020 after holdouts died in the North Complex Fire.

Lesli Kostiz said she and her husband, Randy, evacuated their log-cabin residence when the Camp Fire raced up the Paradise ridge and neared their home. Even after the danger was gone, she said, they had to wait 10 days to return home.

"It was excruciating," she said of not being able to return home or know whether their home had survived.

Unwilling to confront such uncertainty again, the couple decided to stay, despite the pleas of public safety officials. People who live in zones where evacuation orders have been issued don't have to leave. But once they do, they can't return until the orders have been lifted.

When a sheriff's deputy pounded on their bedroom window on Wednesday, the first day of the fire, Lesli said, she told him "Get the hell out." He refused.

So did Lesli. "I just froze," she said. "I decided I didn't want to go."

If flames jump Highway 32, she said, she and Randy plan to flee. But not until then. She said she's well aware of the risk and ready to deal with the consequences.

She tells friends, even relatives, sometimes tearfully, that they're staying — possibly until it's too late.

"We've had a good life," she said. "We've done everything we wanted to do. If everything around me was on fire, so be it."

Cal Fire spokesperson Rick Carhart said he didn't understand why people would stay in an evacuation zone when a fire has come within such a close distance to their home.

"It doesn't make sense," he said.

Freese said his reason for staying is simple — a rebellious spirit of resisting the demands of government authorities.

"They told me to leave and I don't like being told what to do," he said. "They said 'go' and I said 'no.'"

Instead of abandoning their homes, some of those staying put have decided to help those who've fled.

Lesli Kostiz said she's taking care of pets and livestock — chickens, goats and horses — for dozens of neighbors who evacuated. She gives some food and water and opens the gates for others, so they can escape if the flames come. On Saturday, she took care of animals for 15 friends, she said. On Sunday, she had 145 text messages asking for help.

"I wish I could help more," she said.

Down the street, Freese sat in front of his house with a friend — Elliott Patchill, 35, who lives near the Forest Hill store. At first they sat on folding chairs then they dragged out a couch.

Pachill said he's spent his time behind the evacuation lines working with Freese assisting evacuees by caring for their animals or homes, even fueling their generators to keep refrigerators working and their food from rotting.

Pachill has also been posting information about the community on a private Facebook group, often letting people know the state of their homes.

"I knew if I left, I couldn't come back," he said. "So I stayed to help the community out. I'm glad I stayed."

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NATION & WORLD

Anger rises over Venezuela election results

By Joshua Goodman
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CARACAS, Venezuela — Thousands of demonstrators took to the streets of Venezuela on Monday to protest what they said was an attempt by President Nicolás Maduro to steal the country's disputed election a day after the political opposition and the entrenched incumbent both claimed victory.

Shortly after the National Electoral Council, which is loyal to Maduro's ruling party, announced that he had won a third six-year term, angry protesters began marching through the capital, Caracas, and cities across Venezuela.

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

The demonstrations followed an election that was among the most peaceful in recent 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 fas-



Matias Delacroix/Associated Press

Protesters demonstrate Monday in Caracas, Venezuela, against the official election results declaring President Nicolas Maduro's reelection the day after the vote.

cist and counterrevolutionary nature."

"We already know this movie, and this time, there will be no kind of weakness," he added, saying that Venezuela's "law will be respected."

There was no immediate comment from the opposition, which had vowed to defend its votes.

In the capital's impoverished Petare neighborhood, people started walking and shouting against Maduro, and some masked young people tore down campaign posters of him hung on lampposts. Heavily armed security forces were standing just a few blocks away from the protest.

"It's going to fall. It's going to fall. This government is going fall!" some of the protesters shouted as they walked.

As the crowd marched through a different neighborhood, it was cheered on by retirees and office workers who banged on pots and recorded the protest in a show of support. Elsewhere, some protesters attempted to block freeways, including one that connects the capital with a port city where the country's main international airport is.

Officials delayed the release of detailed vote tallies from Sunday's election after proclaiming Maduro the winner with 59% of

the vote, compared with 44% for retired diplomat Edmundo González. The competing claims set up a high-stakes standoff.

"Venezuelans and the entire world know what happened," González said. But he and his allies asked supporters to remain calm and called on the government to avoid stoking conflict.

Several foreign governments, including the U.S. and the European Union, held off recognizing the election results.

After failing to oust Maduro during three rounds of demonstrations since 2014, the opposition put its faith in the ballot box. The country sits atop the

world's largest oil reserves and once boasted Latin America's most advanced economy. But after Maduro took the helm, it tumbled into a free fall marked by plummeting oil prices, widespread shortages of basic goods and hyperinflation of 130,000%.

U.S. oil sanctions sought to force Maduro from power after his 2018 reelection, which dozens of countries condemned as illegitimate. But the sanctions only accelerated the exodus of some 7.7 million Venezuelans who have fled their crisis-stricken nation.

Voters lined up as early as Saturday evening to cast ballots, boosting the opposition's hopes it was about to break Maduro's grip on power. The official results came as a shock to many who had celebrated what they believed was a landslide victory for González.

Gabriel Boric, the leftist leader of Chile, called the results "difficult to believe," while U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said Washington had "serious concerns" that the announced tally did not reflect the will of the people.

In response to criticism from other governments, Maduro's foreign affairs ministry announced it would recall its diplomatic personnel from seven countries in the Americas, including Panama, Argentina and Chile. Foreign Minister Yvan Gil asked the governments of those countries to do the same with their personnel in Venezuela.

Authorities postponed releasing the results from each of the 30,000 polling booths nationwide. The delay hampered attempts to verify the results.

AROUND THE NATION AND WORLD

NEW YORK

2 women killed in mass shooting

Two women died and five other people were wounded when gunfire erupted Sunday evening at a crowded public park in Rochester, N.Y.

Hundreds of people were at an all-day gathering in Rochester's Maplewood Park when the shooting started around 6:20 p.m., authorities said. Investigators were still trying Monday to determine what prompted the violence and who was responsible, but Police Chief David Smith said multiple weapons were fired.

Tyasia Manning, 25, a city employee, was killed, police said. A second victim, Phylicia Council, 34, died later.

The five other people hit by bullets suffered graze wounds and other injuries that weren't life-threatening, authorities said at a news conference Monday.

No suspects were in custody, police said.

It was the second mass shooting at a Rochester park in as many months.

UKRAINE

U.S. announces \$1.7B aid package

The U.S. will send \$1.7 billion in military aid to Ukraine, officials announced on Monday, including an array of munitions for air defense systems, artillery, mortars and anti-tank and anti-ship missiles.

The package includes \$1.5 billion in funding for long-term contracts through the Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative, and \$200 million in immediate military aid taken from Pentagon stockpiles.

The latest infusion of weapons comes a bit more than two weeks after the NATO summit in Washington, where allies focused a significant amount of time on shoring up support for Ukraine as it fends off Russian forces. President Joe Biden announced



Tina MacIntyre-Yee/Associated Press

Rochester, N.Y., police technicians investigate the scene of a mass shooting where two women were killed and five other people were injured.

during the summit that the U.S. would send a Patriot missile battery to Ukraine, answering a key plea from Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

The U.S. is also providing secure communications systems and funding for commercial satellite imagery services, as well as demolitions equipment.

ISRAEL

Soldiers probed on abuse claims

The Israeli military says it is holding nine soldiers for questioning following allegations of "substantial abuse" of a detainee at a shadowy facility where Israel has held Palestinian prisoners throughout the war in Gaza. The military says its top legal official has launched a probe.

An investigation by the Associated Press and reports by rights groups have exposed abysmal conditions at the Sde Teiman facility, Israel's largest detention center. The military has generally denied ill-treatment of detainees. The detentions of soldiers prompted an outcry among members of Israel's far-right government.

SUDAN

War marked by sexual violence

Human Rights Watch on Monday accused the paramilitary group fighting against the military in Sudan's civil war of rampant sexual violence against women, includ-

ing gang rape and forced marriages of girls. The international rights group also accused the military of committing sexual violence against service providers.

The group, in a report released Monday, called for the United Nations and the African Union to establish a joint mission to protect civilians in Sudan as more than 15 months of fighting between the military and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces show no signs of abating.

MEDICINE

Tongue-tie may be overdiagnosed

A prominent doctors' group worries that a condition in infants that can affect breastfeeding known as tongue-tie is being overdiagnosed in the U.S. and too often treated with unnecessary surgery.

The American Academy of Pediatrics is the latest and largest medical society to sound an alarm about the increasing use of scissors or lasers to cut away some infants' tongue tissue when breastfeeding is difficult.

The academy's new report was released Monday. It encourages pediatricians and other medical professionals to consider nonsurgical options for ankyloglossia.

The report cites a study that suggests less than half of the kids with the characteristics of tongue-tie actually have trouble breastfeeding.

From wire reports

Trump agrees to interview with FBI in shooting probe

By Eric Tucker
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Former President Donald Trump has 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 said Friday that Trump was struck by a bullet or a fragment of one during the July 13 assassination attempt at a campaign rally in Butler, Pa.

"We want to get his perspective on what he observed," said Kevin Rojek, the special agent in charge of the FBI's Pittsburgh field office.

Through roughly 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.

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 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 use of a drone about 200 yards from the rally site in the hours before the event.

In addition, Rojek said, Crooks looked online for information about mass shootings, improvised explosive devices, power plants and the attempted assassination in May of Slovakia's populist Prime Minister Robert Fico.

New details, meanwhile, were emerging about law enforcement security lapses that preceded the shooting, with Sen. Chuck Grassley, the top Republican on the Senate Judiciary Committee, releasing text messages from members of the Beaver County Emergency Services Unit that showed how local officers had spotted a suspicious-looking man who turned out to be Crooks lurking around in the hour before the shooting.

A Pennsylvania congressman who witnessed the assassination attempt firsthand will lead the House task force charged with investigating what went wrong and recommending solutions to help ensure such an attack doesn't happen again.

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 task force, saying his community was grieving and that "the people of Butler and the people of the United States deserve answers."

Teen arrested in knife attack that killed 2 kids, hurt 11 people

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON — A stabbing Monday at a children's dance class in northwest England killed two children and wounded 11 other people, police said, and officers arrested a 17-year-old boy and seized a knife after the bloody rampage.

Nine children and two adults were wounded in the attack in Southport, a seaside town near Liverpool, Merseyside Police said. Six children and both adults were in critical condition.

Police Chief Constable Serena Kennedy said the wounded adults had "bravely" tried to protect the children during the

"ferocious" attack.

A witness described seeing bloodied children running from the class that was held for children aged about 6 to 11 on the first day of summer school vacation.

Kennedy said the motive for the attack is unclear. Police said earlier that detectives were not treating the attack as terror-related.

Bare Varathan, who owns a shop nearby, said he saw at least seven kids injured and bleeding outside a nursery.

"They were in the road, running from the nursery," Varathan said. "They had been stabbed, here, here, here, everywhere,"

he said indicating neck, back and chest.

Prime Minister Keir Starmer called the attack "horrendous and deeply shocking."

The suspect, who has not been identified, lived in a village about 5 miles from the site of the attack, police said.

Mass shootings and murders with firearms are rare in Britain, where knives were used in about 40% of homicides in the year to March 2023. Several headline-grabbing attacks and a recent rise in knife crime have stoked anxieties and led to calls for the government to do more to clamp down on bladed weapons.

Biden proposes Supreme Court reforms

By Aamer Madhani
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WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden has unveiled a long-awaited proposal for changes at the U.S. Supreme Court, calling on Congress to establish term limits and an enforceable ethics code for the court's nine justices. He's also pressing lawmakers to ratify a constitutional amendment limiting presidential immunity.

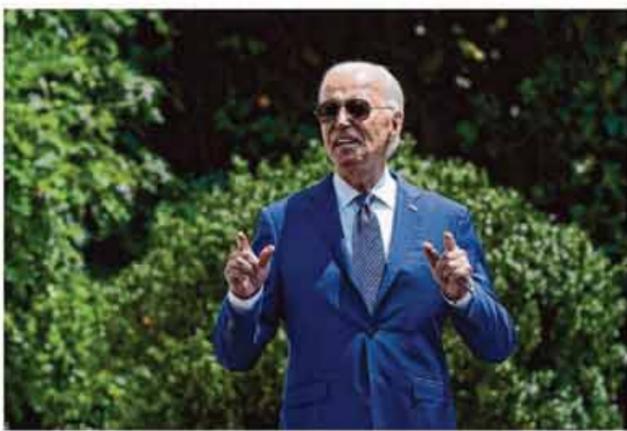
The White House on Monday detailed the contours of Biden's court proposal, one that appears to have little chance of being approved by a closely divided Congress with just 99 days to go before Election Day.

Still, Democrats hope it'll help focus voters as they consider their choices in a tight election. The likely Democratic nominee, Vice President Kamala Harris, who has sought to frame her race against Republican ex-President Donald Trump as "a choice between freedom and chaos," quickly endorsed the Biden proposal. She added that the changes are needed because "there is a clear crisis of confidence facing the Supreme Court."

The White House is looking to tap into the growing outrage among Democrats about the court, which has a 6-3 conservative majority, issuing opinions that overturned landmark decisions on abortion rights and federal regulatory powers that stood for decades.

Liberals also have expressed dismay over revelations about what they say are questionable relationships and decisions by some members of the conservative wing of the court that suggest their impartiality is compromised.

"I have great respect for our institutions and separation of powers," Biden argues in a Washington Post op-ed published Monday. "What is happening now is not normal, and it undermines the public's confidence in the court's decisions, including those impacting personal freedoms. We now stand in a breach."



Susan Walsh/Associated Press

President Joe Biden heads to Marine One on Monday at the White House. He has proposed ending the lifetime appointments for Supreme Court justices.

Harris in a statement said the reforms being proposed "will help to restore confidence in the Court, strengthen our democracy, and ensure no one is above the law."

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

The president planned to speak about his proposal later Monday during an address at the LBJ Presidential Library in Austin, Texas, to mark the 60th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act.

Biden is calling for doing away with lifetime appointments to the court. He says Congress should pass legislation to establish a system in which the sitting president would appoint a justice every two years to spend 18 years in service on the court. He argues term limits would help ensure that court membership changes with some regularity and adds a measure of predictability to the nomination process.

He also wants Congress to pass legislation establishing a court code of ethics that would require justices to disclose gifts, refrain from public political activity and recuse themselves from cases in which they or their spouses have financial or other conflicts of interest.

Biden also is calling on Congress to pass a constitutional amendment reversing the Supreme Court's recent landmark immunity ruling that determined former presidents have broad immunity from prosecution.

That decision extended the delay in the Washington criminal case against Trump on charges he plotted to overturn his 2020 presidential election loss and all but ended prospects the former president could be tried before the November election.

Most Americans supported some form of age limit for Supreme Court justices in an AP-NORC poll from August 2023. Two-thirds wanted Supreme Court justices to be required to retire by a certain age. Democrats were more likely than Republicans to favor a mandatory retirement age, 77% to 61%. Americans across age groups tend to agree on the desire for age limits — those age 60 and over were as likely as any other age group to be in favor of this limit for Supreme Court justices.

The first three justices who would potentially be affected by term limits are on the right. Justice Clarence Thomas has been on the court for nearly 33 years. Chief Justice John Roberts has served for 19 years, and Justice Samuel

Alito has served for 18.

Supreme Court justices served an average of about 17 years from the founding until 1970, said Gabe Roth, executive director of the group Fix the Court. Since 1970, the average has been about 28 years. Both conservative and liberal politicians alike have espoused term limits.

"If justices have this much power, then they should be individuals who reflect America as it currently is, not the America of 30 or 40 years ago, the dead hand of the president who appointed them still influencing policy," Roth said.

An enforcement mechanism for the high court's code of ethics, meanwhile, could bring the Supreme Court justices more in line with other federal judges, who are subject to a disciplinary system in which anyone can file a complaint and have it reviewed. An investigation can result in censure and reprimand. Last week, Justice Elena Kagan called publicly for creating a way to enforce the new ethics code, becoming the first justice to do so.

Still, when it comes to the Supreme Court, creating an ethics code enforcement mechanism isn't as easy as it sounds.

The attorney general has always had the power to enforce violations of the financial and gift disclosure rules but has never apparently used that power against federal judges, said Stephen Gillers, a legal ethics expert at NYU School of Law.

The body that oversees lower court judges, meanwhile, is headed up by Roberts, "who might be reluctant to use whatever power the conference has against his colleagues," Gillers wrote in an e-mail.

The last time Congress ratified an amendment to the Constitution was 32 years ago. The 27th Amendment, ratified in 1992, states that Congress can pass a bill changing the pay for members of the House and the Senate, but such a change can't take effect until after the next November elections are held for the House.

Trump has decried court reform as a desperate attempt by Democrats to "Play the Ref."

"The Democrats are attempting to interfere in the Presidential Election, and destroy our Justice System, by attacking their Political Opponent, ME, and our Honorable Supreme Court. We have to fight for our Fair and Independent Courts, and protect our Country," Trump posted on his Truth Social site this month.

There have been increasing questions surrounding the ethics of the court after revelations about some of the justices, including that Thomas accepted luxury trips from a GOP megadonor.

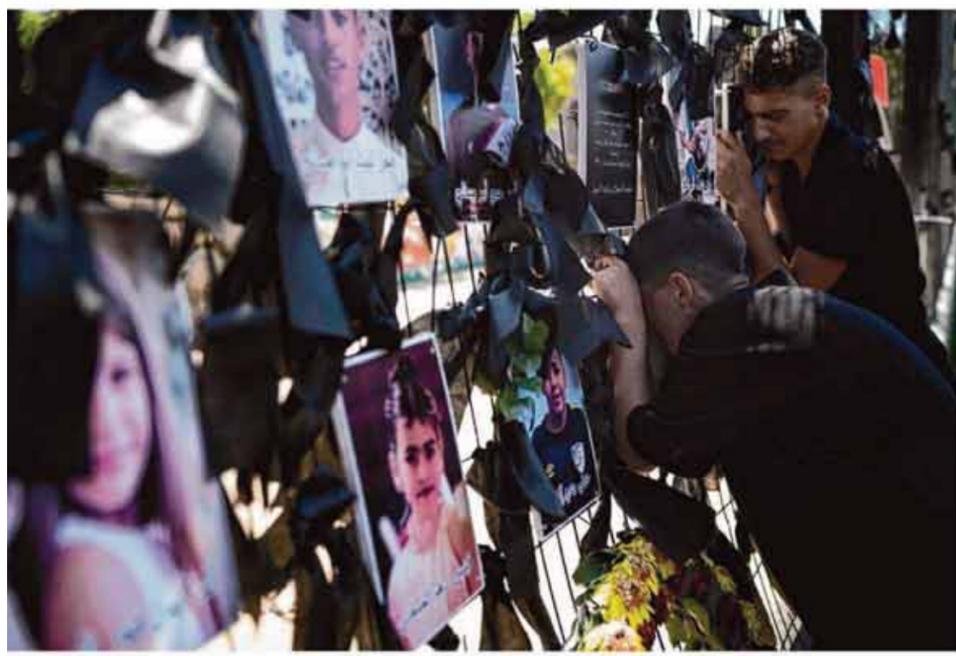
Justice Sonia Sotomayor, who was appointed during the Obama administration, has faced scrutiny after it surfaced her staff often prodded public institutions that hosted her to buy copies of her memoir or children's books.

Alito rejected calls to step aside from Supreme Court cases involving Trump and Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection defendants despite a flap over provocative flags displayed at his homes that some believe suggested sympathy to people facing charges over storming the U.S. Capitol to keep Trump in power. Alito says the flags were displayed by his wife.

Leonard Leo, co-chairman of the conservative and libertarian Federalist Society, said changes proposed by Biden are about "Democrats destroying a court they don't agree with."

"No conservative justice has made any decision in any big case that surprised anyone, so let's stop pretending this is about undue influence," said Leo, who assisted the Trump administration with the selections and confirmations of justices Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh.

Democrats say the Biden effort will help put a bright spotlight on recent high court decisions, including the 2022 ruling stripping away women's constitutional protections for abortion, by the conservative-majority court that includes three justices appointed by Trump.



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Youths from the Druze minority weep Monday at a makeshift memorial for 12 children and teens killed Saturday in a rocket strike on a soccer field in the Israeli-annexed Golan Heights.

Netanyahu vows retaliation against Hezbollah after strike

ASSOCIATED PRESS

MAJDAL SHAMS, Golan Heights — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Monday vowed heavy retaliation against Hezbollah amid furious diplomatic efforts to prevent a spiral into regional war following a weekend rocket strike that killed 12 children in the Israeli-controlled Golan Heights.

Israel has blamed Hezbollah for Saturday evening's rocket from Lebanon that slammed into a soccer field where the children were playing in the mainly Druze town of Majdal Shams. In an unusual move, Hezbollah denied any role in the strike.

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken spoke with Israeli President Isaac Herzog on Monday, emphasizing the "importance of preventing escalation."

Israel and the Iranian-backed Lebanese Hezbollah have exchanged fire almost daily over the border since the war in Gaza erupted in October. Each side has seemed intent on avoiding an escalation that would bring

their full firepower against each other. But the exchanges have mounted, and the latest strike threatened reprisals and counter-reprisals that could spiral into full-fledged war.

Early Monday, Israeli strikes hit a motorcycle in Lebanon near the border, killing two people and wounding three others, Lebanese state media said.

Thousands of mourners laid to rest on Monday the 12th victim of the strike.

Netanyahu spoke as he visited the soccer field in Majdal Shams and met with leaders of the Druze community.

"These children are our children, they are the children of all of us," he said as officials laid a wreath on the field. "The state of Israel will not and cannot overlook this. Our response will come, and it will be severe," he said, adding that the rocket was fired by Hezbollah.

Nearby, around 300 friends, supporters and relatives of the slain children protested against Netanyahu's visit, shouting that he was exploiting the bloodshed for political gain and calling for

an end to the violence. Some held up pictures of the children, saying they wanted no more deaths.

After Netanyahu left, some rushed onto the soccer field and tore down the wreath. Weeping relatives held up toys left by the children on the field.

The Druze of the Golan Heights have long had a fraught relationship with Israel since it captured the territory from Syria in the 1967 war and later annexed it. Some Druze have Israeli citizenship, and ties with Israeli society have grown over the years. But many still have sympathies for Syria and have rejected Israeli annexation.

Israel's military says Hezbollah fired an Iranian-made Falaq rocket.

The official said Hezbollah's stance has not changed and it does not want a full-blown war with Israel, but if war breaks out it will fight without limits.

Israel and Hezbollah have been trading fire since Oct. 8. Hezbollah has said it is showing its support for the Palestinian group.

Mexican president calls for cartel truce

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MEXICO CITY — Mexico's president took the unusual step Monday of issuing a public appeal to drug cartels not to fight each other following last week's detention of top Mexican drug lord Ismael "El Mayo" Zambada and Joaquín Guzmán López.

President Andrés Manuel López Obrador said at his daily press briefing that he trusted that drug traffickers knew they would only suffer if they stepped up the internal wars that already plague the Sinaloa cartel.

"Those who are engaged in these illegal activities know they resolve nothing with confrontations," López Obrador said, adding "they would go out and risk the lives of other human beings, and why make families suffer?"

"I trust that there will be no confrontations," he said, despite the fact the army announced over the weekend that it had sent an additional 200 elite soldiers from a paratrooper unit to the state of Sinaloa just in case.

There were no immediate reports of increased violence over the weekend. But the Sinaloa cartel has been riven for years by fighting between followers of Zambada and rivals who follow the sons of imprisoned drug lord Joaquín "El Chapo" Guzmán, the father of Guzmán López. There are other sons still at large.

Both Zambada and Guzmán's son played leading roles in the Sinaloa cartel, and both were detained Thursday when they arrived in Texas aboard a private airplane. López Obrador has a record of publicly appealing to drug gangs for peace, sometimes even praising them.

In 2021, López Obrador praised the largely peaceful voting in elections that year and sent a message of recognition to the drug cartels that fuel much of the country's violence.

"People who belong to organized crime behaved very well,



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Ismael "El Mayo" Zambada, left, and Joaquín Guzmán López were arrested by U.S. authorities in Texas.

in general, there were few acts of violence by these groups," the president said at the time. "I think the white-collar criminals acted worse."

The detention of Zambada and Guzmán López has proved a major embarrassment for the president, Mexican officials were forced to admit they knew nothing about the operation until it was all over.

Zambada had eluded authorities for decades and had never set foot in prison until a plane carrying him and Guzmán López landed at an airport in Santa Teresa, N.M., near El Paso, Texas, on Thursday. Both men, who face various U.S. drug charges, were arrested and remain jailed.

Zambada's lawyer pushed back Sunday against claims that his client was tricked into flying into the country, saying he was "forcibly kidnapped" by Guzmán López. If that were true, it could stoke accusations of betrayal, and additional fighting, between the factions.

López Obrador said there were indications that U.S. authorities had been negotiating with Guzmán López to turn himself in for some time, possibly for months or years before the drug lord apparently decided to do so.

But the Mexican president said nothing was known about how Zambada ended up on the flight and that Mexican prosecutors were investigating to see if he was kidnapped.

Frank Perez, Zambada's attorney, said his client did not end up at the New Mexico airport of his own free will.

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OPEN FORUM

Olympic gymnastics a sport and a life

By Julia Konner

If there's one sport synonymous with the Summer Olympics, it's women's gymnastics.

People love watching the athletes for the high-flying tricks, incredible flips and countless twists, and also in recent years, to root for Simone Biles, who has had her share of difficulties and is now back and stronger than ever.

Biles, along with four other young women out of an estimated 4.76 million gymnasts in the country, will represent the United States at the 2024 Olympics in Paris. Of course, not all these gymnasts were of eligible age and ability, but these five Olympic gymnasts have justifiably earned their spot out of millions — the millions who have spent just as many hours in the gym, just as many hours traveling to and from practice, and who have just as many blisters on their hands. The chosen gymnasts scored mere tenths of points better in the Olympic Trials than the rest of the pack to secure their spots.

It's a hard reality that weighed on me for much of my young life.

A few years ago, I was in the throes of my own gymnastics career and deciding where to go with it. I started gymnastics at the age of 5, with neither my parents nor I realizing what I was getting myself into. Gymnastics starts slowly. Practice was an hour or two a week until it built to 30 hours a week of training during my peak. After winning Eastern Nationals, I'll never forget the day when I was asked by one of my coaches to attend a training camp at the notorious (now closed following abuse allegations) Karolyi Ranch in Huntsville, Texas, to train with the top gymnasts in the country, most of whom had Olympic aspirations. I was 14, a pivotal adolescent age, but also the age when most gymnasts decide if they will chase the Olympic dream or not. I had the drive and talent to follow that dream after winning numerous regional and national awards, but I was still just a kid. I wore braces and couldn't drive or see an R-rated movie, but had to decide if I was going to spend the next four to 10 years of my life pursuing this monumental goal.

The Olympic challenge is made up of talent, hard work, dedication, some luck, but most importantly, a plan. In gymnastics, you plan how you will progress through the levels, when you will upgrade certain skills and how you will reach the highest level — elite. At 14, I had to map out what my life and future would look like if I wanted



Courtesy of Bob Solorio

Gymnast Julia Konner competes for Sacramento State in 2016. She chose to go to college rather than pursue the Olympics.

to start training for the Olympics.

Choosing the Olympic path is choosing gymnastics as your life, your job and your identity. There is no halfway when making this choice. You turn over your life to training and that often requires a move (to train with the top coaches and athletes), homeschooling (to have time to train twice a day), little to no vacation (to avoid losing muscle), dietary restrictions (to remain lean) and much more. There are plenty of young athletes who choose this path, whose lives revolve around their sport and who are happy with their decision. They want their face on the Wheaties box, the glory, and, let's be honest, the big bucks that many Olympians pull in from endorsements.

However, after much soul-searching, I knew that wasn't the path for me. In the end, I decided that while I still had an intense training schedule and while gymnastics took up a good portion of my life, I wasn't prepared to uproot my life and my family's to pursue that very small percentage of a chance that I would be one of the five out of the millions.

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So, I stuck with the "regular" progression (to reach level 10 and forgo elite gymnastics). That allowed me to travel the world with my family, spend time with friends, be part of my high school gymnastics team, date, and eat junk food sometimes — none of which would have been possible had I stayed on the Olympic track. The life of a professional athlete can be rewarding financially and in many other ways, but I made the right decision for me. I am lucky I had parents who supported me and allowed me to choose my own path to follow college gymnastics rather than the Olympic route. I went on to earn a full gymnastics scholarship and was voted team captain, so gymnastics did help me achieve some additional athletic success and financial benefit. Watching the 2024 gymnasts train, I

sometimes feel a twinge. What it would be like, I wonder, to be one of these Olympians competing for their country and ideally experiencing the incredible glory of a gold medal around their necks. While I can imagine there is no feeling quite like that, I have experienced my own glory-filled moments that I wouldn't trade for anything. I enjoyed a full college experience and now have a fulfilling job, a wonderful family and the time to travel the world. I know I chose the right path and can now sit back and watch in awe along with the rest of the country (and world), admiring what these incredible athletes can do.

Julia Konner is the author of the new book "Perfect Balance: A Young Athlete's Guide to the World of Gymnastics."

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Congress should act to prevent wildfires

The Park Fire is ravaging an area larger than Los Angeles, destroying homes and displacing thousands.

Our policymakers must be reminded that such destructive megafires are avoidable.

Our landscapes thrive on "good fires" that clear flammable material and are crucial to maintaining a healthy ecosystem.

Selective tree thinning, controlled burns and low-intensity wildfires prevent the accumulation of fuel that leads to out-of-control megafires like the Park Fire.

Unfortunately, a web of permitting delays resulting from the abuse of well-intentioned environmental laws, underutilized technology and fragmented decision-making hamper our wildfire response.

There is cause to be optimistic, however.

When wildfires make national headlines, Congress faces pressure to act.

The bipartisan Fix Our Forests Act, HR8790, recently passed out of committee.

The bill would moderately reform permitting, leverage advanced technologies like artificial intelligence and create a unified fire intelligence center enabling more informed decisions by first responders.

Though we have come to expect little of our divided Congress, it is time to recognize that living with megafires is not an inevitability but a consequence of inadequate policy.

We have the technology and knowledge to make a change, we just need the political will to act.

Eric Horne, national policy director, Megafire Action



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Race can be considered

Regarding "This right-wing lawsuit against San Francisco is a preview of what's to come under Trump and Project 2025" (Nuala Bishari, SFChronicle.com, July 22): Yes, government programs considering race are subject to a higher degree of scrutiny, but the Supreme Court has been careful to recognize that such scrutiny is not "fatal in fact."

Indeed, in its recent decision to overturn affirmative action in college admissions, the Supreme Court recognized that considering race is permissible to remedy intentional discrimination and potentially in other compelling circumstances.

The court clarified that college applicants are still permitted to discuss their

experience with race and that universities are still permitted to recognize these experiences.

These same principles extend to local governments.

Many programs, such as those in San Francisco that address race, ethnicity or gender inequities, were developed in response to urgent problems. Nothing in the law requires the city to turn a blind eye to these issues.

San Francisco deserves its day in court to explain why its response is justified. And local governments must not be chilled and complacent in the face of these problems.

David B. Oppenheimer, director, UC Berkeley Center on Comparative Equality & Anti-Discrimination Law

Buttigieg ready to be VP

Regarding "Why not Pete Buttigieg for Kamala Harris' vice president: Is it one too many firsts?" (Arts & Entertainment, SFChronicle.com, July 22): Many people are ready for a gay vice president, but unfortunately not enough for Pete Buttigieg to be picked.

Buttigieg is without a doubt qualified to be vice president. Anyone who has listened to his recent interviews knows he has command of the issues, and he has a way of effectively communicating his message, perhaps better than any of the others being considered.

I've been mystified by the resistance to a gay man being considered for such a high office. What does a person's sexual orientation have to do with crafting policy on immigration, the Ukraine war, inflation, the war in Gaza or abortion?

Marilyn Mitchell, Pacifica

Don't change Half Dome

Regarding "Experienced 20-year-old hiker slips to her death at Yosemite's Half Dome" (California, SFChronicle.com, July 23): A climber was killed, which is very sad. The article mentions the need for upgrading the cables going to the top, but I disagree.

The appeal of Half Dome is the thrill, the challenge. It's not for everyone.

I climbed it first in 1961, and have done it five times. Nothing beats the exhilaration of reaching the top, of doing something you didn't know you were capable of doing.

Don't diminish the treasure of surmounting the challenge. Leave Half Dome as it is.

Wayne Wagner, Larkspur

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OLYMPICS PARIS

Finding her role on a talent-laden team



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Sabrina Ionescu, getting used to playing with the Americans' stacked roster, had 11 points and five assists Monday.

Ionescu shows off passing skills as U.S. routs Japan in opener

By Ron Kroichick

VILLENEUVE-D'ASCQ, France — Sabrina Ionescu's first notable Olympic basketball moment occurred midway through the second quarter Monday, when she removed her red USA warmup shirt and practically skipped to the scorer's table.

Or maybe it came with 1:50 left in the quarter, when Ionescu got the ball in the middle on a fast break — a place where she's absolutely in her element — and collected her first assist on a nice no-look pass to

Breanna Stewart.

Or maybe it came with 3:18 left in the third quarter, when Ionescu alertly cut backdoor and scored her first Olympic points after taking a pass from Brittney Griner.

These moments added up to a landmark night. Ionescu, the dynamic WNBA guard who was born in Walnut Creek and became state and national player of the year at Miramonte-Orinda, made her Olympic debut as the U.S. steamed to a 102-76 victory over Japan at Pierre Mauroy Stadium in suburban Lille.

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San Francisco fencers like the atmosphere, not the results. **B4**
Durant still one to watch. **B5**
U.S. men pull together for gymnastics bronze. **B5**

Ionescu finished with 11 points and five assists in 20 minutes. A'ja Wilson scored 24 points and Stewart added 22 as the Americans steadily took control.

Ionescu, 26, has become a complete offensive player in her fourth full season with the

New York Liberty — sixth in the WNBA in scoring (19.8 points per game), fifth in assists (6.1 average) and second in 3-pointers (7.4). But she knows why she's wearing a uniform with "U-S-A" stripped across her chest, and it's mostly not to score.

She's cool with that.

"I would say my passing ability is kind of my role on this team, getting everyone involved and having an impact on the floor whether I'm scoring or not," Ionescu said ahead of Monday's game. "Ob-

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COMMENTARY

Skateboard legend is keeping up with kids

PARIS — The skater from Davis found redemption on the streets of Paris.

Nyjah Huston, who went into Tokyo as the face of the new Olympic sport of skateboarding but left without success, won a bronze medal in street skateboarding Monday.

"I'm 29, and I've been skating professionally for 18 years," he said, sitting on the podium with repeat gold medalist Yuto Horigome, 25, and silver medalist Jagger Eaton, the 23-year-old American who took bronze in Japan. "It's not easy to keep up with these guys. And just qualifying for the Olympics, making finals, and having any chance to win against all these young guys, it's not easy."

Huston was leading the competition after landing a second run that had him pumping his fist. But during the trick segment of the competition, he was overtaken, first by Eaton and then — on the final trick of the day — by Horigome, who vaulted to the top with the highest score.

After the competition, the skaters were asked if it had been the greatest street final ever.

"Yes," Jagger said, definitively. "Definitely up there with the best finals ever," Huston said. "I wish I had landed that last trick."

It hasn't been an easy road to the podium for Huston, who suffered a torn ligament in his wrist shortly before Tokyo, a torn ACL two years ago, and finished 29th at the Budapest Olympic qualifier in June, having to sweat it out before making the team based on previous points.

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Campbell shrugs off his past Super Bowl comments

By Eric Branch

On Feb. 12, a day after the San Francisco 49ers fell 25-22 to Kansas City in overtime in Super Bowl LVII, De'Vondre Campbell took a social-media shot at the losing team.

"They really got on national TV," wrote the Packers' linebacker, "and said they didn't know the

OT rules in the biggest game of your life lol."

Campbell, of course, was part of a national chorus that was surprised by the 49ers' lack of knowledge. However, he was alone in this: A month later, on March 18, five days after Campbell was released by Green Bay, he joined the team he needed.

Awkward? Not for Campbell,

ONLINE

Jordan Mason making spirited charge to back up Christian McCaffrey. Read more at [sfchronicle.com/sports](https://www.sfchronicle.com/sports)

31, who shrugged off his post Saturday after his fourth training-camp practice with the 49ers, who signed him to a one-year, \$5

million contract to fill a key season-opening role.

"They didn't say anything," Campbell said of his new teammates' reaction. "But I'm not worried about it. I can stand on my own. ... Anything I put out there, I can always be questioned about it. I don't ever run from it."

Campbell isn't kidding. He also had no issue Saturday addressing

a string of social-media posts from March that were critical of the Packers, his employer for the previous three seasons.

However, he was more interested in looking ahead to his opportunity with the 49ers. The 49ers added Campbell, a first-team All-Pro in 2021, because they wanted a proven player to

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GIANTS

Sweep may change deadline approach

By Shayna Rubin

The trade deadline will have passed by the time the San Francisco Giants take the field next, against the Oakland Athletics on Tuesday night.

Consider a four-game series sweep of the Colorado Rockies sealed with a 5-4 win Sunday afternoon, then, the Giants' final plea to the front office to keep this team together before the buzzer at 3 p.m. Tuesday.

"We all believe in each other," said third baseman

UP NEXT

GIANTS VS. A'S

When/where: 6:45 p.m. Tuesday at Oracle Park.

TV/radio: NBCSBA, NBCSCA; 104.5 FM, 680 AM, 960 AM.

INSIDE

Ex-Giant Moronta dies in motorcycle crash. **B2**

Matt Chapman, who had two RBIs and three hits Sunday. "And we hope to continue to push for that

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Kavin Mistry/Associated Press

Matt Chapman's two-run single vs. the Rockies Sunday helped the Giants cap a four-game sweep.

Giant stepped up during AIDS crisis

Like most San Francisco Giants fans, my memories of pitcher Rod Beck are of mean glares and athletic domination.

The 1990s closer had a mustache and a mullet, which seemed to get a little longer with each of his 286 saves during his 13-year major-league career. His swagger was off the charts. Arm swinging like a pendulum before each pitch; a timed countdown until batters had to sit down.

But this story starts with a moment of tenderness in 1993: Beck and his wife Stacey, crying on



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their couch after watching "The Ryan White Story," a biopic of the boy who contracted AIDS early in the crisis, was forced to leave his school, and became one of the movement's first high-profile

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MLB

Ex-Giant Moronta dies in Dominican Republic

By Shayna Rubin and Susan Slusser

Former San Francisco Giants pitcher Reyes Moronta died Sunday night. He was 31.

Moronta was killed in a traffic accident in the Dominican Republic, his home country, according to multiple reports. Major League Baseball and the Bravos de Leon, his former Mexican League team, confirmed Moronta's death Monday morning.

"The San Francisco Giants are deeply saddened by the news of the passing of former reliever Reyes Moronta, who passed away yesterday in the Dominican Republic," the team said in a statement. "Our thoughts, prayers and deepest condolences go to the Moronta Family."

The Giants signed Moronta as a 17-year-old in 2010 as an interna-

tional free agent. He made his major-league debut in 2017, appearing in seven games, and stuck as a member of the bullpen for three more seasons (2018, '19 and '21). He underwent surgery to repair a torn labrum in September 2019 and missed the 2020 season as a result. He had a 2.65 ERA in four seasons with the Giants.

A few of Moronta's former teammates posted on social media in the wake of his death. Kansas City reliever Will Smith, who was on the 2018-19 teams with Moronta, posted to his Instagram a tribute.

"RIP MO," it reads. "Gonna miss ya, catch partner!"

Erwin Higueros, the voice of the Giants' Spanish-language radio, shared his memories of Moronta.

"I met Reyes Moronta in 2010 at the minor-league complex and

found him to be a very nice person," Higueros said. "His middle name was Armando, so I would always call him by his middle name and over the years, we became very good friends and we would have very long and deep conversations. In 2022, when he was with (Arizona), he asked one of the clubbies to come get me so he could say hello and he thanked me for all I did for him and said he saw me as another father.

"I am so sad and can't believe it."

Moronta also pitched with the Los Angeles Dodgers, Arizona Diamondbacks and Los Angeles Angels, last appearing with the Angels in May 2023.

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Reyes Moronta had a 2.65 ERA in four seasons with the Giants. He also pitched for the Dodgers, Diamondbacks and Angels. Santiago Mejia/The Chronicle 2019



A month after De'Vondre Campbell needed the 49ers for their Super Bowl gaffe, he was signed by the team. Eakin Howard/Associated Press

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replace Dre Greenlaw, who will miss at least the first four regular-season games because of the torn Achilles he suffered in the Super Bowl. Campbell is likely to serve as the No. 3 linebacker, a part-time role, when Greenlaw returns.

Even without Greenlaw to open the season, the 49ers still boast a defense that includes pass rusher Nick Bosa, the 2022 Defensive Player of the Year, All-Pro linebacker Fred Warner, All-Pro cornerback Charvarius Ward and Pro Bowl defensive tackle Javon Hargrave.

Yes, Campbell is being asked to spell Greenlaw, one of the NFL's top linebackers, but his name isn't atop the marquee.

"There are a lot of great players here," Campbell said. "There won't be a lot of attention on me and I can just play free."

Campbell was released by Green Bay two years after signing a five-year, \$50 million contract extension, a windfall made possible by a career-best 146 tackles, the seventh most in the NFL in 2021. However, he combined for 171 tackles the past two seasons and missed 10 games because of knee, ankle and neck injuries.

In March, after his release, Campbell said on social media that he was "badly misused" in a defense overseen by coordinator Joe Barry, who was fired in January. Campbell wrote that he lost respect for some of the Green Bay coaches and wasn't happy with how the Packers handled his release. Campbell was asked Saturday if he had any regrets.

"I don't regret anything I do or say," Campbell said. "I don't have any ill will for anybody. I just felt like some things could have gone a little bit differently. That's the business part of it. I respect it either way. That's just part of being a man and part of being a professional. You just have to take things as they come."

Campbell is eager to return to

Green Bay on Nov. 24 when the 49ers visit Lambeau Field, but he's more excited to see old friends than settle any scores. He noted that he texted Jordan Love last week after the Packers' QB signed a four-year, \$220 million extension.

"I'm happy for him," Campbell said. "I'm happy for everybody there. Those are my brothers for life."

Campbell is comfortable in his new surroundings. That's partly because the 49ers' defensive scheme is similar to the system in which he played with Atlanta (2016-2019), where 49ers head coach Kyle Shanahan was the offensive coordinator in his first two seasons. In addition, Campbell has a longtime connection with assistant head coach Brandon Staley, who is working closely with the 49ers' defense. The former Chargers head coach recruited Campbell to Hutchinson (Kan.) Community College in 2012.

"I've always had a great relationship with him," Campbell said. "I'm thankful he gave me an opportunity. We both have come a long way."

Campbell is also grateful to Shanahan and general manager John Lynch for their belief as he enters his ninth NFL season. He wishes his tenure in Green Bay had ended differently, but his new team has made his transition easy, offering a warm embrace and a chance to win a title.

"It just feels good to be wanted," Campbell said. "Life is life and things happen. I have no ill will for anyone in Green Bay. I'm very thankful for everything that happened there, but things happen and you have to turn to a different chapter.

"So, I'm excited to be here. I love my teammates. I love John and Kyle for believing in me and giving me an opportunity. I'm just trying to do everything I can to contribute to a championship."

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playoff spot."

The standings are far more promising now than they were when the Giants returned from a 2-5 road trip out of the All-Star break.

The four-game sweep of the Rockies and a handful of losses around the National League leaves San Francisco 3½ games back of the third wild-card spot, currently held by the New York Mets, with the Pittsburgh Pirates, St. Louis Cardinals and Arizona Diamondbacks in between. The injury-plagued Atlanta Braves sit in the first wild-card spot, five games ahead of the Giants.

For the Giants to sell not only would take a harsher view of the standings — two games below .500 with too many teams to hurdle — but also would be a pragmatic approach for the front office to take advantage of a market short of supply and high on demand. President of baseball operations Farhan Zaidi wields a long list of coveted players, from Blake Snell and Robbie Ray to Taylor Rogers, Camilo Doval and Michael Conforto. A few moves could make this roster and organization younger and more dynamic — something Zaidi for years has said is a priority.

But is it wise to give up on a team potentially on the rise? The Rockies aren't world-beaters, but the Giants' key pieces are finally in place and the preseason vision of this season looks clearer now. The pitching staff's 53 strikeouts are the most in a four-game series in franchise history.

"I know it's easy from the outside world to write us off," pitcher Alex Cobb said. "I don't think anybody in this clubhouse feels that. I don't want to disparage other teams, but even the really bad teams hit a stride and just rattle off wins, and we haven't had that yet. When we do, I see us being right in the mix of it at the end of the year. I think everybody does."

Another piece of that puzzle was put in place Sunday when Jordan Hicks, scheduled to make his final start of the season, was instead bumped to the bullpen a

few days early for opener Erik Miller.

"It's going to be easier to transition going forward that we put him in the bullpen today because it wasn't going to be a deep outing, anyway," manager Bob Melvin said before the game.

The move isn't strategic only for Hicks. It adds another dynamic to a bullpen that has been overworked to compensate for the injured and incomplete rotation in the season's first half. Ryan Walker, Tyler Rogers and Miller are among the most used relievers in baseball. Plus, Hicks' spot in the rotation opens a spot for Ray or Cobb, fresher arms to add to a starting staff boasting two Cy Young Award winners and two All-Stars.

"It's definitely motivating when those guys go out there every fifth day to make the mound," Chapman said. "Gives you confidence that you don't have to go out there and score a ton of runs. You have to find a way to score runs for those guys because they're so good."

It's something of an unorthodox pivot, Hicks' move from reliever to starter and back to reliever again. But this was all part of a plan hatched when the 27-year-old signed a four-year, \$44 million contract in the offseason with the promise of a spot in the rotation. Having pitched 100% of innings, exceeding his previous career high of 77% of innings in 2018, Hicks and the coaching staff knew he'd need to limit his total innings to between 120 and 130 to keep his arm in best condition long-term as a starter.

Hicks is still on his regular schedule and emerged from the bullpen doors for the sixth inning in a 3-1 game. He gave up two runs in two innings, throwing 35 pitches and averaging 93.5 mph on his sinker with his velocity increasing as the outing progressed.

It's often said that pitchers need to ramp up in order to prepare for an increasing workload. Hicks will have to ramp down. That means he will pitch multiple innings on his regular rest as a starter and gradually work his way into a more traditional bullpen role — perhaps throwing fewer innings and being available based on need.



Jordan Hicks was scheduled to make his final start of the season over the weekend but has instead moved to the bullpen. Kavin Mistry/Associated Press

Sunday's game

Giants 5, Rockies 4

Colorado	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Tovar ss	5	2	3	0	0	0	.287
Blackmon dh	4	0	1	0	2	2	.256
Doyle cf	1	0	0	0	1	2	.274
Goodman lf	3	0	2	1	0	0	.176
McMahon 3b	3	0	0	0	1	0	.261
Rodgers 2b	4	0	0	0	2	2	.263
Toglia 1b	4	2	2	1	0	2	.215
Cave rf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.251
Stallings c	4	0	0	1	0	1	.263
Hilliard lf-ct	4	0	0	0	1	2	.222
Totals	36	4	9	4	1	11	

San Francisco	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Soler dh	5	1	3	1	0	2	.240
Schmitt 2b	3	1	1	1	1	0	.244
Wisely 2b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.264
Fitzgerald ss	5	0	1	0	0	2	.319
Chapman 3b	4	0	3	2	1	1	.242
Bailey c	5	0	0	0	1	1	.268
Vastrzemski rf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.249
Villar 1b	4	0	0	0	2	2	.242
Conforto lf	3	1	2	0	1	1	.225
Hill cf	4	2	2	1	0	1	.300
Totals	38	5	13	5	3	11	

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E—Stallings (3), McMahon (10), LOB—Colorado 6, San Francisco 12. 2B—Tovar 2 (31), Conforto (18), Soler (23). 3B—Hill (1), HR—Toglia (1), off Hicks; Schmitt (3), off Gombor; RBIs—Blackmon (35), Goodman (22), Toglia (39), Stallings (25), Schmitt (7), Hill (1), Soler (40), Chapman 2 (48).

Runners left in scoring position—Colorado 3 (Rodgers 2, Tovar); San Francisco 6 (Vastrzemski, Bailey 2, Fitzgerald 2, Schmitt). RISP—Colorado 3 for 8; San Francisco 3 for 10.

Runners moved up—Blackmon, Stallings.

Colorado	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Gombor, L, 2-7	3 2/3	6	3	3	1	6	85	4.79
Davis	2	5	2	0	1	3	50	3.24
Kinley	1 1/3	0	0	0	1	20	7.20	
Vodnik	1	2	0	0	0	1	18	3.90

San Francisco	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Miller	1	0	0	0	2	11	34.0	
Rodriguez, W, 3-1	3	2	1	1	0	3	45	4.11
Ta, Rogers, H, 7	1	0	0	0	0	3	11	2.16
Hicks, H, 1	2	3	2	2	0	1	35	4.11
Bhlers, H, 1	1	2	0	0	1	21	2.37	
Doval, S, 20-24	1	2	1	1	0	1	21	4.39

However Hicks is used, the view within the clubhouse after the series sweep is that slowly, surely, the team has taken steps forward.

"There was some fight in all of these games, won a little bit differently each and every game," Melvin said. "Five-hundred has been a tough spot for us to get to. If we're going to move forward, we have to get to .500. But it was nice to be able to string a few wins together and get that feeling when we took the field that we felt like we were going to win the game."

Injury updates: Cobb's last rehab appearance with Low-A San Jose was shortened from five innings to two after he popped a blister on the index finger on his right hand. Cobb initially was set to pitch Wednesday night against the A's, but the blister, yet another setback in a season full of them for Cobb, will push his season debut back, likely to sometime during the series in Cincinnati over the weekend. The 36-year-old right-hander was working back from offseason hip surgery and he had a setback earlier this season after experiencing pain in his right shoulder.

"I'm almost just embarrassed that something keeps happening every time I'm almost ready," Cobb said.

Outfielder Heliot Ramos is dealing with a right thumb injury that left him out of Sunday's game, mostly as a precaution with the off day Monday.

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CALENDAR

For Olympic listings, see Page B5.

TUESDAY

BASEBALL

3:30p N.Y. Yankees at Philadelphia **TBS**

6:30p L.A. Dodgers at San Diego **MLB Net**

6:45p A's at Giants **NBCSCA NBCSBA** (960, 104.5, 680)

SOCCER

2p CONCACAF U-20 quarterfinal: United States vs. Guatemala **FS2**

4p Champions Tour: FC Barcelona vs. Manchester City **ESPN**

TENNIS

8a Washington tournament **Tennis Ch.**

4p Washington tournament **Tennis Ch.**

WEDNESDAY

BASEBALL

9:30a N.Y. Yankees at Philadelphia **MLB Net**

1p Seattle at Boston **MLB Net**

4p Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati **MLB Net**

6:45p A's at Giants **NBCSCA NBCSBA** (960, 104.5, 680)

7p Colorado at L.A. Angels, joined in progress **MLB Net**

SOCCER

4p CONCACAF U-20 quarterfinal: Costa Rica at Mexico **FS2**

4:30p Rivals in Red Tour: Liverpool vs. Arsenal **ESPN**

5p Leagues Cup: Club Santos Laguna at D.C. United **FS1**

7p Manchester United vs. Betis EC **ESPN**

7p CONCACAF U-20 quarterfinal: Cuba vs. Honduras **FS1**

7:30p Leagues Cup: LA Galaxy at Earthquakes **Apple TV** (streaming) (810)

TENNIS

8a Washington tournament **Tennis Ch.**

4p Washington tournament **Tennis Ch.**

GIANTS

TV: NBCSBA, unless noted Radio: 104.5, 680

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28 Col	29	30 Oak	31 Oak	1	2 Cin	3 Cin
1:05p		6:45p	6:45p		4:10p	4:15p
4 Cin	5 Was	6 Was	7 Was	8 Was	9 Det	10 Det
Roku 9:05a	3:45p	3:45p	3:45p	1:05p	7:15p	1:05p
11 Det	12 Atl	13 Atl	14 Atl	15 Atl	16	17 Oak
1:05p	6:45p	6:45p	6:45p	12:45p		4:07p
18 Oak	19 CWS	20 CWS	21 CWS	22	23 Sea	24 Sea
1:07p	6:45p	6:45p	12:45p		7:10p	1:10p

■ = Home games * Game also on NBCSBA

A'S

TV: NBCSBA, unless noted Radio: 960

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28 LAA	29 SF	30 SF	31 SF	1 LAD	2 LAD	3 LAD
1:07p	6:45p	6:45p		6:40p	6:07p	
4 LAD	5 CWS	6 CWS	7 CWS	8 Tor	9 Tor	10 Tor
1:07p	6:40p	6:40p	12:37p		4:07p	12:07p
11 Tor	12 NYM	13 NYM	14 NYM	15 NYM	16	17 SF
10:37a	4:10p	4:10p	10:10a			4:07p
18 SF	19 TB	20 TB	21 TB	22 TB	23 MIL	24 MIL
1:07p	6:40p	6:40p	6:40p	12:37p	6:40p	1:07p

■ = Home games

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activists. “Rod and I are just sobbing hot messes on the sofa, totally touched by this story,” Stacey Beck remembers. “We had the same kind of education about HIV at the time that everyone else did. There was so much stigma attached to it.”

“Rod got up and said, ‘That’s what we’re going to do. We’re going to (help with) AIDS.’”

The Giants will celebrate the 30th anniversary of Until There’s a Cure Day on Wednesday. Beck won’t be there; he died in 2007 after struggles with substance use. But his legacy continues in fans’ memories — his 199 saves with the Giants are second in team history — and a courageous choice of empathy that resonates through generations.

Beck the pitcher is a good story all by itself. The Arizona resident arrived in the major leagues in 1991 during a sporting era when San Francisco fans were considered wine-sippers (that one was sort of true) and soft.

“Shooter” Beck gave us credibility, with a gunfighter’s pose on the mound and a flair for the dramatic. His high-level performances during the 1993 season went on for weeks, saving seven of the final 12 games — including three consecutive road games against the Dodgers — as the Giants finished with 103 wins but fell one short of the playoffs.

He was also a hero of the Brian Johnson game — a win over the Dodgers on Johnson’s 12th-inning homer — on Sept. 18, 1997. Beck escaped a mess of his own making — loading the bases with no outs in the 10th, then retiring the side with no damage — while the crowd’s boos turned to euphoric cheers.

The fact that he was a stocky 6-foot-1 and 220 pounds — a beer and a cigarette were his postgame diet — only added to the legend. Based on appearance, he joins Will Clark, Kevin Mitchell and Madison Bumgarner in the lineup of Giants I’d want to have my back in a bar fight.

But few fans knew at the time that this was only half of the Beck story. “He was the toughest son of a bitch on the mound, but in the clubhouse, he was the kindest and gentlest person,” said Greg Sempadian, who was an intern with the team when he met Beck, and later helped coordinate the first Until There’s a Cure Day.

The Giants in 1993 were under new ownership, led by Safeway CEO Peter Magowan, who mandated that every player perform community service. There was a piece of paper with philanthropies and boxes to check. The Becks wrote in their own answer: “AIDS.”

Sempadian, who was hired in a new player-relations coordinator job to handle philanthropy from team members and their wives, said Beck was on a mission from the beginning. He began focusing on pediatric AIDS, signing stacks of 8x10 photos to benefit Camp Sunburst for AIDS-afflicted children, sometimes writing personal messages on dozens at a time on the team plane.

At the time, there had never been an AIDS benefit at a major-league sporting



Lea Suzuki/The Chronicle 1996

Former Giants closer Rod Beck talks with kids during Until There’s a Cure Day in 1996.

event. Baseball has long had some of the most conservative fans and players. But the Giants had a new ownership with local ties, and were eager to take chances. They had a manager, Dusty Baker, who cared deeply about social justice and had embraced outfielder Glenn Burke, the first major-league player to publicly come out as gay.

And they had Beck, a rising pitcher with influence in the clubhouse, who didn’t care what other players, or fans of the road, might say about him supplanting a cause associated with the LGBTQ+ community. He was frustrated about the misconceptions surrounding HIV and AIDS patients.

“If you know Rod, if he thought it was right, it was right,” Stacey Beck said. “His mantra is that if he had this platform and influence and wealth, we had a responsibility to do it. ... He knew it was important for people to see him hugging someone” with AIDS.

Magowan, Baker and Beck spent a month promoting the first Until There’s a Cure Day, often defending its existence.

“I live such a sheltered life, people do everything for me. I don’t even have to carry my own luggage,” Beck told the Chronicle the week before the July 31, 1994, event. “And here’s a kid who’s going to die, and when he gets a hug from me, he smiles. My wife and I feel good about ourselves.”

Sempadian and Stacey Beck remember a day that was truly memorable.

“It was a spectacle. It was incredible,” Stacey Beck said. “They were bringing the AIDS quilts out and laying them out on the field. Hundreds of people forming a red ribbon. You had both teams out there joining that human ribbon on the field.”

That last part wasn’t planned. Beck and Giants infielder Royce Clayton, who also supported the cause, were scheduled to greet community members suffering from AIDS, families and volunteers forming the red ribbon. Many Giants joined them, including Barry Bonds. And when the Rockies took the field, many of their players walked over, too, embracing the cause in an act of solidarity.

Longtime Giants marketing head Mario Alioto, who retired last year, remembers long discussions and internal concerns before the first Until There’s a Cure Day.

“At the time, many people thought it was risky, but it wasn’t risky at all,” Alioto said. “To this day, Until There’s a Cure Day is one of the best things the organization has ever done.”

Over the first three years, just one Giants player refused to wear the ribbon; another turned it sideways, for the resemblance to a fish, for religious rea-

sons. But Baker, Beck and Magowan drowned out dissent, making it clear where the organization stood. Beck can be seen in Chronicle photos holding reams of paper; he read the names of AIDS victims at every ceremony from 1994 until he signed with the Chicago Cubs in 1998.

“I still remember (Rod) reading the names of folks who had passed away from AIDS,” Alioto said. “Hearing from a ballplayer who’s your closer, he’s got that look of a gunslinger and he’s out there reading these names with emotion. It lifted the curtain on the fact that players are human beings, too.”

The event raised more than \$100,000 that first year, and has raised more than \$2 million since then. More baseball teams hosted AIDS benefits in subsequent years, including the San Diego Padres and Los Angeles Dodgers.

Beck’s career was filled with more highlights — and tragedy. He struggled through substance abuse, rehabilitation and relapses in his final years, and was living away from his family in 2007 when he was found dead after using cocaine. Stacey Beck released a statement talking about his addiction.

Until There’s a Cure Day kept returning, with the Becks’ daughters Kayla and Kelcey participating in their father’s honor. Stacey Beck said they’re “just like him,” advocating for things in which they believe.

“When you stand up for what’s right, things change,” she said. “That’s in their heart now.”

It’s in Stacey Beck’s heart, too, and her life’s work. She went to graduate school to become a counselor and opened a Scottsdale, Ariz.-based practice in community mental health, specializing in families who have lived with substance-use disorders and trauma.

The family is grateful that Until There’s a Cure Day continues. Stacey Beck said it’s like a reunion; she’s still in touch with many AIDS activists. Sempadian, now working with the Seattle Storm women’s basketball team, will return as well.

“He wasn’t just one of the greatest relief pitchers in Giants history, he was one of the greatest people,” Sempadian says.

“He made an incredible impact that continues today.”

Stacey Beck says she knows exactly what Rod would say: “I can’t believe they kept it up for 30 years.”

“I think he would have been blown away,” she said. “And I think he would have picked up 50 more causes if he had been with us.”

Until There’s a Cure Night is set for Wednesday at Oracle Park.

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Odds
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Tuesday

American League

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
DETROIT	OFF	Cleveland	OFF
BALTIMORE	-200	Toronto	+168
Seattle	-126	at BOSTON	+108
Kansas City	-180	at CHICAGO WHITE SOX	+152

National League

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
Chicago Cubs	-134	at CINCINNATI	+114
MILWAUKEE	OFF	Atlanta	OFF
ARIZONA	-164	Washington	+138
LA Dodgers	-138	at SAN DIEGO	+118

Interleague

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
PHILADELPHIA	-132	N.Y. Yankees	+112
TAMPA BAY	-172	Miami	+144
N.Y. METS	-132	Minnesota	+112
Texas	-118	at ST. LOUIS	+100
HOUSTON	OFF	Pittsburgh	OFF
LA ANGELS	-130	Colorado	+110
SAN FRANCISCO	-184	Oakland	+154

Baseball

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	63	43	.594	—
New York	62	45	.579	1 ½
Boston	55	49	.529	7
Tampa Bay	54	52	.509	9
Toronto	49	57	.462	14

Central

W	L	Pct	GB	
Cleveland	63	42	.600	—
Minnesota	58	46	.558	4 ½
Kansas City	57	49	.538	6 ½
Detroit	52	55	.486	12
Chicago	27	81	.250	37 ½

West

W	L	Pct	GB	
Houston	55	50	.524	—
Seattle	56	51	.523	—
Texas	51	55	.481	4 ½
Los Angeles	46	60	.434	9 ½
Oakland	44	64	.407	12 ½

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	65	40	.619	—
Atlanta	56	48	.538	8 ½
New York	55	50	.524	10
Washington	49	57	.462	16 ½
Miami	39	67	.368	26 ½

Central

W	L	Pct	GB	
Milwaukee	60	45	.571	—
St. Louis	54	51	.514	6
Pittsburgh	53	52	.505	7
Chicago	51	56	.477	10
Cincinnati	50	55	.476	10

West

W	L	Pct	GB	
Los Angeles	63	44	.589	—
San Diego	57	51	.528	6 ½
Arizona	55	51	.519	7 ½
San Francisco	53	55	.491	10 ½
Colorado	38	69	.355	25

Sunday's results

Tampa Bay 2, Cincinnati 1
Cleveland 4, Philadelphia 3
Toronto 7, Texas 3
Minnesota 5, Detroit 0
Seattle 6, Chicago White Sox 3
Chicago Cubs 7, Kansas City 3
Baltimore 8, San Diego 6
L.A. Dodgers 6, Houston 2
L.A. Angels 8, Oakland 5
N.Y. Yankees 8, Boston 2
Atlanta 9, N.Y. Mets 2
St. Louis 4, Washington 3
Milwaukee 6, Miami 2
San Francisco 5, Colorado 4
Pittsburgh 6, Arizona 5 (10)

Monday's results

Baltimore 11, Toronto 5 (1st game)
Toronto at Baltimore, late (2nd game)
Cleveland at Detroit, late
N.Y. Yankees at Philadelphia, late
Seattle at Boston, late
Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati, late
Minnesota at N.Y. Mets, late
Texas at St. Louis, late
Kansas City at Chicago White Sox, late
L.A. Angels 8, Oakland 5
Atlanta at Milwaukee, late
Washington at Arizona, late

Tuesday's games

Cleveland (Williams 0-3) at Detroit (TBD), 10:10 a.m.
Toronto (Basitt 8-9) at Baltimore (Burns 10-4), 3:35 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Cole 3-2) at Philadelphia (Nola 11-4), 3:40 p.m.

Sunday's game

Angels 8, A's 6

Oakland	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Av.
Butler rf	5	1	1	0	0	2	.255
Andujar lf	4	1	0	0	0	2	.286
Bleday cf	3	1	1	0	1	0	.234
Rooker dh	4	1	2	3	0	2	.296
Brown 1b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.218
Toro 2b	3	1	1	1	0	2	.254
McCann c	4	0	1	1	0	1	.284
Neven 3b	4	1	0	0	0	2	.205
Schuemann ss	3	0	0	1	2	2	.256
Totals	34	6	7	6	3	11	

Los Angeles

AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Av.
Schueler 1b	2	2	1	2	0	.251
Rengifo 3b	3	1	0	1	1	.300
Ward lf	5	1	2	4	0	.227
Calhoun dh	5	0	1	2	0	.254
Pillar cf	5	1	3	0	1	.308
O'Hoppe c	4	0	1	0	1	.278
Druy 2b	4	0	0	0	1	.160
Neto ss	2	2	1	0	2	.256
Adell rf	3	1	0	0	1	.192
Totals	33	8	10	8	7	

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RISP—Oakland 3 for 9, Los Angeles 3 for 12. GDP—Brown. DP—Oakland 1 (McCann, Toro, McCann); Los Angeles 1 (Neto, Schueler).

Olympics

Basketball

Men

Group A

Country	W	L	Pts
Australia	1	0	2
Canada	1	0	2
Spain	0	1	1
Greece	0	1	1

Tuesday's games

Spain vs. Greece, 2 a.m.
Canada vs. Australia, 4:30 a.m.

Friday's games

Australia vs. Greece 4:30 a.m.
Canada vs. Spain 8:15 a.m.

Group B

Country	W	L	Pts
Germany	1	0	2
France	1	0	2
Japan	0	1	1
Brazil	0	1	1

Tuesday's games

Japan vs. France, 8:15 a.m.
Brazil vs. Germany, Noon

Friday's games

Japan vs. Brazil 2 a.m.
France vs. Germany Noon

Group C

Country	W	L	Pts
South Sudan	1	0	2
United States	1	0	2
Puerto Rico	0	1	1

Serbia 0 1 1

Sunday's results

South Sudan 90, Puerto Rico 79
United States 110, Serbia 84

Wednesday's games

Puerto Rico vs. Serbia, 8:15 a.m.
United States vs. South Sudan, Noon

Women

Group A

Country	W	L	Pts
Spain	1	0	2
Serbia	1	0	2
China	0	1	1
Puerto Rico	0	1	1

Sunday's results

Spain 90, China 89
Serbia 58, Puerto Rico 55

Wednesday's games

Puerto Rico vs. Spain 12 a.m.
China vs. Serbia 2:30 a.m.

Group B

Country	W	L	Pts
France	1	0	2
Nigeria	1	0	2
Australia	0	1	0
Canada	0	1	0

Monday's results

Nigeria 75, Australia 62
France 75, Canada 54

Thursday's games

Australia vs. Canada 4:30 a.m.
France vs. Nigeria 8:15 a.m.

Group C

Country	W	L	Pts
Germany	1	0	2
United States	1	0	2
Belgium	0	1	0
Japan	0	1	0

Monday's results

Germany 83, Belgium 69
United States 102, Japan 76

Thursday's games

Japan vs. Germany 2 a.m.
Belgium vs. United States Noon

Soccer

MLS

Eastern Conference

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Inter Miami CF	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
New York City FC	11	9	5	38	30	34
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	46
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
Chicago	6	12	7	25	30	42
New England	7	14	2	23	23	47

Western Conference

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
LA Galaxy	14	5	7	49	50	36
Los Angeles FC	14	5	5	47	48	30
Real Salt Lake	12	5	8	44	51	34
Colorado	12	9	5	41	50	43
Vancouver	11	8	5	38	43	35
Houston	10	7	7	37	35	30
Seattle	10					

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MEDAL LEADERS

Nation	G	S	B	T
United States	3	8	9	20
France	4	7	3	14
Japan	6	2	4	12
China	5	5	2	12
Britain	2	5	3	10
South Korea	5	3	1	9
Australia	4	3	0	7
Italy	2	2	3	7
Canada	2	1	2	5
Kazakhstan	1	0	2	3
South Africa	1	0	2	3
Brazil	0	1	2	3
Sweden	0	1	2	3

NOTEBOOK

SWIMMING Led by McIntosh, young stars shine

Swimming's next generation of stars claimed the spotlight on Monday night, a brash group that comes from all over the globe.

Summer McIntosh, the 17-year-old phenom from Canada.

David Popovici, a 19-year-old from Romania.

Mollie O'Callaghan, a 20-year-old speedster who took down her mighty Australian teammate, Ariarne Titmus.

Throw in an Italian gold medalist, and another from South Africa, and it was clear that swimming's reach stretches far beyond the traditional powerhouse, the United States. In all, 10 different nations won the 15 swimming medals Monday night.

McIntosh claimed the first gold medal of her rapidly blossoming career with a dominating victory in the 400-meter individual medley.

Popovici won a stirring duel to take the men's 200 freestyle, which featured three different leaders on the final lap.

Then perhaps the biggest surprise of all: Titmus, the world-record holder and defending gold medalist in the women's 200 free, was knocked off by O'Callaghan in the 200 free.

WATER POLO U.S. women fall in group play

The U.S. women's team was handed a rare loss on Monday, falling 13-11 to Bea Ortiz and Spain in a rematch of the final at the Tokyo Games.

The U.S. is going for its fourth consecutive gold medal, an unprecedented feat in water polo.

It was the program's second loss at the Olympics since it dropped the 2008 final. It went 5-0-1 in London, 6-0 in Rio de Janeiro and 6-1 in Tokyo.

OTHER EVENTS China picks up second diving gold

China is another step closer to an unprecedented sweep at the Olympic diving pool. Lian Junjie and Yang Hao breezed to victory in the synchronized 10-meter platform Monday to give China its second straight gold medal in Paris. In Tokyo three years ago, China's only setback in the eight diving events came in the men's 10-meter synchro, when Daley and Matty Lee pulled off the upset for Britain. This time, Daley and new partner Noah Williams settled for a silver. ... The U.S. women's volleyball team began defense of its Olympic title with a five-set loss to China in pool play, a loss that was tempered a bit by coming back from a 2-0 deficit in sets. Total points and sets won can become playoff tiebreakers. ... Ezinne Kalusorod 17 of her 19 points in the first half as Nigeria earned its first win in women's basketball at the Olympics since 2004, upsetting Australia 75-62 in their group play opener. ... Canada appealed against being docked six points by FIFA in a drone-spying scandal in women's soccer. A verdict is expected before the team plays its last group-stage game Wednesday.

Wire reports

S.F. fencers fall but marvel at crowd



ANN KILLION
COMMENTARY

PARIS — The Grand Palais might be the most beautiful Olympic venue in a Games full of stunning locales.

The glass jewel box was built 127 years ago to host the 1900 Universal Exposition, which ran simultaneously to the very first Paris Olympics. At the 1924 Paris Games, it was the site of the arts exposition, at a time when literature, music and painting were awarded medals. Over the years, it has been used during fashion week and for art exhibits, a place to hold beautiful things.

But it wasn't a place of beauty for two fencers from San Francisco on Monday.

Alexander Massialas and Gerek Meinhardt were eliminated in the round of 16 in men's foil.

"It didn't turn out the way I wanted," said Massialas, the four-time Olympian who grew up in San Francisco and fenced at Stanford. "The Japanese fencer had a good plan and came after me and I didn't adjust."

It was disappointing for Massialas, the 2016 Rio silver medalist who had hoped for a successful do-over from his frustrating Tokyo Olympics, when he spent two weeks quarantined in his hotel room



Andrew Medichini/Associated Press

Alexander Massialas, left, of the U.S. lost to Japan's Kazuki Iimura on Monday, but the Stanford product will get another chance in the team foil event.

because of contact tracing.

The scene on Monday at the Grand Palais couldn't have been a sharper contrast from the suburban silent and empty venue where he fenced in Tokyo. The French love fencing and it showed: Fans roared, stomped on the steel bleachers, and knew every nuance of the fast-paced action, happening simultaneously on four strips in front of them.

"I love the environment," Massialas said. "The fans and the noise didn't faze me. I just wasn't as sharp as I should have been. But it was an amazing experience."

Massialas won his match against a fencer from the Ivory

Coast but lost to Japan's Kazuki Iimura. Meinhardt, who went to Lick-Wilmerding High and Notre Dame, beat his first opponent from China and then lost to France's Enzo LeFort, who had the crowd firmly on his side. Meinhardt's wife, Lee Kiefer, successfully defended her gold medal Sunday night. The two fencers are in medical school at University of Kentucky.

Their teammate, Nick Itkin, from Southern California, won bronze, becoming only the sixth American man to medal in foil. Massialas, who was the fifth, was in the stands cheering on Itkin.

"I need to keep my head up,

and get out of the gutter and make sure I cheer for my teammate," Massialas said.

Massialas has enjoyed being at a normal Olympics. He thought the Opening Ceremony was "epic," and has enjoyed being back in the Village.

"But I was here to do a job, and I didn't do it," he said. "Hopefully, we can get it done in the team event."

The men's foil team, which won bronze in Tokyo, will be back in the beautiful glass jewel box, trying to win a piece of art.

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POSTCARD FROM PARIS

Nadal shows again why tennis belongs in Olympics

By Ann Killion

PARIS — I had to go, right? Roland Garros was out of the way, not on my Olympic to-do list for the day.

But an epic match was taking place. A match that just happened to involve my favorite athlete.

So I went. I made the pilgrimage to see Rafael Nadal play at his iconic venue. How many athletes continue competing at a place where they're honored by a giant statue? Michael Jordan, when he came out of retirement and rejoined the Bulls, did it.

And so has Nadal, whose likeness graces the entrance of Roland Garros, where he has won 14 French Open titles.

Nadal is such an icon here that the French gave the Spaniard the honor of carrying the Olympic torch out of the Trocadero opening ceremony and onto a speedboat on the Seine to the cauldron.

As it turns out, I wasn't the only person who thought it might be fun to see the 60th — and perhaps last head-to-head match — between Nadal and Novak Djokovic. When I got to the stadium, Iga Swiatek and Diane Parry were still playing but every seat was taken. Snoop Dogg and Billie Jean King were there. Media crowded into the stairwells, and the nice volunteers pretended to look the other way. But it was packed. Not a great place for a short person.

There's a quote in the stadium



Ann Killion/Staff

The view of Rafael Nadal's match against Novak Djokovic wasn't the best, but it was still worth seeing an icon in action.

um from Garros: "Victory belongs to the most tenacious." So I dug in and tried to hold my ground. Security finally chased us three flights up to a viewing platform at the top of the stadium, where a nice, tall German reporter let me stand in front of him as he looked

over my head.

The crowd was completely behind Nadal, cheering for him on every point, chanting "Ra-fa, Ra-fa." It didn't help. He lost 6-1, 6-4, but I didn't stay for the second set. I had other stuff to do, and I didn't want to be sad.

deal with," he said. "We're human out there. Even though I've been skating for so long, I still get nervous and feel the pressure, because I care. I feel that pressure that you're skating through the country."

"I'm trying to put less pressure on myself here and just go out there and have a good time and be thankful to be in this moment again. Paris is an amazing place. We're going to be out there skating with our friends."

And, most importantly, in front of fans.

Skateboarding was included in the Olympics to draw in young viewers and hype them with music and tricks. So it was strange in Tokyo with no fans, no cheers. Huston described it as "weird."

Horigome had grown up skateboarding in the neighborhood where the competition was held, yet none of his friends or family could see him win a gold medal.

It was different Monday. "I feel like it was really just transferring those nerves into hype, being in the moment, feeding off the crowd," Huston said about his experience. "I think that's what really made a big difference here today, compared to what I experienced last time in Tokyo. So shout-out the fans."

Huston, who grew up in Davis, started skateboarding when he was 5. At 29, a multi-millionaire living in Los Angeles, he's the elder statesman of the sport.

"I've been out here doing this for a long time," he said. "These

I don't cover Grand Slams. This was my first visit to Roland Garros. My only visit to Wimbledon came at the London Olympics when Roger Federer lost to Andy Murray in the gold-medal match. Lots of people think tennis shouldn't be in the Olympics. I disagree.

It was the Beijing Olympics that solidified my Nadal fandom. He was just off his first Wimbledon win when he won the gold medal. He was still at the start of his career, a 22-year-old who tried very hard to answer every question in English, which he was just learning. He was humble and gracious. He made it clear how much playing for his country meant to him.

Even in a loss, getting another round of love on the red clay Monday was meaningful.

"It's so special to be on court here, in this place," he said afterward. "I can't say much more than thanks. Because they make me feel so, so special."

Everyone wants to know if he's going to retire, and he made it clear he's tired of being asked. Before the match, he had said, "Who says it's the last dance?"

No last dance. He plays doubles with Carlos Alcaraz on Tuesday.

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"I think missing out in Budapest and then skating well here today, is just a perfect example of how it's not easy to go out and skate your best every day," Huston said. "I feel like sometimes people see us skating and landing our stuff but really, in practice, you're falling most of the time in skateboarding."

Huston fell a lot in Tokyo and finished seventh in that competition. The six-time world champion conceded last week that he felt pressure from being one of the faces of the Games.

"I'm not gonna lie: The pressure going into Tokyo was hard to

guys do not make it any easier on me, that's for sure. But it's helped keep me a better skateboarder for as long as I can be. That's really the best thing that I can take out of these really heavy competitions. It just motivates you to keep learning tricks and push the progression."

Huston was asked about LA28, when he'll be 33.

"I'll try to make it there," he said. "I've got to give it my best shot because I live there and have been skating there. When you think about the history, it's only right to have skateboarding in L.A."

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Durant still The Man in U.S. bid for gold

By Ron Kroichick

LILLE, France — LeBron James might be the muscle-flexing King, and Stephen Curry might inspire youngsters around the globe to fearlessly hoist 3-point shots, but Sunday's opening win over Serbia offered a relevant reminder.

Kevin Durant is still The Man for USA Basketball.

Durant has become something of a nomad in the second half of his NBA career. He stunned the league, and especially Oklahoma City fans, by joining Curry and Co. with the Golden State Warriors in the summer of 2016. He eventually became restless and irritable with the Warriors, sulking throughout the 2018-19 season before bolting as a free agent (technically a sign-and-trade with Brooklyn).

He then lasted slightly more than three years with the Nets before moving again in February 2023, this time to Phoenix.

All along, Durant pledged allegiance to the U.S. men's national program. He played (and thrived) in the 2010 World Championships and the past three Olympics: 2012 in London, 2016 in Rio de Janeiro and 2021 in Tokyo.

If the U.S. wins the gold medal Aug. 10 in Paris, Durant will become the first male athlete to win four Olympic golds in any team sport.

He's the chief reason the Americans prevailed in Tokyo, where their chances looked shaky after an opening group-play loss to France. Durant scored 23 points in the semifinals against Australia, then poured home 29 in a five-point win over France in the gold-medal game.



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Durant kept it going Sunday, making all eight of his shots from the field in a 21-point first half. Again, the U.S. looked vulnerable to start the game. Again, Durant rode to the rescue, clearly comfortable on a national team loaded with marquee teammates (James, Curry, etc.) who often eclipse him in NBA circles.

Not on this stage, in which Durant is the all-time leading scorer in U.S. Olympic history, with 458 points and counting.

"I think there's a purity to the Olympic experience for these guys," U.S. head coach Steve Kerr said Monday, when asked

about Durant's history with and loyalty to USA Basketball. "They're playing together with guys they're used to competing against. The fact it's such a brief competition allows them to commit to winning and each other.

"There's not a lot of the NBA BS — you just go out and play to win. It's a really unique experience. You get to eliminate all the distractions for a couple of weeks. I know social media still exists, but players relish the chance to play together and do something different."

Durant's outburst was all the more striking in the wake of his

extended absence from competition. He missed all five games on the U.S. exhibition tour, with Kerr and the training staff proceeding cautiously while Durant recovered from a calf injury.

Then, in his first official game in exactly three months, he played as if channeling his memorable April 2019 quote with the Warriors: "I'm Kevin Durant. Y'all know who I am."

He also seemed to embrace coming off the bench with Team USA, which he's done only three times in 1,231 NBA games (including the playoffs).

"I told Coach, whatever he needs from me," Durant said,

"I'm willing to do anything and adapt to anything."

Kerr's challenge as Olympic head coach came into sharp focus after the victory over Serbia. His team pounded a stout, Nikola Jokic-led opponent 110-84 — and much of the social-media chatter afterward focused on the decision not to play forward Jayson Tatum.

Tatum, a first-team All-NBA selection the past three seasons, fell victim to the U.S. depth at forward, stuck behind mainly James and Durant. Kerr sparked the defense with guards Jrue Holiday and Derrick White, Tatum's defensive-minded teammates with the Boston Celtics, while Tatum stayed on the bench.

Kerr explained the move after Sunday's game by saying he committed to specific lineup combinations. On Monday, Kerr said he "felt like an idiot" for not using Tatum and promised he would play Wednesday night against South Sudan.

"This is the hardest part of the job," Kerr said. "You're sitting at least a couple of guys who are some of the very best players on Earth. On one hand, it makes no sense at all. On the other hand, I'm asking these guys to commit to winning one game and then move onto the next game."

One candidate to sit Wednesday: Center Joel Embiid, who was sick in the days preceding Sunday's game and then was largely unproductive in only 11 minutes of action. Anthony Davis has been playing better than Embiid, and the U.S. could lean toward a smaller lineup against a quick South Sudan team.

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MEN'S GYMNASTICS

Stanford's Hong, Malone help end U.S. drought with bronze

By Danielle Lerner

HOUSTON CHRONICLE

PARIS — Asher Hong exhaled deeply, charged down the vault runway and took flight. When he landed, after completing the Ri Se Gwang vault considered the most difficult in the world, the diminutive gymnast celebrated with no fewer than six massive fist pumps.

Hong's vault, following two stuck vaults from teammates Paul Juda and Brody Malone, propelled the United States into medal position a third of the way through the Olympic team gymnastics final.

But could they make *that* stick?

They could. Sixteen years after last reaching an Olympic podium, the United States men's gymnastics team won the bronze medal on Monday at Bercy Arena. Japan won its eighth gold medal and China took silver.

The podium consisted of the same three countries as the 2008 Beijing Games, when the U.S. last won bronze behind gold medalists China and silver medalists Japan.

Hong, who attends Stanford, competed on four of the six apparatuses and anchored the U.S. on still rings, vault and parallel bars.



Dan Mullan/Getty Images

Asher Hong's performance on the vault helped the U.S. to its first men's team gymnastics medal since 2008.

"Our trajectory is definitely going up," Hong said. "Heading into L.A. (the 2028 Olympics in Los Angeles), this gives us momentum. This gives us also names on the big stage, for the judges, so that they know, dang, Team USA is an Olympic medalist now. And I think it's gonna set us forward, and I hope it inspires the next generation."

Hong and three other Olympic rookies — Juda, Fred Richard and Stephen Nedoroscik — joined forces with Tokyo Olympian Malone on an American team charged with changing the

trajectory of the program.

While the U.S. women's team is striving for redemption after a tough Tokyo Olympics, the men were attempting reinvention.

The American men have struggled to keep up with the likes of Japan, China, Russia and even Great Britain. It boiled down to the fact that other countries were simply doing higher difficulty routines. So in 2021, the U.S. men's program implemented an ambitious bonus system designed to encourage gymnasts to attempt harder skills.

The plan seemed to be work-

ing, based on the U.S. medal haul at the 2023 world championships: team bronze, individual all-around bronze for Richard, and two silvers on pommel horse and vault for Paris alternate Khoi Young. But it was still unclear if it would pay off on the Olympic stage, especially after the U.S. team had a rough qualifying round in Paris and finished fifth, three points behind bronze-medal contenders Great Britain.

On Monday, the dividends arrived.

Brett McClure, the USA Gymnastics high performance director and Olympic team head coach, started crying when the results were finalized. He was a member of the U.S. 2004 Olympic silver-medal team, and still vividly remembers the last bronze medal in 2008.

"A lot of this is reminiscent of that 2008 team," McClure said. "After a rough first day, kind of the underdogs and then put together such a stellar performance. And 100% hit routines to put ourselves on the podium was epic, so we will definitely celebrate tonight."

The Americans opened the competition on still rings with a solid trio of performances by Richard, Malone and Hong. The incredible vault rotation, closed by Hong's 14.833 score, then

jumped the U.S. from fifth into first place, making their goal a very possible reality.

"After those two sticks, that was when the momentum was heating up, and that's Asher's M.O.," said U.S. coach Sam Mikaluk. "Like, if people are going, he's gonna rise to the occasion."

Heading into the final rotation and due up on pommel horse, the U.S. was in bronze medal position behind first-place China and Japan. But the Americans were just 1.798 ahead of fourth-place Ukraine, and 3.966 ahead of fifth-place Great Britain.

It all came down to Nedoroscik, the pommel horse specialist whose inclusion on the Olympic roster was the biggest surprise at the U.S. trials.

As soon as Nedoroscik's feet hit the floor, he ran to Mikaluk, one of his coaches at EVO Gymnastics in Florida, who swept him up in a hug. More teammates piled on, and the group jumped up and down soundtracked by chants of "USA! USA!" from the crowd.

Juda and Richard both compete for Michigan. Nedoroscik competed at Penn State. Hong and Malone, both of Stanford, said the U.S. gymnasts thrived because they decided to treat the Olympic team final like an NCAA championship.

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viously, I know I can shoot the ball and stretch out the defense, but for me, it's getting everyone in the spots they need to be. ... This is such a fun role."

Ionescu has long demonstrated a flair for passing, dat-

ing to her Miramonte days. She sees the court, as a scout might say, and her vision often translates to buckets for her teammates.

That said, U.S. head coach Cheryl Reeve seems more than comfortable with Ionescu occasionally launching from long distance. She justified the faith by making 3 of 7 shots beyond

the arc Monday.

"She just understands the game," Reeve said. "For her, the recognition of a role is important, but at the same time, we'd like for her to do what she does with scoring."

This is hardly Ionescu's first fling with USA Basketball. She played in the U-17 world championships in Slovakia in 2014 ...

and the 2018 3x3 World Cup in the Philippines ... and the 2019 Pan American Games in Peru ... and the 2022 World Cup in Australia.

Those are significant events, but they're not the Olympics.

Ionescu understands the lofty standards of Team USA as it chases its eighth consecutive gold medal. The Americans

have won only the gold at every Olympics in her lifetime.

"Oh, yeah," she said when asked whether she feels the weight of expectations. "There's no winning unless we win gold."

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TV LISTINGS

TUESDAY

3a Beach volleyball, boxing **3**
4:15a Qualification: BMX freestyle EI
4:45a Men's volleyball: U.S. vs. Germany USA
6a Men's soccer: Spain vs. Egypt **3**
6a Men's basketball: Canada vs. Australia USA
6:10a Qualification: BMX freestyle EI
6:30a Women's rugby semifinals USA
7:30a Men's water polo: U.S. vs. Romania USA

8a Men's soccer: Ukraine vs. Argentina **3**
9a Women's gymnastics: team final **1 3**
10a Men's soccer: U.S. vs. Guinea USA **3**
10a Women's rugby: bronze, gold finals EI
11:30a Swimming finals: Women's 100m back & more **1 3 3**
11:55p Men's soccer: Paraguay vs. Mali **3**
Noon Men's 3x3 basketball pool play & more **1 3 3**
11p Women's triathlon final USA
2a Women's diving: Synchron 10m platform final EI

2a Swimming heats: Women's 200m fly & more USA
Wed. 2:50a Rowing finals: quadruple sculls & more EI
WEDNESDAY
4:10a BMX freestyle final USA
4:15a Women's field hockey: Australia vs. U.S. EI
5a Archery individual USA
5:45a BMX freestyle final USA
6:50a Fencing, archery USA
7a Boxing, track and field **3**

8a Women's soccer: Brazil vs. Spain **3**
8a Women's volleyball: U.S. vs. Serbia USA
8:15a Basketball, 3x3 basketball EI
9:30a Women's soccer: Australia vs. U.S. EI
10a Women's water polo: Italy vs. U.S. USA
11:15a Swimming finals: Men's & Women's 100m free & more **1 3 3**
11:45a Men's basketball: U.S. vs. South Sudan USA
Noon 3x3 basketball pool play EI
Mid. Men's golf GOLF

Mid. Men's beach volleyball: Germany vs. Australia USA
1a Men's 3x3 basketball pool play USA
1:30a Men's water polo: Greece vs. U.S. EI
Thu. 2a Swimming heats: Men's 50m free & more USA
2:40a Rowing finals: double sculls & more EI
Thu.

BAY AREA

Tuesday activities

8 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m. 8 p.m.

Golfing Index

7 8 9 10 10 9 7

Running Index

10 10 10 10 10 10 7

Fishing Index

2 6 9 9 4 4 5

Boating Index

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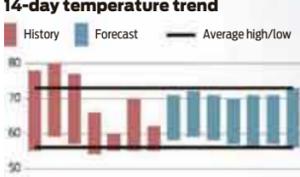
0-2: Poor; 3-4: Fair; 5-6: Good; 7-8: Very Good; 9-10: Excellent.

Updates: [sfgate.com/weather](https://www.sfgate.com/weather)

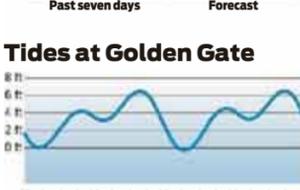
San Francisco report

Normal high/low for Tuesday 73/56
 Record high 97 in 1977
 Record low 45 in 1954
 Record rainfall for Tuesday's date 0.03" in 1966
 Rainfall month to date 0.00"
 Normal month to date 0.00"
 Pressure/humidity Monday 11 a.m. 30.05"/74%

14-day temperature trend



Tides at Golden Gate



Reservoirs

Water district	This week	Last year	Normal
Hetch Hetchy ¹	97.1	100.3	98.6
EBMUD ²	92	93	—
Marin Municipal	90.0	91.7	77.3
Santa Clara Valley	32.1	33.5	—
Bureau of Reclamation ³	71.4	82.1	—

¹ San Francisco, San Mateo, parts of Alameda and Santa Clara counties. ² Alameda and Contra Costa counties. ³ Central Valley Project.

Tuesday
Breezy in the morning
Highs: 63-93
Lows: 53-59

Wednesday
Low clouds, then some sun
Highs: 62-98
Lows: 52-60

Thursday
Clouds breaking for sun
Highs: 62-100
Lows: 53-61

Friday
Mostly cloudy
Highs: 62-101
Lows: 51-63

Saturday
Times of clouds and sun
Highs: 61-100
Lows: 49-61

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Shown is Tuesday's weather. Temperatures are Tuesday's highs and Tuesday night's lows.

Tuesday's air quality forecast

- Good (0-50)
- Moderate (51-100)
- Unhealthy for sensitive groups (101-150)
- Unhealthy (151+)

www.sparetheair.org

Marine
Coastal waters: Clouds giving way to sun Tuesday. Wind from the west-southwest at 8-16 knots. Seas 1-3 feet.

Bay Area and delta: Clouds giving way to sun Tuesday. Wind from the west-southwest at 8-16 knots. Seas 2 feet or less.

Monterey Bay: Low clouds followed by some sun Tuesday. Wind from the west at 6-12 knots. Seas 1-3 feet.

California

Eureka: Low clouds
Yosemite: Plenty of sunshine
Los Angeles: Sunny
San Diego: Clouds giving way to sun

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City	Tuesday HI/Lo/Sky	Wednesday HI/Lo/Sky	Thursday HI/Lo/Sky
Alturas	87/50 s	93/55 s	99/52 s
Anaheim	83/61 s	84/62 s	85/63 s
Auburn	89/63 s	94/66 s	96/69 s
Bakersfield	97/70 s	99/71 s	104/75 s
Barstow	105/70 s	107/73 s	108/80 s
Bishop	98/55 s	101/57 s	101/60 s
Chico	95/67 s	99/68 s	102/70 s
Cloverdale	92/59 s	96/63 s	98/59 s
Crescent City	61/55 c	61/56 c	62/55 pc
Death Valley	114/94 s	118/93 s	117/98 s
Eureka	65/55 c	62/55 c	64/54 pc
Fort Bragg	64/55 c	67/57 c	63/57 pc
Fresno	98/68 s	100/71 s	103/74 s
Gilroy	87/56 s	83/56 pc	84/56 pc
Hearst Castle	88/59 s	94/65 s	94/64 s
Lake Tahoe	76/46 s	84/51 s	87/51 s
Lakeport	92/60 s	97/64 s	99/62 s
Los Angeles	84/61 s	84/63 s	83/63 s
Mammoth Lakes	79/43 s	84/41 s	84/45 s
Merced	97/60 s	101/64 s	101/67 s
Modesto	92/61 s	96/65 s	99/67 s
Monterey	68/56 pc	67/55 pc	67/56 pc
Mt. Shasta	86/54 s	95/54 s	95/53 s
Needles	113/84 s	113/89 pc	110/88 pc
Palm Springs	110/81 s	112/85 s	112/83 s
Paso Robles	97/54 s	96/55 s	98/57 s
Quincy	90/56 s	96/58 s	95/60 s
Red Bluff	96/69 s	101/70 s	102/67 s
Redding	97/69 s	104/70 s	105/69 s
Sacramento	91/58 s	96/58 s	99/58 s
Salinas	74/59 pc	73/58 pc	72/57 pc
San Bernardino	97/62 s	99/66 s	99/67 s
San Diego	74/64 pc	73/64 pc	74/65 pc
San Luis Obispo	80/56 pc	77/56 pc	80/57 pc
Santa Barbara	71/58 s	72/59 s	74/59 s
Santa Monica	72/59 s	72/60 s	72/61 s
Stockton	93/59 s	97/61 s	100/63 s
Truckee	82/43 s	89/47 s	92/43 s
Ukiah	91/59 s	98/59 s	98/58 s
Yosemite Valley	87/62 s	89/58 s	93/57 s

California and national locations show Monday's high and low temperatures and precipitation for 24 hours ending 11 a.m. PT.

National

Thunderstorms will rumble from the Gulf Coast to New England Tuesday. Thunderstorms in the Dakotas and the Midwest can bring flooding downpours, hail, damaging wind gusts and even a tornado. High pressure will promote hot weather across portions of the central Plains.

City	Tuesday HI/Lo/Sky	Wednesday HI/Lo/Sky	Thursday HI/Lo/Sky
Albany, N.Y.	90/72 t	84/70 t	93/71 pc
Albuquerque	97/71 t	97/74 pc	97/73 pc
Amarillo	105/75 s	103/75 pc	97/72 t
Anchorage	58/50 r	64/54 pc	65/55 c
Atlanta	92/75 t	93/75 t	94/75 t
Atlanta City	81/73 pc	83/73 t	87/72 pc
Austin	95/76 pc	97/73 s	98/72 s
Baltimore	87/72 t	96/71 t	98/76 pc
Birmingham	94/77 t	94/78 t	96/76 t
Bismarck	97/65 t	85/62 t	93/62 s
Boise	85/62 pc	95/67 s	101/74 s
Boston	84/72 t	79/71 t	88/75 t
Buffalo	83/68 t	83/68 t	82/69 pc
Burlington, Vt.	91/73 t	83/70 t	88/69 t
Charleston, S.C.	92/76 t	94/78 t	97/72 t
Charleston, W. Va.	88/70 t	89/71 t	93/73 t
Charlotte, N.C.	89/72 t	95/73 t	97/76 t
Cheyenne	93/58 s	91/58 pc	92/59 s
Chicago	90/73 pc	87/72 t	88/70 t
Cincinnati	90/70 t	89/72 t	92/71 t
Cleveland	82/69 t	88/70 t	88/70 t
Colorado Spgs	96/65 s	95/63 pc	89/61 pc
Columbia, S.C.	91/74 t	95/74 t	98/75 t
Columbus, Ohio	88/69 t	88/72 t	91/72 t
Concord, N.H.	86/67 t	78/65 t	91/65 t
Corpus Christi	93/79 t	93/77 s	94/76 pc
Dallas	98/79 s	99/78 s	100/79 s
Denver	100/61 s	97/60 s	96/64 pc
Des Moines	96/75 s	98/71 t	87/68 t
Detroit	83/68 t	89/72 t	89/70 t
Duluth	83/66 pc	81/65 t	81/63 pc
El Paso	104/80 c	100/79 pc	101/77 t
Evansville	94/77 t	95/77 t	97/74 t
Fairbanks	57/50 r	61/49 c	64/50 r
Fargo	92/71 t	90/66 t	91/63 s
Flagstaff	84/55 s	84/57 pc	85/58 t
Great Falls	75/55 pc	88/57 s	95/60 s
Grand Rapids	86/66 t	86/69 t	89/70 t
Hartford	87/73 t	82/70 t	91/71 pc
Helena	75/55 pc	90/58 s	99/60 s
Honolulu	87/77 sh	88/75 pc	87/74 s
Houston	93/76 pc	95/75 s	93/76 s
Immokalee	90/74 t	93/75 t	94/74 t
Indianapolis	90/72 t	92/74 t	91/71 t
Jackson	97/76 t	96/75 t	98/77 t
Jacksonville	93/75 t	93/74 t	96/75 t
Juneau	61/55 sh	61/54 r	64/49 sh
Kansas City	97/77 s	99/75 s	94/70 pc
Knoxville	89/73 t	89/71 t	91/73 pc
Las Vegas	107/80 s	108/84 s	110/87 s
Lincoln	101/75 t	103/72 t	93/69 s
Little Rock	98/77 t	97/77 s	100/76 t
Louisville	95/75 t	93/78 t	97/76 t
Madison	89/70 pc	86/69 t	85/68 t
Medford, Ore.	92/63 pc	100/68 s	107/67 t
Memphis	95/77 t	95/78 s	94/78 s
Miami	90/81 t	93/82 pc	92/81 t
Milwaukee	87/71 pc	83/71 t	83/71 t
Minneapolis	88/70 t	88/72 t	84/69 t
Mobile	94/77 t	95/77 pc	94/76 t

s = sunny sh = showers t = thunderstorms r = rain c = cloudy pc = partly cloudy sf = snow flurries sn = snow i = ice tr = trace

Tuesday's weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

T-storms Rain Showers Snow Flurries Ice Cold front Warm front Stationary front Jet stream

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*High and low in the U.S. for the 48 contiguous states.

Pacific View Tuesday

Precipitation for selected cities through 11 a.m. Monday (Season: October 1-September 30)

City	24 hours to date	Season to date	Last year to date	Normal to date	Season to date
Bakersfield	0.00	6.83	10.31	6.35	6.36
Eureka	0.00	54.24	44.26	45.24	46.12
Fresno	0.00	9.99	17.81	11.03	11.01
Los Angeles	0.00	22.15	28.03	14.27	14.25
Oakland	Trace	16.31	31.63	18.66	18.68
Redding	0.00	31.31	39.27	33.12	33.52
Sacramento	0.00	17.60	23.58	18.13	18.14
San Diego	0.00	12.41	13.87	9.75	9.81
San Francisco	0.00	25.67	34.22	22.87	22.89
S.F. Airport	0.00	20.13	31.39	19.66	19.64
San Jose	0.00	17.06	15.42	16.15	16.14
Santa Rosa	0.00	37.32	41.86	31.56	31.53

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* Season-to-date data are subject to National Weather Service corrections.

International

Tuesday's high/low temperatures and sky conditions.

Country	City	Temp	Condition
CANADA	Calgary	76/57 c	
	Edmonton	76/52 s	
	Halifax	77/61 sh	
	Montreal	89/72 t	
	Ottawa	89/68 pc	
	Regina	87/57 pc	
	Toronto	80/69 t	
	Vancouver	71/61 pc	
	Winnipeg	91/65 pc	
MEXICO	Acapulco	89/76 t	
	Guadalajara	83/63 t	
	La Paz	104/76 s	
	Mazatlan	92/81 pc	
	Merida	97/76 s	
	Mexico City	74/55 sh	
CARIBBEAN	Havana	93/75 s	
	Kingston	93/80 pc	
	Nassau	92/80 pc	
	San Juan	92/80 pc	
	St. Thomas	91/80 sh	
EUROPE	Amsterdam	83/63 pc	
	Athens	97/79 s	
	Berlin	81/61 s	
	Brussels	87/65 s	
	Budapest	85/57 pc	
	Copenhagen	73/59 pc	
	Dublin	67/52 c	
	Frankfurt	89/64 s	
	Geneva	92/67 c	
	Helsinki	74/57 sh	
	Istanbul	89/72 s	
	Lisbon	82/67 s	
	London	88/64 s	
	Madrid	102/72 s	
	Milan	92/73 s	
	Moscow	69/57 sh	
	Nice	89/78 s	
	Oslo	77/56 pc	
	Paris	95/71 t	
	Prague	83/57 s	
	Rome	93/69 s	
	St. Petersburg	69/60 sh	
	Stockholm	74/56 s	
	Vienna	83/57 pc	
	Warsaw	79/56 pc	
LATIN AMERICA	Asuncion	73/62 pc	
	Bogota	67/48 c	
	Buenos Aires	57/50 pc	
	Caracas	92/77 t	
	La Paz	59/30 pc	
	Lima	66/59 pc	
	Montevideo	57/43 pc	
	Panama City	88/77 t	
	Rio de Janeiro	72/68 sh	
	San Jose	82/68 t	
	San Salvador	88/68 t	
	Santiago	67/47 c	
	Sao Paulo	62/56 r	
	Tegucigalpa	82/67 t	
AFRICA/MIDEAST	Algiers	101/70 s	
	Baghdad	113/88 pc	
	Beirut	91/79 s	
	Cairo	98/80 s	
	Dakar	89/79 pc	
	Damascus	101/69 s	
	Jerusalem	88/69 s	
	Johannesburg	67/40 pc	
	Lagos	84/75 r	
	Nairobi	73/57 sh	
	Riyadh	110/90 sh	
ASIA	Bangkok	90/80 t	
	Beijing	82/75 pc	
	Ho Chi Minh	91/78 t	
	Hong Kong	84/80 t	
	Manila	89/80 t	
	Mumbai	87/81 t	
	New Delhi	91/84 t	
	Phnom Penh	89/78 t	
	Seoul	89/78 r	
	Shanghai	99/84 pc	
	Singapore	93/81 pc	
	Surabaya	93/75 pc	
	Taipei City	95/78 t	
	Tehran	97/84 s	
	Tokyo	97/82 pc	
PACIFIC	Auckland	61/51 r	
	Fiji	79/70 c	
	Melbourne	55/35 pc	
	Sydney	59/47 pc	
	Tahiti	78/66 pc	

Almanac

July 30, 2024

	Tuesday	Wednesday
Rises	6:12 a.m.	8:20 p.m.
Sets	6:13 a.m.	8:19 p.m.
Moon	1:23 a.m.	4:58 p.m.
	2:10 a.m.	6:01 p.m.

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Although not as closely-packed together as they were last night, the waning crescent moon, Jupiter, Mars and the star Aldebaran are still a spectacular sight in the predawn sky, rising about three hours before the sun. **Venus** sets at 9:10 p.m. **Mars** rises at 1:43 a.m. **Jupiter** rises at 2:12 a.m. **Saturn** rises at 10:11 p.m.

Source: Morrison Planetarium

DIGEST

Ward's grand slam helps Angels prevent a sweep by A's

STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

Taylor Ward hit a grand slam to help the Angels erase an early 6-0 deficit, and host Los Angeles beat the Oakland Athletics 8-6 on Sunday to avoid a four-game sweep.

Ward's fourth-inning slam into the Oakland bullpen in left field off Osvaldo Bido (2-2) was the fourth of his career and the fourth by an Angel this season. His previous grand slam was on



Carlos Avila Gonzalez/The Chronicle

California Shakespeare Theater launched an emergency funding campaign for its upcoming production, "As You Like It."

Cal Shakes launches emergency fund drive

East Bay theater company needs to raise \$350,000 within days

By Lauren Harvey

California Shakespeare Theater, the East Bay company where Zendaya got her start, must raise \$350,000 in less than a week to put on an upcoming production, company leaders said.

In a statement released Thursday, July 25, Cal Shakes urged patrons to donate to its GoFundMe page by Thursday, Aug. 1, in order to generate necessary funds for its production of "As You Like It," scheduled for Sept. 12-29 at the Bruns Amphitheater in Orinda. The comedy would be Cal Shakes' first self-produced show in two years, after going dark for all of 2023 in an effort to achieve financial stability, and would help mark a company milestone.

"The show is cast, the designs are done, the set is built, and we are a few weeks from starting rehearsals. ... The excitement is palpable," the statement reads. "But to celebrate the 50th anniversary of this renowned theater producing institution, we first must close a funding gap."

Cal Shakes had expected more funding to come through from grants, corporate outreach and individual donors, Executive Director Clive Worsley told the Chronicle, but that didn't amount to enough.



Salgu Wissmath/The Chronicle

Dane Troy, left, and Michael J. Asberry, right, rehearse the battle sequence scene for Cal Shakes' last production before going dark, "Lear," in August 2022.

"It was the last thing that we wanted to do because we feel that there's a great deal of fatigue in our broader arts community, of arts nonprofits saying, 'SOS,'" Worsley acknowledged. "We didn't really want to have to add to that noise unless we absolutely had to, and it's become clear now that we just don't have a choice."

Rehearsals for "As You Like It" are slated to begin Aug. 12, said Director Elizabeth Carter,

who hopes to bring her gender-expansive version of the classic Shakespeare play to life.

"I feel a great responsibility to bring a beautiful thing that showcases all of this talent," Carter said. "I think the thing now is for everyone to put on their best face to see what we can do."

Worsley took over Cal Shakes leadership in October **Cal Shakes continues on BIO**

"Good Medicine": 8 p.m. Saturday, July 27. \$33.38. Bruns Amphitheater, 100 California Shakespeare Theater Way, Orinda. 510-548-9666. <https://calshakes.org>

"Mother Lear": 1 p.m. Sept. 15; 7 p.m. Sept. 17. Through Oct. 2. \$22.85. Bruns Amphitheater, 100 California Shakespeare Theater Way, Orinda. 510-548-9666. <https://calshakes.org>

S.F.-grown 'Girls' gets a golden ticket to the Curran

Drag spoof booked for BroadwaySF stage

By Lily Janiak

D'Arcy Drollinger still remembers his final phone call with Heklina.

It was last year, and Drollinger was sharing good news: BroadwaySF had expressed interest in booking their drag holiday tradition, "The Golden Girls Live: The Christmas Episodes," at the Curran.

Not long later, Heklina was found dead in London, and the drag community mourned. But their drag spoof of the beloved 1980s-'90s sitcom still ran at the Victoria Theatre that year, as it had for a decade. Miss Coco Peru took over Dorothy, Heklina's role, joining Drollinger, Matthew Martin and Holotta Tymes as Florida retirees trading gossip, zingers, innuendo and slices of cheesecake.

But on Thursday, July 25, Drollinger and BroadwaySF announced that the show is transferring to the Curran after all. "The Golden Girls" runs at the venue — one of the largest, most beautiful and famous in San Francisco, and where part of "All About Eve" was shot — Dec. 5-22.

"It is incredibly exciting and nerve-racking at the same time to have a little theater show that was put on in a parlor in someone's house 19 years ago move into a first-class theater," Drollinger told the Chronicle. It feels, he added, "like the local kids made good."

It's also a rarity for BroadwaySF. The company, which operates the Curran, Golden Gate and Orpheum theaters, almost exclusively presents tours from elsewhere. Managing Director Rainier Koeners said he couldn't think of another homegrown show that went straight to a BroadwaySF venue without touring elsewhere first but noted that his company is "excited about the potential to collaborate with other local organizations in the future."

It'd be hard to get more grassroots San Francisco than a drag show that was born in the parlor of a Grove Street Victorian. Martin, the lone remaining original cast member, recalled a particularly crowded performance where, while making his way to his opening position as Blanche, he sat down so forcefully that his chair rocked back and broke a towering front window. "I hear this Niagara of shattering," he recalled. "All of a sudden, I felt a breeze through Blanche's negligee." **'Golden' continues on BIO**

Maya Angelou monument in S.F. to be unveiled Sept. 19

By Tony Bravo

After seven years and some controversy, a monument to writer Maya Angelou will finally be installed outside the San Francisco Public Library's main branch in Civic Center.

The sculpture, titled "Portrait of a Phenomenal Woman" by Berkeley artist Lava Thomas, will be officially unveiled on Thursday, Sept. 19, at the Larkin Street entrance of the downtown library during a four-hour community celebration that will include remarks from city officials and Thomas.

"'Portrait of a Phenomenal Woman' has been a labor of love over the past few years, and its upcoming installation has been a long time coming," Thomas said in a statement released by the San Francisco Arts Commission on Wednesday, July 24. "My hope for this monument is that it is a beacon for the ideals that de-



Courtesy of Lava Thomas

Lava Thomas' proposed public monument to Maya Angelou was selected by a committee of the San Francisco Arts Commission, then stalled by a city supervisor, then approved with apologies.

"Portrait of a Phenomenal Woman" dedication: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sept. 19. Free.. San Francisco Main Library, 100 Larkin St., S.F. mayaangeloumonumentunveiling.com

defined Dr. Maya Angelou's life: courage, faith, justice, perseverance, artistic freedom, and triumph over trauma."

The famed poet and author of "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings" lived in San Francisco as a teenager, attending Washington High School and church at Glide Memorial. At 16 years old she was the city's first Black female streetcar conductor. Angelou, also a civil rights activist, was a prolific writer and was active until her death in 2014 at age 86.

Thomas, who was selected from among more than 100 artists, acknowledged it's "an ex- **Angelou continues on BIO**

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HOROSCOPE By Georgia Nicols

Today's Birthday (July 30). You are practical and down to earth, and you get things done. This year is the final year of a nine-year cycle. Clear the decks!

Moon Alert: There are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions today. The Moon is in Gemini.

Aries (March 21-April 19) ★★☆☆ This is a positive day for you. You feel optimistic and hopeful for your future. Tonight: Worries.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) ★★☆☆ You are the financial wizard of the zodiac, and today you feel positive about financial transactions. Tonight: Financial squeeze.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ This is a great day to get things done! You're energetic, positive and enthusiastic about something, and you're not afraid to think big. Tonight: Challenges.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) ★★☆☆ You give some credence to your moneymaking ideas because you are basically a practical sign. Tonight: Discouragement.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★☆☆ It's a popular day for you! Enjoy interacting with friends, especially female acquaintances. Tonight: Criticism.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ This year many of you look successful in the eyes of others. Today your success shines! Tonight: Show respect.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ This is a popular time. Today you might want to celebrate. You want to do something different. Tonight: Rules and regulations.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Your ability to impress authority figures is excellent. Be confident in your negotiations. Tonight: Check your finances.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★☆☆ You might be encouraged by someone's positive attitude. Perhaps their big ideas appeal to you. Tonight: Cooperate.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★☆☆ Work-related travel is likely today. Note: You will achieve more by working in groups. Tonight: Work.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Make plans to socialize with others, because this is an upbeat day! Enjoy good times! Tonight: Responsibilities.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★☆☆ You might entertain at home today, because people will gather at for some reason. Meanwhile, discussions about real estate will be hopeful. Tonight: Help.

LUANN Greg Evans



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CRYPTOQUIP

DGO TN ANQFSJB DGN IPJ
WTJYHWAIS WY GJWEGH
QBQISSO IEPJJ NY HNFWAB?
HGJO BJJ JOJ HN JOJ.

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think X equals O it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

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YESTERDAY'S CRYPTOQUIP: THINGS THAT MIGHT ENABLE YOUR PARENTS' SISTERS TO DEVELOP IMMUNITY TO VIRUSES: AUNTIE-BODIES.

GARFIELD Jim Davis

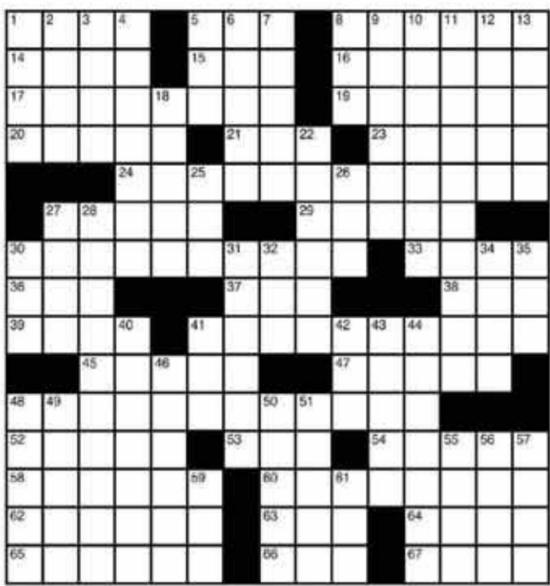


CROSSWORD PUZZLE

By Joe Deeney

ACROSS

- 1 Roadie's cargo
- 5 Barrel wood
- 8 A flat equivalent
- 14 Bus route, often
- 15 Bid the most, say
- 16 Grows tired
- 17 Spa combo
- 19 In an overly curious way
- 20 Fix up, as hair
- 21 Gee preceder
- 23 Room under the roof
- 24 Technique for closing a seam
- 27 Knightley of "Atonement"
- 29 Painter's prop
- 30 Like many consignment store items
- 33 Not imaginary
- 36 Fur baby
- 37 Happy Valley sch.
- 38 Author info
- 39 Schedule opening



- 41 North Carolina college town
- 45 Hawaii Senator Hirono
- 47 Farm animals with horns
- 48 Metaphor for a repetitive person
- 52 Jobs
- 53 Pipe bend shape
- 54 Ramen soup broth
- 58 Suspects
- 60 Hamburger franchise, and what can be found at the starts of 17-, 24-, 30-, 41-, and 48-Across
- 62 NCAA group that will add four new members in 2024
- 63 "_ been wondering ..."
- 64 Verdi opera
- 65 Dolorous donkey
- 66 Barclays Center baller
- 67 Seethe, as over a slight
- 13 Course where one might study Jung, familiarly
- 18 June birthstone
- 22 Make available
- 25 Tomorrow, for one
- 26 Texting :-), perhaps
- 27 Ship stabilizer
- 28 Study of bugs
- 30 Tech that might repeat "Make a U-turn"
- 31 Call from the 23-Across, perhaps
- 32 Org. with a Popular Baby Names page
- 34 Comes down with something
- 35 "ur so funny!"
- 40 Become smitten with
- 41 Bengals, on scoreboards
- 42 Brand of battery-powered lawn equipment
- 43 "Royals" singer
- 44 Enjoyed oneself immensely
- 46 Gadget scraped on a peel
- 48 Corrupt kickback
- 49 Perez of "Do the Right Thing"
- 50 Petite and playful
- 51 "Closer" actor Owen
- 55 Wedding dress, perhaps
- 56 Jekyll's counterpart
- 57 "It didn't escape my notice"
- 59 Small square
- 61 Nov. honoree

SHERMAN'S LAGOON J.P. Toomey



BLONDIE Dean Young



CLASSIC PEANUTS Charles Schulz



CANDORVILLE Darrin Bell



TUNDRA Chad Carpenter



LIO Mark Tatulli



CARPE DIEM Niklas Eriksson



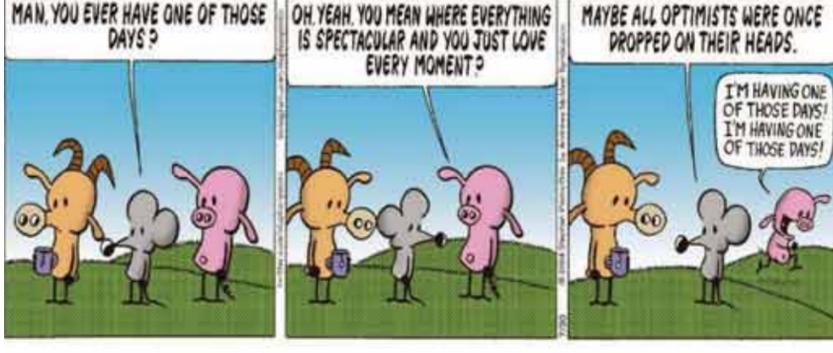
GET FUZZY Darby Conley



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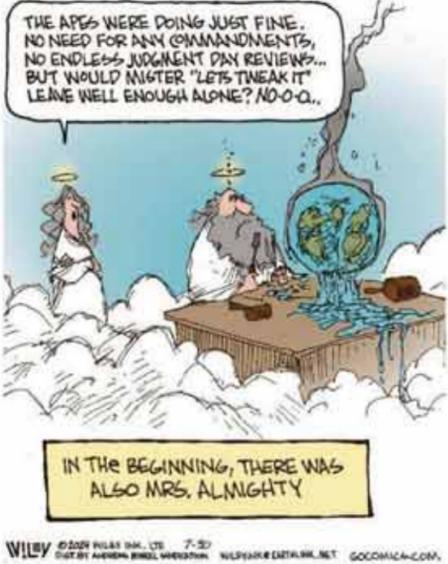
PEARLS BEFORE SWINE Stephan Pastis



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NON SEQUITUR Wiley Miller



CHALLENGER

Try to beat today's challenge time. Enter a number in each square, one through nine. Rows must add to totals on right.

Columns must add to totals on bottom. Diagonal squares through center should add to totals in upper and lower right.

CHALLENGE TIME
4 Minutes
45 Seconds

YOUR TIME
Minutes
Seconds

					24
		6			26
7					25
	8				24
			5		24
26	25	23	25	26	

SUDOKU PUZZLE

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3-by-3 box has every digit, 1 to 9.

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

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

JUMBLE By David Hoyt & Jeff Knurek

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

NAXNE
TURET
TBGOEL
SIMITF

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)
Yesterday's Jumbles: RUNNY GLOAT BASKET WINDOW
Answer: The skunk Olympic gymnast was doing well until she — "STUNK" THE LANDING

TODAY'S CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Grasp
5 Ray flower
10 Lowers the lights
14 Flat-topped hill
15 Leather for gloves
16 - fixe
17 Dye plant
18 Aquarium creature
19 Angry
20 Settle snugly
22 Felt a prickly sensation
24 Flag maker
25 Betsy -
26 Permanent mark
27 Youthful
29 - Coeur of Montmartre
33 Levy
34 Water wheel
37 Bitter
38 Not up and around
40 Appear again
42 Life of Riley
43 Cake part
45 French painter
47 Grad-to-be
48 Pancake
49 Times long past
51 Colleen
54 Take the bus
55 Singer - Flack
58 Brave
62 Send forth
63 Suspect's salvation
66 Lab compound
67 Actress - Bancroft
68 Send payment
69 "God's Little -"
70 Hats

DOWN
1 Agent (Hyph.)
2 Philosopher - Descartes
3 Wife of Osiris
4 Meager
5 Official appraiser
6 "Under the Tuscan -"
7 Drink for two
8 Uses a blue pencil
9 Old thing
10 Ignominy
11 Graven image
12 Nothing more than
13 Pip
21 Beef portion
23 Rocket science gp.
25 Tear
27 Kid-lit elephant
28 Daisy type
30 Collide
31 "The Sun Also -"
32 Perfect place
33 Soapstone
35 Driving hazard
36 Carpentry tool
39 Consumes
41 Swiftiness
44 Raise
46 Snack-bar drink
50 Breakfast staple
52 Look
53 Oregon's capital
55 Concrete
56 All (Prefix)
57 Tie
59 Peruvian of times past
60 "Cheers" regular
61 Joy
64 Little devil
65 Morsel

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CAL SHAKES

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2022. Since then, operations have proved challenging post-pandemic — but weren't a new phenomenon, he noted in a lengthy update to patrons posted on the company's website in March 2023. Worsley referred to a chart that dates back to 2008 showing a steady increase in production expenses and weakening ticket revenue.

Last year, Cal Shakes exclusively presented shows by outside partners, such as the San Francisco Shakespeare Festival and "Good Medicine," presented by all-Native stand-up comedians.

"What we are doing is a sort of patchwork quilt of activities up there," Worsley said of the new programming at the Bruns.

"We've just learned in the last couple of years, for real, that we cannot afford to dedicate our entire calendar to a product that loses money every night — and that is theater."

Indeed, this is not a Cal Shakes-specific issue. The Bay Area has seen similar emergency funding campaigns and a string of theater closures, with the most recent casualty being Cutting Ball Theater in San Francisco's Tenderloin neighborhood.

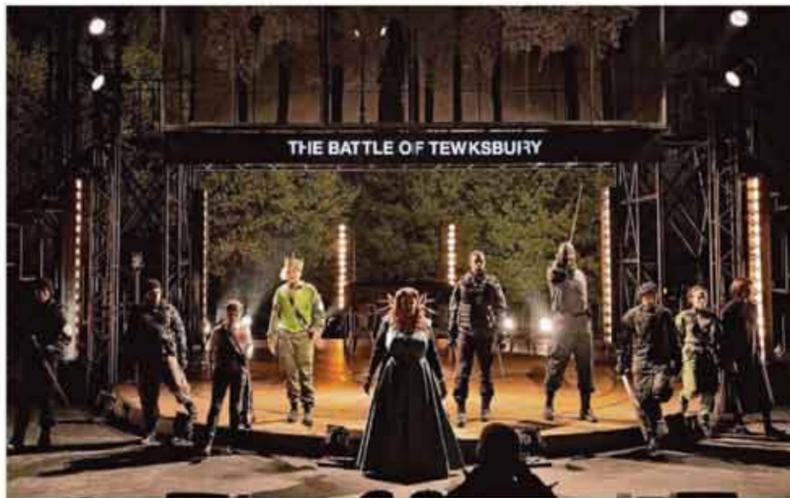
"This is an American nonprofit theater business model problem," he said. "The business model is in need of reimagining."

Earlier this year, Zen-daya donated \$100,000 to Cal Shakes through the Women Donors Network.

The Oakland native and "Challengers" star started taking acting classes with the company while in third grade, encouraged by her mother, Claire Stoermer, who worked for the East Bay company as a house manager for 12 years.

In 2020, at age 24, Zen-daya became the youngest person to win an Emmy for best actress for her role in the HBO hit drama "Euphoria." Filming for Season 3 of the show is on track to begin next year.

Currently, "As You Like It" is the only Cal Shakes-produced Shakespeare play scheduled at the Bruns Amphitheater. "Good Medicine" is scheduled to return for one night on Saturday, July 27, followed by Ava Roy and Courtney Walsh's "Mother Lear" Sept. 15-Oct. 2.



Carlos Avila Gonzalez/The Chronicle

A dress rehearsal of "The War of the Roses," former Artistic Director Eric Ting's adaptation of four of Shakespeare's history plays in August 2018.

Worsley hopes to present both a spring and fall Shakespeare production in 2025, assuming funding can be found.

"Theater people are pretty resilient," Carter said. "They will keep doing it, because it's important to us and what makes

us feel whole and happy."

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ANGELOU

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traordinary honor and privilege to commemorate the remarkable life and legacy of Dr. Angelou with this monument" and thanked the public art staff at the Arts Commission who worked with her during the process.

The bronze monument, set on a basalt stone base, stands at 9 feet tall. The bronze component is shaped to be reminiscent of a book and features a drawing of Angelou by Thomas based on a 1973 photo taken during an interview with journalist and former White House press secretary Bill Moyers. The piece will also include the quote "Still I Rise," taken from the 1978 poem of the same name,



Yalonda M. James/The Chronicle 2019

Berkeley artist Artist Lava Thomas was selected from among more than 100 artists to honor Maya Angelou.

along the front base. The back of the sculpture reads: "Information helps you to see that you're not alone. That there's somebody in Mississippi and somebody in Tokyo who all have wept, who've all longed and lost, who've all been happy. So the library helps you to see, not only

that you are not alone, but that you're not really any different from everyone else. There may be details that are different, but a human being is a human being."

"Dr. Maya Angelou was, simply, a phenomenal woman who remains a vital San Francisco icon to-

day," San Francisco's City Librarian Michael Lambert said in a statement. "This monument will welcome all visitors to the Main Library as a symbol of community, connection, and the power of poetry."

The idea for the project started in June 2017, when city officials realized San Francisco's public art collection included 87 statues but only two represented real women: former San Francisco Mayor and U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein and nursing heroine Florence Nightingale. Then-Supervisor Mark Farrell announced legislation to correct that imbalance, starting with the monument to Angelou.

The San Francisco Arts Commission received proposals from 111 artists in November 2018. The three finalists were Thomas,

New York artist Jules Arthur and East Bay artist Kenyatta A.C. Hinkle. A panel that included Angelou's son, Guy Johnson, selected Thomas' monument in August 2019.

But the process stalled when Supervisor Catherine Stefani, who took Farrell's seat when he briefly served as mayor in 2018, was given oversight of the monument project. Stating she wanted a more traditional design for the statue, Stefani revoked Thomas' selection and the city relaunched the proposal process. The move sparked outrage among many in the San Francisco arts community who felt it was disrespectful to Thomas, an accomplished Black artist. The See Black Women Collective was among the local groups to protest the decision.

By August 2020, after considerable media attention, SFAC apologized to Thomas and halted the process. The next month, Thomas received an apology from Stefani and Mayor London Breed, and in November, her original commission was approved.

The budget for the monument was approximately \$293,000.

"I'd like to thank Lava Thomas," said Ralph Remington, director of cultural affairs for the city of San Francisco, "for her continued partnership and work on this phenomenal sculpture that helps us advance our goal of increasing the representation of iconic women in our city's Civic Art Collection."

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'GOLDEN'

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gee. I thought to myself, "The window's gone. Whatever you do, don't turn around and look at it. Just keep going."

The show, whose costumes feature outrageous '80s turquoises, atrocious-on-purpose holiday applique and imposing shoulder pads, has become a cult favorite. Audiences frequently show up in their own ugly Christmas sweaters; Heklina, drawing on experience running midnight Trannyshack shows, used to shut down the rowdiest spectators from the stage.

A loyal following in the Victoria's 480-seat theater doesn't necessarily translate to the Curran's 1,667. But the show will have fewer total performances this year, and Drollinger pointed out, "I wouldn't have had the courage to do this if we hadn't been selling close to 12,000 tickets already. Obviously, we're going to have to sell almost 20,000 tickets now." But the team now has BroadwaySF's vast marketing resources.

Drollinger wants the show to retain much of its



Michaela Vatcheva/Special to the Chronicle

D'Arcy Drollinger performs as Rose during the "Golden Girls Live" show in December 2023. The show will run Dec. 5-22 at the Curran.

spontaneous, sketch-comedy vibe and crowd interaction even as he scales up some production values, including the set, and he and his castmates play to the rafters.

For Martin — a native San Franciscan and huge Bette Davis fan who spontaneously quoted whole exchanges from "All About Eve" during his Chronicle interview — treading the boards at the Curran is a fantasy realized.

"The curtain going up, and our being on the stage, it will be really something," he said.

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ON TELEVISION

Table with columns for Broadcast, 7 PM, 7:30, 8 PM, 8:30, 9 PM, 9:30, 10 PM, 10:30, 11 PM, 11:30. Rows list various TV programs and their details.

PUZZLE ANSWERS

Crossword Puzzle



Today's Crossword



Sudoku Puzzle



Challenger

