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LYNN TO BOSTON

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In the midst of the Sumner Tunnel shutdown, which began July 5 and is scheduled to end Aug. 31, the MBTA has advised commuters to “ditch the drive” and use the commuter rail, Blue Line, or ferry.

Using these forms of public transit, as well as a car, four *Item* reporters commuted from Lynn to Boston. The reporters left Lynn at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday and headed to North Station.

Here are the results.

1st if by COMMUTER RAIL

45 minutes

By Charlie McKenna
ITEM STAFF

I might be sold on the whole “ditch the drive” idea now.

After my experience aboard the Commuter Rail Tuesday morning, and having experienced my fair share of congestion in the just over a week since the Sumner Tunnel closed, I understand the appeal of leaving my beloved Prius Prime behind. I was actually stunned by the ease of the commute, with my shuttle from Lynn to Swampscott arriving two minutes early to allow plenty of time for the handful of commuters to get aboard, and then the Commuter Rail train to North Station arriving at 8:01 a.m. as scheduled.

All in all, the journey took me about 45

COMMUTER RAIL, A7

2nd if by AUTOMOBILE

1 hour

By Ryan Vermette
ITEM STAFF

As someone who absolutely cannot stand being stuck in traffic, I was fortunate enough to be chosen to drive into North Station for this exercise. Leaving the office parking lot just after 7:30 a.m., it took me one hour on the dot to get to North Station, making me good for second place. That wasn’t really a surprise though, as Route 1A entering the Williams Tunnel was basically a parking lot.

I had previously done the drive to North Station on Monday, albeit an hour-and-a-half later, as I left the office

AUTOMOBILE, A7

3rd if by BLUE LINE

1 hour, 5 minutes

By Ben Pierce
ITEM STAFF

As the Sumner Tunnel’s closure date approached, I grew more thankful my work commute did not involve taking public transportation into the heart of Boston. However, journalistic duty soon called: I would have to make the morning trek for research purposes.

Thankfully, the MBTA’s Blue Line ran pretty much on schedule despite the undertaking of so many new passengers. I was able to survive this enhanced rush hour with minimal annoyances.

I departed from Exchange Street

BLUE LINE, A7

4th if by FERRY

1 hour, 10 minutes

By James Bartlett
ITEM STAFF

If you’re trying to get into Boston during the Sumner Tunnel closure, the MBTA ferry from Blossom Street Pier in Lynn to Long Wharf in Boston may not be the quickest option, but it’s certainly the most scenic.

Though the Ava Pearl, the MBTA’s vessel for the ferry service, does not have the mystique of the USS Constitution or the Mayflower, it certainly offers up a smooth ride at 30 knots and stunning views on clear days during its 40-minute trip down the North Shore and into Boston Harbor.

FERRY, A7

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OBITUARIES

Joan C. McQuillan, 93
1929 - 2023

LYNN, MA - Joan Callahan McQuillan, 93, of Greenville, RI, formerly of Middletown, MA and Avon, CT died peacefully on July 9, 2023, surrounded by family.

Joan was born in Lynn, MA on November 1, 1929, to the late John and Mildred (Danforth) Callahan. Proudly raised in Lynn, she was the oldest of 5 children. Joan graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1946. Soon after graduation she started her career as a secretary at the Chancery of the Boston Archdiocese and then at General Electric. It was there she met her true love, Jeremiah E. McQuillan. Joan and Jerry were married on April 20, 1968. They settled in Avon, CT and raised their family on Tamara Circle, where they met lifelong friends. Joan and Jerry had 23 wonderful years together, traveling, summering in Chatham, MA, attending Holy Cross football games, and spending time with family. After Jerry's death in 1992, Joan moved to Middletown, MA to be closer to her siblings and childhood friends. She lived in Middletown for 26 years.

Joan was fiercely devoted to her family and is survived by her two daughters, Sara Nicolai (Keith) of Chatham, MA and Alicia M. Bennett of Greenville, RI. Known as Nana, she will be terribly missed by her 5 beloved grandchildren, Kevin Patrick Nicolai of Charlotte, NC, Heather Ann Nicolai of New York, NY, William Eoin Nicolai of Chatham, MA, and Reilly Jere-



miah and Meaghan Cathleen Bennett of Greenville, RI. She is also survived by her siblings, Marguerite Callahan of Salem, MA, John Callahan (Linda) of West Linn, OR and Neil Callahan (Ann) of Nahant, MA as well as several nieces and nephews. She was pre-deceased by her sister, Mary Cerasuolo. Joan's family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff at the Village of Waterman Lake, as well as Lisa and Christine of Harmony Hospice for their loving care. Calling hours will be held at St. Mary's Church, 8 S. Common St, Lynn, MA, on Monday, July 17th, (9:30am - 11:30am) followed by a Funeral Mass of Christian Burial at 11:30am. The burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Catholic Charities, www.ccab.org. To share a condolence, kindly visit www.mackeyfuneralhome.com.

Marilyn F. Mills, 91
1931 - 2023

LYNNFIELD - Marilyn F. Mills, age 91 of Lynnfield, passed away on Sunday, June 11, 2023. She was the beloved wife of the late Robert "Bob" Mills, with whom she shared 36 years of marriage.

Born and raised in Lynn to the late Michael Joseph and Margaret (Pitman) Glynn. Marilyn was a graduate of Lynn English High School, and later raised her children in Lynn and Lynnfield. She volunteered as a Cub Scout leader when her children were young and loved to cook and entertain as her family grew. She and Bob enjoyed vacationing on Great East Lake with their family and many trips to the beaches of Bermuda. She loved aerobic dancing, getting coffee with her aerobic friends and watching Notre Dame Football.

Marilyn is the devoted mother of Donna Shallow (Bill), Charron Condon (Jim), William Mills, Dyanne Keaney and Robert Mills (Lisa); the beloved Nana to Kristen Gildea, Alyson Gauvin, Amy Goodell, Julie Picariello, Michael Keaney, Jill McGee, Rachel Attridge, Matthew Mills, Melissa Mills, Reagan Gracias, Daniel Mills and Brendan Mills; and blessed to be "2Nanie" to 15 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, Marilyn is pre-



deceased by her sons John Mills (Carol) and Lenny Mills (Ellen) and her siblings Phyllis Hobstetter, Alfred Glynn, Ernest Glynn and Joseph Glynn.

Service Information: Friends and family are invited to attend Marilyn's Funeral Mass on Saturday, July 15, 2023 at St. Athanasius Church, 300 Haverhill Street, Reading, MA 01867 at 10:30 AM, please meet at church. Memorial donations may be made to The Jimmy Fund, www.danafarber.jimmyfund.org, or St. Jude Children Research Hospital, www.stjude.org.



Joan P. Johansen, 86
1937 - 2023

PEABODY - Joan P. (McDuff) Johansen, 86, a former resident of Salem, passed away at Sunrise at Gardner Park on Thursday, July 6, 2023 following a long illness. She was the loving wife of Francis R. Johansen with whom she had shared 60 years of marriage.

Born in Peabody and raised in Peabody and Lynn, she was the daughter of the late Rudolph E. and Catherine T. (Manning) McDuff. Joan was a graduate of Lynn English High School. Prior to her marriage she was employed by the former Transiron Co. of Wakefield. She later worked for GTE Sylvia at the Loring Avenue plant, until her retirement in 1992.

A devoted wife and caretaker, Joan was extremely close to her large extended family. She was always there whenever a sibling, in-law, niece or nephew was under the weather. Joan was a phenomenal baker, who share her gifts with many. She loved their garden, quilting and traveling, especially their winter sojourns to Florida. She is one who will be greatly missed.

In addition to Frank 'Fran' the love of her life she is survived by her siblings; Raymond B. McDuff of Peabody, Margaret Ajootian of Middletown, Marie L Pessa and husband Paul of Pennsylvania, Michael McDuff and wife Theresa of Londonderry, NH, Leonard T. McDuff and wife Mary of Peabody, Kathleen B. Peterson and husband Allen of Lynn as well as many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews and great-grandneph-



es & great-grandnephews. She was predeceased by her brother, James R. McDuff

Service Information: Relatives and friends are invited to gather at the Levesque Funeral Home, 163 Lafayette St. [Salem] on Friday, July 14, 2023 at 8:45 AM to be followed by her Funeral Mass in St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 260 North St., (Salem / Peabody line) at 10:00 AM. Burial will follow in St. Mary Cemetery, Salem. Visiting hours at the funeral home will be on Thursday July 13th from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, kindly consider a contribution in her memory to Care Dimensions, 75 Sylvan St., Suite B-102, Danvers, MA 01923. For guestbook and to send a condolence to the family, please visit www.LevesqueFunerals.com.

Boston encourages converting underused office buildings for residential use

By Steve LeBlanc
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON — Boston is launching a new program designed to offer tax incentives to encourage the conversion of underused downtown office buildings into residential use, according to Mayor Michelle Wu. The push mirrors office-to-housing conversion efforts in other cities trying to breathe life back into downtown business districts that emptied out during the coronavirus pandemic and may never fully recover.

The aim of the public-private partnership is to help Boston create more downtown housing units while also generating foot traffic throughout the week to help businesses that have struggled as fewer workers return to their offices full time, Wu said.

"One building could potentially create hundreds of new housing units that could include a lot of affordable units," Wu said during an appearance Tuesday on GBH News. "If we got two or three buildings downtown with a couple hundred units each that would be a significant step."

Wu acknowledged the costs associated with turning an office building into a residential building can be steep, but said there may be some building owners feel-

ing enough of an economic pinch to try.

"To make the finances work — the tremendous costs to redo all the plumbing and all of that — the property value of the commercial building has to have sunk pretty low that they're getting desperate," she added.

Under the program, owners of commercial office buildings downtown would be offered reduced property tax rates in return for immediately converting their buildings to residential uses. The projects would also receive help from the city to streamline the approvals process.

The program will accept applications through June 2024, with projects required to start construction by October 2025. Applicants will be encouraged to maintain retail or other public uses on their ground floors.

Vacancy rates at downtown office buildings nationwide have continued to rise, from 12.2% in the fourth quarter of 2019 to 17.8% in the first quarter of 2023, according to the real estate firm CBRE.

The office vacancy across greater Boston rose to 19.1% at the start of 2023 — its highest in nearly two decades according to real estate firm Jones Lang LaSalle Inc.



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Across the US Southwest, residents are experiencing extreme heat wave

By Terry Tang
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHOENIX — Even Southwestern desert residents accustomed to scorching summers are feeling the grip of an extreme heat wave smacking Arizona, Nevada, New Mexico and Southern California this week with 100-degree-plus temps and excessive heat warnings.

To add insult to injury, the region has been left high and dry with no monsoon activity, which can help offset the blazing temperatures. In Arizona, the monsoon season officially begins June 15 and can bring powerful storms with high winds, lightning and heavy bursts of rain.

The heat has made parts of Phoenix feel like a ghost town. Sunset concerts were canceled, and covered restaurant patios equipped with cooling misters sit empty.

On Monday, Martin Brown and his black Labrador, Sammy, escaped the heat in Phoenix by going to the lobby of Circle the City, an air-conditioned walk-in health clinic for homeless people that is also a designated hydration station. Anyone can come in to sit, to get bottled water, and to find snacks like a burrito or ramen.

"We're homeless, so we don't have a choice. Well, we have a choice: We can sit at the park and swelter in the heat, but no thank you. This is much better," Brown said.

He spends five days a week at the center during business hours to escape the "jungle hot" time of day outside. He then takes the bus back to the park at night.

In recent years, Phoenix has taken various actions to limit risks for heat-related illness. When the National Weather Service issues an excessive heat warning, three of the city's most popular hiking trails close from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

In 2016, officials voted to ban hiking with dogs on trails when the temperature exceeds 100 degrees Fahrenheit. City park rangers oversee enforcement and citations for violations, said Adam Waltz, a city spokesperson. On Tuesday, Phoenix



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Janice Edwards listens to a podcast on her phone as she walks at sunrise in Yuma, Ariz.

was poised to hit a 12th consecutive day of 110 degrees F or higher, according to the National Weather Service. The longest recorded stretch so far was 18 days in 1974.

The high pressure needed to generate monsoon storms just isn't in the right position, according to state climatologist Dr. Erinanne Saffell, so metro Phoenix is left with below normal precipitation levels and dry conditions that facilitate hotter temperatures. Also, some experts believe this year's heavier snowpack in the West took more energy to melt, prolonging the progression of a high-pressure system this summer.

"It just kind of delayed everything," Saffell said.

Stepping outside is like walking into a giant hair dryer. Accidentally brushing metal and other surfaces can feel like touching a hot stove.

All the concrete and pavement in sprawling Phoenix contributes to the misery, as sidewalks and buildings bake all day and release accumulated heat slowly overnight. During the current wave, the

temp isn't dipping below 90 degrees F. This cycle makes Phoenix an urban heat island.

"Phoenix in the early 1900s would average about five days a year where they had 110 degrees or higher. Now you count the last 10 years, it's about 27 days a year. That's five times more," Saffell said.

The city is in its third year of implementing a Cool Pavement program. Pavement that reflects heat and sunlight has been installed on over 100 miles of asphalt. The new surface is supposed to lower ground temperature.

Las Vegas could also see the mercury reach between 110 and 115 degrees F this weekend, according to the National Weather Service. In Albuquerque, New Mexico, temperatures were forecast to be between 100 and 103 F on Tuesday with a heat advisory in effect all day. Inland areas of Southern California are predicted to see conditions peak between 100 and 113 F from Friday through Sunday.

Every summer, libraries, churches and other facil-

ities in Phoenix serve as cooling centers or hydration stations for those who need refuge.

Isaiah Castellanos spent Monday morning inside the city library's downtown branch and planned to return after grabbing lunch. A liver transplant recipient, Castellanos said his medications make him sunburn easily. He can't afford to go to the movies or to a museum, so the free public library is his go-to place to escape his home, which doesn't have strong air conditioning.

"It's quiet. I'll turn on my music and read a book or watch YouTube with my headphones, but also stay cool," Castellanos said.

Melody Santiago, who oversees the front office of the Circle the City clinic, said some people are so grateful they return with thank-you cards or cookies. She is certain more people will come into the center over the next week.

"It's getting really hot, and they have nowhere else to go," Santiago said. "It's an eye-opener: You never know, you could be there too."

Surging river floods Vermont’s capital as crews rescue 100+

By **Lisa Rathke**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ANDOVER, Vt. — A storm that dumped up to two months of rain in two days in Vermont and other parts of the Northeast brought more flooding Tuesday to communities marooned by water, including the state capital, where officials kept watch on a dam just upstream.

There were signs of hope in some areas where flood waters had begun to recede and officials began assessing the damage and the scope of the clean-up ahead.

The flooding has already caused tens of millions of dollars in damage, officials said, with more to come: If water pours over the dam on the Winooski River that flows through Montpelier, it could surge through downtown blocks where the floods were already waist-high.

City officials said Tuesday afternoon, however, they had not seen any significant changes in the water levels at the dam, but would continue to monitor it.

“Floodwaters continue to rise in some places, like our capital city, and have surpassed the levels seen during Tropical Storm Irene,” Vermont Gov. Phil Scott said. Irene killed six people in Vermont in August 2011, washing homes off their foundations and damaging or destroying more than 200 bridges and 500 miles (805 kilometers) of highway.

The sun was out Tuesday and more sunshine was expected Wednesday. But more rain was forecast Thursday and Friday.

“We are not out of the woods,” Scott said. “This is nowhere near over.” He tweeted that the roads around his house were impassable Tuesday morning, so he had to hike through the woods to reach the state’s emergency response center.

Montpelier Police said

just before noon that waters had risen to within a foot of the top of the dam, and that every foot of water that goes over the spillway would double the flow into the city. But city officials later said they hadn’t seen any significant changes in the water levels since then. They said they would continue to monitor it through the night.

One woman was swept away in New York. There have been no reports of injuries or deaths related to the flooding in Vermont, where swift-water rescue teams aided by National Guard helicopter crews have done more than 100 rescues, Vermont Emergency Management said Tuesday.

That included an “extremely high-risk rescue” by a visiting New Hampshire team, of a person who decided to drive around a barricaded road, said Mike Cannon of Vermont Urban Search and Rescue. “The car was washed off the roadway almost into the river,” he said, urging drivers to pay attention to road closures.

Dozens of roads and highways were closed, including many along the spine of the Green Mountains, and flash flood warnings and advisories were in effect for much of the state, from the Massachusetts line to Canada.

Downtown Montpelier, a city of 8,000, was swamped between the capitol building and the Winooski River. Montpelier Town Manager Bill Fraser warned that the Wrightsville Dam several miles to the north could exceed capacity for the first time.

“There would be a large amount of water coming into Montpelier which would drastically add to the existing flood damage,” he said, adding that there are very few evacuation options remaining. “People in at risk areas may wish to go to upper floors in their houses.”



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A kayaker paddles across Main Street in downtown Barre, Vt.

Multiple rescue crews were positioned in Montpelier, where dispatch, police and fire operations were relocated to a water treatment plant after heavy flooding at City Hall and the police and fire departments. Also, the radio towers they use for emergency calls are not functional, Police Chief Eric Nordenson said.

Bryan Pfeiffer, a biologist who has lived in the Montpelier area for four decades, canoed around the downtown area on Tuesday to check out the damage, and was appalled by what he saw.

“It’s heartbreaking to see my city flooded like this,” said Pfeiffer, whose home is on higher ground. The basement of every building — including the one where he works — and the lower levels of most were inundated by water that reached near the tops of the parking meters.

Shelters were set up at churches, town halls and the Barre Municipal Au-

ditorium, where delivering food to the more than 200 people taking refuge there was a challenge. “We’re trying to find paths to get supplies in to them,” said John Montes, American Red Cross of Northern New England regional disaster officer.

The slow-moving storm reached New England after hitting parts of New York and Connecticut on Sunday. Some communities received between 7 and 9 inches (18 centimeters and 23 centimeters) of rain by Monday night. Towns in southwest New Hampshire had heavy flooding and road washouts, and the Connecticut River was expected to crest above flood stage Wednesday in Hartford and towns to the south.

President Joe Biden, attending the annual NATO summit in Lithuania, declared an emergency for Vermont and authorized the Federal Emergency Management Agency to help coordinate disaster relief efforts and provide

assistance. He also spoke with the governor and Sen. Bernie Sanders.

FEMA sent a team to Vermont, along with emergency communications equipment, and is prepared to keep shelters supplied if the state requests it. The agency also is monitoring flooding in Massachusetts, Connecticut and New Hampshire, regional spokesperson Dennis Pinkham said Tuesday.

White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre urged people on Tuesday “to please, please be safe, and follow safety protocols.”

Road crews cleared debris Tuesday, reopening Interstate 89 as it follows the river between Montpelier and Middlesex. Rescuers from North Carolina, Michigan and Connecticut joined Vermonters in among those reaching towns that had been isolated since torrents of rain began belting the state.

One of the worst-hit places was New York’s

Hudson Valley, where a woman identified by police as Pamela Nugent, 43, died as she tried to escape her flooded home with her dog in the hamlet of Fort Montgomery.

The U.S. Military Academy at West Point was pounded with more than 8 inches (20 centimeters) of rain that sent debris sliding onto some roads and washed others out.

“They’re calling this a ‘1,000 year event,’” New York Gov. Kathy Hochul said during a briefing on a muddy street in Highland Falls, just south of the academy on the west bank of the Hudson River.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administrator Richard Spinrad said Tuesday that 13.7 million people were under inland flooding alerts on Tuesday. Atmospheric scientists say destructive flooding events happen more frequently as storms form in a warmer atmosphere, and the planet’s rising temperatures will only make it worse.

California man paralyzed from run-in with police gets \$20 million



PHOTO | ASSOCIATED PRESS

Gregory Gross looks at an enlargement of a video frame of his arrest by Yuba City Police.

By **Tran Nguyen**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — A Northern California man who was left paralyzed after he was slammed to the ground during a traffic stop won a \$20 million settlement, one of the largest in the state’s history, officials announced Tuesday.

Gregory Gross, an Army veteran who lives in Yuba City, sued the police department in 2022 after police officers used “pain compliance” techniques and expressed disbelief when he repeatedly cried out, “I can’t feel my legs.” Police officers also dismissed Gross when he said, “I can’t breathe,” while being held facedown on the lawn outside a hospital, video released by Gross’s lawyers shows.

Gross was accused of driving drunk and causing a slow-speed collision in April 2020.

Gross was left with a broken neck, and he underwent two surgeries to fuse his spine. He said the officers’ use of force left him unable to walk or care for himself, and he now needs round-the-clock nursing care for the rest of his life.

“We are not against the police,”

said Attorney Moseley Collins, who represents Gross. “We are for the police, but we are against police brutality when it occurs.”

The settlement is among one of the largest police misconduct settlements in California history. In May, the state agreed to pay \$24 million to the family of a man who died in police custody after screaming, “I can’t breathe,” as multiple officers restrained him while trying to take a blood sample.

As part of the settlement, Yuba City will also start randomly auditing officers’ bodycam footage and reviewing use of force incidents, police Chief Brian Baker said. He apologized to Gross at a news conference Tuesday.

“You’ve been in my thoughts since this tragedy was brought to my attention,” Baker said to Gross. “On April 12th, 2020, we missed the mark. And for that, Mr. Gross, I’m sorry.”

Gross said the police reforms are important to make sure what happened to him isn’t repeated. He’s donating \$20,000 to California Peace Officers’ Memorial Foundation.

“I’m glad that they did something

and took it serious,” Gross said Tuesday. “I couldn’t understand how someone could be in a position of authority and was acting like that and treating another human being like that.”

Deronda Harris, Gross’ partner of 13 years, said she’s grateful to see the settlement finalized.

“It’s nice to finally have closure,” Harris told *The Associated Press*.

Gross also filed separate lawsuits in 2021 against Rideout Memorial Hospital in Marysville, along with the University of California, Davis Medical Center, alleging their actions contributed to his condition. Collins declined to comment on the status of the lawsuits, citing confidentiality.

In the police body camera video supplied by Gross’ lawyers, an officer is seen twisting Gross’ already handcuffed arms and forcibly seating him on a lawn. At one point, officers slammed him on the ground and held him facedown as Gross repeatedly cried out that he couldn’t feel his legs and he couldn’t breathe.

“Mr. Gross, we are done with your silly little games,” an officer tells him.

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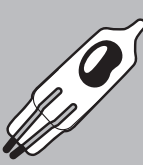
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

GIVE CREDIT TO CITY WORKERS

To the editor:

City workers do not get the credit they deserve.

After having two trees removed last fall, the Department of Public Works came by and removed roots and partially buried stumps. They also scrapped and leveled both areas of the front of our house and added fresh loom and grass seed — all in the sweltering heat. The temperature was in the 90s with high humidity.

None of the workers complained. All were very professional and friendly. They just went about their task, did it well, then cleaned up, and it looks great!

We did supply water, with towels that they used to cool down, for which they were grateful.

I would like to thank DPW Assistant Commissioner Lisa Nerich for all her help, as I know the department has many projects this summer.

Next time the city workers address your issues, a thank you would go a long way!

Sincerely,

L. Robert Nadeau
Lynn

RWAIDA GHARIB

Climate change is worsening the world’s refugee crisis

Refugees bring very little across borders, but they cling to their stories. These days they mostly want to talk about the weather.

The refugees I work with often say the same thing: It got hot. Then hotter. Then the jobs dried up and eventually the food did too. Add in political, racial, or religious tensions, or a natural disaster that was the final straw. It all led to the same conclusion: There is no future here.

And these are from the “lucky ones” who made it out.

Today there are millions of climate refugees — people who have fled their homes because changes in the local environment

made living conditions unsustainable — and estimates suggest that there will be more than one billion by 2050.

Despite this, no nation in the world offers asylum on the grounds of fleeing environmental or climate emergencies.

Worsening climate conditions make increased migration inevitable. Research shows that as global temperatures rise, so do asylum applications, and those from the world’s so-called hot spots are the first to try to leave.

World governments need to adapt to meet this humanitarian crisis.

Most nations that offer asylum and international organizations aiding mi-

grants adhere to guidelines set at the 1951 Refugee Convention, which offers protection to only those who are fleeing because of race, religion, nationality, or affiliation with a particular social group or political opinion.

Yet more than 80% of refugees today are fleeing countries severely affected by climate change and where treacherous conflicts are exacerbated by catastrophic events such as floods, droughts, and earthquakes.

Last year there were 32.6 million new displacements triggered by natural disasters, the highest number in a decade and 41% higher than the annual average over the last

10 years.

Given that climate is increasingly a key driver of migration, or one of the many compounding reasons that could force a family to leave their home, the guidelines for asylum should be updated and a formal definition for climate refugees must be determined.

If an official definition for climate refugees is developed, funding support for these migrants could also increase. Budgets now earmarked strictly for climate could help support the millions in need.

Better legal frameworks at the national and international levels to protect and assist refugees, asylum seekers, and vulner-

able migrants are also needed. If leaders continue to avoid the problem, those seeking asylum from climate emergencies are left with, at best, temporary solutions.

Despite the difficult living situations and impossible regulations that migrants face, I have seen their incredible resilience and optimism over more than a decade, in refugee camps in Kenya, Turkey, Greece, and Bangladesh.

Once, in 2017 on the Somali border, I interviewed families who had fled drought and famine for not much better conditions in neighboring Kenya. The refugee complex, consisting of three camps, housed just over 270,000 people at the time — almost twice the population of Pasadena. The average temperature was in the high 90s, drinking water was limited, and food rations were insufficient. Volatile religious and racial tensions had followed the migrants into the camp. And yet they were hopeful.

I sat with one young man who had been born in the camp, giving him no passport or birth certificate to enter Somalia or refugee status to enter Kenya. But he showed me a pixelated stock photo of a turquoise sea and stated, “One day I will go to the ocean.”

We need a formal climate asylum status so that he and the millions like him can find security and paths to a better life.

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gistics — and if she didn’t have one, Love’s staff included people who could step in to help.

She tried, whenever possible, to be at a patient’s side as anesthesia was administered, at a time when many surgeons waited to enter the operating room until a patient was unconscious.

She tried as well to be the first voice a woman heard when waking up in recovery.

But there was more, as I learned when I observed her in surgery: Once the operating-room staff was assembled, but before she began a procedure, she had everyone take a silent moment together, out of respect for the woman on the operating table, and for the magnitude of what was about to happen.

Love was too outspoken for some, with her talk of “slash, burn, and poison” to describe traditional treatments, and her reference to extensive surgeries as “amputations,” but she never backed down. And as evidence mounted supporting her position, she was able to guide patients toward less drastic options.

She mixed a profound empathy with a steely, activist will, and in doing so tipped the power balance in favor of women. Any woman who walks into a doctor’s office today with pen and paper in hand, or her phone’s voice memo app turned on, is a beneficiary of Love’s pioneering efforts.

Karen Stabiner is the author of several books, including “To Dance With the Devil: The New War on Breast Cancer.”

KAREN STABINER

How Susan Love changed medical care for breast cancer patients

In the end, a lowly tape recorder helped to change the face of breast cancer treatment.

Susan Love, who died last week at age 75, was in the early 1990s the director of the UCLA Breast Center, which was designed to turn the world of breast cancer treatment on its head.

The one advantage to not being part of the old boys’ medical network, Love liked to say, was that she didn’t have to play by its rules. So she created a program that had as much to do with patient care, with what went on inside the exam room, as it did with larger policy issues.

She offered a tape recorder and tape to every new patient — because in her experience, she joked, a woman’s ears stopped working as soon as she got a diagnosis of breast cancer. She could listen to the tape at home, if she forgot details that had been hard to process.

And when well-intentioned family members and friends asked too many questions, Love advised patients to hand them the tape and go to the movies.

That was her considered professional advice: Go to the movies. She didn’t want a patient to think of herself as an uppercase “Patient,” but as the same person she’d been before her appointment, except that now she had a medical challenge to meet.

Love rejected the standard protocol that had a patient running all over town, her X-rays in her bag, seeing one specialist after another and waiting for them to talk and get back to her.

At the UCLA center, a

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PONTIAC, Mich. — A document handwritten by singer Aretha Franklin and found in her couch after her 2018 death is a valid Michigan will, a jury said Tuesday, a critical turn in a dispute that has turned her sons against each other.

It's a victory for Kecalp Franklin and Edward Franklin whose lawyers had argued that papers dated 2014 should override a 2010 will that was discovered around the same time in a locked cabinet at the Queen of Soul's home in suburban Detroit. The jury deliberated less than an hour after a brief trial that started Monday. After the verdict was read, Aretha Franklin's grandchildren stepped forward from the first row to hug Kecalp and Edward.

"I'm very, very happy. I just wanted my mother's wishes to be adhered to," Kecalp Franklin said. "We just want to exhale right now. It's been a long five years for my family, my children."

Aretha Franklin was a global star for decades, known especially for hits like "Think," "I Say a Little Prayer" and "Respect." She did not leave behind a formal, typewritten will when she died five years ago at age 76.

But documents, with scribbles and hard-to-decipher passages, emerged in 2019 when a niece scoured the home for records.

In closing arguments, lawyers for Kecalp and

Jury decides 2014 document found in Aretha Franklin's couch is a valid will



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Aretha Franklin's granddaughter Grace Franklin, 17, smiles while embracing her family members after the jury decided in favor of a 2014 document during a trial over her grandmother's wills at Oakland County Probate Court in Pontiac, Mich.

Edward Franklin said the fact that the 2014 papers were found in a notebook in couch cushions did not make them less significant.

"You can take your will and leave it on the kitchen counter. It's still your will," Charles McKelvie told the jury.

Another lawyer, Craig Smith, pointed to the

first line of the document, which was displayed on four large posters in front of the jury.

"Says right here: 'This is my will.' She's speaking from the grave, folks," Smith said of Franklin.

Kecalp and Edward had teamed up against brother Ted White II, who favored the 2010 will. White's attorney, Kurt Olson, noted

the earlier will was under lock and key. He said it was much more important than papers found in a couch.

"We were here to see what the jury would rule. We'll live with it," Olson said after the verdict.

The jury found that the 2014 version was signed by Aretha Franklin, who put a smiley face in the

letter 'A.'

Olson said there still might be discussions with the judge over whether some provisions of the 2010 will should be fulfilled.

Franklin's estate managers have been paying bills, settling millions in tax debts and generating income through music royalties and other intel-

lectual property. The will dispute, however, has been unfinished business.

There are differences between the 2010 and 2014 versions, though they both appear to indicate that Franklin's four sons would share income from music and copyrights.

But under the 2014 will, Kecalp Franklin and grandchildren would get his mother's main home in Bloomfield Hills, which was valued at \$1.1 million when she died but is worth much more today.

The older will said Kecalp, 53, and Edward Franklin, 64, "must take business classes and get a certificate or a degree" to benefit from the estate. That provision is not in the 2014 version.

White, who played guitar with Aretha Franklin, testified against the 2014 will, saying his mother typically would get important documents done "conventionally and legally" and with assistance from an attorney. He did not immediately comment after the verdict.

The sharpest remarks of the trial came from Smith, who represented Edward Franklin. He told the jury White "wants to disinherit his two brothers. Teddy wants it all."

Kecalp Franklin sat near White during the trial but they did not appear to speak to each other.

"I love my brother with all my heart," Kecalp said outside court when asked if there was a rift.

Leslie Van Houten, follower of cult leader Charles Manson, released from California prison

By Christopher Weber
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LOS ANGELES — Charles Manson follower Leslie Van Houten walked out of a California prison Tuesday after serving more than 50 years of a life sentence for her participation in two infamous murders.

Van Houten "was released to parole supervision," the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation said in a statement.

She left the California Institution for Women in

Corona, east of Los Angeles, in the early morning hours and was driven to transitional housing, her attorney Nancy Tetreault said.

"She's still trying to get used to the idea that this real," Tetreault told *The Associated Press*.

Days earlier Gov. Gavin Newsom announced he would not fight a state appeals court ruling that Van Houten should be granted parole. He shas said it was unlikely the state Supreme Court would consider an appeal. She is expected to spend

about a year in transitional housing, learning basic skills such as how to go to the grocery store and get a debit card, according to her attorney.

Van Houten, now in her 70s, received a life sentence for helping Manson's followers carry out the August 1969 killings of Leno LaBianca, a grocer in Los Angeles, and his wife, Rosemary.

The LaBiancas were killed in their home, and their blood was smeared on the walls afterward. Van Houten later described holding Rosemary

LaBianca down with a pillowcase over her head as others stabbed her, before she stabbed the woman more than a dozen times as well.

The slayings happened the day after Manson followers killed actress Sharon Tate and four others. Van Houten, who was 19 at the time, did not participate in the Tate killings.

Van Houten was found suitable for parole after a July 2020 hearing, but her release was blocked by Newsom, who maintained she was still a threat to society.



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Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella arrives at the Phillip Burton Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse in San Francisco.

Microsoft can move ahead with record \$69 billion acquisition of Activision Blizzard, judge rules

By Matt O'brien
ASSOCIATED PRESS

A federal judge has handed Microsoft a major victory by declining to block its looming \$69 billion takeover of video game company Activision Blizzard. Regulators sought to ax the deal saying it will hurt competition.

U.S. District Judge Jacqueline Scott Corley said in a ruling that the merger deserved scrutiny, noting it could be the largest in the history of the tech industry. But federal regulators were unable to show how it would cause serious harm and wouldn't likely prevail if they took it to a full trial, she wrote.

The Federal Trade Commission, which enforces antitrust laws, "has not raised serious questions regarding whether the proposed merger is likely to substantially lessen competition" between video game consoles or in the growing markets for monthly game subscriptions or cloud-based gaming, Corley said.

A ruling favorable to Microsoft was not a surprise after the company's lawyers had the upper hand in a 5-day San Francisco

court hearing that ended late last month. The proceeding showcased testimony by Microsoft Chief Executive Officer Satya Nadella and longtime Activision Blizzard CEO Bobby Kotick, who both pledged to keep Activision's blockbuster game Call of Duty available to people who play it on consoles — particularly Sony's PlayStation — that compete with Microsoft's Xbox.

"Our merger will benefit consumers and workers. It will enable competition rather than allow entrenched market leaders to continue to dominate our rapidly growing industry," Kotick said in a written statement after Tuesday's ruling.

The FTC had asked Corley to issue an injunction temporarily blocking Microsoft and Activision from closing the deal before the FTC's in-house judge can review it in an August trial.

Both companies suggested that such a delay would effectively force them to abandon the takeover agreement they signed nearly 18 months ago. Microsoft promised to pay Activision a \$3 billion breakup fee if the deal doesn't close by July 18.

Native American leaders visit site of archeological dig to find remains of boarding school students

By Trisha Ahmed and Charlie Neibergall
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GENOA, Neb. — Archeologists resumed digging Tuesday at the remote site of a former Native American boarding school in central Nebraska, searching for the remains of children who died there decades ago.

The search for a hidden cemetery near the former Genoa Indian Industrial School in Nebraska gained renewed interest after the discovery of hundreds of children's remains at other Native American boarding school sites across the U.S. and Canada since 2021, said Dave Williams, the state's archeologist whose team is digging at the site.

The team hasn't found human remains yet, Williams said, but the dig only began on Monday and is expected to last through the week.

Birds called into the sun- and wind-filled space as excavators worked within the confines of an orange fence and yellow caution tape. They sifted steadily through dirt and tossed water away while Native American leaders and community members watched intently from the



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Archeological technician Makenzie Coufal clears soil away as workers dig for the suspected remains of children who once attended the Genoa Indian Industrial School in Genoa, Neb.

sidelines.

"I came today to witness the dig because I had an aunt who died here, Mildred Lowe, in 1930, and she never came home. So I'm here to find out if they find any bones and how we're going to go about identifying and all of that," said Carolyn Fiscus, a member of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska.

Fiscus added: "As a trib-

al member and elder and grandma, I'm interested. I've got a lot of spiritual and emotional investment in this. And my mom too, who's now passed away. That's why I'm here."

The school was part of a national system of more than 400 Native American boarding schools that attempted to assimilate Indigenous people into white culture by separating

children from their families, cutting them off from their heritage and inflicting physical and emotional abuse.

Newspaper clippings, records and a student's letter indicate at least 86 students died at the school in Genoa, most due to diseases such as tuberculosis and typhoid. At least one death was blamed on an accidental shooting.

LYNN TO BOSTON: You can get there from here.

1st if by COMMUTER RAIL

COMMUTER RAIL From A1

minutes from the moment my shuttle departed Lynn to the moment I stepped off the Commuter Rail in Boston. And, considering how my colleague Ryan Vermette fared this morning, 45 minutes really doesn't feel too bad.

Plus, there's a certain appeal to sitting aboard a shuttle or a train rather than behind the wheel of car. I got time to knock out today's Wordle (I got it in four) and listen to most of the first side of Steely Dan's 1980 classic, "Gaucho" (and the newly-released "Second Arrangement" recording).

For this exercise, I drove to the Lynn Station parking garage — the very one that officials plan to demolish (I can see why) — where I easily found a spot for just \$2. Well, technically, \$3. Once I returned to the garage to retrieve my car, I attempted to follow the signage instructing commuters to pay online. But, I could not for the life of me figure out how the system worked and resigned myself to waiting

for a bill in the mail — an upcharge of \$1.

While waiting for the shuttle to arrive, I purchased my \$2.40 Commuter Rail fare for a trip from Lynn to Boston — the same price of a ride on the T in Boston and a pretty good deal all things considered. So, for less than \$6 I parked my car and got to North Station in 45 minutes.

I hopped aboard the 7:43 a.m. shuttle at Lynn Station, which dropped my fellow commuters and I off at Swampscott Station just after 7:50 a.m., as expected. There, we waited roughly 10 minutes for the 8:01 a.m. train to arrive, which it did promptly at 8:01. The most difficult leg of the process was figuring out how to actually get to the Boston side of the platform, which I finally did after several attempts.

From there, it took about 25 minutes to get to North Station, with our rather crowded train stopping in Chelsea before reaching Boston. The very last stretch of the ride was a bit slow, with the train seemingly slowing to a crawl as we passed through Cam-

bridge and into North Station; perhaps a result of the MBTA slow zones, or simply a Commuter-Rail quirk. (The T's slow-zone map shows a restriction on the southbound side of the Orange Line tracks entering North Station.)

One potential wrench in the system: The parking lot outside Swampscott Station was full by 7:58 a.m. this morning, according to the T's official Twitter account. Free shuttles were provided for commuters who parked at Swampscott High School instead.

While there is no perfect solution to get around with the Sumner closed, the Commuter Rail may just be the best of the bunch, with accessible parking at most stations and a quick trip into Boston with a small price tag.

With the tunnel set to remain closed for the rest of this month and all of August, I may well ditch the drive and hop on the Commuter Rail to get from Boston to Lynn (and back) every day.

It also doesn't hurt that I won the race.

2nd if by AUTOMOBILE

AUTOMOBILE From A1

at 9 a.m. It still took me 40 minutes to get to North Station with some traffic, but my GPS saved me the hassle of getting stuck on Route 1 by sending me through side streets in Chelsea before having me hop back onto Route 1 just before the Tobin Bridge. It then had me exit to Charlestown before the Route 1 and I-93 merger.

If, like me, you really can't stand traffic and would rather be moving your entire trip, that would be a route I'd suggest as a time-saver, though it may vary depending on the time you leave Lynn.

For this drive, my GPS tried to get creative to help me shave off some time, but that didn't really work. After shooting down the Lynnway, it had me take a left after entering Revere to hop onto Revere Beach Boulevard. It then had me take Ocean Avenue, and then the Revere Beach Parkway. Unsurprisingly, up until this point the drive was easy, and I was curious about my computer-friend's decision to take me this way, as I didn't think that spe-

cific section of 1A would be backed up.

Then, as I was merging onto 1A from the parkway, I saw hundreds of red tail lights glowing — the dreaded sign that you are going to be stuck for a while. Even the light at the intersection before merging onto 1A was so congested that there was a group of police officers helping to direct traffic.

Living in New Hampshire and working in Lynn, I'm used to a pretty long commute every day. As a result, this drive didn't bother me much, even though being stuck in traffic is one of the things I truly hate the most in life. This ride, however, was more "enjoyable" because I knew that I didn't have to stress about being anywhere at a specific time. Plus, it gave me an opportunity to catch up on my favorite college-basketball podcast.

From the time that I got onto 1A, which was just before the Sumner Tunnel exit, to the entrance of the Williams Tunnel, I didn't see my speedometer go higher than 8 mph. It took me roughly 15 minutes to get to the tunnel, and maybe a half-mile into it

was when the traffic finally began to break up, as cars were split fairly evenly between taking exits to I-93 North and I-90 West.

After getting onto I-93 from I-90, it was smooth sailing — though I was just minutes from reaching my destination at that point. I took Exit 17 toward Government Center, waited a few more unnecessary minutes at green lights while cars blocked the intersection, and then finally arrived at North Station.

In terms of parking in the city, ideally you would have a company lot to park in, or a parking permit that allows you to park in designated spots around the city. If you don't, parking at North Station or other lots nearby will cost you \$48 for a 10-hour day... yikes.

All in all, it was a lengthy drive, but nothing I'm not used to. However, the Sumner closure did seem noticeable. If you are heading to work in the city, you should allow yourself more than an hour to travel if you have to be in by 9 a.m., as I can definitely see some long commutes ahead in the next eight weeks.

3rd if by BLUE LINE

BLUE LINE From A1

promptly at 7:30 a.m. and arrived at the beautiful Wonderland Station 19 minutes later. That time included having to vehicularly climb to the third level of the parking garage and wait behind a fellow driver while they attempted to fit their mini-van into a mini-spot.

The weekday parking fees have been reduced from \$7 to \$2 for the Sumner closure, but I did not pay at the time of parking, so I'll have to await a bill in the mail. After parking, I walked to the inbound platform, which took a few minutes as I got my bearings. I waited on the platform for the next train, which was three minutes away.

Being a veteran of the Orange Line's Oak Grove

Station, I am used to the docked trains waiting for minutes on end to finally take off. My first experience on the Blue Line, however, left me pleasantly surprised, as it left virtually as soon as it boarded — good news for me, perhaps not for any latecomers.

My train car had enough space to seat passengers comfortably until the airport stop, where an influx of riders boarded. After several more passengers jumped on at Maverick, I officially applied the term "crowded" to the car. It didn't last long though, as many got off at State Street. The doors opened at Bowdoin at 8:24 a.m., exactly 25 minutes after it went on the move from Wonderland. Once I resurfaced into civilization from the underground world, I began the third leg of my

commute triathlon: walking.

The route I took had me crossing the street at Bowdoin Square, taking a left down Canal Street, and emerging to the sight of the front entrance of TD Garden. The walk took 10 minutes, and my fake commute clocked in at a total of one hour and five minutes.

The day before, I took the same Blue Line route at 9:30 a.m. I was expecting rush hour to cause some form of delay, but both days it took the same amount of time to go from start to end on that little map above the train doors. The only real variable that changed was the traffic on the way to Wonderland.

I may have come in third, but if there's a stop near you, the Blue Line just might be worth it. Plus, the train is free.

4th if by FERRY

FERRY From A1

From *The Daily Item* office on Exchange Street in Lynn, it took me a grand total of one hour and 10 minutes to get to North Station in Boston. My trip broke down to about a 10-minute drive to the Blossom Street Pier, 40 minutes on the ferry, and around 20 minutes riding the Blue and Orange Lines, including wait times.

The ferry service, which in the morning runs at 6 a.m., 7:30 a.m., and 9 a.m., typically has the most riders during the 7:30 a.m. service according to officials I spoke to aboard the Ava Pearl, with anywhere from 80 to around 150 riders on those trips.

One of the only downsides of the service is how infrequent it is, though the times are understandable given that it is catered toward the "nine to five" crowd.

One rider I spoke with, Marysa Angelli of Lynn, said she wished the ferry provided midday service.

"I don't necessarily need to be in the city between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m.," Angelli said. "The days that I don't take the ferry right now, it's because the ferry doesn't work for my schedule."

The ferry's afternoon trips from Blossom Street Pier to Boston disembark at 4:45 p.m. and 6:15 p.m.

Ferries from Long Wharf to Lynn leave at 6:45 a.m. and 8:15 a.m., with more departures at 4 p.m., 5:30 p.m., and 7 p.m. to service those commuting back to Lynn.

Though more consistent compared to how a trip on the Commuter Rail or Blue Line can be with slow zones and rail traffic, the ferry trip felt very much like a novelty — one I'm sure would wear off if I were to take it every day, especially if the weather wasn't as pleasant as when I set sail Tuesday.

I have taken the Commuter Rail to and from North Station hundreds of times, as well as many trips on all of the MBTA's rapid transit lines, so I know that 40 minutes on a train can sometimes feel like four hours.

My 40-minute ferry ride felt like four minutes, to the point where I was a little sad the trip was coming to an end as we began to dock.

Angelli, who lives car-free, said she was happy the ferry service was being offered and has enjoyed taking advantage of it so far during the tunnel closure, having previously traveled with her ferry-travel companion Jenna Clarke, also of Lynn, who rode with her Tuesday.

"I'm happy to enjoy the ambiance of the ferry for a slightly longer journey,"

Angelli said.

Angelli also noted that with the absence of a Commuter Rail service in Lynn, the MBTA should consider offering the ferry service beyond the Sumner Tunnel closure.

"It feels like a viable replacement," Angelli said.

I will also give Ava Pearl high marks for its amenities.

Though there's no buffet or open bar on board like some of the behemoth cruise ships it shares Boston Harbor with, it does feature a snack bar with water, coffee, and tea, as well as bench seating with tables and power outlets and an open-air upper deck area with seating. It even has two of the cleanest bathrooms I have ever seen in any MBTA-related facility or vehicle.

If you're OK with a longer ride, I think \$2.40 for a clean and quiet commute with an ocean breeze and skyline views is a worthy proposition.

Brant Duncan, of Lynn, was another passenger on my Tuesday-morning trip. He shared my thoughts on the unique opportunity the ferry presents for those looking to commute into Beantown.

"This is a much more enjoyable way to get into Boston," Duncan, who normally drives into the city for his job in Downtown Crossing, said. "People should take advantage of it."

Supreme Court justices and donors mingle at campus visits

By **Brian Slodysko**
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WASHINGTON — When Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas headlined a 2017 program at McLennan Community College in Texas, his hosts had more than a speech in mind. Working with the prominent conservative lawyer Ken Starr, school officials crafted a guest list for a dinner at the home of a wealthy Texas businessman, hoping an audience with Thomas would be a reward

for school patrons — and an inducement to prospective donors.

Before Justice Elena Kagan visited the University of Colorado's law school in 2019, one official in Boulder suggested a "larger donor to staff ratio" for a dinner with her. After Justice Sonia Sotomayor confirmed she would attend a 2017 question-and-answer session at Clemson University and a private luncheon, officials there made sure to invite \$1 million-plus donors to the South Carolina college.

companied the school visits and information about how school trips have helped advance books sales.

Some of the key takeaways:

The documents reveal how university visits are a convenient way for justices to sell their own books. That's especially true in the case of Justice Sonia Sotomayor, a prolific author who has kept the court's most active travel schedule over the past decade, according to the records reviewed by the *AP*.

Emails and other documents show that Supreme

Court staff members have been directly engaged in facilitating book sales by asking schools how many copies they want to buy and by helping to arrange the purchase of mass quantities.

At a 2019 event jointly hosted by the Multnomah County Library in Oregon and Portland Community College, a Sotomayor aide told organizers that "250 books is definitely not enough" for a program with an expected 1,000 guests in which people would be required to have a copy to meet the justice for a signing after the event.

Book sales, a lure for money and more takeaways from the AP investigation into Supreme Court ethics

By **Eric Tucker**
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WASHINGTON — In a monthslong inquiry, which included reviewing tens of thousands of pages of documents from more than 100 public records requests, *The Associated Press* has examined what happens behind the scenes when Supreme Court justices travel to colleges and universities for lectures and other events.

The *AP* learned the identities of donors and politicians invited to events with justices, details about the perks that have ac-



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The Supreme Court in Washington is seen at sunset.

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Tom turns it up a notch in ‘Mission: Impossible — Dead Reckoning’

By Jake Coyle
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NEW YORK — There are, as a rule, only so many places you can go as an action movie after leaving **Tom Cruise** clinging to the side of an Airbus A400M and flinging him out a cargo plane at 25,000 feet. But in the kinetic, headlong world of “Mission: Impossible,” the pressure to keep upping the ante — like the films’ always-running star — never stops. “Every time we finish a movie, the first thing Tom says to me is: We can do better,” says **Christopher McQuarrie**.

McQuarrie, the writer-director of 2015’s “Mission: Impossible – Rogue Nation” and the 2018 franchise high point, “Mission: Impossible – Fallout,” was working with Cruise on “Top Gun: Maverick” (which McQuarrie co-wrote and co-produced) when they started talking about their ambitions for the next iteration of “Mission: Impossible.”

Their plan was to make not one but two sequels: Back-to-back blockbusters that would feature even bigger stunts — Cruise envisioned a motorcycle jump-slash-skydive — and a massive train sequence that McQuarrie pined to realize. The heady experience on “Maverick,” a pop-culture juggernaut that grossed nearly \$1.5 billion worldwide, only further ratcheted up their aspirations. “‘Top Gun: Maverick’ really taught us a lot in terms of character dynamics and the emotional payoff of the movie overall,” McQuarrie said in a recent interview. “To be making movies on this scale, you really need to think about, more than anything, the feeling that the audience is left with going away.”



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Tom Cruise stands at the premiere of the film ‘Mission: Impossible — Dead Reckoning Part One’ in London.

dominance of “Maverick,” McQuarrie and Cruise are back with another high-flying spectacle of daring-do. Similar to “Maverick,” “Mission: Impossible – Dead Reckoning Part One” is a state-of-the-art action extravaganza of old-school technique, made with star power, practical effects and stunt work designed to prompt exclamations of “He did what?”

It was also their most nearly impossible mission yet – and not just because of, according to Paramount Pictures, the 500 skydives and 13,000 motocross jumps that Cruise did in preparation for his climactic stunt. “Dead Reckoning” was just days away from beginning production in Venice when COVID-19 cases began skyrocketing in Italy, an early epicenter.

“Mission: Impossible” was one of the first major productions to be shut down by the pandemic. Months later, Cruise and “Dead Reckoning” – a globe-trotting \$290 million movie so logistically complicated that it prompted controversy for initial plans to

blow up a century-old bridge in Poland – led an industry-wide effort to get movie business back on line during the pandemic. An already high-stress production became even more tense. In December 2020, an audio recording leaked of Cruise yelling at two crew members for not obeying COVID-19 protocols.

“We are the gold standard,” Cruise said in the recording. “They’re back there in Hollywood making movies right now because of us. Because they believe in us and what we’re doing.”

There were numerous delays and pivots along the way. But McQuarrie says he never thought “Dead Reckoning” wouldn’t get finished.

“We just kept moving forward because if you stopped, if you were trying to find the end of the tunnel, you would just reach a place of such despair,” says McQuarrie.

McQuarrie and Cruise first collaborated on the 2008 Hitler assassination drama “Valkyrie.”

McQuarrie, the famed screenwriter of “The Usual Suspects,” was then in proverbial movie jail for his poorly received directorial debut, “The Way of the Gun.”

“When I met Tom in 2006, I had not directed a film in seven years,” McQuarrie says. “I wouldn’t direct a film again for another five years. I had really put any ambitions I had to direct out of my mind. I certainly never imagined being considered an action director, let alone directing four action films.”

“In ‘Dead Reckoning,’ you’re seeing the ghosts of all the movies that I was never allowed to make,” he adds.

Unlikely as it may be, McQuarrie (who’s also directing the already-shooting part two of “Dead Reckoning”) has emerged as the architect of one of the most visceral action franchises.

In “Dead Reckoning,” Ethan Hunt faces off with a rogue artificial intelligence, a prescient and well-suited antagonist for a movie universe built less on CGI than practical effects. McQuarrie told Cruise he wanted to wanted to take “Mission: Impossible” beyond the threat of a terrorist getting hold of a deadly weapon.

“Another lesson we took from ‘Top Gun’ was: What is the audience bringing to the movie? ‘Top Gun’ came out of Cold War anxieties. I said to Tom in 2019: What anxiety is it now?” says McQuarrie. “What we didn’t anticipate was the level to which it would accelerate.”

In “Mission: Impossible,” what you see is rarely what you get. Hunt and his team of spies are masters of deception. At the same time, McQuarrie and his crew, including cinematographer **Fraser Taggart**, go to considerable lengths to ensure what the audience is watching feels authentic and immersive.

“The challenge normally is hiding the fact that it’s not the actor doing it,” says McQuarrie. “And here the reverse is the case. You’re actually going to great lengths to show that Tom’s actually doing it.”

Taggart, who had shot the helicopter sequence in “Fallout,” says he’s never worked with an actor so resistant to stunt doubles as Cruise — even in the most innocuous of shots.

“Tom won’t do it. He just refuses, even to the extent of you’ll do an insert of hand,” says Taggart. “It can’t be anyone else doing it, as you would on other projects. Tom will insist that’s him.”

Just as “Top Gun: Maverick” strove to get as many cameras as in the cockpits of fighter jets, the set-pieces of “Mission: Impossible” are choreographed to get cameras as close to Cruise and the cast — here that includes **Hayley Atwell**, **Rebecca Ferguson** and **Vanessa Kirby** — as possible.

For an elaborate car chase in Rome, Taggart used robotic arms on vehicles that were mounted but could also move.

“We always try technology but we usually break it all,” he says.

McQuarrie has said he likes to write “Mission: Impossible” movies as they’re shooting; “Fallout” began without just an outline. Production on “Part Two” has been paused during the promotion on “Part One,” and it’s unclear if the ongoing writers strike would threaten production on the sequel. But for McQuarrie and company, the only way to make a “Mission: Impossible” movie is full tilt.

“Everything we’re doing is by the seat of our pants,” says McQuarrie. “We want you to come to the movie and experience it the same way the characters are, which is: I don’t know what’s going to happen next.”



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The Powerball is now at \$725M for today’s drawing.

No winner in Monday Powerball drawing; jackpot now \$725M

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DES MOINES, Iowa — No winning ticket drawn Monday means the Powerball jackpot is an estimated \$725 million ahead of Wednesday’s drawing.

No ticket matched the Monday drawing of white balls 7, 23, 24, 32, 43 and red Powerball 18.

The new jackpot for Wednesday’s drawing is the seventh-highest in the history of the game. Ticket buyers have a chance at either \$725 million paid out in yearly increments or a \$366 million one-time lump sum before

taxes.

The game’s abysmal odds of 1 in 292.2 million are designed to build big prizes that draw more players. The all-time largest Powerball jackpot was \$2.04 billion Powerball last November.

The last time someone won the Powerball jackpot was April 19 for a \$253 million prize. Since then, no one has won the grand prize in the past 35 consecutive drawings.

Powerball is played in 45 states, as well as Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

By Aleksandar Furtula
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEIDEN, Netherlands — The Netherlands and Indonesia on Monday hailed the return of hundreds of cultural artifacts taken — sometimes by force — during colonial times as a major step forward in restitution efforts worldwide.

The items, ranging from valuable jewels to 13th-century temple carvings, were officially handed back to Indonesia at a ceremony at the Museum Volkenkunde in Leiden.

“We are really delighted. This is a very historic moment for both us, Indonesia, and the Netherlands. And the relationship between the two,” said **Hilmar Farid**, director general of cultural heritage at Indonesia’s Ministry of Culture. “But I think what we have achieved so far is also a very significant contribution to the global debate about returning of colonial objects.”

The Dutch government announced the return last week of the Indonesian treasures and looted arti-

facts from Sri Lanka. Sri Lankan Foreign Minister **Ali Sabry** welcomed the decision and said the Indian Ocean nation will work to preserve the items, including a richly decorated ceremonial cannon.

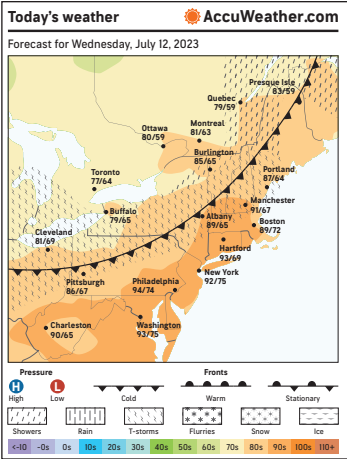
They are the first artifacts returned home on the advice of a Dutch committee set up in 2022 to assess requests by countries for restitution of artifacts in state museums. The committee is considering more restitution requests from Indonesia, Sri Lanka and Nigeria.

Indonesia got back more than the trove of glittering jewels and ancient carvings from a temple in Java, said Farid.

“We consider these objects as our missing items in our historical narrative and of course they play different roles symbolically, culturally,” he said. Their return means Indonesia can “reintegrate them into their cultural contexts. And that is, of course, of symbolic importance to us.”

Gunay Uslu, the Dutch state secretary for culture and media, called the presentation Monday “a

WEATHER



TODAY'S FORECAST

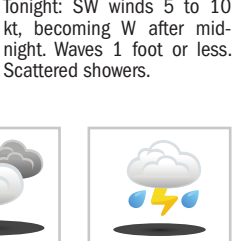
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TODAY
M Sunny | High 88, Low 70

MARINE FORECAST

SW winds around 5 kt, becoming S in the afternoon. Waves 1 foot or less. Scattered showers.



TOMORROW
Cloudy | High 82, Low 73

FRIDAY
T-storms | High 79, Low 70

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ADVERSITY DEALT WITH

Greater Lynn Babe Ruth takes care of Medford

By Mark Aboyoun
ITEM SPORTS STAFF

LYNN — It was a hot summer evening at Fraser Field as No. 2 Greater Lynn took on No. 7 Medford Tuesday. Spoiler alert, its bats were also hot en route to a 10-1 win.

Lynn Coach Leon Elwell talked about the pitchers' duel, with Lynn's Jake Peterson stealing the show.

"It was a close game at the beginning and I wasn't sure how we would handle a bit of adversity since we've had some easy wins along the way," Elwell said. "Tonight, the guy Medford started was going pitch for pitch with Jake. They blinked first and we took advantage."

With two outs and no batters on in a scoreless ballgame, it looked like Medford was going to have another shutout inning before Lynn's Michael DeMaino hit a single to center field. He stole second before reaching third on a passed ball for a home-team spark.

Enter Nate Cutone. With two strikes, Cutone executed a hard RBI-single to left field to drive in

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PHOTO | JOE BROWN

Greater Lynn pitcher Jake Peterson throws with a Medford runner leading off first.

THE BEST

NICOLE LERNER

Nicole is a nurse who lives in Salem

As a sports fan, you probably have an opinion about the best in any particular sports category. The best team. The best athlete. You get the point. How about sharing those opinions with us? Email us at sports@itemlive.com with your opinions on the following:

Player: "Oh, God... Tom Brady."

Team: Winthrop High School

Coach: Bill Belichick

Play: Michael Phelps' 400m individual medley

Rivalry: Michigan vs. Ohio State

Uniform: "The Bruins. They look good."

Sports movie: "Happy Gilmore"



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Arizona Cardinals wide receiver DeAndre Hopkins scores a touchdown.

DeAndre Hopkins and Dalvin Cook lead list of NFL free agents

By Rob Maaddi
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DeAndre Hopkins and Dalvin Cook lead a list of accomplished players who are still available a week before several NFL teams open training camp.

Hopkins, the three-time All-Pro wide receiver, became a free agent when Arizona released him in May. He visited the Tennessee Titans and has talked to the New England Patriots.

The 31-year-old Hopkins, a five-time Pro Bowl pick, could be waiting for a Super Bowl contender to make an offer. He'd fit in nicely with Patrick Mahomes and the defending champion Kansas City Chiefs if they could find a way to pay him.

Cook, a four-time Pro Bowl running back Dalvin Cook, was released by the Minnesota Vikings in June after six seasons. He has plenty of suitors, including his hometown Miami Dolphins. The New York Jets and Denver Broncos are among other teams with strong interest in the 27-year-old Cook.

Here are 10 more free agents who previously have had plenty of success in the NFL:

EZEKIEL ELLIOTT: The three-time Pro Bowl running back ran for 876 yards and 12 touchdowns while averaging a career-low 3.8 yards per carry for Dallas last season. Elliott still could return to the Cowboys, who got 1,007 yards rushing from Tony Pollard last season.

JADEVEON CLOWNEY: The former No. 1 overall pick is seeking his fifth team in six years. A three-time Pro Bowl defensive end, Clowney had two sacks last season in Cleveland after getting nine in 2021.

YANNICK NGAKOUE: The 28-year-old defensive end is an ideal fit for any team that needs a pass rush specialist. Ngakoue has had at least eight sacks in each of his seven seasons in the NFL. He had 9 1/2 last season for the Colts after tallying 10 in 2021 with Las Vegas.

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Danny Murphy is safe at home on Michael Mattia's two-run double in the first inning in Lynnfield's 10-0 win over Salem Tuesday night.

Lynnfield squashes Salem in five innings

By Anne Marie Tobin
ITEM SPORTS STAFF

SAUGUS — And the Lynnfield 12-year-old All-Stars live to see another day — and another win-or-go-home game in the losers' bracket of the Little League District 16 tournament.

Tuesday night at Arthur Grabowski Field, the Pioneers rolled past Salem 10-0 in five innings. The win sets up a must-win game against Peabody West Wednesday at 5:45 p.m. at Pine Hill. The winner of that game will meet undefeated Swampscott in a championship game on Thursday (TBD) with an "if" game scheduled for Friday (TBD).

"Peabody West has always been the team to beat, so we will see," Manager Dave Polcari said. "We were solid tonight, got good pitching and we had some kids who hit the ball hard, so we hope to be ready."

Michael Mattia, who had missed most of the season with a broken hand, had a monster game, going 2-for-3 with four RBI and one run scored. He also got it done on the mound in relief. He came in when starter Joey Polcari (3 hits, 6 strikeouts, 4 walks) reached his pitch count with one out in the bottom of the sixth inning, inheriting two runners in scoring position and a 10-0 lead. If Salem had any hope of extending the game another inning, Mattia slammed the door, striking out the last two batters to end the game.

"Considering all the time he missed, Michael Mattia was just tremendous tonight with those clutch hits, especially in the first to put us ahead right away," Dave Polcari said. "Then he came in at

the end and finished strong for us. And Joey hadn't pitched in a month, so that sets us up well for tomorrow."

Lynnfield scored all the runs it needed in the first, the big hit being a two-run double from Mattia that scored Joey Polcari (2 runs) and Danny Murphy (1-for-1, 2 runs) who had been hit by pitches.

The Pioneers stretched the lead to 4-0 in the third. Evan Swales (run) drew a leadoff walk, reached second on a single up the middle by Kevin Geary (1-for-2) and third on a wild pitch. Joey Polcari (2 runs) drove in Swales with a sacrifice fly to right. Paul Tappan (1-for-3, run, RBI) then singled to right to plate Michael D'amelio (1-for-3, 2 runs), who had reached on a fielder's choice.

"Kevin really hit the ball hard tonight and that's what you want in that part of the order," Dave Polcari said. "He really hit both balls hard, especially that line drive in the fifth inning. He really roped it."

Lynnfield bumped the lead to 5-0 in the fourth. Henry Morgan (1-for-2, run) walked, reached second on an infield single by Will Noumi (1-for-3) and scored on a long single to center by Chase Austin (1-for-2, RBI).

The Pioneers broke the game open with five unearned runs in the top of the fifth. Mattia capped the scoring with a two-run double that scored Tappan and Murphy, both on base via errors.

"That fifth inning killed us when we gave them seven outs. You can't do that," Salem Manager Sean O'Keefe said. "Our team really didn't have an ace, but had a couple

LYNNFIELD, B2

Navs well-represented in NECBL Week 5 Honor Roll

By Joshua Kummins
FOR THE ITEM

LYNN — A four-win week for the North Shore Navigators equaled a strong representation in the latest New England Collegiate Baseball League (NECBL) Weekly Honor Roll and a sweep of the major player and pitcher awards, the league office announced on Monday afternoon.

Infielder Henry Kaczmar (Ohio State) is the Navs' first-ever NECBL Player of the Week honoree, while Beverly native Brayden Clark (Salve Regina) continued his outstanding summer with a shut-out start that earned him NECBL Pitcher of the Week.

Kaczmar hit .423 (11-for-26) with six runs scored and four RBI over North Shore's last six games. He hit safely in all of the last three and five of six total contests. After going 3-for-5 to begin the week last Monday at Sanford, the rising sophomore shortstop from Akron, Ohio, posted a four-hit game with three runs scored and an RBI in a 13-4 onslaught of Keene. He also had multiple hits and scored twice in Saturday's 12-10 victory at Danbury in which four teammates socked home runs. For the season, Kaczmar entered Monday's action with the ninth-best batting average in the NECBL at .310.

Clark has thrown nothing but quality starts across five outings



for North Shore, but his eight shutout innings to begin Sunday's 2-0 win over league-leading Newport marked the longest start by any NECBL pitcher this summer. The Salve Re-

gina senior allowed just three hits and struck out six, ultimately finishing his outing in an incredible 85 pitches. The outing was third shutout and lowered his ERA to

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Navs well-represented in NECBL Week 5 Honor Roll

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a miniscule 0.93 through 29 innings, as he has allowed just three earned runs all season.

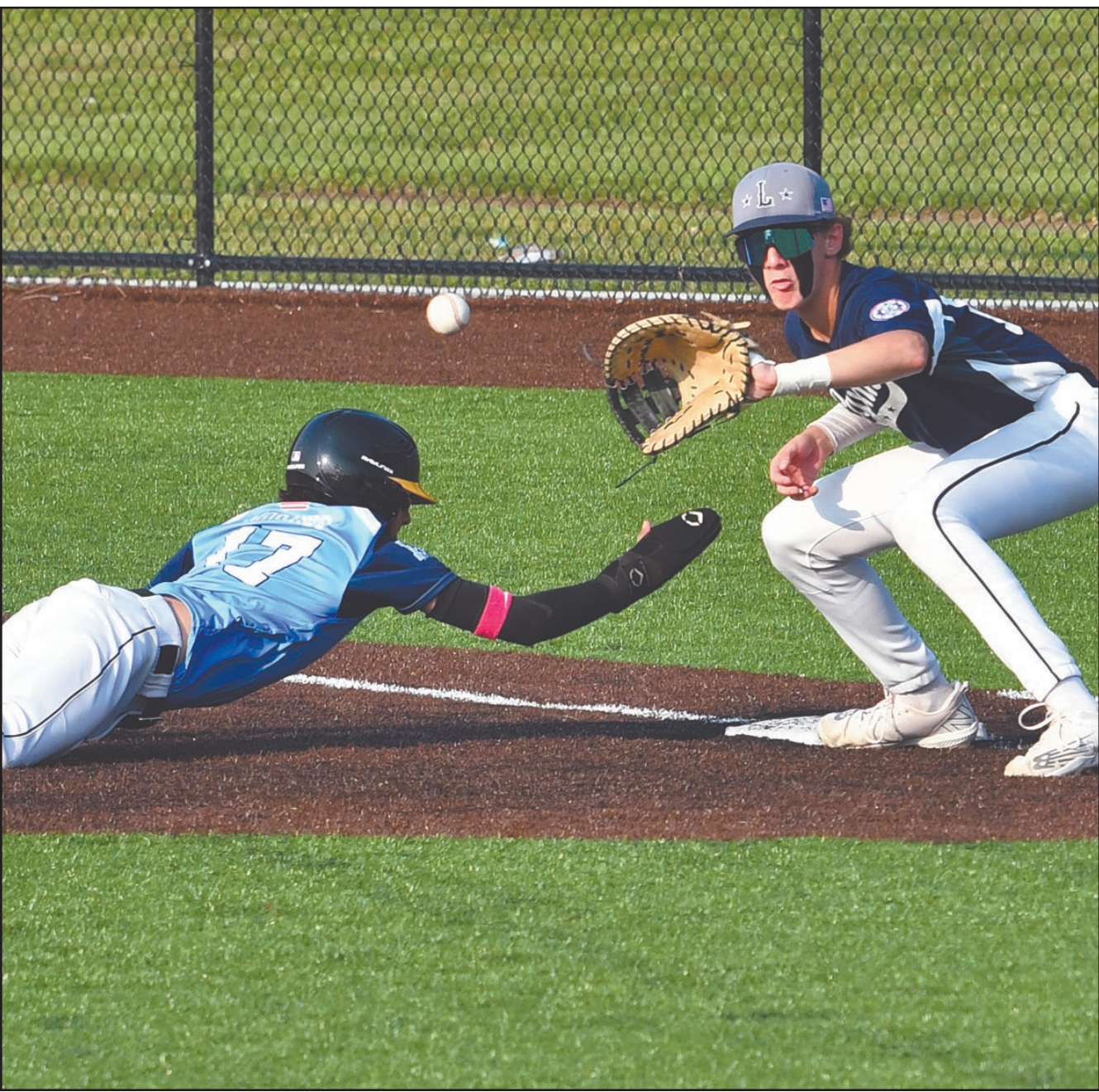
Additionally, catcher Matt Chatelle (Merrimack) earned a place on the NECBL's Week 5 Honor Roll. The Stoneham native was a team-best .444 hitter (8-for-18) with a home

run, two doubles, five RBI and three runs scored this past week. Chatelle hit safely in five of his six games, going 3-for-5 with the Navs' first grand slam since 2021 last Tuesday in Keene. He was also a repeat hitter in support of Clark's Sunday shut-out. For the season, Chatelle has a .279 average and ranks second on the team with 13 RBI.

North Shore plays its next two

games on the road at Ocean State Tuesday and Newport Wednesday. The Navs will return to Fraser Field for the start of a five-game, four-day homestand on Friday, hosting the Coastal Division rival Mystic Schooners for a 7:05 p.m. first pitch.

Stay up to date on the latest Navs news by visiting nsnavs.com and following the team on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.



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Greater Lynn's Jayson Avery concentrates on the ball as he attempts to pick off a Medford baserunner.

Greater Lynn Babe Ruth takes care of Medford

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DeMaino (1-0).

"There were two outs and we had nothing going on, then Michael gets a base hit, steals second, and gets to third on a passed ball," Elwell said. "Then, Nate has two strikes on him and he puts the bat on the ball. It was a hard-contact base hit and we got on the board 1-0."

Medford answered back in the next inning on an error (1-1).

The scoreboard stood still until the fifth inning. To the home fans' delight, that didn't last long as Lynn scored eight runs in the inning.

"A lot of positive things in that inning. We were in a lot of 0-2, 1-2 counts and we talk to the boys all the time about putting the ball in play and making contact, and forcing the other team to make plays," Elwell said. "We had some balls dropped for us, but there were a lot of two-strikes hitting today."

Elwell couldn't have been happier with the timely hitting.

"[Timely hitting] was one of our strengths today," Elwell said. "We've been ahead in a lot of the games we played, but tonight, we played solid defense and had an overall strong effort."

Jordan Rodriguez, DeMaino, Cutone, Peterson, Kyle Doney, and Andy Beras all recorded at least one RBI in the inning.

That said, it was highlighted by a two-RBI triple from Beras with a shot to center field that reached the fence.

"We go game by game and identify what is going to work for us on the given day," Elwell said.

Hot bats aside, Peterson (11 strikeouts) wasn't bad, either. He was throwing



Greater Lynn shortstop Michael DeMaino flies high in the air for a ball at Fraser Field.

all kinds of different pitches and stumping Medford. "Jake dominated today. He's our number one and he proved it today," Elwell said. "He had a lot of first-pitch strikes today which really helped him. It set up the rest of the at-bat getting ahead in the count."

Elwell also talked about

the togetherness of his team.

"We have a core group of guys and a lot of new faces, but they're a tight-knit group," Elwell said. "No one works harder than this group. They work hard in the rain up at Extra Innings Hitting. We went out for pizza last night and they've been

over at my house a week ago. You have to care and love each other, or else it won't work."

With that mindset present, Lynn is set to return home Thursday at 5:30 p.m. (TBD).

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Minnesota Vikings running back Dalvin Cook rushes against the Green Bay Packers.

DeAndre Hopkins and Dalvin Cook lead list of NFL free agents

NFL

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MARCUS PETERS: Peters, a ball-hawking, two-time All-Pro cornerback, is coming off a subpar season in Baltimore, but he's two years removed from an ACL injury and provides an experienced playmaker for a team that needs help in pass coverage.

JUSTIN HOUSTON: At 34, Houston may be past his prime, but he had 9 1/2 sacks last season for the Ravens. The four-time Pro Bowl edge could spark a defense as a rotational player.

CARSON WENTZ: His MVP-caliber 2017 season in Philadelphia is a distant memory, and he's looking for his fourth team in four years. Wentz got booted out of Indianapolis after a 2021 season in which he threw 27 TD passes and had just seven interceptions. He struggled in an injury-shortened year with Washington in 2022 and has run out of opportunities as a starter.

JOHN JOHNSON: The veteran safety has started 80 games in his six-year career, missing only two games over the past three seasons. He had 101 tack-

les last season for Cleveland. The versatile Johnson has filled several roles in the defensive backfield and should find a new home, perhaps Green Bay, before the season starts.

LEONARD FOURNETTE: "Playoff Lenny" helped Tom Brady and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers win the Super Bowl a few years ago, but he averaged just 3.5 yards per carry behind a mediocre offensive line last season. The bruising runner may have to wait for a team that loses a couple running backs to injuries.

KAREEM HUNT: He's far removed from his 2017 rookie season in which he ran for 1,327 yards for the Chiefs, but Hunt is a versatile back who would provide depth. He may be a fit in Washington where he would reunite with former Chiefs offensive coordinator Eric Bieniemy and play behind Antonio Gibson and Brian Robinson.

DALTON RISNER: A left guard who started 62 games in four seasons in Denver, Risner shouldn't be unemployed too far into camp. He's a strong pass blocker and a potential fit for the Chargers or Vikings.



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Salem's Anthony Santana looks for the tag against Michael D'amelio of Lynnfield.

Lynnfield squashes Salem in five innings

LYNNFIELD

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of really good pitchers, but everyone could hit us, and that showed. We just had to make the plays in the field and unfortunately we didn't in that inning."

O'Keefe highlighted the play of starting pitcher Sofia Ruggieri (4.1 innings, 7 hits, 5 earned runs, 2

walks), Jackson Rennick (1-for-2, walk) and catcher Tony Pasquarello.

"Sofia pitched a great game for us and really kept us in the game. We haven't hit the whole tournament so it's tough, but Jackson had a nice solid rip and Tony did a great job behind the plate," O'Keefe said.



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Serbia’s Novak Djokovic celebrates winning a point against Russia’s Andrey Rublev in a men’s singles match on day nine of the Wimbledon tennis championships in London.

Novak Djokovic ties Roger Federer with 46 Slam semifinals and meets Jannik Sinner next at Wimbledon

By Howard Fendrich
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WIMBLEDON, England — As Novak Djokovic pursues more history-making victories and more milestones, he is well aware that every opponent he faces would love nothing more than to stop him.

“I know they want ... to win. But it ain’t happening, still,” he told the crowd at Wimbledon on Tuesday after reaching a 46th Grand Slam semifinal to tie Roger Federer’s record for men.

Hearing the spectators’ loud reaction to that boast, Djokovic laughed and observed about himself: “Very humble.”

His 4-6, 6-1, 6-4, 6-3 victory over Andrey Rublev was the 33rd in a row at the All England Club for Djokovic, moving him closer to a fifth consecutive championship and eighth overall there — which would pull him even with Federer on both counts.

“I feel,” Rublev said about Djokovic, “like he’s playing better and better.”

Djokovic, a 36-year-old from Serbia, is also pursuing a 24th career major trophy. He already set the men’s mark in that category by collecting No. 23 at the French Open last month, pulling ahead of Rafael Nadal. Federer is next on the list with 20.

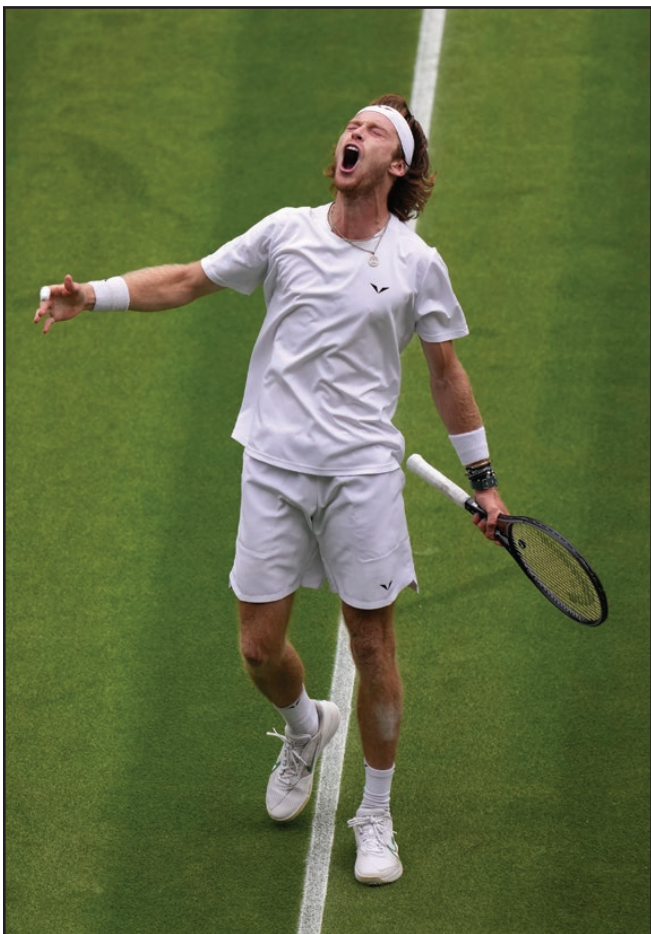
The only real blip for Djokovic came when the No. 7-seeded Rublev broke him with a forehand winner to lead 5-4 at the outset, then served out the opening set.

From there, Djokovic saved all seven break points he faced and pulled away, dropping Rublev to 0-8 in Grand Slam quarterfinals.

“Every time when he had a chance, this little chance,” Rublev said, “he (made) them. All of them.”

Well, not quite. Djokovic failed to convert any of his three break points in the opening set. After that? He went 5 for 9.

Next up for Djokovic is a matchup against No. 8



Russia’s Andrey Rublev reacts after winning a point against Serbia’s Novak Djokovic in a men’s singles match on day nine of the Wimbledon tennis championships in London.

seed Jannik Sinner, who made it to the semifinals at a major tournament for the first time by beating Roman Safiullin 6-4, 3-6, 6-2, 6-2 earlier Tuesday.

Djokovic has won both previous head-to-head meetings against Sinner, a 21-year-old from Italy. That includes in last year’s Wimbledon quarterfinals, when Djokovic dropped the first two sets before coming through in five.

“It’s for sure one of the toughest — if not the toughest — challenge,” Sinner said about playing Djokovic.

The other two men’s quarterfinals are Wednesday: No. 1 Carlos Alcaraz vs. No. 6 Holger Rune, and No. 3 Daniil Medvedev vs. unseeded Chris Eubanks.

On Friday, Sinner will be the latest to attempt to stop Djokovic, who is two wins away from heading to the U.S. Open in August

with his sights on the first calendar-year Grand Slam for a man since Rod Laver accomplished the feat in 1969.

“Any tennis player wants to be in a position where everyone wants to win against you on the court. ... Pressure is part of what we do. It’s part of our sport. It’s never going to go away, regardless of how many Grand Slams you win or how many matches you won or how many years you are playing professionally on the tour,” Djokovic said. “The pressure is paramount every single time I come out on the court, particularly here, the Centre Court of Wimbledon. But at the same time, it awakens the most beautiful emotions in me and it motivates me beyond what I have ever dreamed of, actually, and inspires me to play my best tennis.”

MLB open to consider increasing time on pitch clock in postseason

By Ronald Blum
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SEATTLE — Baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred will consider increasing time on the pitch clock for the postseason but is reluctant to adjust an innovation the sport considers a great success.

In the first season of the clock, the average time of a nine-inning game is 2 hours, 38 minutes, on track to be the fastest since 1984. It is down from 3:04 last year and 3:09 in 2021, the last season before PitchCom was introduced.

“We’re going to continue to talk to the players,” Manfred told the Baseball Writers’ Association of America on Tuesday. “I think you ought to play the postseason the way you play the regular season. There’s exceptions. I’m open-minded on that topic.”

The clock is set at 15 seconds with no runners on base and 20 seconds with runners. There also are restrictions on defensive shifts and limits on pitcher disengagements.

“I don’t believe there’s any player, nor do I believe there are too many

folks that want to have a new rule dramatically affect a game in a pennant chase or in the playoffs,” union head Tony Clark told the BBWAA. “Players believe and we’ve been pretty consistent with this, that there are some adjustments that could be beneficial in the grand scheme of things so that we’re not having a conversation about a new rule and instead focused in on the game being played.”

MLB has a majority of the 11-member competition committee, which includes four players.

TV/RADIO

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 2023

Pro basketball

12 p.m.WNBA: Connecticut at Chicago..... NBCSB
12 p.m.WNBA: New York at Indiana NBA TV
1 p.m.WNBA: Dallas at Minnesota Twitter
4 p.m.Summer League: Minnesota vs. Atlanta..... ESPN2
6 p.m.Summer League: Toronto vs. Detroit..... ESPN2
8 p.m.Summer League: New York vs. Orlando ESPN2
10 p.m.Summer League: LA Lakers vs. Boston ESPN2
10 p.m.WNBA: Las Vegas at Los Angeles..... CBSN

Men’s soccer

7:30 p.m.MLS: Atlanta at New England..... Apple TV; WBZ-FM 98.5
7:30 p.m.CONCACAF Gold Cup FS1
10:30 p.m.CONCACAF Gold Cup FS1

Tennis

8 a.m.Wimbledon ESPN
12 p.m.Wimbledon ESPN

THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2023

Baseball

7 p.m.Futures: Vermont at Worcester..... NESN

Pro basketball

3 p.m.Summer League: Cleveland vs. Chicago ESPN2
5 p.m.Summer League: Brooklyn vs. Toronto ESPN2
7 p.m.Summer League: Houston vs. Golden State..... ESPN
9 p.m.Summer League: Portland vs. Orlando..... ESPN2

Golf

8:30 a.m.DP World Tour: Scottish Open Golf
1:30 p.m.Champions Tour: Kaulig Companies Championship..... Golf
4 p.m.PGA Tour: Barbasol Championship Golf
7:30 p.m.LPGA Tour: Dana Open (tape)..... Golf

Tennis

8 a.m.Wimbledon ESPN
1 p.m.Wimbledon ESPN

WNBA									
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New York	13	4	.765	—	Las Vegas	17	2	.895	—
Connecticut	14	5	.737	—	Dallas	10	9	.526	7
Atlanta	10	8	.556	3½	Minnesota	9	10	.474	8
Washington	10	8	.556	3½	Los Angeles	7	12	.368	10
Chicago	8	11	.421	6	Seattle	4	14	.222	12½
Indiana	5	14	.263	9	Phoenix	4	14	.222	12½
Wednesday’s Games									
Connecticut at Chicago, noon									
New York at Indiana, noon									
Dallas at Minnesota, 1 p.m.									
Seattle at Atlanta, 7 p.m.									
Las Vegas at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.									

MLB									
AMERICAN LEAGUE					NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division					East Division				
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Tampa Bay	58	35	.624	—	Atlanta	60	29	.674	—
Baltimore	54	35	.607	2	Miami	53	39	.576	8½
Toronto	50	41	.549	7	Philadelphia	48	41	.539	12
New York	49	42	.538	8	New York	42	48	.467	18½
Boston	48	43	.527	9	Washington	36	54	.400	24½
Central Division					Central Division				
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Cleveland	45	45	.500	—	Cincinnati	50	41	.549	—
Minnesota	45	46	.495	½	Milwaukee	49	42	.538	1
Detroit	39	50	.438	5½	Chicago	42	47	.472	7
Chicago	38	54	.413	8	Pittsburgh	41	49	.456	8½
Kansas City	26	65	.286	19½	St. Louis	38	52	.422	11½
West Division					West Division				
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Texas	52	39	.571	—	Los Angeles	51	38	.573	—
Houston	50	41	.549	2	Arizona	52	39	.571	—
Seattle	45	44	.506	6	San Francisco	49	41	.544	2½
Los Angeles	45	46	.495	7	San Diego	43	47	.478	8½
Oakland	25	67	.272	27½	Colorado	34	57	.374	18



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New Orleans Saints running back Alvin Kamara.

Kamara pleads no contest
New Orleans Saints running back Alvin Kamara pleaded no contest to a misdemeanor charge, his attorney said Tuesday. The plea was related to an incident at a Las Vegas Strip nightclub before the NFL’s 2022 Pro Bowl in which a man was beaten unconscious. Kamara and three other men faced felony and misdemeanor charges for allegedly punching, kicking and stomping on Darnell Greene Jr. The felony battery charge carried up to a five-year sentence. Kamara instead pleaded no contest to breach of peace. He will serve community service and pay restitution to the victim.

Oakland A’s update
The Oakland Athletics have started the process of applying to Major League Baseball to move to Las Vegas. MLB last month established a relocation committee to evaluate the move, a group headed by Milwaukee Brewers chairman Mark Attanasio. Philadelphia Phillies CEO John Middleton and Kansas City Royals CEO John Sherman also are on the committee. Nevada’s Legislature approved providing \$380 million in public financing for a proposed \$1.5 billion, 30,000-seat ballpark with a retractable roof on the Tropicana hotel site of the Las Vegas Strip.

MLB experimenting with new balls
Pristine white baseballs that would not require rubbing are under consideration by Major League Baseball as a way to solve the issue of pitchers using sticky substances for better grip. MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred says the balls are being developed by Dow Chemical and would arrive at ballparks in sealed foil pouches. They would not require mudding. Manfred says: “If you take hitters and pitchers out front here and ask ‘em what they think of a pure white baseball, you’re going to find out that it’s a pretty controversial topic.”

Tebow Time
The ECHL says Tim Tebow will be part of an ownership group bringing an expansion hockey team to Lake Tahoe. The league, in conjunction with Zawyer Sports & Entertainment, said the team will begin play in the 2024-25 season. It doesn’t have a name yet. Tebow, the 2007 Heisman Trophy winner and former NFL player, will partner with David Hodges, the CEO of Hodges Management Group LLC, in the venture. The team will play at the new Tahoe Blue Events Center and help expand the league’s western reach.



COMICS

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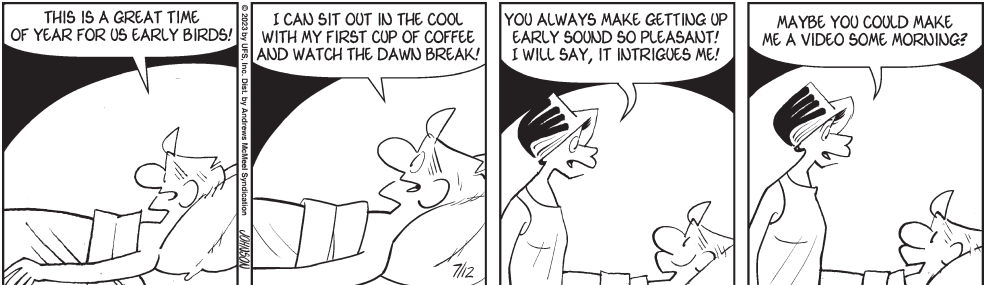
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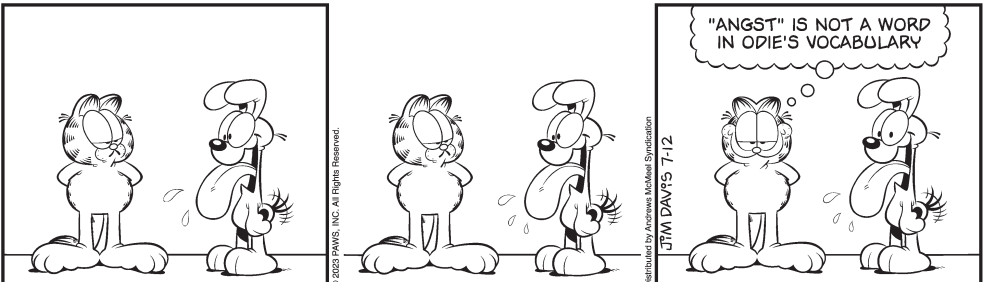
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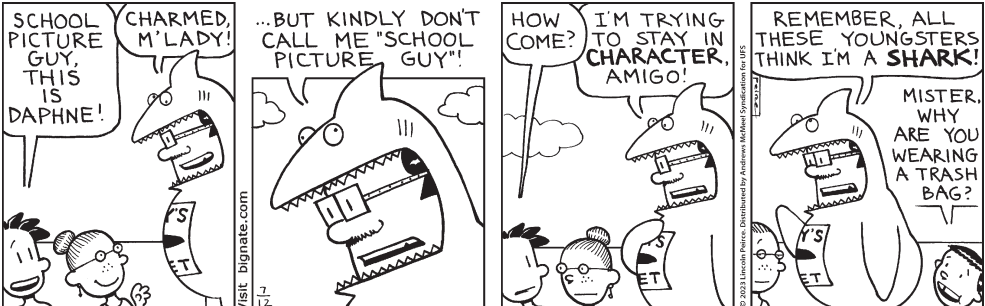
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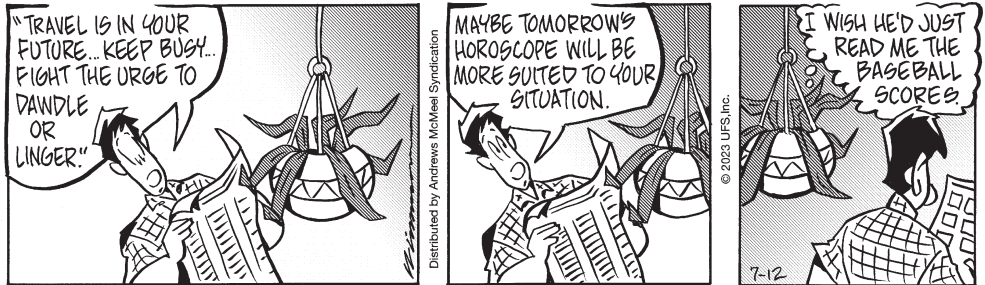
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BIG NATE / LINCOLN PEIRCE



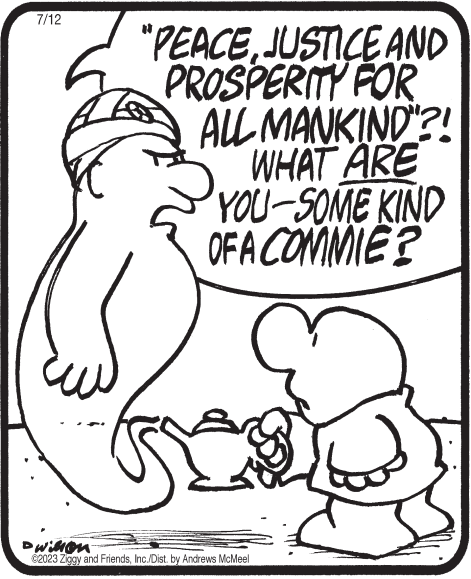
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HERMAN / JIM UNGER



ZIGGY / TOM WILSON



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12 Points of convergence

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IRENE HOMEY LIP

BAGEL IMPORTUNE

STA LENA ARMOR

TOWNS CANASTA

EPILOG COLTS

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Man 'dating' estranged wife is unsure what future holds

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have been together more than 20 years. Our relationship grew stale over time, and a couple of years ago, she decided to leave me. However, over the few years, even though she has had several lovers, we have started to get close again. The problem is, I really love her and want her back as my GIRLFRIEND, but she sees this as a casual relationship, which leaves me feeling hurt. For example, she doesn't see a problem with having a long conversation with another lover while she's at my house. When she realizes that I'm hurt, she gets exasperated and says she feels like she has to "walk on eggshells" around me. Is it me? Is there a path forward?

STRANGE SITUATION IN FLORIDA
DEAR STRANGE SITUATION: Your problem is you have allowed yourself to be put in the "friends with

benefits" category when what you really want is an exclusive relationship with your ex. IT ISN'T GOING TO HAPPEN. If she's talking with other men while she's at your house, it means she's not interested in how her actions affect you. The path forward is one that's as far away as you can get from this person because your agendas are polar opposites.
DEAR ABBY: I'm a widow who recently became engaged to a man who, I'm realizing after two years, has a gambling addiction. He recently lied to me about his whereabouts, and I

found out this same thing went on during his first marriage. I can't say for sure this was the first time he was untruthful, but I had a gut feeling. We had developed what I thought was a good relationship based on mutual respect and trust. I could use some advice about what I should do going forward. He has become my friend and family since I have no children and have lost not only my late husband, but also a brother and recently my father.
THROWN IN NORTH DAKOTA
DEAR THROWN: I know you are lonely. But if you love your fiancé, continue the relationship as it IS, and

do not plan on marrying him. Realize that should you marry a person with a gambling addiction, comingling your assets could ruin you financially and affect your retirement. If he has a desire to change, there are 12-step programs he could join, Gamblers Anonymous being one of them (gambler-sanonymous.org). But please be aware that compulsive gambling is an addiction, and your fiancé could fall off the wagon at any time.
DEAR ABBY: My husband texted a graphic nude photo of himself to his ex-girlfriend. I am shocked and hurt. Should I leave this man?
CAN'T UNSEE IT IN WEST VIRGINIA
DEAR CAN'T UNSEE: Yes, I think you should, because the naked truth is that your husband isn't finished with his former girlfriend.

BRIDGE

How many times can you enter?

There is a Chinese proverb that says: "Teachers open the door. You enter by yourself." In today's deal, I will show why you need to check carefully on your dummy entries. Then I will let you see if you can find sufficient entries by yourself. You are in four spades. West leads the heart queen. What are your first thoughts? For regular partnerships, after one of a major - double, it is a good idea to use transfer bids. (Redouble shows a one-no-trump response, one no-trump indicates clubs, et cetera.) Then, here, two hearts is a good single-spade raise, and two spades is a bad raise. You have four losers: one heart, two diamonds and one club. You have only nine winners: seven spades and two hearts. You must establish and cash dummy's fifth club. Unless giv-

en some help by the defenders, that will require four dummy entries: three to ruff the club queen good and one more to return to the dummy to cash that winner. Where are your four entries? They must be the heart king and three spades. Put your three spade spot cards in your pocket! Win the first trick with your heart ace and immediately attack clubs. The correct defense is for West to play low and let his partner win with the king. (Otherwise, you can take a ruffing finesse to gain the extra trick.) Take the heart return on the board and ruff a club high. Overtake your spade four with dummy's eight, ruff another club high, reenter the dummy by leading the spade nine to the 10 and ruff a third club high. Finally, retrieve the spade two, lead it to dummy's three and cash the club queen.

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West		East	
♠	6	♠	7 5
♥	Q J 10 6	♥	8 5 3
♦	A 9 6 2	♦	K Q 10 7 4
♣	A 9 5 4	♣	K 6 3
South		South	
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♥	A 9 2	♥	A 9 2
♦	8 3	♦	8 3
♣	10	♣	10
Dealer: South			
Vulnerable: East-West			
South	West	North	East
1♠	Dbl.	2♠	3♦
4♣	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead: ♥ Q			

WHAT TO WATCH

LA Fire & Rescue

NBC

8 p.m.

A new episode allows viewers an in-depth look at the often dangerous (and always necessary) work of the Los Angeles County Fire Department. Inglewood Station 172 responds to a career-defining fire and Calabasas Station 172 tackles a slithering creature.

The 2023 ESPYS

ABC

8 p.m.

Televised live from the Microsoft Theatre in Los Angeles, the 2023 presentation of the Excellence in Sports Performance Yearly awards marks the landmark 31st year of the event, honoring the top athletes and sports performers of the season.

MasterChef

FOX

8 p.m.

The remaining chefs face their first mystery box challenge and must perform to the best of their ability in order to survive elimination by judges Gordon Ramsay, Joe Bastianich and Aaron Sanchez, as they fight to win the ultimate title.

Plane

STARZ

9 p.m.

Pilot Brodie Torrance saves passengers from a lightning strike by making a risky landing on a war-torn island. When dangerous rebels take the passengers hostage, Torrance seeks help from an accused murderer who was being transported by the FBI.

Temptation Island

USA

9 p.m.

Season 5 heats up with a new episode, tagging along for the ride as an unexpected twist shakes up both of the villas – proving to the remaining contestants (and viewers back at home) that there is never a dull moment when staying on Temptation Island.

Human Footprint

WGBH

9 p.m.

Hosted by Dr. Shane Campbell-Staton, this six-part series explores the way humans have transformed the planet – and what those transformations tell us about ourselves, as a species. This time: Dr. Shane discusses top predators in the food chain.

grown-ish

FREEFRM

10 p.m.

In this new episode: Zaara grows frustrated when Andre starts treating her like a therapist instead of a friend; Kiela and Annika are surprised by how much they enjoy game night at the sober dorms; Doug urges Aaron to sit with his feelings.

I Survived a Crime

A&E

10 p.m.

Victims of sudden crimes share their accounts first hand in this new episode. A shop owner turns the tables during an armed robbery; an irate airline passenger attacks an elderly man; a man is accosted in his apartment by a group of carjackers.

Sky Ferreira makes a joyful return to the stage and offers an alternative kind of pop career



FILE PHOTO | ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sky Ferreira attends the premiere of “Mistress America” during the Sundance NEXT FEST at The Theatre at Ace Hotel in Los Angeles.

By Maria Sherman

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — For two nights recently at Los Angeles’ Vermont Hollywood, the enigmatic pop star Sky Ferreira emerged on stage like no time had passed — in jet black sunglasses and an oversized black pleather coat, in full “Matrix”-fashion — barreling through the songs from her 2013 cult-classic LP “Night Time, My Time.” Her voice is richer, fuller now that it was then, serving to deepen her unique brand of gothic pop. The room was full of loyalist fans who remembered every word — a miraculous feat for a record now a decade old, but understandable for this audience.

For years, rumors of an oft-delayed sophomore album titled “Masochism” left

Ferreira fans with hope and frustration in equal parts: When she promised new music, few songs were released. She’d perform live infrequently, like at the Spanish festival Primavera last year. That she was here, on stage in Los Angeles for two nights, was a rarity.

In 2019, the music website Pitchfork published a cover story titled “Sky Ferreira Returns” in anticipation of her next album, one that has yet to arrive nearly half-a-decade later. That same year, she was featured on the Charli XCX track “Cross You Out” and the Beck song “Die Waiting,” but for years only released one original track of her own — the ominous, string-laden five-and-a-half-minute dirge “Downhill Lullaby,” produced by “Twin Peaks” supervisor

Dean Hurley. (Ferreira had a minor role in the 2017 “Twin Peaks” season.) The wait continued.

Then, last year, she released another new track: “Don’t Forget,” angsty synth-pop that feels like a long lost “Night Time, My Time” cut: “Keep it in mind,” she sings, “Nobody here’s a friend of mine.”

At the Vermont Hollywood, both nights began with “Boys”, Ferreira’s sole album’s opener and an electric Tumblr-era pop song that kicks off without an extended introduction — the crowd had been waiting to see her sing long enough. The song was given necessary edge by her too-cool-for-school performance style; it’s her subtle sways that recall Blondie’s Debbie Harry, more so than

her shock of bleached blond hair. Ferreira performed the majority of her album, interrupted only for a few classic cuts like the electro punky-pop “Lost in My Bedroom” from her “Ghost” EP.

At the end, there would be no encore.

There were few songs in her short discography that she opted not to perform, and she ended with “Everything Is Embarrassing,” her biggest hit to date, the song she has said on more than a few occasions was released without her label’s consent. It felt like a reclamation, and a celebration, of her pop star past and autonomous future.

If it takes another 10 years for a new album, so be it: the Ferreira fans will continue to wait patiently, and until their popstar is ready.

HOROSCOPE

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**

A physical change won’t unfold as anticipated. Don’t give someone the right to be your fashion or health expert. Research is in your best interest. Distance yourself from harmful situations.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**

Think twice before you start something you cannot finish. Protect your reputation and position. Don’t expect someone to cover for you. Use your experience and knowledge to push forward.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**

A change will lift you and boost your confidence. Travel, educational pursuits and activities that encourage spending time with friends, relatives or colleagues will pay off.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)**

Control your emotions and let your intelligence shine through. Don’t feel the need to pay for others or get involved in a joint venture. Keep your sights on what makes you happy.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)**

Put your current situation in perspective and consider what you’d like more of in your life. A change at home that adds to your comfort or eases stress will make a world of difference.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)**

Pay attention to money matters. Update documents, accounts and credit cards to reduce unnecessary annual fees and interest payments. Taking control will put your mind at ease.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**

Spend more time nurturing what’s important to you. Don’t take chances with your personal life, possessions or money. A change at home will result in closer ties with loved ones.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)**

Think twice before you pick a fight with someone. Assess your relationships, intentions and the changes you want to make before sharing your thoughts and feelings.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)**

Follow your plans, and you’ll feel good about your accomplishments. Invest more time and money in yourself and the skills you need to pursue the life you want to live.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**

You can talk your way into anything today, but your dreams will crumble if you don’t follow through with your promises. Offer only what’s feasible, and be willing to work hard.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**

Social events won’t unfold as anticipated. Rethink how you spend your time and be honest about what you will and won’t do. Risks will lead to regrets. A change of heart is apparent.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**

Don’t be fooled by the information someone offers you. Signing up for something that you’re unsure about will put you in a vulnerable position. Don’t get angry. Follow your heart.

REVIEW

EVENING TV LISTINGS

WEDNESDAY’S TV

JULY 12, 2023

	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	12 AM	12:30	1 AM
BROADCAST STATIONS													
WGBH 2 PBS	History	R. Steves	Nature "The Whale Detective"	Human Footprint "Top Predator" (N)	NOVA "The Planets: Mars"	Amanpour and Company (N)	History	R. Steves	Death in Paradise				
WBZ 4 CBS	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	The Price Is Right at Night	The Price Is Right at Night	CSI: Vegas	News (N)	(.35) Late Show-Colbert	(.35) James Corden					
WCVB 5 ABC	News (N)	Chronicle	The 2023 ESPYS (N)	(Live)		NewsCenter 5 (N)	(.35) Jimmy Kimmel Live!	(.35) Nightline	(.05) Tamron				
WBTS 10 NBC	Boston News (N)	Hollywood (N)	LA Fire & Rescue "Three Alarm" (N)	Chicago Fire "Acting Up"	Chicago P.D. "Out of the Depths"	Boston News (N)	(.35) Tonight Show	(.35) Late Night With Seth Meyers					
WFXR 23 FOX	ET (N)	TMZ (N)	MasterChef "Apple Mystery Box" (N)	Food Stars "Social Feed" (N)	Boston 25 News at 10PM (N)	Boston News (N)	(.35) News at 10PM	(.05) Boston 25 News at 10PM	(.05) News				
WUTF 29 UMA	¶ The Debt Collector (18) Tony Todd, Scott Adkins.		Desafio: The Box (N)			Como dice el dicho (N)	familia de diez, Una	familia de diez, Una	Nosotr.				
WSBK 63 MNT	Big Bang	Big Bang	WBZ News 8p (N)	Daytime Jeopardy	Big Bang	CBS News Boston Now on TV38 (N)	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	King	Housewife	Housewife		
WGBX 44 PBS	Test Kitchen	Antiques	Death in Paradise	Sanditon on Masterpiece	The Seas "Summer, Sea and Sunshine"	PBS NewsHour (N)	Nature "The Whale Detective"	Human Footprint					
WWJE 50 JN	Dateline "The Unusual Suspect"		Dateline "The Mystery Man"	Dateline "Friends Until Death"	Dateline "What Lies Beneath"	The Last 24	The Last 24	Meet					
WLVI 55 CW	Young Sheldon	Young Sheldon	Nancy Drew (N)	Riverdale	7 News at 10PM on CW56 (N)	Modern Family	Mod Fam "Grab It"	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Family Guy			
WNEU 60 TELE	Top Chef VIP	Una competencia en la que varias celebridades se enfrentan para ganar el título de Top Chef. (N)				Secretos de sangre (N)	Noticiero	(.35) Noticias	Betty en NY	Caso cerrado			
WABU 68 ION	Blue Bloods "The Uniform"	Blue Bloods "The Job"	Blue Bloods "Leap of Faith"	Blue Bloods "Parenthood"		Blue Bloods "The Life We Chose"	Blue Bloods "The Women With Guns"	Blue Bloods					
CABLE STATIONS													
A&E	Court Cam	Court Cam	Court Cam	Court Cam	Court Cam	Court Cam (N)	I Survived	I Survived	(.05) Court Cam	(.35) Court Cam	(.05) Court Cam	(.35) Court Cam	(.05) Court Cam
AMC	(.5:30) ¶*** Elysium (13) Matt Damon.	¶*** I, Robot (04) Bridget Moynahan, Bruce Greenwood, Will Smith.					¶*** Dredd (12) Olivia Thirlby, Lena Headey, Karl Urban.		(.45) ¶*** Deep Impact (98)				
BRAVO	Housewives/OC (N)	Housewives/OC "Big Trouble in Big Sky" (N)	Housewives "Date Night Disaster" (N)	Housewives "Date Night Disaster" (N)	Housewives "Date Night Disaster" (N)	Housewives "Date Night Disaster" (N)	Housewives "Date Night Disaster" (N)	Housewives "Date Night Disaster" (N)	Luann	Luann	Luann	Luann	Luann
DISC	Expedition "Hunt for Spain's King Arthur"	Expedition Unknown (N)	Expedition Unknown (N)	Expedition Unknown (N)	Expedition Unknown (N)	Expedition Unknown (N)	Expedition Unknown (N)	Expedition Unknown (N)	Expedition Unknown (N)	Expedition Unknown (N)	Expedition Unknown (N)	Expedition Unknown (N)	Expedition Unknown (N)
DISN	Kiff	Kiff	Big City Greens	Big City Greens	Ladybug "Felix"	Ladybug "Ladybug"	Marvel's Moon Girl	Marvel's Moon Girl	Raven's Home	Raven's Home	Bluey	Bluey	Bluey
ESPN	SC Featured		The Ultimate Fighter	The Ultimate Fighter	The Ultimate Fighter	The Ultimate Fighter	The Ultimate Fighter	The Ultimate Fighter	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)
ESPN2	(.6:00) Basketball Teams TBA		NBA Summer League Basketball New York Knicks vs. Orlando Magic (N) (Live)	NBA Summer League Basketball New York Knicks vs. Orlando Magic (N) (Live)	NBA Summer League Basketball New York Knicks vs. Orlando Magic (N) (Live)	NBA Summer League Basketball New York Knicks vs. Orlando Magic (N) (Live)	NBA Summer League Basketball Los Angeles Lakers vs. Boston Celtics (N) (Live)	NBA Summer League Basketball Los Angeles Lakers vs. Boston Celtics (N) (Live)	NFL Live Marcus Spears, Dan Orlovsky	NFL Live Marcus Spears, Dan Orlovsky	NFL Live Marcus Spears, Dan Orlovsky	NFL Live Marcus Spears, Dan Orlovsky	NFL Live Marcus Spears, Dan Orlovsky
FREE	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	grown-ish (N)	grown-ish (N)	The 700 Club	Simpsons	Simpsons	Simpsons	Simpsons
FX	¶*** Mission: Impossible -- Fallout (18) Henry Cavill, Ving Rhames, Tom Cruise.						Mayans M.C. (N)	Mayans M.C. (N)	Mayans M.C. (N)	Mayans M.C. (N)	Mayans M.C. (N)	Mayans M.C. (N)	Mayans M.C. (N)
HBO	(.6:10) ¶ Barbershop 2: Back in Business	¶*** Knocked Up (07) Katherine Heigl, Paul Rudd, Seth Rogen.					(.10) Gemston.	(.45) ¶*** The Skeleton Twins (14) Kristen Wiig, Bill Hader.	(.20) ¶*** Lakeview Terrace (08) Samuel L. Jackson.				
HIST	Pickers "Small Towns, Big Picking"	Pickers "Little Shop of Wonders"	American Pickers "Prince of the Subway; Big City Big Picks" (N)	American Pickers "Prince of the Subway; Big City Big Picks" (N)	American Pickers "Prince of the Subway; Big City Big Picks" (N)	American Pickers "Prince of the Subway; Big City Big Picks" (N)	(.05) Pickers "Prin	(.05) Pickers "Prin	(.05) Pickers "Prin	(.05) Pickers "Prin	(.05) Pickers "Prin	(.05) Pickers "Prin	(.05) Pickers "Prin
LIFE	Castle "A Deadly Affair"	Married at First Sight (N)	The Tea From A-Z (N)	The Tea From A-Z (N)	The Tea From A-Z (N)	The Tea From A-Z (N)	(.05) Married "A Look Back: Nashville" (N)	(.05) Married at First Sight "The Tea From A-Z"	Married-Sight				
MTV	Ridicul-ousness	Ridicul-ousness	Ridicul-ousness (N)	Ridicul-ousness (N)	Ridicul-ousness (N)	Ridicul-ousness (N)	Ridicul-ousness (N)	Ridicul-ousness (N)	Ridicul-ousness (N)	Ridicul-ousness (N)	Ridicul-ousness (N)	Ridicul-ousness (N)	Ridicul-ousness (N)
NBCSB	Early Edition	Best of Felger & Mazz	Best of Zolak and Bertrand	Best of Zolak and Bertrand	Best of Zolak and Bertrand	Best of Zolak and Bertrand	NBA Summer League Basketball Los Angeles Lakers vs. Boston Celtics (N) (Live)	NBA Summer League Basketball Los Angeles Lakers vs. Boston Celtics (N) (Live)	Garnett Ceremony	Poker			
NESN	Outside the Fame	Fame Bill Lee	Outside the Fame	Fame Ray Bourque	Outside the Fame	Outside the Fame	Outside the Fame	Outside the Fame	Outside the Fame	Outside the Fame	Outside the Fame	Outside the Fame	Outside the Fame
NICK	¶*** Sonic the Hedgehog (20) Jim Carrey, Ben Schwartz, James Marsden.		Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SHOW	(.5:45) ¶*** Enemy at the Gates (01)	¶*** The Aviator (04) Cate Blanchett, Kate Beckinsale, Leonardo DiCaprio.					All Access	¶*** Face/Off (97) Nicolas Cage, Joan Allen, John Travolta.					
STARZ	(.20) ¶*** Money Monster (16) Julia Roberts, Jack O'Connell, George Clooney.	¶*** Plane (23) Mike Colter, Yoson An, Gerard Butler. (P)					(.50) ¶*** Die Hard 2 (90) Bonnie Bedelia, William Atherton, Bruce Willis.						
SYFY	(.5:35) ¶*** The Day the Earth Stood Still	¶*** Independence Day: Resurgence (16) Jeff Goldblum, Bill Pullman, Liam Hemsworth.					¶*** Kong: Skull Island (17) Samuel L. Jackson, Brie Larson, Tom Hiddleston.						
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite (N) (Live)	All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite (N) (Live)	All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite (N) (Live)	All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite (N) (Live)	Miracle Workers	Miracle Workers	The Cube	Young Sheldon	Young Sheldon	Young Sheldon	Young Sheldon
TNT	Lucifer "A Priest Walks into a Bar"	¶*** Transformers (07) Tyrese Gibson, Josh Duhamel, Shia LaBeouf.					(.15) ¶*** Now You See Me 2 (16) Mark Ruffalo, Woody Harrelson, Jesse Eisenberg.						
USA	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law-SVU "They'd Already Disappeared"	Temptation "The Temptation Light" (N)	Temptation "The Temptation Light" (N)	Temptation "The Temptation Light" (N)	Temptation "The Temptation Light" (N)	Law & Order: SVU "Info Wars"	Law & Order: SVU "Info Wars"	Temptation "The Temptation Light"	The Big D			
VH1	(.6:00) ¶*** Django Unchained (12) Christoph Waltz, Leonardo DiCaprio, Jamie Foxx.						¶*** Tyler Perry's Madea's Family Reunion (06) Blair Underwood, Lynn Whitfield, Tyler Perry.						

By Chris Megerian
and Seung Min Kim
ASSOCIATED PRESS

VILNIUS, Lithuania — NATO leaders said Tuesday that they would allow Ukraine to join the alliance “when allies agree and conditions are met,” hours after President Volodymyr Zelenskyy blasted the organization’s failure to set a timetable for his country as “absurd.”

“We reaffirmed Ukraine will become a member of NATO and agreed to remove the requirement for a membership action plan,” NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg told reporters, referring to a key step in joining the alliance. “This will change Ukraine’s membership path from a two-step path to a one-step path,” he said.

Although many NATO members have funneled arms and ammunition to Zelenskyy’s forces, there is no consensus among the 31 allies for admitting Ukraine into NATO’s ranks. Instead, alliance leaders decided to remove obstacles on Ukraine’s membership path so that it can join more quickly once the war with Russia is over.

Zelenskyy pushed back sharply against the decision.

“It’s unprecedented and absurd when a time frame is set neither for the invitation nor for Ukraine’s membership,” Zelenskyy tweeted as he headed to the annual NATO summit

NATO chief says no timetable set for Ukraine’s membership; Zelenskyy calls that ‘absurd’



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NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg speaks during a media conference at the NATO summit in Vilnius, Lithuania.

in Vilnius. “While at the same time, vague wording about ‘conditions’ is added even for inviting Ukraine. It seems there is no readiness to invite Ukraine to NATO or to make it a member of the Alliance.”

NATO membership would afford Ukraine protection against a giant neighbor that annexed its Crimean Peninsula almost a decade ago and more recently seized vast swaths of land in the east

and south. Joining NATO would also oblige Kyiv to reform its security institutions, improve governance and curb corruption — work that would also ease the country’s path into the European Union.

Asked about Zelenskyy’s concerns, Stoltenberg said the most important thing now is to ensure that his country wins the war, because “unless Ukraine prevails there is no membership to be discussed at all.”

The broadside from Zelenskyy could renew tensions at the summit shortly after it saw a burst of goodwill following an agreement by Turkey to advance Sweden’s bid to join NATO. Allies hope to resolve the seesawing negotiations and create a clear plan for the alliance and its support for Ukraine.

“We value our allies,” Zelenskyy wrote on Twitter, adding that “Ukraine

also deserves respect.” He also said: “Uncertainty is weakness. And I will openly discuss this at the summit.”

Zelenskyy is expected to meet Wednesday with U.S. President Joe Biden and other NATO leaders.

There have been sharp divisions within the alliance over Ukraine’s desire to join NATO, which was promised back in 2008 even though few steps were taken toward that

goal. In addition, the Baltic states — including Lithuania, which is hosting the summit — have pushed for a strong show of support and a clear pathway toward membership for Ukraine. However, the United States and Germany urged caution. Biden said last week that Ukraine was not ready to join. Members of NATO, he told CNN, need to “meet all the qualifications, from democratization to a whole range of other issues,” a nod toward longstanding concerns about governance and corruption in Kyiv. In addition, some fear that bringing Ukraine into NATO would serve more as a provocation to Russia than as a deterrence against aggression. Concretely, NATO leaders decided to launch a series of multiyear programs to bring Ukraine’s Soviet-era military equipment and doctrines up to modern standards so the country can operate fully with the alliance.

On Wednesday, the leaders and Zelenskyy are set to launch a new, upgraded forum for their cooperation: a NATO-Ukraine Council, where all parties can convene crisis talks if their security is threatened.

To fast-track its future membership, the leaders agreed to do away with a membership action plan for Ukraine, a program often seen as mandatory for aspiring nations to undertake.

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LEGALS

(SEAL)
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
Docket Number: 23 SM 002593
ORDER OF NOTICE

To:
Sarah Lewey

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50
U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq):

Specialized Loan Servicing LLC

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Lynn,
numbered 404 Broadway, Unit 201, Flax Pond Condominium, given by Sarah
Lewey to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for
CrossCountry Mortgage, Inc., dated June 5, 2019, and recorded in the Essex
County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 37565, Page 148, and now
held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for
determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United
States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers
Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on
that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in
this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before August 14,
2023, or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground
of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on June 28, 2023.

Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
23891

LEGALS

Nahant Conservation Commission
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

A Public Meeting will be held on July 19, 2023 at 7:00 PM via Zoom Online
Meeting to hear a Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Jeffrey Tsao
for installation of fencing within the 100 foot buffer zone to Coastal Bank at 12
Spouting Horn Road in Nahant. Copies of the plan are available for review by
contacting the Conservation Commission at conservation@nahant.org. Join the
Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81980258851>, Meeting ID 819
8025 8851.

Item: July 12, 2023

LEGALS

Legal Notice
Saugus Board of Selectmen
Public Hearings

Notice is hereby given that the Saugus Board of Selectmen will conduct a Public
Hearing on the request of GQ Chicken Saugus, LLC, d/b/a Dave's Hot Chicken,
managers Almerindo Graziano, and Bob Quinlan, for a Common Victualer's license
to be located at 890 Broadway, Saugus, MA 01906.

This Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at the Saugus Town
Hall Auditorium, second floor, 298 Central Street, Saugus, MA at 7:10 PM.

Signed: Anthony Cogliano, Chairman
Janice K. Jarosz, Temp Clerk

Item: July 12, 2023

LEGALS

Nahant Conservation Commission
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

A Public Meeting will be held on July 19, 2023 at 7:00 PM via Zoom Online
Meeting to hear a Notice of Intent filed by the Town of Nahant for the Ward Road
pumphouse (Map 15A Lot 17) to renovate the pumphouse within buffer zone to
Bordering Vegetated Wetlands and Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage. Copies
of the plan are available for review by contacting the Conservation Commission at
conservation@nahant.org. To join the Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81980258851>, Meeting ID 819 8025 8851.

Item: July 12, 2023

LEGALS

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Docket No. ES23P2071EA

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

Essex Division

Estate of: Jean M. McManus

Also Known As:

Date of Death: April 2, 2023

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of

Petitioner: Lauren J. McManus of Lynn, MA

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Lauren J. McManus of Lynn, MA

has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to
serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal
Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without
supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with
the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration
from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating
to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings
and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal
Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and
Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

Item: July 12, 2023

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HELP WANTED

Required Minimum Qualifications: Two years' experience in a housing,
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maintenance systems in public or private housing. Written and verbal
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socio-economic backgrounds. Must be bondable. Certification as a Public Housing
Manager from a HUD approved organization desired and may be substituted by
certification as a property manager or similar classification by a nationally
recognized housing or real estate organization, or by certification as a MPHA of a
DHCD-approved Massachusetts Public Housing Administrator Certification
Program. Two-year full time post-secondary education in a related field may
substitute for up to one year of experience.

Description & Details: The Swampscott Housing Authority seeks an experienced
executive director to direct a full-time staff of three (3) managing a budget of 500
thousand dollars. The SHA manages a total of 121 units of State family and
elderly/handicapped housing, 8 units of Chapter 689, and 7 Massachusetts
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housing management, community development, public administration or a related
field.

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regulations as they relate to housing development, construction, and the
management of the local housing authority operations. Experience working with
people of various socio-economic backgrounds. Must be bondable.

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Housing Manager from a HUD approved organization is required but may be
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national recognized housing or real estate organization or by certification as a
MPHA of a DHCD-approved Massachusetts Public Housing Administrator
Certification Program. Experience with Word, PHA-Web and Excel is desirable.

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INTERNATIONAL



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Participants takes aim with mock AK-47 rifles during firearms training for civilians amid the country's ongoing war against Russia in Kyiv, Ukraine.



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Nataliia Skakun and her husband, Serhii, former residents of Oleshky, Ukraine, sit on a sofa at their apartments in Mykolaiv, Ukraine.

Desperate Ukrainians take long and uncertain journey to escape Russian occupation

By Samya Kullab and Hanna Arhirova
ASSOCIATED PRESS

KYIV, Ukraine — For Rima Yaremenko, the 5,000-kilometer (3,000-mile) odyssey to escape Russian occupation ended within sight of where it started. The 68-year old Ukrainian woman traversed several countries over six days only to settle across the river from her beleaguered hometown.

She came a long way by bus through Russia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland to be this close. From the Ukrainian-controlled city of Kherson, where she now lives, the faint outline of Oleshky is visible from a distance. But the community with a prewar population of 25,000 may as well be a world away.

Yaremenko lived under Moscow's rule for 15 months, putting up with the rumble of constant shelling just be near her beloved home and blooming garden. Then it was gone after the destruction of the Kakhovka Dam in early June triggered catastrophic flooding and reduced the property to clay.

She faced a tough choice: endure homelessness as the war raged nearby or take the only way out — a long, circuitous and uncertain journey through Russia. “We didn’t want to go, but once we were flooded, I decided there’s nothing to stay for,” she said.

Hundreds of others left, too, abandoning their water-logged homes to travel across vast sweeps of occupied land, past checkpoints that required nail-biting interrogations and through Russia’s urban heartland, all to reach the borders of the European Union.

Now that they are beyond the reach of Russian authorities, the escapees offered rare firsthand accounts to *The Associated*

Press of their lives under occupation and their harrowing escape from Kremlin-controlled territory. Some of them spoke on the condition that they be identified only by their first names because they still have relatives living in occupied territory.

As the two sides blamed each other for destroying the dam, water levels declined and thunderous artillery fire resumed. Fighting intensified along the Dnieper River, which marks the line between Kyiv and Moscow’s battling armies. Russian allegations that Ukraine was responsible for the dam collapse were called into question by an AP investigation.

The constant shelling proved too much for those already struggling with homelessness and access to drinking water. Most did not have the money to rebuild. Occupation authorities offered a mere 10,000 rubles (\$100) in compensation.

“My house was unlivable. Everything was covered in mud. The water pipes were broken and dirty. There was sewage,” said Lana, 43, who left Oleshky on June 19 and arrived in Kherson a little over a week later. “It was impossible to breathe. We were suffocating.”

Residents initially hoped a quick Ukrainian counteroffensive would free them. But the longer they remained, the more they feared pressure to acquire Russian passports.

“Although the water receded, the calamity persisted,” said Yevhen Ryschuk, Oleshky’s exiled mayor, who is in contact with residents.

The AP spoke to nine people who left Oleshky from June 13 to July 1. The only way out of the occupied part of the Kherson region was through Crimea, which Russia illegally annexed in 2014.

In Ukraine, civilians train on survival skills to cope with dangers from Russia’s war

By Hanna Arhirova
ASSOCIATED PRESS

KYIV, Ukraine — In a cramped municipal building in a residential area of the Ukrainian capital, a group of people take turns training to shoot using a replica of a machine gun with the help of a weapons training simulator relying on virtual reality.

The nearly 20 participants — all of them civilians and most of them women — have never held a weapon before.

With Russia’s war on Ukraine in its 17th month, the Kyiv City Administration has opened up training for civilians who want to learn survival skills, including how to shoot, provide first aid and recognize land mines. These and other skills

could be used in a hostile environment provoked by missile strikes and other man-made disasters.

In a dark room with tightly closed blinds, the unreal poof-poof sounds of the replica weapons are heard. People enthusiastically ask the instructors how to hold their weapons properly and ask to try one more time.

“I am more than 45 years old, as soon as the opportunity arose, I decided that I needed to refresh some skills and learn something new,” said Kyiv resident Lada Bondarenko. She was especially impressed by the instructor’s lecture on possible land mine threats.

It was a reminder that the Kyiv region, although not currently on the front

lines of the war, is still at major risk because of mines left behind by the Russians who briefly occupied areas on the outskirts of the capital in the early days of the war.

While the fighting on the war’s front lines has fallen largely into a stalemate, indiscriminate Russian missile attacks continue to hit residential areas, wreaking havoc and causing almost daily casualties across the country.

Several days after the registration on the city’s website was opened, more than 2,000 people signed up for the training, around 70% of them women, said the deputy director for Kyiv’s municipal security, Mykhailo Shcherbyna.

“The main goal is for people to learn how to survive and how to respond to these military threats that exist,” he explained.

According to Shcherbyna, by educating people, local authorities try to prevent more casualties in the future. “The war continues, and we don’t know what the next threats will be.”

In his opinion, one of the reasons why most of those who signed up for the training are women is because a large number of men are already at the front lines. Also, many women come so that these skills will help them protect not only themselves but their children.

But men, too, attend with the protection of their children in mind.

As Russia’s war on Ukraine drags on, what is NATO doing to help?

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VILNIUS, Lithuania — With Russia’s war on Ukraine in its 17th month, and Western countries sending increasingly hi-tech and long-range weapons and ammunition to help President Volodymyr Zelenskyy defend his country, it’s easy to lose track of where NATO stands.

NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg — the top civilian official at the world’s biggest security alliance — routinely praises allies for helping Ukraine’s troops to fight back. But when he does, Stoltenberg is talking about individual member countries, not NATO as an organization.

As a NATO summit in Lithuania’s capital begins Tuesday, here’s a look at the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and what it’s doing to help Ukraine.

NATO’S SUPPORT NON-LETHAL ONLY

The 31-nation military alliance provides only non-lethal support to Ukraine: Fuel, combat rations, medical supplies, body armor, winter uniforms and equipment to counter mines, chemical and biological threats and drones.

NATO makes its decisions by consensus, and not all member countries agree on sending weapons. The alliance does not impose sanctions, although some of its members do through other organizations like the European Union.

FUTURE UKRAINE MEMBERSHIP

NATO is helping Ukraine’s armed forces to modernize and shift from Soviet-era equipment and military doctrine to modern NATO gear to allow its

army to work seamlessly with allied forces. NATO is also helping to strengthen Ukraine’s defense and security institutions.

That assistance is designed to ensure that Ukraine can join NATO at some point in the future, well after the war is over. U.S. President Joe Biden and his counterparts — who are meeting for a summit in the Lithuanian capital of Vilnius — have promised that the country will eventually gain membership.

NATO READINESS IN THE REGION

NATO’s primary goal since Russia began building up its troops around Ukraine in 2021 has been to reinforce its own territory, particularly the countries on its eastern flank — so near to Russia, Ukraine and Belarus — from Esto-

nia in the north down to Romania on the Black Sea.

With the war now in its 17th month, NATO wants to deter Russian President Vladimir Putin from broadening the conflict to allied territory farther west.

Around 40,000 troops are on standby along the eastern flank. About 100 aircraft take to the skies in that territory on any given day, and a total of 27 warships are operating in the Baltic and Mediterranean Seas this month. Those numbers are set to rise.

Under new plans to be endorsed in Vilnius, NATO aims to have up to 300,000 troops ready to move to its eastern flank within 30 days. The plans divide its territory into three zones — the high north and Atlantic area, a zone north of the Alps, and another in southern Europe.

Ukrainian minister says he fears Russia has ‘no red lines’ to prevent attacks on nuclear plant

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KYIV, Ukraine — The catastrophic collapse of a dam in southern Ukraine has made Kyiv worried that Russia might stage an attack on the Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant to foment panic and quell Ukrainian advances on the frontline, Ukraine’s energy minister said Monday.

Herman Halushchenko said the destruction of the dam while under Russian control in the Kherson region proved “there are no red lines” for Moscow. He said it warrants the level of alarm Ukraine’s leadership has been raising in recent weeks of an alleged Russian ploy to attack the nuclear plant in a possible false flag operation.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy al-

leged last week, citing intelligence reports, that Russian troops placed “objects resembling explosives” atop several power units to “simulate” an attack. Drone and satellite images obtained by the *Associated Press* showed unidentified white objects on the roof of the plant’s fourth power unit, but Ukrainian leaders have so far been unable to provide further evidence.



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Ukrainian Energy Minister Herman Halushchenko speaks during an interview with *The Associated Press* in Kyiv, Ukraine.

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- Free parking at Blossom Street Pier parking lot

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