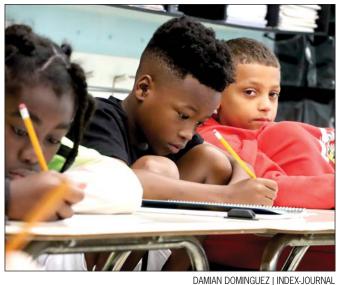
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FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL IN GREENWOOD COUNTY



KELLY DUNCAN | INDEX-JOURNAL Chandler Wells, third grade teacher at Ninety Six Elementary, helps complete a worksheet during the first day of class.



Ware Shoals Middle School students write as they listen to their teacher on the first day of school.



LINDSEY HODGES | INDEX-JOURNAL Pinecrest teacher Cynthia Tucker explains some daily routines to her students on Wednesday morning.

BACK TO CLASS



Students at Ware Shoals Primary School line up after recess Wednesday to head back to their classroom.

DAMIAN DOMINGUEZ LINDEX-IOURNAL

Across Greenwood County, students made their way back to revered halls of learning for the beginning of the 2023-24 school year. One noticeable difference was a new school, Greenwood Charter Academy, which also opened Wednesday at Greenwood Mall. At all locations, teachers and staff welcomed back students and were ready to share their knowledge with them. More photos and story on page 3A.



More photos and video

Visit our site indexjournal.com for additional photos and video from Wednesday's first day.

Students from the Italian cohort visiting **Piedmont** Tech took in a Greenville Drive baseball game during their visit.



Italian cohort visits PTC for engineering courses

By LINDSEY HODGES lhodges@indexjournal.com

A group of students visiting the Lakelands got an education in engineering and in Southern culture this month.

A cohort of students from the school Azienda Bergamasca Formazione (ABF) in Italy have been staying in the area while education at Piedmont Tech, said the 11 See COHORT, page 4A

visiting Piedmont Technical College as part students visiting are studying electrical engiof a study abroad program. They've learned about things like manufacturing and robotics but have also had the chance to study up on American cuisine and America's favorite pastime, to name a few of their experiences.

for economic development and continuing

neering, mechanical engineering and wood automation. This is the second time a group from the school has visited Piedmont Tech. The first time was in 2018. The students spent some time in the

Rusty Denning, associate vice president classroom learning, and some hands-on or

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Waterlogged

Switzerland's Nina Kost competes Wednesday during the women's 50m backstroke heat at the World Swimming Championships in Fukuoka, Japan.

IF IT ISN'T NAILED DOWN ...

Beetlejuice II filming set is haunted by souvenir seekers

Associated Press

EAST CORINTH, Vt. — Souvenir hunters are haunting the Beetlejuice II movie set in Vermont.

State police are investigating two thefts, one of a large lamppost topped with a distinctive pumpkin decoration and the other a 150-pound abstract art piece taken from the vicinity of a

cemetery.

Someone bundled up the lamppost, covered it with tarp and fled at a high rate of speed in a pickup truck on July 14, while the theft near the cemetery took piace several days later, state police said.

The sequel to the 1988 movie is filming in East Corinth, near the New Hampshire border.

The original Tim Burton horror comedy about a home haunted by ghosts played by Geena Davis and Alec Baldwin, and also starring Winona Ryder, also was filmed in East Corinth. For the new movie. Michael Keaton is reprising his role as the "bio-exorcist" Beetlejuice.

The sequel also features "Wednesday" star Jenna Ortega and others. The movie is due to be released next year.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, July 27, the 208th day of 2023. There are 157 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History

On July 27, 1953, the Korean War armistice was signed at Panmunjom, ending three years of fighting.

On this date In 1789, President George Washington signed a measure establishing the Department of Foreign Affairs, forerunner of the Department of State.

In 1866, Cyrus W. Field finished laying out the first successful underwater telegraph cable between North America and Europe.

In 1909, during the first official test of the U.S. Army's first airplane, Orville Wright flew himself and a passenger, Lt. Frank Lahm, above Fort Myer, Virginia, for one hour and 12 minutes.

In 1940, Billboard magazine published its first "music popularity chart" listing best-selling retail records. In first place was "I'll Never Smile Again" recorded by Tommy Dorsey and His Orchestra, with featured vocalist Frank Sinatra.

In 1960, Vice President Richard M. Nixon was nominated for president on the first ballot at the Republican National Convention in Chicago.

In 1967, President Lyndon B. Johnson appointed the Kerner Commission to assess the causes of urban rioting, the same day Black militant H. Rap Brown told a press conference in Washington that violence was "as American as cherry

In 1974, the House Judiciary Committee voted 27-11 to adopt the first of three articles of impeachment against President Richard Nixon, charging he had personally engaged in a course of conduct designed to obstruct justice in the Watergate case.

In 1980, on day 267 of the Iranian hostage crisis, the deposed Shah of Iran died at a military hospital outside Cairo, Egypt, at age 60.

In 1981, 6-year-old Adam Walsh was abducted from a department store in Hollywood, Fla., and was later murdered.

In 1996, terror struck the Atlanta Olympics as a pipe bomb exploded at Centennial Olympic Park, directly killing one person and injuring 111. (Anti-government extremist Eric Rudolph later pleaded guilty to the bombing, exonerating security guard Richard Jewell, who had been wrongly suspected.)

In 2015, the Boy Scouts of America ended its blanket ban on gay adult leaders while allowing church-sponsored Scout units to maintain the exclusion for religious reasons.

In 2020, the world's biggest COVID-19 vaccine study began with the first of 30,000 planned volunteers helping to test shots created by the National Institutes of Health and Moderna Inc.

Ten years ago

Security forces and armed men clashed with supporters of Egypt's ousted president, Mohammed Morsi, killing at least 80 people. More than a thousand inmates escaped a prison in Libya as protesters stormed political party offices across the country. Former Louisiana congresswoman Lindy Boggs died in Chevy Chase, Maryland at age 97.

Five years ago

The White House announced that North Korea had returned the remains of what were believed to be U.S. servicemen killed during the Korean War, with a U.S. military plane making a rare trip into North Korea to retrieve 55 cases of remains. The Commerce Department reported that the U.S. economy surged in the second quarter at an annual growth rate of 4.1 percent, the fastest pace since 2014. A federal judge ruled that the Justice Department doesn't have the authority to withhold grants to the city of Chicago because of its policies providing sanctuary to immigrants.

One year ago

The Federal Reserve raised its bench-

mark interest rate by a hefty three-quarters of a point for a second straight time in its most aggressive drive in three decades to tame high inflation. The last two former Minneapolis police officers who were convicted of violating George Floyd's civil rights were sentenced in federal court. J. Alexander Kueng was sentenced Wednesday to three years and Tou Thao got a 3 1/2-year sentence. Tony Dow, who as Wally Cleaver on the sitcom "Leave It to Beaver" helped create the popular and lasting image of the American teenager of the 1950s and 60s, died at age 77.

Today's Birthdays

TV producer **Norman Lear** is 101. Actor John Pleshette is 81. Actor-director **Betty Thomas** is 76. Olympic gold medal figure skater Peggy Fleming is 75. Singer Maureen McGovern is 74. Rock



BILL Stacy Dean Campbell

is 72. Actor **Roxanne Hart** is 69. Comedian-actor-writer Carol Leifer is 67. Comedian Bill Engvall is 66. Jazz singer Karrin Allyson is 61. Country singer

musician Tris Imboden

(formerly with Chicago)

ENGVALL

is 56. Rock singer Juliana Hatfield is 56. Actor Julian McMahon is 55. Actor Nikolaj Coster-Waldau is 53. Comedian Maya Rudolph is 51. Rock musician Abe **Cunningham** is 50. Singer-songwriter Pete Yorn is 49. Former MLB All-Star Alex Rodriguez is 48. Actor Seamus Dever is 47. Actor Martha Madison is 46. Actor **Jonathan Rhys Meyers** is 46. Actor/comedian Heidi Gardner is 40. Actor Blair **Redford** is 40. Actor **Taylor Schilling** is 39.MLB All-Star pitcher **Max Scherzer** is 39. Singer **Cheyenne Kimball** is 33. Golfer Jordan Spieth is 30. Actor Alyvia Alyn Lind is 16.

Thought for Today

"Diplomacy is the art of saying 'Nice doggie'until you can find a rock." — Will

Neighbor becomes intruder in couple's lives

EAR ABBY: My boyfriend, "Pete," and I have been together four years. During the pandemic, he moved to my hometown, and we live together. Last year, he befriended a man who lives across the



DEAR **ABBY**

JEANNE PHILLIPS COLUMNIST

Originally, I was happy for Pete's new friendship in a new city, but

retirement and is undergoing

treatment for

PTSD.

street.This neighbor had been a civil-service employee but took early

the friendship has turned into a daily bromance. They spend two to six hours in Pete's man cave, drinking, smoking and playing bar games. When I join in, the neighbor interrupts me and railroads the conversation. He insults me and is hypocritical about everything from my appearance to the meals I prepare.

I defend myself to this man, but Pete remains silent despite my pleas for support. (Pete says he "hates confrontation.") An example: When Pete didn't quickly answer his texts or calls, the neighbor would come to our house, peer through our windows, yell and bang on the door. It took Pete six months to tell him to stop doing that. He also eavesdrops on our private conversations, and I will open a door and find him just standing

Because of all this, I'm having intimacy issues. I never know when this guy will show up and what he will see or hear. I'm angry at Pete for not doing anything to resolve this. I'm no longer happy in my own home. I think this man feels threatened by me, like he wants Pete all to himself, and I don't know what to do. Please help. — STRESSED **INTEXAS**

DEAR STRESSED: Your neighbor doesn't feel threatened by you. You feel threatened by him, and with good reason. He's trying to commandeer your boyfriend, and it's affecting your relationship. The man also appears to be unstable. Normal people do not act the way he does. His fixation on Pete is unhealthy. If your submissive partner cannot recognize that on his own, INSIST on some sessions with a licensed psychotherapist who can explain to him exactly what the two of you are dealing with.

DEAR ABBY: Is it rude to move the front passenger seat in a car if you are only going to be in it for a short time? My fiance and I have been together nine years. I don't own a car, so he takes me everywhere, and I have the passenger seat adjusted perfectly.

When his 17-year-old daughter, who is only in the car once a month or so, gets in his car, the first thing she does is move the passenger seat. We are about the same height and weight, and I see no need for her to do it when she's in the car for only 20 minutes or so.

My fiance refuses to ask her to leave the seat where it is, but I feel she's being disrespectful and that he should say something to her about it. Please help. This is causing a lot of arguments and hurt feelings.— AGGRAVATED **PASSENGER**

DEAR AGGRAVATED: I'll try. If you value the relationship you have with your fiance of NINE YEARS, stop sniping at his daughter and adjust the seat to its original position ONCE A MONTH when you enter the car. This isn't a competition over who he prefers, so stop trying to turn it into one.



KELLY DUNCAN | INDEX-JOURNAL Students file into Ninety Six Primary School with their parents ready to take on the year.







LINDSEY HODGES | INDEX-JOURNAL

Emerald Johnson, right, walks Josiah Gilmore to the door on the first day of school at the Early Childhood and Montessori School.

'The best is yet to come'

Teachers, staff pleased with smiling faces greeting them on first day back to school

By KELLY DUNCAN, DAMIAN DOMINGUEZ and LINDSEY HODGES

School is officially in session for students across Greenwood County. As they embarked on the new school year, teachers and principals welcomed their students, new and returning, with open arms.

Greenwood

Second grade Pinecrest Elementary School teacher Beth Adams has been in education for 30 years, but still can't sleep the night before school starts.

"It doesn't matter how many years you've been teaching, that first day you get a nervous energy," Adams said.

Wednesday marked a fresh start for Greenwood County students and teachers as they returned to the classroom.

and Zoria Rapp were new stu- pavement and new AC units in the usual first-day tears. dents to Emerald High School most buildings. Tyre praised the and looking forward to new unseen work of maintenance days for teachers, they were things Wednesday morning.

Conner went to Greenwood High School last year, so attending Emerald is a change. It's bigger than she expected, she said, but the teachers are nice.

Rapp, a ninth grader, echoed that sentiment.

"I'm kind of used to mean teachers, so I wasn't expecting so many smiles and nice personalities, so I like that," Rapp said.

Both were ready for new experiences and to get out of their comfort zone in high school.

At Brewer Middle School. Greenwood School District 50 Superintendent Steve Glenn was about halfway through visiting every school in the district by mid-morning.

He said seeing students smile makes the first day of school

"We've had so much growth over the last few years that we're just really excited about that," he

and even through COVID and lecture, while students who excel where we're at now, we're still headed in the right direction."

Along with Greenwood's three public school districts, the new Greenwood Charter Academy opened its doors to students on Wednesday.

Ware Shoals

At Ware Shoals' schools, staff already had graduation for their education.

day in mind. As staff at Ware Shoals High do things differently," she said. School handed out student IDs and schedules, and helped neen Webb said building toward students navigate their way to their students' future focuses classes, Principal Maria Tyre on more than their academic was focused on the year's theme: "Destination graduation choose your path." Whether it's through the career center, dual enrollment classes, the honors program or school athletics, there are different paths to getting a diploma.

With nine new teachers and assistants, Tyre said she's excited for fresh ideas.

nine new staff," she said. "Everybody's happy, everybody's smilchance to start over and continue your journey in education."

paint removed from its original brickwork, exposing the centu-Over at Emerald, Kin Conner ry-old brick. The school has new crews, the IT department, caf-ready for the students' first day. eteria and janitorial staff, bus drivers and administrative staff that helped make the first day

keeping students engaged and committed to their education can be a tall task. Ware Shoals Middle School eighth grade English teacher, and teacher of the year Angela Moore, has spent 21 years with the district, and strives to build the personal relationships that keep students eager to

who I am," she said. "I believe them reading can be fun. in smiling the first day, and you don't stop smiling."

She uses the Modern Classblends lecturing and small group work, alongside self-paced video lessons to give students the opportunity to learn at their own pace with her guidance. The video lessons let students who are "Where we started from struggling with material repeat a can move forward in the curric-

> It also frees up Moore to spend more time working with students one-on-one or in small groups. Even in eighth grade, she said she sees apathetic students come in and not eager to learn. This model helps her guide students into taking responsibility room so we're able to get 20

"That's what spurs me on to

Middle school Principal Jesuccess. Each grade level has service-learning projects they're taking initiative over, to help give back to their community and develop their empathy and sense of social belonging.

"It is essential in social-emotional learning, to give back and see the fruits of their labor," she said. "I love seeing when they see a need, like when a student "I think it's refreshing to see comes up to me and says, I know

someone who needs a coat." All these elements - soing — it's a new beginning, a new cial-emotional learning, literacy and a passion for learning start at the primary school. Par-The high school's gym had the ents were allowed to walk their children to classrooms Wednesday, and reading coach Joni Snyder said there weren't many of

After six days of in-service Snyder and reading interventionist Carla Owens focus on helping teachers keep students reading on grade level. They do On the road to graduation, literacy and reading assessments, and work with students one-onone to identify things they struggle with early on.

It can frustrate and demotivate students when they fall behind, especially in reading, Snyder said. Teachers in younger grades read aloud to model literacy for students, and the interventionists help find students' interests "I just love the kids, that's just to keep them engaged and show

"Literacy is the base of all learning," Owens said. "They have to be able to read to do their rooms Project model to teach. It math work, science and social studies."

Staff at each school will spend the next few days getting students accustomed to the rhythm of their classes, as the school year unfolds and offers new opportunities to students of all ages.

"The best is yet to come," Owens said.

Ninety Six

Ninety Six Primary School Principal Kelly Weeks said she was excited to see her students and said it was going to be an amazing year.

"We added a new 4K classstudents in to start. We added a

new phonics and ELA program Weeks said. to help with curriculum - that's been a wonderful addition," she Ninety Six Elementary as parents

The goal, she added, is to work as a team and use the time they upcoming school year and gethave with the students wisely.

While Weeks was tending to first day of school tasks, many students passed Weeks and offered a Good morning, Mrs. Weeks' or 'Hey Mrs. Weeks'. She said seeing the students stop and say hello always puts a smile on

age. Everyone is happy to be here. It just brings a smile to my face to get a hug from a student," Chandler Wells, in her eighth this year, so it's crazy," she said.

The excitement continued at and kids parted ways for the day.

"We're really excited about the ting them ready to learn," said Principal Charlene Louden.

With many of her students returning for the year, she said it is amazing to see the growth in the

"I love to see how the students have grown over the 180 days we want to focus on the whole That's the fun part about this child, academically and socially," Louden said.

Math and science teacher

year of teaching - five of those at Ninety Six Elementary - was ready to welcome a new group of third graders to her class.

"I can't wait to see what they learn this year. I don't want to just teach academics, but I want to teach the whole child and teach them about respect and responsibility," Wells said.

As she begins the year with new names and faces, she said it was awesome to see her former students head to fourth grade.

"It's always good to see them and I love when they come back to visit. My very first group of students I taught are graduating

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KELLY DUNCAN | INDEX-JOURNAL These students at Greenwood Charter Academy give the first day of school a thumbs up.

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Cliff Thomas

MCCORMICK — Cliff Thomas, 74, passed on Tuesday, July 25, 2023 at McCormick Post Acute, McCormick, SC. Services are incomplete. The family is at the home of his sister, Rosa Tutt, 508 Seneca Street, Calhoun Falls, SC. Services entrusted to Richie Funeral Home, Inc.



Irish singer Sinead O'Connor performs in 2005 at the Prime Minister Independence Gala in Kingston, Jamaica.

Irish singer-songwriter Sinéad O'Connor dies

Associated Press

LONDON has died at 56.

"It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved Sinéad. Her family and friends are devastated and have requested privacy at this very difficult time," the singer's family said in a statement reported Wednesday by the BBC and RTE. No cause was disclosed.

She was public about her mental illness, saying that she was diagnosed with bipolar disorder. O'Connor posted a Facebook video in 2017 from a New Jersey motel where she had been living, saying that she was staying alive for the sake of others and that if it were up to her, she'd be "gone." When her teenage son Shane died by suicide in 2022, O'Connor tweeted there was "no point living without him" and was soon hospitalized.

Recognizable by her shaved head and elfin features, O'Connor began her career singing on the streets of Dublin and soon rose to international fame. She was a star from her 1987 debut album "The Lion uproar in Ireland when she beand the Cobra" and became a sensation in 1990 with her cover of Prince's ballad "Nothing Compares 2 U," a seething, shattering performance that topped charts from Europe to Australia and was heightened by a promotional video featuring the gray-eyed O'Connor in

intense close-up. formist — she would say that for decades of abuse, O'Conshe shaved her head in response to record executives for not going far enough and pressuring her to be conventionally glamorous — but her political and cultural stances and troubled private life often role, which by 2018 was makovershadowed her music.

A critic of the Catholic Church well before allegations believe in God. That's not the sexual abuse were widely reported, O'Connor made headlines in October 1992 when she be the first at the church door tore up a photo of Pope John if the Vatican offered sincere Paul II while appearing live on reconciliation," she wrote in NBC's "Saturday Night Live" the Washington Post in 2010.

and denounced the church as the enemy. The next week, Joe Sinéad Pesci hosted "Saturday Night O'Connor, the gifted Irish Live," held up a repaired phosinger-songwriter who be- to of the Pope and said that if came a superstar in her mid- he had been on the show with 20s but was known as much O'Connor he "would have for her private struggles and gave her such a smack." Days provocative actions as for her later, she appeared at an allfierce and expressive music, star tribute for Bob Dylan at Madison Square Garden and was immediately booed. She was supposed to sing Dylan's "I Believe in You," but switched to an a cappella version of Bob Marley's "War," which she had sung on "Saturday Night Live."

Although consoled and encouraged on stage by her friend Kris Kristofferson, she left and broke down, and her performance was kept off the concert CD. (Years later, Kristofferson recorded "Sister Sinead," for which he wrote "And maybe she's crazy and maybe she ain't/But so was Picasso and so were the saints.")

She also feuded with Frank Sinatra over her refusal to allow the playing of "The Star-Span-gled Banner" at one of her shows and accused Prince of physically threatening her. In 1989 she declared her support for the Irish Republican Army, a statement she retracted a year later. Around the same time, she skipped the Grammy ceremony, saying it was too commercialized.

In 1999, O'Connor caused came a priestess of the breakaway Latin Tridentine Church a position that was not recognized by the mainstream Catholic Church. For many years, she called for a full investigation into the extent of the church's role in concealing child abuse by clergy. In 2010, when Pope Benedict XVI She was a lifelong non-con- apologized to Ireland to atone nor condemned the apology called for Catholics to boycott Mass until there was a full investigation into the Vatican's ing international headlines.

"People assumed I didn't case at all. I'm Catholic by birth and culture and would



ASSOCIATED PRESS PHOTOS

U.S. Air Force (Ret.) Maj. David Grusch, left, and U.S. Navy (Ret.) Cmdr. David Fravor speak Wednesday prior to a House Oversight and Accountability subcommittee hearing on UFOs on Capitol Hill in Washington.

Whistleblower: US concealing 'multi-decade' UFO program

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. is concealing a longstanding program that retrieves and reverse engineers unidentified flying objects, a former Air Force intelligence officer testified Wednesday to Congress. The Pentagon has denied

Retired Maj. David Grusch's highly anticipated testimony before a House Oversight subcommittee was Congress' latest foray into the world of UAPs — or "unidentified aerial phenomena," which is the official term the U.S. government uses instead of UFOs. While the study of mysterious aircraft or objects often evokes talk of aliens and "little green men," Democrats and Republicans in recent years have pushed for more research as a national security matter due to concerns that sightings observed by pilots may be tied to U.S. adversaries.

Grusch said he was asked in 2019 by the head of a government task force on UAPs to identify all highly classified programs relating to the task force's mission. At the time, Grusch was detailed to the National Reconnaissance Office, the agency that operates U.S. spy satellites.

"I was informed in the course of my official duties of a multi-decade UAP crash retrieval and reverse engineering program to which I was denied access," he said.

Grusch said the U.S. likely has been aware said.



An audience member wears a UFO pin during a House Oversight and Accountability subcommittee hearing on UFOs Wednesday on Capitol Hill.

of "non-human" activity since the 1930s.

The Pentagon has denied Grusch's claims of a coverup. In a statement, Defense Department spokeswoman Sue Gough said investigators have not discovered "any verifiable information to substantiate claims that any programs regarding the possession or reverse-engineering of extraterrestrial materials have existed in the past or exist currently." The statement did not address UFOs that are not suspected of being extraterrestrial objects.

Grusch says he became a government whistleblower after his discovery and has faced retaliation for coming forward. He declined to be more specific about the retaliatory tactics, citing an ongoing investi-

"It was very brutal and very unfortuhad information about extraterrestrial life, me both professionally and personally," he

Rep. Glenn Grothman, R-Wis., chaired the panel's hearing and joked to a packed audience, "Welcome to the most exciting subcommittee in Congress this week."

There was bipartisan interest in Grusch's claims and a more sober tone than other recent hearings featuring whistleblowers celebrated by Republicans and criticized by Democrats. Lawmakers in both parties asked Grusch about his study of UFOs and the consequences he faced and how they could find out more about the government's UAP programs.

"I take it that you're arguing what we need is real transparency and reporting systems so we can get some clarity on what's going on out there," said Rep. Jamie Raskin, D-Md.

Some lawmakers criticized the Pentagon for not providing more details in a classified briefing or releasing images that could be shown to the public. In previous hearings, Pentagon officials showed a video taken from an F-18 military plane that showed an image of one balloon-like shape.

Pentagon officials in December said they had received "several hundreds" of new reports since launching a renewed effort to investigate reports of UFOs.

At that point, "we have not seen anything, and we're still very early on, that would lead us to believe that any of the objects that we have seen are of alien origin," said Ronald Moultrie, the undersec-Asked whether the U.S. government nate, some of the tactics they used to hurt retary of defense for intelligence and security. "Any unauthorized system in our airspace we deem as a threat to safety."

New millipede species is crawling under LA. with 486 legs

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The City of Angels, a metropolis of freeways and traffic, has a newly discovered species named in its honor: The Los Angeles Thread Millipede.

The tiny arthropod was found just underground by naturalists at a Southern California hiking area — near a freeway, a Starbucks and an Oakley sunglasses store.

About the length of a paperclip but skinny as pencil lead, it's translucent and sinuous like a jellyfish tentacle. The creature burrows four inches below ground, secretes unusual chemicals and is blind, relying on hornlike antennas protruding from its head to find its way.

Under a microscope, the millipede with its 486 legs and helmet-like head resembles a creature in a Hollywood monster film.

"It's amazing to think these millipedes are crawling in the inner cracks and crevices between



A Los Angeles Thread Millipede awaiting study at the Marek Lab of Virginia Tech's Department of Entomology in Blacks- then the environment that proburg, Va.

in Los Angeles," said entomologist Paul Marek of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute. He was part of the research team that included scientists from West Virginia University, and the University of California, Berkeley.

Their findings on the species, whose scientific name is Illac-

little pieces of rock below our feet 21 in the journal ZooKeys. The species' vernacular name is Los Angeles Thread Millipede.

"It goes to show that there's this undiscovered planet underground," Marek added.

It joins other millipedes found in the state, including one that until recently held the crown for me socal, were published June recorded — a whopping 750 species.

limbs. It is aptly named Illacme plenipes, Latin for "in highest fulfillment of feet." Discovered in 1926 in a small area in Northern California, it was believed to be the leggiest creature on earth until 2021 when a millipede with 1,306 legs was found in Austra-

Millipedes feed on dead organic material and without them people would be "up to our necks" in it, Marek said.

"By knowing something about the species that fulfill these really important ecological roles, we can protect them and tects us as well," Marek said.

iNaturalist, a citizen naturalist app, led Marek to the discovery. Naturalists Cedric Lee and James Bailey posted the critter they found when when they were out collecting slugs at Whiting Ranch Wilderness Park in nearby Orange County four years ago. The team used DNA sequencing and analysis the most legs of any creature ever to prove it was indeed a new

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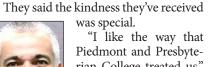
shadowing in local industries. Two or three students from the cohort spent a few days each week at a partner company learning about operations. Companies that participated or that students toured included Alupress, Brawo, Flame Spray, Saati, West Fraser, Lonza and Enviva.

"We enjoy doing this because it's an opportunity to be able to show the world what Piedmont Tech can offer," Denning

Jacopo Viti, one of the students visiting from Italy, said one of the best lessons they had was about programming robotics. He said the companies they visited

were similar to companies in Italy and remarked on the innovative nature of them. One thing Viti and teacher Menuela Mosca mentioned were the smiles plas-

tered on people's faces all the time. 'There's always a smile on the people that I met," said Viti, adding he doesn't know if it's just for appearances.



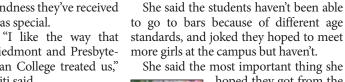
rian College treated us," Viti said. "It was like we are

not the Italian guys that came here and don't know how to speak good English, there was a good feeling from them."

The students have been staying at Presbyterian College during their stay, and Mosca said Clinton and the Lakelands are very different from the America the students see in movies,

MOSCA such as New York City. They've enjoyed their stay, but there has been cultural difference. Mosca mentioned that dinner time at Presbyterian has been from 5 p.m. until about 6:30 p.m., when they aren't used to having

dinner until about 7:30 p.m.





hoped they got from the trip is experiencing the culture and learning to stay far from home, as well as how to be more independent and communicate with people.

Along with staying in the Lakelands, the group visited Charleston and

Folly Beach, getting some time on the beach and around the historic city. They also visited Columbia and Greenville, stopping in the latter for a minor league baseball game.

They hoped to visit Atlanta, with sights set on the aquarium and the Coca-Cola

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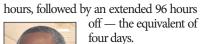
Greenwood EMS implements new work schedule

From staff reports

A new work schedule aims to give Greenwood's life-savers extended time off after a 24-hour shift.

Greenwood County announced its new "extended responder schedule" for EMTs and paramedics in a news release Wednesday. The schedule is set to take effect by October and aims to improve the work-life balance and welfare of staff.

EMTs and paramedics will work for 24 hours under this schedule, followed by 48 hours off duty. They then work another 24



"It reflects our unwavering commitment to the health and happiness of our EMS team," said county Emergency Services Director Derek Oliver in the release. "By providing them

with ample time for rest and personal pursuits, we are empowering them to provide even better care to our community."

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Aside from the scheduling changes, a former and retired emergency services ty Training Center, which will feature a new ambulance is on order to bolster the county's fleet, and two medic stations are set for renovation. The Medic 4 station in Ninety Six will see new interior and exterior paint, flooring, countertops, appliances and bathrooms, and Medic 5 station in Hodges will be upgraded afterward.

While these upgrades are underway, the county has hired Public Consulting Group LLC to do an evaluation of EMS operations and offer its findings and recommendations. With more than 35 years of experience, the firm is comprised of

workers who can offer their insight, the release said.

"As a council, we strongly support our EMS staff and their critical mission to serve and protect our community," said County Council Chairman Chuck Moates in the release. "The new EMS schedule and ongoing projects reflect our dedication to providing exceptional care to our residents and creating a supportive environment for our EMS employees."

The county has also committed Capital Project Sales Tax funds to a Public Safefour-story training tower with an attached burn room for fire services training, shooting ranges, a paved area for driver training and classroom facilities.

Serving more than 70,000 residents daily and averaging between 15,000 and 16,000 calls a year, Greenwood County EMS offers more information about its service online at greenwoodcounty-sc. gov/emergency-medical-services, a list of available jobs in the field and throughout the county is available at greenwoodcounty-sc.gov/apply-for-a-job



President Joe Biden's son, Hunter Biden, center, leaves after a court appearance Wednesday in Wilmington, Del.

Deal on hold

Federal judge raises concerns about terms of Hunter Biden's criminal plea agreement

Associated Press

WILMINGTON, Del. Biden's criminal case unraveled during a court hearing cans who believe the president's son is getting preferential treatment.

taxes from over \$1.5 million in income in both 2017 and 2018 and had been expected to plead guilty Wednesday with prosecutors, who were planning to recommend two years of probation. Prosecutors said Wednesday Hunter Biden remains under active

reveal details.

U.S. District Court Judge - The plea deal in Hunter Maryellen Noreika, who was appointed by President Donald Trump, raised multiple con-Wednesday after a federal cerns about the specifics of the judge raised concerns about deal and her role in the prothe terms of the agreement ceedings. The plan also includthat has infuriated Republi- ed an agreement on a separate charges. gun charge — Biden has been accused of possessing a firearm were a surprising development Hunter Biden was charged as he adhered to the terms of last month with two misde- his agreement, the gun case was carefully negotiated over severmeanor crimes of failure to to be wiped from his record. pay more than \$100,000 in Otherwise, the felony charge carries 10 years in prison.

The overlapping agreements created confusion for the judge, who said the lawafter he made an agreement yers needed to untangle technical issues — including over her role in enforcing the gun agreement — before moving

"It seems to me like you are Republicans insisting he got a

agreement, Your Honor. ... Department pressing ahead This seems to me to be form on investigations into Trump, over substance," she said. She the GOP's 2024 presidential asked defense lawyers and primary front-runner. prosecutors to explain why she should accept the deal. In the meantime, Hunter Biden pleaded not guilty to the tax

The collapsed proceedings in 2018 as a drug user. As long in the yearslong investigation, and a resolution that had been al weeks and included a lengthy back-and-forth between Justice Department prosecutors and Biden's attorneys.

The plea deal was meant to clear the air for Hunter Biden and avert a trial that would have generated weeks or months of distracting headlines. But the politics remain as messy as ever, with

investigation, but would not saying 'just rubber stamp the sweetheart deal and the Justice

Two teens in custody following bank robbery

From staff reports

Greenwood police have two 17 year olds in custody after investigating reports of a woman robbing a Wells Fargo bank Wednesday afternoon.

Police Chief T.J. Chaudoin said officers were called after 5 p.m. to the bank at 345 Bypass 72 NW after reports a white woman walked in and handed a teller a note demanding money. their identities.

The woman left with an undisclosed amount of cash, and staff contacted police.

Chaudoin said the robber wasn't seen with a weapon, nor did the note imply they had one.

At about 7 p.m., Chaudoin said police had two 17 year olds in custody connected to the robbery.

He did not immediately have additional information about

Trump wants to see Biden impeached, other Republicans are quick to pile on

Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Donald Trump wants to see President Joe Biden impeached, and the former president's allies in Congress and his 2024 GOP presidential rivals are eager to join that fight as his own legal challenges mount.

Trump's chief opponent, Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, this week said the House Republicans "are absolutely within their rights" to consider an impeachment inquiry against Biden. Former U.N. ambassador Nikki Haley, also running for president, also said Republicans would be "justified to do it." And House GOP leaders aligned with Trump are foreshadowing what's ahead.

This week, the prospect of im-

peaching Biden over the business dealings of his son, Hunter Biden, emerged from the far corners of the GOP's right flank to the mainstream in the Republican Party.

Speaker Kevin McCarthy announced on Fox News that the House may open an impeachment inquiry into Biden, and expanded on his plans at a Tuesday press event at the Capitol.

Behind closed doors Wednesday, however, the Republican speaker told GOP colleagues it's early in the impeachment process, and McCarthy acknowledged there's still much that is unknown about Joe Biden and whether he had any awareness or involvement in his son's business deals that would arise to an impeachable offense.

McConnell leaves news conference after freezing up mid-sentence

WASHINGTON — Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell briefly left his own press conference Wednesday after stop-



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ping his remarks mid-sentence and staring off into space for several seconds, appearing to be disoriented. McConnell approached the

podium for his weekly press conference and began speaking about the annual defense bill. He said the bill was proceeding with "good bipartisan cooperation." But he then

appeared to lose his train of thought, trailing off. McConnell then stared vacantly for around 20 seconds before his colleagues in Republican leadership, who were standing behind him, grabbed his elbows and asked if he wanted to go back to his office.

Officer fired after letting police dog attack a surrendering truck driver

COLUMBUS, Ohio — An Ohio police department has fired an officer who released his police dog on a surrendering truck driver even after state troopers told him to hold the dog back.

A statement issued Wednesday by Circleville police said Ryan Speakman "did not meet the standards and expectations we hold for our police officers." It said he has been "terminated from the department, effective immediately."

South Florida waters hit hot tub temperatures

The water temperature on the tip of Florida hit hot tub levels, exceeding 100 degrees two days in a row, which meteorologists say could potentially be the hottest seawater ever measured.

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The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration says weather records for sea water temperature are unofficial and there are certain conditions in this reading that could disqualify it for a top mark, but the initial reading on a buoy at Manatee Bay hit 101.1 degrees Monday

Student who sat in Pence's chair during riot gets 1 year in prison

WASHINGTON — A high school student who stormed the U.S. Capitol, assaulted a police officer and sat in a Senate floor chair reserved for the vice president has been sentenced to one year in prison.

Georgia resident Bruno Joseph Cua was 18 when he attacked the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, making him one of the youngest people charged in the riot.

U.S. District Judge Randolph Moss sentenced Cua on Wednesday to a prison term of one year and one day followed by three years of supervised

Mayor: Police chief shoots himself after offering resignation

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Miami-Dade's mayor says the director of the Police Department shot himself shortly after offering to resign over his actions at Tampa hotel during a law enforcement conference.

The shooting happened Sunday night along Interstate 75 south of Tampa. Alfredo "Freddy" Ramirez, had called Miami-Dade County Mayor Daniella Levine Cava, around 8:30 p.m. Sunday, after leaving the hotel following an argument with his wife, Jody Ramirez, that sparked a police investigation.

The mayor says Ramirez told her he'd made a mistake and was prepared to resign.



London jury acquits Kevin Spacey

Associated Press

LONDON — Kevin Spacey was acquitted of sexual assault on Wednesday after the Oscar winner's star turn as a witness in his own defense spared him a possible prison term and gave him a shot at a career

Tears rolled down Spacey's cheeks as the final "not guilty" verdict was read. The actor looked at the jury, placed his hand over the lapel of his blue suit and mouthed the words "thank you." It was his 64th birthday.

Spacey's wide-ranging testimony culminated as he choked up speaking of the six years he'd gone without work after sex abuse allegations surfaced against him during the #MeToo movement in the U.S. in 2017.

fied. "There was a rush to judgment crotches, describing him as "vile" and ed by a "trinity of protection" — he to the theater, his first love.



Actor Kevin Spacey walks outside Southwark Crown Court in London.

and before the first question was asked or answered I lost my job, I lost my reputation, I lost everything in a matter of days."

Three men accused the Oscar win-

a "slippery, snaky" predator. A fourth, knew men were unlikely to complain; an aspiring actor, said he awoke to the actor performing oral sex on him after going to Spacey's London apartment for a career advice and a beer and either falling asleep or passing

Spacey said he was a "big flirt" who had consensual flings with men and whose only misstep was touching a man's groin while making a "clumsy pass."

Defense lawyer Patrick Gibbs said three of the men were liars and incidents had been "reimagined with a sinister spin." He accused them of hopping on a "bandwagon" of complaints in the hope of striking it rich.

Prosecutor Christine Agnew told jurors that Spacey was a "sexual bully" who took what he wanted when "My world exploded," Spacey testi- ner of aggressively grabbing their he wanted. She said he was shield-

they wouldn't be believed if they did complain; and if they did complain, no action would be taken because he was powerful.

Spacey had faced nine charges, including multiple counts of sexual assault and one count of causing a person to engage in penetrative sexual activity without consent.

Spacey had viewed the London case as a chance for redemption, telling German magazine Zeit last month that there were "people right now who are ready to hire me the moment I am cleared of these charges in London."

The accusations date from 2001 to 2013 and include a period when Spacey — after winning Academy Awards for "The Usual Suspects" and "American Beauty" - had returned

HOROSCOPES

By EUGENIA LAST Syndicated columnist

Thursday, July 27

Indecisiveness will stand between you and the success you crave. Refuse to let others confuse you or hold you back. Be resourceful and find a way to make your dreams come true. An emotional situation at home or work needs to be addressed and dealt with before you can move forward with your plans. Dismiss the negatives in your life and replace them with whatever makes you happy. **LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** — Don't sit in an

emotional gridlock. Recognize what is holding you back and what will encourage positive change. Take control and

Astro-Graph manifest opportunities, and you'll find the happiness you VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

 Set your priorities and head for the finish line. Put pressure where necessary and you'll outmaneuver anyone in your way. Don't expect support; you must rely on yourself to avoid setbacks. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — You may

be better off doing certain tasks yourself if you don't want to clean up others' mistakes. Romance is favored. Work on self-improvement instead of criticizing others. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — You may

be on the right track, but don't expect others to see things your way. If you take on too much, you'll fall short. Prioritize, and you will keep your goals doable. Protect your reputation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Be intelligent and resourceful, and you'll discover how to use your attributes to make things happen. Don't let what others do sidetrack you.

Set your goals to suit your needs. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Take a unique approach to life, love and achieving happiness. Build a foundation that encourages growth and satisfies your soul. Don't fear being

different or taking the road less traveled.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Pick up the pace and finish what you start. Clearing your calendar will put your mind at ease. Keep your promises, regardless of what others do. Relationships will require work and understand-

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Put emotions aside and consider all aspects of a situation. A friend will help you develop a unique plan to position you for a better future. Contribute to something you believe in.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Attend events that enrich your mind. Turn what you enjoy doing most into a lucrative endeavor. Make your feelings and intentions clear, and answer important questions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — What you

should do and what you want to do will clash. Schedule your day carefully to ensure you take care of responsibilities and have time left over for pleasurable pastimes.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Anger and aggressive behavior will set you back. Rethink a relationship if someone does something you don't like. Make your home your haven, not your

prison. Keep things positive.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — A creative project will help you reconsider your prospects. Find out how you can turn your passion into something tangible. Stop dreaming about what you want to do and get to work.

Enjoy the show

his weekend, grab a drink and enjoy

Get your play on, with Greenwood Community Theatre's free offstage production of "Twelfth Night" by England's William Shakespeare, upstairs at Good Times Brew-

Tickets for the 7 p.m. performances Friday

and Saturday are no longer

9 p.m. performances both

nights. Reserve tickets at

went on sale at the Peace

eventbrite.com.

available, but you still might

be able to secure ones for the

Wednesday, single tickets

Center in Greenville, for the

opening production for the

2023-24. It's the hit Broad-

story of Michael Jackson's

way musical, "MJ." It tells the



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creative mind, spirit and rise to that of legendary pop icon.

Tickets can be purchased online at peacecenter.org, with the Peace Center app, by calling the Box Office at 864-467-3000, or by visiting the Box Office located inside the Peace Concert Hall lobby. Box Office hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday-Friday and 90 minutes before each performance. Note that the above are the only official retail outlets for tickets. Patrons who purchase tickets from a broker or a third party should

be aware that the tickets may not be valid.

Before the stage is set with the King of Pop, the Peace Center closes its current 12-week Broadway season with a special three-week engagement of "Wicked." With its stellar musical score, "Wicked" opens Wednesday at the Peace Center Wednesday. Remaining tickets are in limited supply.

Local musician and Sunny 103.5 FM radio host Austin Landers keeps us informed with who is performing live in and around the Lakelands each weekend:

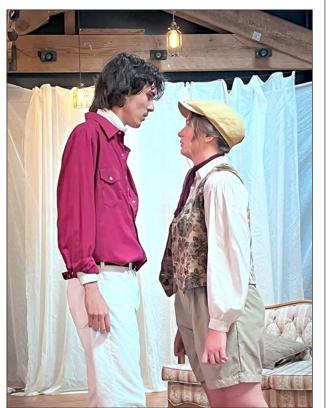
Thursday, Granger Smith plays Inn on the Square at 5 p.m. Jeff and Natalie Lucero play for Thirsty Thursday at Flynn's on Maxwell Uptown Wine and Beer at 6:30 p.m. Jamie Owens plays Harris Landing at 7 p.m. Austin Landers plays T.W. Boons at 7 p.m.

Friday, Ben Meredith plays at Stoney Point at 6 p.m. Fish Bonz General Store and Tackle has Jamie Owens playing at 6 p.m. Sprouse and Brock play Montague's at 8 p.m. Anna Leigh plays T.W. Boons at 8 p.m. Kindlin plays Sports Break at 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, Fish Bonz General Store and Tackle has karaoke at 6 p.m. The Unmentionables play Lucky's Gathering Pub at 8:30

Sunday, Patterson and Nale play Harris Landing at 7 p.m.

Donaghy can be reached at 864-943-2518 or sdonaghy@indexjournal.com.



Actors Marino Martin, left, as Duke Orsino, and Clara Adams as Viola, rehearse for GCT's upcoming four free offstage performances of William Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night." It's upstairs at Good Times Brewing, starting Friday.

Generation Gap

WLOS **(B)** 8:00 pm

Teams of seniors and juniors work together in challenges that ask players to answer questions about pop culture from each other's generations, in a hilarious disparity that takes a trip from rotary phone to touch screens. Kelly Ripa hosts a new episode.

Alone ні**зт 13** 9:00 рт

Who doesn't appreciate a little solitude? As winter descends, the survivalists struggle to keep up with the demands of being alone in the wilderness. Along the way, one participant struggles with an



Outchef'd FOOD **23** 9:30 pm

Chef Eddie Jackson hosts a battle like no other between investment banker Jonny Fine and celebrity chef Tiffani Faison. Giving him an edge. Jonny attempts a dish he's been cooking since childhood, hoping it will be good enough to take down Tiffani.

What We Do in the Shadows FX 22 10:00 pm

Season 5 continues with a juicy new episode, this time seeing the roommates step out of their comfort zones as Colin (Mark Proksch) runs for office; Nandor (Kayvan Novak) makes a friend; and Nadja

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In attempt to whitewash slavery, DeSantis shows his true colors

In attempting to whitewash slavery, DeSantis shows his true colors

Even in an era when the political right seems to come up with shocking new ways almost weekly to trash facts and norms, this is surreal: Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis is defending and doubling down upon new state teaching standards that claim American slavery had a silver lining in that it taught enslaved people useful skills.

What's next? Suggesting that the Nazis' horrendous wartime experiments on Jews weren't entirely evil, because they yielded medical data?

Like Nazi genocide, American slavery was entirely evil. It was an inhuman institution devoid of any redeeming characteristics. That this even has to be said in 2023 is a testament to the depth of the racial rabbit hole down which Republican politics has plunged lately.

DeSantis' remarks last week were in defense of new Florida teaching standards that go into effect this week. The written standards have drawn sharp criticism for including instruction on "how slaves developed skills which, in some instances, could be applied for their personal benefit."

The state's Board of Education created the new standards to bring curriculum in line with DeSantis' vow to eliminate "woke ideology" from the classrooms. In that sense, it's best understood as another front in the GOP's culture-war crusade against "critical race theory" and other efforts to purge discussion of race from schools.

Pressed last week about the new standards, DeSantis noted he wasn't personally involved in creating them. But he defended them, speculating they were "probably going to show that some of the folks that eventually par layed, you know, being a blacksmith into doing things later in life."

Wow.

As U.S. Rep. Will Hurd of Texas — who is Black and who, like DeSantis, is seeking the GOP presidential nomination — aptly responded via tweet: "Slavery wasn't a jobs program that taught beneficial skills. It was literally dehumanizing and subjugated people as property because they lacked any rights or freedoms."

Again: How is it possible this even has to be said today?

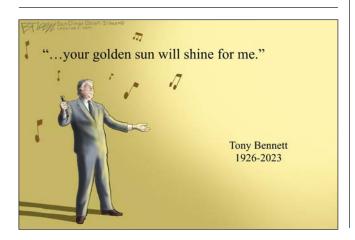
The new guidelines also seek to gaslight students regarding the post-Civil War terror campaign of murder and violence against newly freed slaves and other Black citizens at the hands of white racists. The guidelines refer to that period as being characterized by "acts of violence perpetrated against and by African Americans."

As if the overwhelming pattern of the violence wasn't white-on-Black. And as if it was random instead of systemic. This is, literally, historical disinformation being mandated for students as history curriculum.

DeSantis is struggling to revive what many see as a floundering presidential campaign. As with the rest of his anti-woke crusade, his defense of the indefensible notion that slavery had a good side is clearly a dog whistle to right-wing racists in hopes of peeling them away from the presidential campaign of former President Donald Trump.

But DeSantis also has inadvertently performed a useful service for the nation's political discourse: He has demonstrated the logical if ultimately absurd outcome of the GOP's efforts to whitewash the nation's fraught racial history and obfuscate its impact on the present. It's a more valuable lesson than the ones Florida has in store for its students.

— The St. Louis Post-Dispatch





The Barbie movie, according to conservative criticism

have not seen the Barbie movie yet, but based upon online comments of people who are mad about it ("Disappointingly low T from Ken," complained Rep. Matt Gaetz's spouse, Ginger Gaetz; "they're trying to kiss up to the Chinese Communist Party," complained Sen. Ted Cruz; "All you need to know about #BarbietheMovie is that it unironically uses the word 'patriarchy' more than 10 times," complained Ben Shapiro), here is how I think it goes.

EXTERIOR BAR-BIE'S DREAM HOUSE

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WASHINGTON POST

The lawn sign outside reads "In this house we believe ALL MEN

MUST DIE" in pink six

Barbie wakes up and stretches.

KEN: Hiya, Barbie! BARBIE: Hi, Ken! I despise all men, and I

have come to take away everyone's testosterone! Even the testosterone of those people who are using and enjoying it.

KEN: Good! It is bad that I exist! Please, Barbie, I would like to be burned at the stake to set an example!

BARBIE: No, Ken! How dare you suggest appropriating witch culture! Furthermore, it would release chemicals into the atmosphere, something that is bad to do and I oppose. I want America's coal and gas industries to die! But first, all men.

KEN: Good. All men deserve to perish because of the patriarchy, which is something we each are doing every day, individually, and could stop whenever we wanted. If any little boy is watching this movie now, I want him to know (stares directly, dead-eyed into camera) you should hate yourself.

BARBIE: That's right! I am not complaining about systems but about individuals! Now, come admire my map, which is propaganda for China.

KEN: China is the best place to live! EXTERIOR BARBIE DREAM HOUSE — DAY

Barbie stands on the balcony watching a parade of pink-clad troops salute her.

BARBIE: It was so nice of China to loan me this army — and billions of dollars. Everyone, enjoy your Bud Lights! It's mandatory.

The army raises their Buds Light in

A helicopter, making its trademark "brrrrrr" noise through pursed lips, lands

BARBIE'S AIDE DE CAMP: Barbie, I greet you with news of victory! We have just destroyed the institution of marriage! **BARBIE:** Incredible! Already?

BARBIE'S AIDE DE CAMP: Now we are making inroads into the blue aisle of toys! Marvel and Star Wars toys and anything with a magnet in it will be next. Any franchise that dares to include a male protagonist will soon know our wrath.

BARBIE: And "Oppenheimer"? BARBIE'S AIDE DE CAMP: We are making progress there as well. Soon, no

stories will be allowed to be about boys. BARBIE: Good. I want them all wiped out. We will salt the earth and start fresh.

 ${\bf EXTERIOR\ PLAYROOM-DAY}$ A little boy reaches for a Barbie doll.

BOY: I just wanted to admire how Barbie is a doctor.

BARBIE: How dare you!

BARBIE: That's not allowed. You sit in the corner and think about what you did. BOY: What did I do?

BARBIE: You did the patriarchy. The boy sits in the corner, sad. BARBIE: Now give a raise to all wom-

BOY: I am not in charge of raises. I am seven.

BARBIE: Silence, Man! On the map, the pink is spreading. Australia has almost vanished.

INTERIOR BARBIE'S NIGHTMARE **HOUSE** — **DAY**

Raggedy Ann and Andy are being marched into separate dungeons. A Potato Head family is being mashed for daring to break fraternization rules. "Run the World (Girls)" blasts and Captain America is forced to dance along.

BARBIE: Now, to destroy the family! **KEN:** Barbie, must we destroy the

BARBIE: Yes, Ken, we must, and for asking that question I will pop off your

plastic head and strew your torso around willy-nilly. It's a slippery slope! Slippery and plastic!

Ken screams as they come for him. Across the map, the pink tide is spread-

ing. The ocean is now pink. Every book with a male protagonist is thrown onto a heaping bonfire. Movies are next.

BARBIE'S FRIEND: Do we have to destroy "Lawrence of Arabia" and "Casa-

BARBIE: They were Bechdel tested. They were found wanting.

BARBIE'S FRIEND: Not everything has to be -

BARBIE: Silence!

A pink heel steps on a human face, forever.

INTERIOR BARBIE'S DREAM HOUSE — DANCE FLOOR

Barbie and her friends dance, shouting to be heard over the music. All around them are the plastic heads and torsos of a variety of decommissioned Kens.

PRESIDENT BARBIE: I decree men

BARBIE: I hate the American way of life! I hope I was manufactured abroad! MIDGE, BARBIE'S PREGNANT RIEND: Heterosexuality was God's

BARBIE: There is no God. I killed

They dance even more vigorously. BARBIE'S FRIEND: Wait, Barbie, if we have outlawed men, why do we still look like this?

BARBIE: We don't.

greatest mistake.

Lightning strikes. Thunder crashes. Barbie's plastic skin begins to crack. Something is hatching. It scuttles out into the pink darkness. It has 20 pairs of legs, and it is both wet and not wet. Everywhere, all the shells of the Barbies are hatching and something is slouching toward Bethlehem to be born.

BARBIE-THING: ALSO, I DISAP-PROVE OF THE FILMS OF ZACK SNYDER!

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Tony Bennett: More than a 'crooner'

t was in the early '60s. I was a copy boy at NBC News and the overnight disc jockey for the local radio station called and asked if I'd like to go on a boat ride down the Potomac River with his guest, Tony

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For several hours we cruised past some of Washington's most famous landmarks. Tony let me take a picture of him, shirtless and with a big smile on his face. He later signed it and I have kept it framed in my office Bennett, who died last

week at 96, was labeled in various obituaries as the "last of the crooners." He

was more than a crooner. While many singers have nice voices, not all can interpret songs the way Tony did. His talent and material spanned several generations. While in later years he teamed up with contemporary singers like Lady Gaga, Amy Winehouse, Michael Buble and even Willie Nelson, he never compromised on the quality of his work, or tried to become something he was not. Proof of his cross-generational appeal was his "re-discovery" by college-age students. You could

hear every word and the way he sang them contained a power to stir up emotions.

Consider just one of his many songs. "Fly me to the Moon" was sung by Frank Sinatra in an upbeat and swinging style. Bennett did it as a ballad and while each version has its own appeal, Bennett's version is contemplative and, yes, more romantic.

In a 1965 interview for Life magazine, Sinatra paid Bennett the ultimate compliment: "For my money, Tony Bennett is the best singer in the business. He excites me when I watch him. He moves me."

Me, too. Shortly after that boat ride, I took a date to see him perform at the Shoreham Hotel's iconic Terrace, an outdoor venue that during the summer featured the best singers of the day. It was where I began to understand what real love and romance felt like.

Tony Bennett was to music what Fred Astaire was to dance. It was said dancing partner Ginger Rogers gave Astaire sex appeal and Astaire gave her class. Bennett gave us class, good taste and sartorial splendor. I never saw him perform in anything but a suit or tuxedo.

At one time I owned most of his albums. We can now call up his songs on Alexa and similar devices. Among my favorites was "The Many Moods of Tony," which features a poignant song called "When Joanna Loved

Me." It's about a lost love and his remembrance of what he felt when they were in love. The lyric is by Paul Desmond: "When Joanna loved me, every town was Paris, every day was Sunday, every month was May." But when Joanna left him, "May became December, but even in December, I remember, her touch, her smile, and for a little while, she loves me and once again it's Paris, Paris on a Sunday, and the month is May."

One gets the feeling he is singing about himself and identifying with listeners who have suffered a lost love, but who are comforted by the memory of what it once felt like.

Bennett had a vocal range that never reached falsetto. He never shouted. He didn't have to in order to command attention.

Most people will likely remember him for what became his signature song, "I Left My Heart in San Francisco." Younger people would do well to consider this great preserver of the American Songbook with lyrics you can understand that have the power to touch one's heart and soul. Not all "crooners" have

Because of you, Tony, there's a song in my

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Keowee*	100	97.71	-0.66	Thurmond	330	328.93	-0.03		
Marion	76.8	75.73	-0.03	Wateree*	100	93.71	+0.01		
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Stocks drift after Fed hikes rates, yields fall

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks stayed steady Wednesday after the Federal Reserve raised interest rates to their highest level in more than two decades, just as Wall Street expected.

The S&P 500 slipped 0.71, or less than 0.1%, to 4,566.75, remaining near a 15-month high. The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 82.05 points, or 0.2%, to 35,520.12, and the Nasdaq composite slipped 17.27, or 0.1%, to 14,127.29.

The bond market moved more sharply, and Treasury yields fell after Fed Chair Jerome Powell said no decision to raise rates at its next meetbolstered hopes among trad- than analysts expected.

ers that Wednesday's hike could be the last for a long

Microsoft weighed on the market after falling 3.8%. That was despite reporting better profit and revenue for the spring than expected. Analysts said the company made comments that were perhaps intended to rein in huge expectations for upcoming growth related to artificial intelligence. Investors also may have been hoping to hear more about when slowing growth at its Azure cloud computing business will trough.

Helping to limit the market's losses was Alphabet, which rose 5.6%. The parent has been made about whether company of Google and You-Tube reported better profit ing or beyond. That may have and revenue for the spring

Auto-loan rejections have increased

NEW YORK — The Federal Reserve's decision Wednesday to raise interest rates for the 11th time could once again send ripple effects across the economy. Perhaps no one has felt the pain more than car buyers.

Steadily higher auto loan rates have elbowed many would-be buyers out of the market. A study by the New York Federal Reserve has found that 14% of applicants for auto loans were rejected over the past year the highest such proportion since the New York Fed began tracking the figure in 2013 — up from 9% in February.

Billionaire pleads not guilty to insider trading charges

NEW YORK — British billionaire Joe Lewis, whose family trust owns the Tottenham Hotspur soccer team, has pleaded not guilty to insider trading and conspiracy charges and been released on a \$300 million personal recognizance bond.

authorities announced the arrest of Lewis and two of his personal pilots on Wednesday.

Meta posts higher profit, revenue for 2nd quarter

Facebook parent company Meta Platforms posted stronger-than-expected results for the second quarter on Wednesday, buoyed by a rebound in online advertising after a post-pandemic slump.

The Menlo Park, California-based company earned \$7.79 billion, or \$2.98 per share, in the April-June period. That's up 16% from \$6.69 billion, or \$2.46 per share, in the same period a year earlier.

Union Pacific hires CEO as quarterly profit fell

OMAHA, Neb. — Union Pacific hired the CEO Wednesday that a hedge fund pressuring the railroad to improve recommended earlier this year.

RALEIGH, N.C. — Allstate

won't receive financial incen-

tives from North Carolina that

were part of a plan six years ago

to add more than 2,200 work-

ers in Charlotte. The insurance

giant said rapid expansion of

remote work made reaching

that in-person jobs require-

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ment impracticable.

NC cancels financial incentives

with insurance giant Allstate

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And the railroad cut its outlook after reporting disappointing second-quarter results driven by weakening consumer demand. Union Pacific said its former chief operating officer Jim Vena will take over as CEO next month.

NatWest Bank CEO in Britain ousted

LONDON — NatWest, one of Britain's biggest banks, says its chief executive has left her job after discussing personal details of a client — the populist politician Nigel Farage — with a journalist. The bank said Alison Rose was leaving Wednesday "by mutual consent."

The surprise early-morning statement came just hours after NatWest had expressed full confidence in the CEO.

Congress urged to talk about regulating AVs

WASHINGTON — Advocates for the self-driving vehicle industry are asking Congress to expand their ability to test and eventually sell autonomous cars and trucks.

In a hearing before the House Energy and Commerce Committee, they warned that years of regulatory inaction on so-called autonomous vehicles or AVs is hurting the American industry as other countries gain ground.

CBO: 2024 to have slower economic growth

WASHINGTON — Congressional Budget Office reports that economic and job growth so far this year has been stronger than forecast in February, but an updated outlook sees parts of the economy as weakening through 2024.

The CBO said it expects interest rates to continue to rise, as well as slower growth in the gross domestic product for the rest of this year and unemployment reaching 4.7% by the end

Tuesday to end a 2017 incen-

tives agreement with Allstate,

which could have received up

to \$17.8 million in cash grants

had it met job-creation goals,

The News & Observer of Ra-

To great fanfare in 2017,

Allstate pledged to add at least

2,250 new employees by 2020

at its operations center. It was

considered at the time one of

the largest job-creation proj-

leigh reported.

Thomas Miller, Western EV fleet sales manager for Mitsubishi Motors North America, demonstrates a fast-charger connection on a Mitsubishi car in Central Point, Ore.

New charging network could entice more EV purchases

Associated Press

DETROIT — The announcement Wednesday that seven major automakers are joining to build a large North American electric vehicle charging network should pull people off the sidelines to at least consider shifting away from gas-powered vehicles.

That's how auto industry analysts see the move by General Motors, BMW, Honda, Hyundai, Kia, Mercedes and Stellantis to build a network of fast-chargers that will rival Tesla's and will nearly double the number of quick-charging plugs in the U.S. and Canada.

"Anything that gets more — and especially more reliable chargers — out there will be a benefit to anybody considering EVs," said Sam Abuelsamid, an e-mobility analyst for Guidehouse Insights. "It should help sway some people who were on the fence about buying an EV."

The companies said they will share in a multibillion-dollar investment to build "high power" charging stations with at least 30,000 plugs in urban areas and along travel corridors by 2030.

The dramatic move is intended to allay fears that chargers won't be available for long-distance travel.

The companies wouldn't disclose the exact number of charging stations or financial details of the joint venture they're forming to put the network in place. They said the first of the U.S. chargers will be ready by next summer.

The automakers said in a joint statement Wednesday that they want to build the "leading network" of reliable high-powered charging stations in North America.



An electric vehicle charges on a publicly accessible pole-mounted charger in Los

"The parties have agreed not to disclose specific investment numbers at this time, but the seven founding automakers intend to work as equals to ensure the success of the joint venture," the companies said in a written statement answering questions from The Associated Press.

There are currently just under 8,700 direct-current fast-charging stations in the U.S. and Canada with nearly 36,000 charging plugs, according to the U.S. Department of Energy. Even with 30,000 more plugs, the U.S. will need far more chargers. The National Renewable Energy Laboratory estimates that 182,000 fast chargers will be needed by 2030.

Fast chargers can get a battery to 80% of its capacity in 20 minutes to one hour, making them optimal for travel corridors and in some cases comparable to the time it takes to fill a car with gasoline. They're much quicker than 240-volt "Level 2" chargers that can take hours to get a battery to a full charge.

The new network is expected to have 10 to 20 charging plugs per station, meaning there would be a minimum of 1,500 stations and a maximum of about

Tesla's network, with the largest number of fast chargers in North America, has 2,050 stations and more than 22,000 plugs in the U.S. and Canada, the DOE

The network formed by the automakers would be public and open to all electric vehicle owners. It will have connectors for both Tesla's North American Charging Standard plugs as well as the Combined Charging System plugs used by other automakers.

The network will speed up electric vehicle sales in North America by getting people who now are reading stories about holes in the charging network that prevent long-distance travel, said Stephanie Brinley, an analyst with S&P Global Mobility.

Federal Reserve raises its key rate for 11th time by a quarter-point

Associated Press

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WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve raised its key interest rate Wednesday for the 11th time in 17 months, a streak of hikes that are intended to curb inflation but that also lead to further increases in the costs of

The move lifted the Fed's benchmark short-term rate from roughly 5.1% to 5.3% — its highest level since 2001. Coming on top of its previous rate hikes, the Fed's latest move could

Though inflation has eased to its slowest pace in two years, Wednesday's hike reflects the concern of Fed officials that the economy is still growing too fast for inflation to fall back to their 2% target. With consumer confidence moderate pace," a slight upgrade from carry the risk of going too far and trig- mortgages, auto loans, credit cards and reaching its highest level in two years, its assessment in June.

Americans keep spending — crowding airplanes, traveling overseas and flocking to concerts and movie theaters. Most crucially, businesses keep hiring.

In a statement it issued, the Fed said the economy "has been expanding at a

Speaking at a news conference, Chair Jerome Powell revealed that the Fed's staff economists no longer foresee a recession. In April, the minutes of the central bank's March meeting had revealed that the staff economists envisioned a "mild" recession later this

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Ohtani buzz dominates MLB trade deadline

By DAVID BRANDT Associated Press

PHOENIX - MLB's trade deadline is rapidly approaching on Aug. 1 and with less than a week remaining, it's sometimes hard to figure out which teams are the buyers and which are the sellers.

Could two-way superstar Shohei Ohtani be on the move from the Los Angeles Angels? Could the New York Mets and San Diego Padres — two hugely disappointing teams with some of the game's highest payrolls — really turn into sellers?

Few scenarios seem too



OHTANI

far-fetched.

The sport's expanded 12-team playoff bracket, which was introduced last season, means that at least 20 teams have legitimate playoff aspirations more than halfway through the season. However, that

doesn't mean all of them will be buyers. Take the Arizona Diamondbacks: They were the darlings of the National League for much of the first half of the season, ascending to the top of the NL West for a big chunk of June. But a 5-13 mark in July has sent them spiraling back to the pack.

Entering Tuesday's games, they were one of five teams in the NL — including the Cincinnati Reds (55-47), Miami Marlins (54-47), Diamondbacks (54-47), San Francisco Giants (54-47) and Philadelphia Phillies (53-47) — that are in an incredibly close race for the league's three wild-card spots.

And the calculus changes daily.

D-backs manager Torey Lovullo said the communication with general manager Mike Hazen is constant.

"Mike's like my second wife — we talk every day on the phone," Lovullo said. "We talk about everything under the sun involving the Arizona Diamondbacks. That's our job. We have some easy conversations and we have some aggressive conversations. That's just how we are.

"I try to give him a bird's-eye view of what's happening in the dugout. He's got some decisions he needs to make."

Ohtani's future

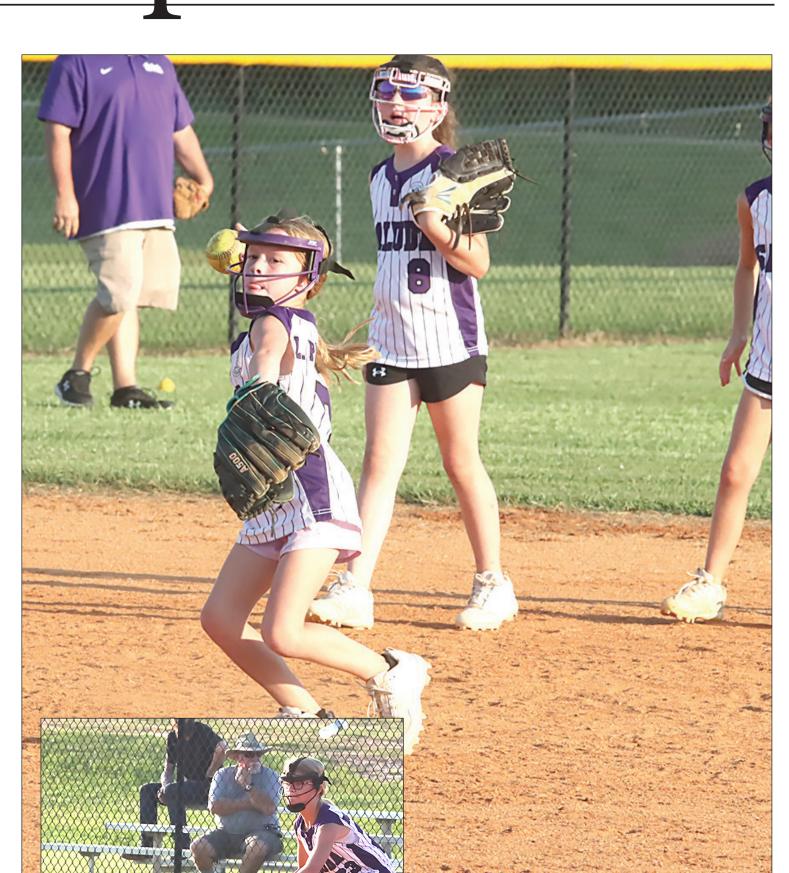
Ohtani is in the final year of his contract with the Angels, who have had some good moments this season but at 51-49 through Monday are far from a certainty to make the postseason. It doesn't help that fellow superstar Mike Trout is on the injured list with a broken bone in his wrist.

It's unclear whether Ohtani would be willing to re-sign with the Angels during the offseason, so owner Arte Moreno could

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New York Mets relief pitcher David Robertson, left, talks to catcher Francisco Alvarez after a baseball game against the Chicago White Sox in New York.



ABOVE: Lizzie Patterson, a player on the Saluda 8U Darlings, throws a ball to first during a joint practice with the 10U and 12U teams. All three teams will be competing in their respective Dixie Youth Softball World Series starting Saturday. LEFT: Adalynn Holsomback, a player on the Saluda 12U X-play Ponytails, fields a ball at first during a jointed practice with the 10U and 8U teams Monday in Saluda.

TRIPLE THREAT

Saluda teams ready for Dixie Youth Softball World Series

By CAM ADAMS

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Jeffrey Jordan recalls the time he, Nancy Jordan and Jeff Crouch picked their softball teams in the spring.

He cracked a little joke.

"I said 'Wouldn't it be crazy if all three of them went to the World Series?' and everybody laughed," Jeffery said.

Now, nobody's laughing.

Their teams have done the incredible, and this weekend, they'll look to accomplish the unthink-

The Saluda 8U Darlings, 10U X-play Angels and 12U X-play Po-

nytails are heading to their respective Dixie Youth Softball World

Series' starting Saturday. "Personally, I'm super excited. At this point, for me, it's just icing on the cake. I think we've met a lot of our goals already," said Nancy, the 10U coach. "We're all a little nervous, too, for sure, but you don't see something like this done very often. ... Pretty amazing what we've

got going on." The three teams advanced to the World Series after winning their state tournaments earlier this month. The 8U won it in dominant fashion with the help of Crouch's assistants, Bradley Gantt, Josh Barwick and Devin Buzhardt.

The 10U team? It fought through the loser's bracket to claim a title. Jeffrey's 12U team simply did it the same way the other two teams did: as a team.

It's been a little more than a week for the Darlings and more than two weeks for the Angels and Ponytails since they won state. And during that time, the support the recreational teams have received has been unmatched.

"Our town is so supportive, I mean, they're amazing," Nancy said. "We've been fundraising and having dinners and our town shows up and shows out for us 100%. Just can't say enough about what we have."

The Saluda teams have hosted fundraiser dinners, fundraiser nights at Chick-fil-A and Mig's and received all kinds of other help from those across the county.

But their support stretches beyond county lines, taking in funds from those in Greenwood, Newberry, Lexington and Edgefield counties, plus one from Summer-

"Money's good, but the love is beyond explanation of what we get in the support and the positivity, so it's just really incredible," Nancy

One big reason is town pride

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Atlanta Braves turn first 8-3-5 triple play since 1884

Associated Press

BOSTON — The Atlanta Braves turned a rare 8-3-5 triple play in the third inning against the Boston Red Sox in a 7-1 loss Tuesday night.

It was the first triple play in the majors this season and the first 8-3-5 triple play in Major League Baseball since the 1884 Boston Beaneaters turned one against the Providence Grays, according to SABR's Triple chuckle about his own mistake. Plays Database.

caught a shallow fly by Triston Casas said. "I'm reading the outfielder. My and threw to first after Adam Duvall had strayed too far.

The throw easily got Duvall, then first baseman Matt Olson alertly fired the ball across the diamond in and it didn't go my way tonight." plenty of time to get Masataka Yoshida at third after he tagged up and attempted to advance on Duvall's run-

ning gaffe. After the win, Duvall was able to

Center fielder Michael Harris bat that it was off the end," Duvall Duvall.

one of those things — it's risk/reward Harris held up his arms and leaped

goal is to get to second if it drops in

front of him. I got out a little too far

and he made a good throw back. It's

as Austin Riley tagged out Yoshida, who was several steps away from the bag when Olson's throw arrived.

The play ended an inning that started with promise for Boston with "My instincts told me right off the back-to-back singles by Yoshida and



Atlanta Braves third baseman Austin Riley, left, tags out **Boston Red** Sox's Masataka Yoshida for the third out of a triple play Tuesday during the third inning at Fenway Park in Boston.

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The Grid

Today Television AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL 5:30 a.m. (Friday)

AFL: Carlton at Collingwood **AUTO RACING** 9 p.m.

ESPN - SRX: Racing Series, Fairlawn,

FISHING

CBSSN – SFC: The Tri-State Canyon Shootout - Day 2, Block Island, R.I. **GOLF**

5 a.m. GOLF - LPGA Tour: The Amundi Evian Championship, Firșt Round, Evian Resort Golf Club, Evian-les-Bains,

7 a.m. GOLF - PGA Tour Champions: The Senior Open Championship, First Round, Royal Porthcawl GC, Wales,

9:30 a.m. GOLF - LPGA Tour: The Amundi Evian Championship, Firşt Round, Evian Resort Golf Club, Evian-les-Bains,

11:30 a.m. GOLF - PGA Tour Champions: The Senior Open Championship, First Round, Royal Porthcawl GC, Wales,

GOLF - PGA Tour: The 3M Open, First Round, TPC Twin Cities, Blaine, Minn.

5 a.m. (Friday) GOLF – LPGA Tour: The Amundi Evian Championship, Second Round, Evian Resort Golf Club, Évian-les-Bains

> **HORSE RACING** 1 p.m.

FS2 – Saratoga Live: From Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

MEN'S RUGBY 5:30 a.m. FS2 – NRL: Brisbane at Sydney **WOMEN'S LACROSSE** 7:30 p.m.

ESPNU – Athletes Unlimited: Team Moreno vs. Team Colson, Sparks Glencoe, Md.

MLB MLBN - LA Angels at Detroit

7:30 p.m. MLBN – Regional Coverage: Chicago Cubs at St. Louis OR Washington at

NY Mets (7 p.m.) **MEN'S SOCCER** 10 p.m. FS1 – Leagues Cup Group Stage:

Club América vs. St. Louis City SC, Group D, St. Louis 10:30 p.m. ESPN2 – Club Friendly: Borussia Dortmund vs. San Diego Loyal, San

WOMEN'S SOCCER

3:30 a.m. FS1 – FIFA World Cup Group Stage: Portugal vs. Vietnam, Group E, Hamilton, New Zealand

FS1 – FIFA World Cup Group Stage: Australia vs. Nigeria, Group B, Brisbane, Australia

8 p.m. FS1 – FIFA World Cup Group Stage: Argentina vs. South Africa, Group G, Dunedin, New Zealand

4:30 a.m. (Friday) FS1 – FIFA World Cup Group Stage: England vs. Denmark, Group D,

TENNIS 5 a.m.

TENNIS - Warsaw-WTA, Lausanne-WTA, Hamburg-ATP, Umag-ATP, Atlanta-ATP Early Rounds; Hamburg-WTA Quarterfinals

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burg-WTA Semifinals WNBA 3:30 p.m. NBATV – Indiana at Los Angeles

7 p.m. PRIME VIDEO - Atlanta at New York

Lander men's hoops adds pair of assistants

Austin Mick has been added as an assistant coach and Dawda Jallow was added as a graduate assistant for the for the 2023-24 season.

Panthers' Bryce Young starter for Week 1

SPARTANBURG — Carolina Panthers coach Frank Reich wasted no time nam-

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BRYCE YOUNG

opener against the Atlanta Falcons. Reich said Wednesday,

The announcement came after the completion of the Young's first NFL training camp practice at Wofford College, although the news seemed imminent after Young took over first-team reps from veteran Andy Dalton back during organized team activities.

Chargers, Herbert agree to 5-year extension

Justin Herbert is set to become the NFL's highest-paid quarterback by annual salary, agreeing to a five-year, \$262.5 million extension with the Los Angeles Chargers on Tuesday.

Herbert's total value and \$52.5 million average per season surpasses the \$260 million, five-year extension (\$52 million average) Baltimore's Lamar Jackson signed three months ago. Herbert will get \$218.7 million guaranteed, which is second to the fully guaranteed \$230 million deal Deshaun Watson signed with Cleveland in 2022, a person close to the negotiations told The Associated Press.

Brock Purdy cleared for 49ers camp

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — San Francisco 49ers quarterback Brock Purdy has been cleared to take part in training camp after undergoing surgery on his throwing elbow in the offseason.

Northwestern players forgo media days

EVANSTON, Ill. — Northwestern will not have any players at the Big Ten's annual media days this week after the three who were scheduled to attend opted Tuesday to back the 2023 season.

SPORTS DIGEST

out because of hazing scandals that have engulfed the

Linebacker Bryce Gallagh-Lander men's basketball team er, defensive back Rod Heard II and receiver Bryce Kirtz said in a statement they made the "very difficult" decision after consulting with interim coach David Braun, their parents and teammates.

1947 Heisman winner, Johnny Lujack, dies

Johnny Lujack, Heisman Trophy winner who led Notre Dame to three national championships in the 1940s, died in Florida following a brief illness. He was 98. Lujack's death was confirmed by his granddaughter, Amy

Lujack is considered one of the greatest Notre Dame players of all time, having won the Heisman in 1947 and leading the Irish to national titles in 1943, 1946 and 1947.

Messi scores twice in 2nd game with new club

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. Lionel Messi scored twice and added an assist in his first start for Inter Miami, leading his new club to a 4-0 win over Atlanta United in the Leagues Cup.

Messi scored both goals in the first 22 minutes, giving him three in his first 63 minutes for Miami. Messi converted a game-winning free kick in the 94th minute on Friday in Miami's Leagues Cup opener against Mexican club Cruz Azul.

Hawks, Magic to play game in Mexico City

The NBA has announced the Atlanta Hawks and Orlando Magic will play a regular-season game in Mexico City on Nov. 9. It will be the 32nd NBA game in Mexico since 1992.

The Hawks will be playing in Mexico for the first time and the Magic for the fourth time since 2012.

Giants, Thomas agree to long-term deal

RUTHERFORD, N.J. - The New York Giants have locked in left tackle Andrew Thomas with a fiveyear contact extension worth \$117.5 million.

The Giants announced the signing Wednesday, hours before the team stepped on the field for its first practice for

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Detroit at Miami, 6:40 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.
Cleveland at Chicago White Sox, 7:10 p.m.
Minnesota at Kansas City, 8:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Houston, 8:10 p.m. Oakland at Colorado, 8:40 p.m. Seattle at Arizona, 9:40 p.m. Texas at San Diego, 9:40 p.m. Boston at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m NATIONAL LEAGUE

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Washington (Gray 7-8) at N.Y. Mets (Senga 7-5), 7:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Steele 10-3) at St. Louis (Mikolas 6-5), 7:45 p.m.

Friday's Games

Detroit at Miami, 6:40 p.m.
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.
Washington at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.
Milwaukee at Atlanta, 7:20 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at St. Louis, 8:15 p.m.
Cakland at Colorado, 8:40 p.m. Oakland at Colorado, 8:40 p.m. Seattle at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.
Texas at San Diego, 9:40 p.m.
Cincinnati at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.
Boston at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m. Soccer

Women's World Cup Glance Group A Tuesday New Zealand 0, Philippines 1 Sunday Switzerland vs. New Zealand, 3 a.m Norway vs. Philippines, 3 a.m. Group B

Wednesday Canada 2, Ireland 1 Thursday Australia vs. Nigeria, 6 a. Monday Canada vs. Australia, 6 a.m.

TRADE

instead trade the 29-year-old,

which undoubtedly would bring

But the Japanese star is a one-

of-a-kind talent who can't be

replaced — on the field or when

Big money, little results

in baseball — just ask the Mets

Money can't buy everything

Mets owner Steve Cohen is

spending upward of \$350 mil-

lion for a team that had a 46-

53 record through Monday's

games. With that in mind, it feels

like the Mets could part with

some veterans — like reliever

David Robertson or outfielder

Tommy Pham — who would be

useful pieces for just about any

back a sizable haul of talent.

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and Padres.

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Ireland vs. Nigeria, 6 a.m Japan 2, Costa Rica 0 Spain 5, Zambia 0

Group E W D GP GF GA Pts 0 0 1 3 Netherlands Portugal Wednesday United States vs. Netherlands, late.

Portugal vs. United States, 3 a.m Vietnam vs. Netherlands, 3 a.m.

Group D Friday England vs. Denmark, 4:30 a.m. China vs. Haiti, 7 a.m. Tuesday China vs. England, 7 a.m.

Argentina vs. South Africa, 8 p.m Saturday Sweden vs. Italy, 3:30 a.m Wednesday, Aug. 2
Argentina vs. Sweden, 3 a.m.
South Africa vs. Italy, 3 a.m. Group F Saturday

France vs. Brazil, 6 a.m.
Panama vs. Jamaica, 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 2
Panama vs. France, 6 a.m. Jamaica vs. Brazil, 6 a.m.

Sunday South Korea vs. Morocco, 12:30 a.m. Germany vs. Colombia, 5:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 3 South Korea vs. Germany 6 a m Morocco vs. Colombia, 6 a.m.

Auto Racing Glance NASCAR CUP SERIES

Site: Richmond, Virginia.

Schedule: Saturday, practice, 12:35 p.m., and qualifying, 1:20 p.m.; Sunday, race, 3 p.m. Track: Richmond Raceway

Race distance: 400 laps, 300 miles.
Last year: Kevin Harvick won after starting 13th.
Last race: Denny Hamlin pulled away on the final restart and won his record seventh race at Pocono and the 50th of his career. Pocono and the 50th of his career.

Fast facts: Hamlin became just the 15th driver in NASCAR's 75 years to win 50 races. His victory was also the 600th in NASCAR for Joe Gibbs Racing. ... Hamlin and Kyle Larson battled for the lead nearing the end before Larson crashed, finishing 20th. Larson claimed Hamlin nudged him; Hamlin said he did not. ... The victory came a year after Hamlin and then-teammate Kyle Busch were both disqualified after finishing 1-2 at the track. ... Hamlin's teammate, Martin Truex Jr., expanded his points lead to 30 over William Byron with Hamlin 55 back. William Byron with Hamlin 55 back.

Next race: Aug. 6, Brooklyn, Michigan.
Online: http://www.nascar.com
NASCAR XFINITY SERIES

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Road America 180

Site: Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin.

Schedule: Friday, practice, 5 p.m., and qualifying, 6 p.m.; Saturday, race, 3 p.m. (NBC).

Track: Road America.

Race distance: 45 laps, 182.16 miles.

Last year: Ty Gibbs won from the pole position.

Last race: Austin Hill grabbed the lead when dominant Josh Berry slammed the wall on a restart in overtime at Pocono. It was Hill's fourth victory of the season.

Fast facts: Hill ended a 13-race winless drought

and tied points leader John Hunter Nemechek for the victories lead. ... The two overtime laps were the only ones Hill led in the race ... Berry won both stages before crashing. He finished 24th. ... Sam Mayer was second, followed by Cup Series regular Chase Elliott, Riley Herbst and

The Padres cost nearly as

much and have been nearly as

disappointing at 48-53. General

manager A.J. Preller hasn't been

shy about making big deals in

the past, so it's fair to wonder if

pitchers like lefty starter Blake

Snell and closer Josh Hader

might be available for the right

price. Both are free agents after

Pitching a premium

hot commodity at the trade

deadline, and this year is no ex-

ception.

Jordan Hicks.

Pitching is almost always a

The disappointing Chicago

White Sox could be shopping

Lance Lynn and Lucas Giolito

while the St. Louis Cardinals

might move Jack Flaherty, Jor-

dan Montgomery or reliever

Chicago Cubs ace Marcus

Daniel Hemric. ... With six races left to determine open. ... Nemechek, who had won two straight, finished 32nd. Next race: Aug. 5, Brooklyn, Michigan. Online: http://www.nascar.com

Golf Glance **PGA TOUR** Site: Blaine, Minnesota.

Course: TPC Twin Cities. Yardage: 7,431. Par: 71. Prize money: \$7.8 million. Winner's share: \$1.404 Television: Thursday-Friday, 4-7 p.m. (Golf Channel); Saturday-Sunday, 1-3 p.m. (Golf Channel), 3-6 p.m. (CBS). Defending champion: Tony Finau.
FedEx Cup leader: Jon Rahm.
Last week: Brian Harman won the British Open and Akshay Bhatia won the Barracuda Championship.

LPGATOUR AND LADIES EUROPEANTOUR AMUNDI EVIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Site: Evian-les-Bains, France.

Course: Evian Resort GC. Yardage: 6,523. Part Prize money: \$6.5 million. Winner's share: \$1 Television: Thursday-Friday, 5-7 a.m., 9:30-11:30 a.m. (Golf Channel); Saturday-Sunday, 5:30-11 a.m. (Golf Channel).

a.m. (Golf Channel).

Defending Champion: Brooke Henderson.

Race to CME Globe leader: Ruoning Yin.

Last week: Cheyenne Knight and Elizabeth

Szokol won the Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational.

PGA TOUR CHAMPIONS SENIOR BRITISH OPEN

Site: Porthcawl, Wales.
Course: Royal Porthcawl GC. Yardage: 6,901.
Par: 71.

Prize money: \$2.75 million. Winner's share: \$412.500. \$412,500. Television: Thursday-Friday, 7-9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Golf Channel); Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon (CNBC), noon to 2:30 p.m. (NBC); Sunday, 8:30 to noon (CNBC), noon to 2 p.m. (NBC).

Defending champion: Darren Clarke Charles Schwab Cup leader: Steve Stricker. Last tournament: Steve Stricker won the Kaulig Companies Championship. Next tournament: Boeing Classic on Aug. 11-13.

Transactions
BASEBALL
Major League Baseball

Announced Commissioner of Baseball Robert D. Manfred Jr.'s contract has been extended through 2029. Suspended Pittsburgh RHP Angel Perdomo for three games and fined an undisclosed amount for intentionally throwing at San Diego 3B Manny Machado during a July

American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Cleared INF/OF Josh
Lester outright off waivers and assigned him to

BOSTON RED SOX — Agreed to terms with RHP Frank German and SS Eddy Alvarez on minor league contracts.

HOUSTON ASTROS — Reinstated 2B Jose Altuve and LF Yordan Alvarez from the 10-day IL. Optioned INF/OFs Bligh Madris and David Hensley to Sugar Land (IL).

MINNESOTA TWINS — Recalled RHP Josh
Winder from St. Paul (IL). Optioned RHP Oliver

Ortega to St. Paul. SFATTLE MARINERS — Acquire RHP Trent Thornton from Toronto in exchange for INF Mason McCoy. Transferred Marco Gonzalez from the

15-day IL to the 60-day IL.

National League

ATLANTA BRAVES — Sent RHP Derek Rodriguez and LHP Lucas Luetge outright to Gwinnett (IL). LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Reinstated INF/

OF Kike Hernandez from the 10-day IL. Recalled RHP Tyson Miller from Oklahoma City (PCL). Optioned LHP Justin Bruihl to Oklahoma City. Placed OF Jonny DeLuca on the 10-day IL. MIAMI MARLINS — Sent RHP Tommy Nance to the Florida Complex League (FCL) on a rehab escionment.

over 14 starts.

• It makes sense that the lastplace Colorado Rockies would be sellers at the deadline. They've got a few veteran bats like C.J. Cron and Randal Grichuk who

• The New York Yankees could use another good bat or two as they continue to fight in the brutally tough AL East. Cubs outfielder Cody Bellinger or Nationals third baseman Jeimer Candelario could be good fits. Bellinger, the 2019 NL MVP with the Dodgers, has had a great bounce-back year in Chicago, batting .319 with 14 hom-

assignment. MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Placed OF Jesse Winkler on the 10-day IL, retroactive to July 25. Recalled INF Abraham Toro from Nashville (IL). and could be a game-changer for a contender. The same goes

Others to watch

for Detroit Tigers lefty Eduardo

Rodriguez, who has a 2.69 ERA

could provide some pop.

Stroman has had a great year ers and 44 RBIs.



The Saluda 8U, 10U and 12U softball teams gather for a photo following their Monday practice in preparation for their respective Dixie Youth World Series.

TRIPLE

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from the locals — and that radiates to the teams as well.

"I take a lot of pride in who we are and what we represent just because we are a very good group of girls," said Nyla Jordan, a 12U player and one of Jeffrey and Nancy's daughters.

"We also remember the ball will stop one day, but being a good person and the relationships that you build with people is more important." That's another thing that's special about

these teams and their coaches. They value humility. They value teaching players life lessons. And they value faith. "I tell them all the time 'With God, all things

are possible, and I think we're an example of that," Jeffery said. "We are faith-based and we pray in that circle, win, lose or draw." With the 8U and 10U teams heading to Fairview, Tennessee and the 12U team, the defend-

soon, the kids are ready to play.

They can tell you themselves.

"I'm very excited," said Lynslee Gantt, an 8U player. "It's our first time going, and I'm excited and I hope we can win."

They feel like they can go pretty far.

"I feel like as a team together, we can do pretty well," said Natalie Jordan, a 10U player and another one of Nancy and Jeffery's daughters. "I'm really excited and I feel like we have put in the effort in practice, and we deserve to go to the World Series."

And their coaches do, too.

"I'm not about to doubt these girls. I've seen some miraculous things," Crouch said. "There's magic in this game, and I've seen some really magical things happen with these young girls and the older ones.

"I hope that we all are expecting to go up there and win and if all three of us do, it would be surprising, but it wouldn't shock me."

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Golf's majors delivered inspiring comebacks minus drama

HOYLAKE, England yndham Clark was on the 18th green, 60 feet away from the hole. Rory McIlroy was in the scoring room, watching on television. Clark rolled the long putt to within a foot of the hole and pumped his fist. All that



FRINGE

DOUG FERGUSON

par to win the U.S. Open. That was the extent of Sunday drama in the majors

this year. The champions are not about to complain, least of ASSOCIATED PRESS all Clark at Los

Angeles Country Club or Brian Harman at Royal Liverpool, both of them first-time major winners who played as though they had been there before.

Not every Masters can have the remarkable back-and-forth between Sergio Garcia and Justin Rose, much less a comeback by Tiger Woods. Augusta National always seems to deliver, but the slogan of the Masters not starting until the back nine on Sunday would be a tough sell the last four

All that can salvage 2023 for edge-of-the-seat theater is the

Ryder Cup. Rahm becoming a Masters champion is a big deal, particularly winning on the birthday of the late Seve Ballesteros with caddie Adam Hayes being assigned No. 49 — 4/9 is Seves birthday — for his caddie bib. But with Brooks Koepka going 22 holes without a birdie, Rahm all but sealed it with an 8-iron from the trees to 3 feet for birdie on the 14th and a four-shot lead with

four to play. Clark also hit his money shot on the 14th hole, a 3-wood onto the green at the 623-yard par 5 for a two-putt birdie, right after Rory McIlroy couldn't hit the same green with a wedge. Clark had a three-shot lead with four

to play. The PGA Championship at Oak Hill was reasonably tight until it wasn't. Brooks Koepka was one shot ahead when Viktor Hovland hit 9-iron from the bunker into an embedded lie in the face, leading to double bogey. Koepka made birdie and the lead was four shots with two to play.

As for the British Open, consider that Harman took the lead on Friday morning with a 25-foot birdie putt on the third hole. No one caught him the rest of the week. On the weekend, his lead was never fewer than two shots (that lasted one hole). He won by six.

While dull, the majors did not lack for inspiration, particularly the last two.

Most amazing about Harman winning the British Open was how seldom he had won for his ability. No one ever questioned his talent or his ability, particularly his putting. But he had won just two tournaments in his 335 previous starts as a PGA Tour member.

Why? Not even Harman knew. "It just hasn't happened," he said Friday. "I don't know why it hasn't happened, but I'm not going to quit. I'm going to stick with it and just keep after it. And hopefully, it'll pop one day."

It didn't pop at Hoylake, it burst. And then he was asked the same question with the silver claret jug at his side. And he still had no answers.

"I don't know why this week," he said. "But I'm very thankful that it was this week."

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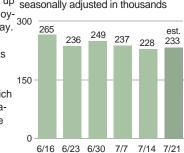
Labor market bellwether

The Labor Department serves up seasonally adjusted in thousands its weekly snapshot of unemployment benefits applications today. Jobless aid applications, a proxy for layoffs, fell two weeks ago to a seasonally adjusted 228,000, while the four-week moving average of claims, which evens out some weekly fluctuations, dropped to 237,500. The

latest decline in jobless aid

applications reflects a labor

market that continues to cruise



Mixed results?

Wall Street expects that Ford's latest quarterly report card will show mixed results.

Money&Markets

Analysts predict the automaker will report today that its second-quarter earnings fell from a year earlier, even as revenue increased. In the first guarter, Ford

swung into the black thanks to a \$1.76 billion profit that mostly came from Ford Blue, the company's internal-combustion engine vehicle unit. Earlier this month. Ford lowered sticker prices for its F-150 Lightning



Eye on the economy

Interestrates

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3.87% Wednes-

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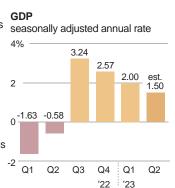
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The Commerce Department delivers its latest quarterly estimate of U.S. economic growth today.

Economists project that gross domestic product increased at a 1.5% seasonally adjusted annual rate in the April-June quarter. That would be the weakest growth since the second quarter of last year, when GDP contracted by 0.58%. The economy has been slowed by the Federal Reserve's aggressive drive to tame inflation by raising interest rates, making it more expensive to borrow money.



StoryStocks

Stocks held steady after the Federal Reserve raised interest rates to their highest level in more than two decades, just as Wall Street expected. The S&P 500 slipped less than 0.1% Wednesday. The Dow rose 82 points, or 0.2%, and the Nasdaq slipped 0.1%.





Close: \$232.80 **18.68** or 8.7% The aircraft maker reported a small-

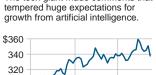


	52-week r	ange	Ü
\$120.99	OZ WOOK!	ungo	\$233.09
Vol.: 24.9 r Mkt. Cap:	n (4.8x avç \$140.1 b	g.)	PE: Yield:

Alphabet GOOG Close: \$129.66 \$\(6.87 \) or 5.6% The parent company of Google snapped out of an unprecedented advertising slump.



Microsoft **MSFT** Close: \$337.77 ▼-13.21 or -3.8% The tech giant made comments that





Snap	SNAP
Close: \$10.73 ▼-1.78	3 or -14.2%
The owner of the Sna	apchat app re-
ported declining sale	s and issued a



Gap **GPS** Close: \$9.92 **\(_ 0.71 or 7.7%** The clothing retailer tapped a Mattel executive responsible for re-enernext CEO.



Mkt. Cap: \$3.7 b Yield: 6.1% SOURCE: FIS

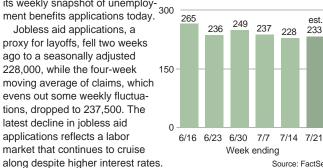
Fychange Traded Funds

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NAME	TICKER	LAST	CHG	%YTD
AdSDorWr	AADR	52.11	-0.15	+9.1
CambriaYld	SYLD	63.95	+0.07	+7.8
ColTacIn	TBND	23.48		
CS SP mlp	MLPO	13.31	+0.18	+0.7
DxREBr	DRV	41.77	-0.38	-22.6
Drx300Chin	CHAU	19.14	+0.09	-5.2
EmrgSIGr n	EMGC	25.81		+9.5
EtrWFxEn	LMLP	3.00		
FidCnsStpl	FSTA	46.55	+0.10	+3.9
Fid Qual	FQAL	52.10	+0.03	+17.3
IQ M Intr	MMIT	24.41	+0.04	+1.2
IQ 50HJpn	HFXJ	20.18		
iShGerm	EWG	28.96	-0.03	+17.1
iSh CMBS	CMBS	45.92	+0.14	
iShPhilpns	EPHE	27.39	+0.09	+4.6
iShIntSelDv	IDV	27.59	+0.11	+1.6
iShPharm	IHE	182.45	+0.21	-2.0
iShGroAllo	AOR	52.09	+0.17	+10.5
iShBd3-23	IBDD	26.59		+0.3
iSh MinVI	SMMV	35.21	+0.05	+1.8
JH MultCns	JHMC	39.99		
JH MulCnSt	JHMS	35.43		
PrShBICr	SCO	20.89	+0.22	-12.4
VangValu	VTV	147.15	+0.17	+4.8
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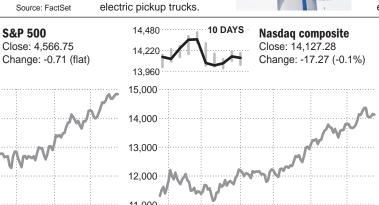
Initial jobless benefit claims

S&P 500

Close: 4,566.75



Source: FactSet



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Stocks	Recan	,	l	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	wĸ	МО	QTR	YTD
00001101	itooap		DOW	35,633.61	35,306.27	35,520.12	+82.05	+0.23%				+7.16%
	NYSE	NASD	DOW Trans.	16,631.78	16,275.59	16,621.13	+441.45	+2.73%				+24.11%
		117.05	DOW Util.	958.67	945.04	948.92	+0.39	+0.04%			\blacksquare	-1.91%
Vol. (in mil.)	3,681	3,995	NYSE Comp.	16,456.41	16,330.96	16,418.21	+33.03	+0.20%				+8.13%
Pvs. Volume	3,565	4,238	NASDAQ	14,187.35	14,041.95	14,127.28	-17.27	-0.12%	▼			+34.98%
Advanced	1492	2139	S&P 500	4,582.47	4,547.58	4,566.75	-0.71	-0.02%				+18.94%
Declined	839	1265	S&P 400	2,734.70	2,708.94	2,727.70	+13.57	+0.50%				+12.23%
New Highs	104	92	Wilshire 5000	46,322.74	45,993.32	46,178.61	+26.80	+0.06%	\blacksquare			+21.29%
New Lows	4	86	Russell 2000	1,984.78	1,962.49	1,980.36	+14.25	+0.72%	\blacksquare			+12.44%

Wheat's sweet summer

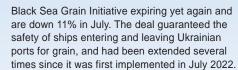
Wheat prices are jumping amid Russia's decision to pull out of a deal that allowed exports of grain from Ukraine.

Higher wheat prices could ignite further food prices hikes, posing a threat to the global

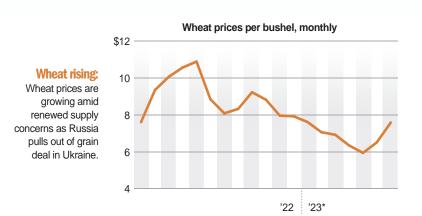
inflation fight. Consumer prices had been gradually cooling amid the Federal Reserve's aggressive interest rate increases that started in 2022.

The U.S. has so far avoided a recession and consumers remain confident about the economy

Wheat prices jumped nearly 10% in June ahead of the



Prior to the initial agreement, Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February of 2022 sent grain prices, including wheat, soaring. Wheat is a key ingredient for processed foods and higher raw materials prices prompted companies to charge more for everything from cereal to bread. That pressured consumers facing hotter inflation overall



Source: FactSet *data through July 26 Damian J. Troise: Alex Nieves • AP

Stocks of Local Interest

		52-WK	RANGE 4	CLOSE							YTD	1YR	VOL		
NAME	TICKER	LO		HI	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	WK	MO	QTR	%CHG	%RTN	(Thous)	P/E	DIV
AT&T Inc	Т	13.43	~	22.84	14.89	+.09	+0.6		\blacksquare	▼	-19.1	-12.7	62177		1.11
Adv Micro Dev	AMD	54.57	─	132.83	110.09	-2.91	-2.6	•	•	\blacksquare	+70.0	+25.6	51506	CC	1.60f
AERWINS Technolog	ies AWIN	0.22	\$	18.00	.35	+.11	+44.6	A	•	•	-96.7		59291		
Alphabet Inc C	GOOG	83.45	─	129.55	129.66	+6.87	+5.6				+46.1	+12.5	46142	28	
Alphabet Inc A	GOOG	L 83.34	─	129.04	129.27	+7.06	+5.8				+46.5	+12.6	61548	28	
Amazon.com Inc	AMZN	81.43		146.57	128.15	98	-0.8	•	•	•	+52.6	+5.2	53702		
Apple Inc	AAPL	124.17	─	198.23	194.50	+.88	+0.5				+49.7	+25.7	47338	33	0.96f
Bank of America	BAC	26.32	→	38.60	32.41	+.26	+0.8				-2.1	+0.3	41537	9	0.96f
Bk of SC Corp	BKSC	13.36	~	18.17	13.86	05	-0.4		\blacksquare	▼	-15.5	-15.6	2	12	0.68
Becton Dickinsn	BDX	215.90	─	287.32	282.80	51	-0.2				+11.2	+17.1	1855	53	3.64
CSX Corp	CSX	25.80		34.71	32.95	22	-0.7		\blacksquare	\blacksquare	+6.4	+6.6	23107	16	0.40
Canopy Growth Corp	CGC	0.35	~ —	4.77	.40	+.01	+3.3		\blacksquare		-82.6	-84.6	48925		
Duke Energy	DUK	83.76	→	113.67	95.56	+.27	+0.3				-7.2	-5.9	2197	29	4.10f
Eaton Corp plc	ETN	129.85		211.83	203.04	-3.25	-1.6	•			+29.4	+54.2	2676	32	2.92f
Ford Motor	F	10.90		16.68	13.67	+.09	+0.7	•	▼	•	+17.5	+19.8	41868	19	0.60a
Intl Paper	IP	29.01	-	45.18	33.77	16	-0.5	A	_	_	-2.5	-20.8	3585	8	1.85
Lowes Cos	LOW	176.50		235.81	234.07	+.13	+0.1	A		_	+17.5	+21.3	1720	19	4.40f
Lucid Group Inc	LCID	5.46	-	20.62	7.17	+.33	+4.8	A			+5.0	-63.6	43961		
Lumen Technologies	LUMN	1.61	~ —	11.38	1.81	+.04	+2.3	•	▼	▼	-65.3	-80.3	7932		
Meta Platforms Inc	META	88.09		318.68	298.57	+4.10	+1.4	A	_	_	+148.1	+72.3	43944	37	
Microsoft Corp	MSFT	213.43		366.78	337.77	-13.21	-3.8	•	_	•	+40.8	+33.6	58302	38	2.72
Mullen Automotive	MULN	0.10	\$	25.75	.13	+.00	+0.8	•			-98.2	-99.5	165888		
Nikola Corp	NKLA	0.52	-	8.97	2.25	+.22	+10.8	•	_	_	+4.2	-59.6	49645		
PepsiCo	PEP	160.98		196.88	191.60	+.24	+0.1	A	•	_	+6.1	+15.3	3897	34	5.06f
Pfizer Inc	PFE	35.35	~ —	54.93	37.21	+.15	+0.4	•	•	_	-27.4	-23.6	20954	7	1.60f
Rivian Automotive A	RIVN	11.68		40.86	27.15	+1.80	+7.1	_	•	_	+47.3	-20.5	73204		
Snap Inc A	SNAP	7.33		13.89	10.73	-1.78	-14.2	▼	▼	▼	+19.9	+27.3	137538		
Tesla Inc	TSLA	101.81		314.67	264.35	93	-0.4	A	•	_	+114.6	-1.2	95411	75	
Tilray Brands Inc	TLRY	1.50	-	5.12	1.93	+.25	+14.9	•	•	_	-28.3	-51.7	96709		
T2 Biosystems	TTOO	0.05	\$	15.00	.12	+.01	+6.3	_		•	-91.6	-98.6	65261		
Tupperware Brands	TUP	0.61	~	12.86	1.90	+.57	+42.9				-54.1	-77.8	70713		1.08
WalMart Strs	WMT	120.06		160.52	159.74	+.57	+0.4	A	A	A	+12.7	+22.2	5030	37	2.28
Wells Fargo & Co	WFC	35.25		48.84	46.44	+.96	+2.1	A	A	A	+12.5	+10.3	19512	12	1.20f
Speng Inc ADR	XPEV	6.18		25.91	19.46	+4.10	+26.7	A	•	A	+95.8	-35.8	138453		
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Spotlight

Snap had its biggest decline since April Wednesday after the social media app reported declining sales and issued a disappointing forecast.

California-based Snap posted revenue of \$1.07 billion in the second period, just beating Wall Street's target of \$1.05 billion. That's a 4% decline from last year, when it reported revenue of \$1.11 billion. Snap said it expected

third-quarter revenue to be between \$1.07 billion and \$1.13 billion, the

Snap (SNAP)

52-WEEK RANGE

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midpoint of which fell below analyst targets. Like other social media platforms, Snap has struggled with advertising revenue as companies tighten budgets in

the midst of higher interest rates and inflation. "From a revenue perspective, our

business remains in a period of rapid transition as we work to improve our advertising platform, while forward visibility of advertising demand remains limited," the company said in its earnings release.

Wednesday's close: \$10.73, -1.78 SNAP Price-earnings ratio: Lost money (Based on past 12-month results) *annualized

Total return 1-yr 3-yrs* 5-yrs* 11.4% -21.4% -3.5% Market cap: \$20.0 billion

Source: FactSet

Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl

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TREASURIES	LAST	PVS	CHG	WK	MO Q	ΓR	AGO
3-month T-bill	5.44	5.44		•	A .	_	2.53
6-month T-bill	5.52	5.54	-0.02	A	A A	A	2.98
52-wk T-bill	5.39	5.40	-0.01	_	A	A	3.07
2-year T-note	4.85	4.88	-0.03	A	A A	A	3.06
5-year T-note	4.15	4.15		_	A A	A	2.89
7-year T-note	3.99	4.05	-0.06	_	A .	A	2.88
10-year T-note	3.87	3.89	-0.02	_	A A	A	2.79
30-year T-bond	3.94	3.93	+0.01	_	A .	<u> </u>	3.03

CONSUMER RATES	NAT'L AVG	WK AGO	6MO AGO	1YR AGO
48 month new car loan	7.26 ▼	7.51	7.57	6.57
Money market account	0.56	0.54	0.54	0.38
1 year CD	2.59 🔺	2.58	2.56	2.35
\$30K Home equity loan	9.34 🔺	9.33	9.16	8.64
30 year fixed mortgage	7.28 🔺	7.15	7.11	6.43
15 year fixed mortgage	6.57 ▲	6.46	6.47	5.66

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LAST	PRIME RATE 8.50	FED FUNDS 5.38	1 year CD \$30K Home equit		2.59 ▲ 9.34 ▲	2.58 9.33	2.56 9.16	2.35 8.64
AGO AGO	7.50 4.75	4.38 1.63	30 year fixed mort	0 0	7.28 ▲ 6.57 ▲	7.15 6.46	7.11 6.47	5.66
Fore Exch	eign ange		JORS	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	6MO AGO	1YR AGO
		USD	per British Pound	1.2957	+.0063	+.49%	1.2408	1.2028

Canadian Dollar

USD per Euro

Japanese Yen

Mexican Peso

The U.S. dollar weakened versus the British pound and euro. The greenback also fell against the Japanese yen, Mexican peso and Swiss franc.

EUROPE/AFRICA/N	IIDDLE EA	AST			
Israeli Shekel	3.6900	0265	72%	3.4169	3.4458
Norwegian Krone	10.0878	+.0168	+.17%	9.8715	9.9040
South African Rand	17.5959	0031	02%	17.1976	16.9219
Swedish Krona	10.3904	+.0055	+.05%	10.2695	10.3259
Swiss Franc	.8600	0047	55%	.9200	.9632
ASIA/PACIFIC					
Australian Dollar	1.4754	+.0017	+.12%	1.4060	1.4425
Chinese Yuan	7.1507	+.0144	+.20%	6.7835	6.7632
Hong Kong Dollar	7.8013	0108	14%	7.8294	7.8499
Indian Rupee	81.937	+.064	+.08%	81.470	79.863
Singapore Dollar	1.3241	0039	29%	1.3121	1.3902
South Korean Won	1269.84	-5.67	45%	1233.81	1311.48
Taiwan Dollar	31.18	13	42%	30.24	29.98



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	FUELS	CLOSE	PVS	%CHG	%YT
	Crude Oil (bbl)	78.78	79.63	-1.07	-1.
	Heating Oil (gal)	2.84	2.78	+2.35	-15.
	Natural Gas (mm btu)	2.67	2.73	-2.38	-40.
l	Unleaded Gas (gal)	2.91	2.85	+1.89	+18.
	METALS	CLOSE	PVS	%CHG	%YT
	Gold (oz)	1,968.90	1,962.10	+0.35	+8.
	Silver (oz)	24.83	24.68	+0.59	+4.
	Platinum (oz)	964.00	967.70	-0.38	-10.
	Copper (lb)	3.89	3.90	-0.29	+2.
-	Aluminum (ton)	2,155.50	2,184.00	-1.30	-10.
	AGRICULTURE	CLOSE	PVS	%CHG	%YT
	Cattle (lb)	1.79	1.78	+0.21	+15.
	Coffee (lb)	1.63	1.62	+0.62	-2.
	Corn (bu)	5.40	5.58	-3.09	-20.
	Cotton (lb)	0.88	0.87	+0.99	+5.
	Lumber (1,000 bd ft)	519.00	526.00	-1.33	+49.
	Orange Juice (lb)	3.15	3.10	+1.86	+52.
	Soybeans (bu)	15.46	15.16	+2.03	+1.
	Wheat (bu)	7.20	7.60	-5.29	-9.
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	GlobalMa	rkets			

-	INDEX	LAST	CHG	CHG	WK	MO	QTR	YTD
	S&P 500	4566.75	-0.71	-0.02%				+18.94%
	Frankfurt DAX	16131.46	-80.13	-0.49%	\blacktriangle			+15.86%
,	London FTSE 100	7676.89	-14.91	-0.19%	\blacktriangle		\blacksquare	+3.02%
	Hong Kong Hang Seng	19365.14	-69.26	-0.36%			\blacksquare	-2.10%
f	Paris CAC-40	7315.07	-100.38	-1.35%	\blacksquare			+13.00%
†	Tokyo Nikkei 225	32668.34	-14.17	-0.04%	\blacksquare	\blacksquare		+25.19%
•	SOUTH AMERICA/CANA	NDA						
-	Buenos Aires Merval	471102.91	-346.50	-0.07%				+132.13%
•	Mexico S&P/BMV IPC	54502.09	+488.51	+0.90%			\blacksquare	+12.46%
f	Sao Paolo Bovespa	122554.50	+546.73	+0.45%				+11.68%
f	Toronto S&P/TSX	20561.64	+10.11	+0.05%	\blacktriangle		\blacksquare	+6.07%
3	EUROPE/AFRICA							
1	Amsterdam	775.46	-4.35	-0.56%				+12.55%
)	Brussels	3791.58	-23.67	-0.62%			\blacksquare	+2.44%
f	Madrid	9600.50	+81.30	+0.85%				+16.67%
f	Zurich	11183.55	-47.86	-0.43%	\blacktriangle	_	\blacksquare	+4.23%
1	Milan	28980.45	+14.04	+0.05%	\blacktriangle			+22.24%
5	Johannesburg	77546.38	+20.76	+0.03%			\blacksquare	+6.16%
f	Stockholm	2235.23	-23.86	-1.06%	\blacksquare	\blacksquare		+9.39%
	ASIA							
	Seoul Composite			%	-	_	-	+7.10%
	Singapore Straits Times	3304.96	+18.80	+0.57%	\blacktriangle		\blacksquare	+1.65%
2	Sydney All Ordinaries	7617.80	+63.10	+0.84%			\blacksquare	+5.48%
•	Taipei Taiex	17136.90	-61.99	-0.36%				+20.84%
f	Shanghai Composite	3223.03	-8.49	-0.26%		•	•	+4.33%

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TOTAL RETURN/RANK

-	FUND	(\$MIns)	NAV	CHG	4WK	12MO	3YR	5YR
	Vanguard 500ldxAdmrl	425,129	421.60	-0.06	+5.6	+18.4/B	+14.1/B	+11.9/A
-	Fidelity 500ldxInsPrm	420,609	158.56	-0.02	+5.6	+18.5/B	+14.2/B	+11.9/A
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	Vanguard TtlnSldxInv	173,682	18.56	+0.02	+4.8	+15.4/D	+6.9/C	+3.8/C
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y -	American Funds GrfAmrcA m	114,396	62.59	-0.08	+5.9	+21.4/C	+8.9/C	+9.7/D
9	Vanguard InsldxIns	106,753	381.43	-0.06	+5.6	+18.4/B	+14.1/B	+11.9/A
-	Fidelity Contrafund	98,831	15.30	+0.02	+5.2	+24.5/B	+10.1/B	+11.1/C
	Vanguard TtBMIdxAdmrl	97,335	9.56	+0.03	-0.2	-1.9/C	-4.3/D	+0.9/B
	American Funds AmrcnBalA m	94,936	31.07	-0.01	+3.2	+8.6/C	+6.4/B	+6.6/B
	Vanguard WIngtnAdmrl	92,174	71.85	-0.02	+3.1	+9.6/B	+7.4/A	+7.5/A
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	American Funds IncAmrcA m	74,920	23.24	+0.01	+3.2	+6.5/E	+8.1/C	+6.1/C
	Vanguard TrgtRtr2040Fd	74,197	38.68	+0.03	+4.3	+12.7/C	+7.9/D	+6.8/B
	American Funds WAMtInvsA m	74,112	55.67	-0.09	+5.1	+14.3/D	+14.1/B	+10.2/D
	PIMCO Inclnstl	73,622	10.48	+0.03	+0.8	+5.0/A	+1.7/A	+2.7/A
	American Funds InvCAmrcA m	73,165	48.78	-0.10	+5.5	+22.5/A	+13.1/C	+9.7/D
	Schwab SP500ldx	72,273	70.53		+5.1	+17.1/	+14.2/	+11.8/
.	Vanguard TrgtRtr2045Fd	70,405	26.21	+0.02	+4.7	+14.2/C	+9.1/C	+7.4/B
	Vanguard TtlnSldxAdmrl	70,214	31.05	+0.05	+4.8	+15.5/D	+7.0/C	+3.9/C
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	Dodge & Cox Stkl	61,645	237.60	+0.36	+7.4	+14.9/A	+18.7/A	+10.0/A
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- number 4 Blend
- Spreads seed
- Ego companions
- 13 Jai 14 October's

- stone **Post-party**
- chores (hyph.) Sweet-
- scented flower
- 18 Place for
- shadow 19 Genetic copy
- Request
- Slapstick missiles
- Mural base 27 Low voice
- 29 Lyric poem
- 30 Not strong Skater
- Lipinski

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spumante 1 Bad habit

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BRIDGE by Philip Alder

North

♠ A 8 7 ♥ Q 5 3

♦ Q973

East

♠ K

 $\diamondsuit \ Q\ J\ 10\ 6\ 5\ 3\ 2$

♥ KJ942

♣ K Q J 10

East

1♥

Pass

♦ 10 4 2

8 7 5

South

♥ A

Dealer: East

Pass

gain you a trick. However, there are times when

Armed with that helpful hint, how should South

What would you have bid with that South hand

over one heart? The original South hoped both to buy a useful dummy and to shut out the oppo-

nents. He succeeded on both scores. If he had

to the nine-trick level with nine trumps. Then

even if he had passed, South would have rebid

three spades, and then North would have raised.

the first trick with the heart ace and immediately

that lost to the king, the declarer could not avoid

should lead the diamond king at trick two. When

East's hand; otherwise, where are the values for

queen (tempting a cover from West, just in case) and put up dummy's ace. When the king drops,

> THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

> > (Answers tomorrow)

BITTER

that is won by West, it marks the spade king in

his opening bid?

declarer is home.

MBLE

Jumbles: FLUKE

Yesterday's

one letter to each square

to form four ordinary words.

VICLI

losing one spade, one diamond and two clubs. Rather than commit himself immediately, South

bid only one spade, a modern West would have made a preemptive jump to three hearts, getting

play in four spades after West leads the heart

you shouldn't take a finesse, for one reason or

Opening lead: ♥ 6

♦ K 6

\Delta A 3 2

Vulnerable: East-West

Pass

COVER THEIR HANDS.

UNCOVER YOUR PLAY

West

9 4

♥ 10876

♦ AJ85

9 9 6 4

Bridge is a

tough game

because the

textbook ap-

proach does

not work all

to spot the

exceptional

deals. Today,

let's look at one

play techniques

of the earliest

a beginner

is taught -- a

finesse. Nor-

one, hoping

six?

it will win and

mally you take

of the time. It

can be difficult

- 38 Iffy attempt 40 Smoked salmon
- Become slack-jawed Loosen
- 45 Tight as a drum Swede's
- neighbor Paper quantities
- Creek
- 55 Ripped 56 Greed
- 58 Lamb's pen name 59 Portent
- 60 Director - Howard
- 61 Pub pints 62 Lemony taste Earthconscious
 - **DOWN**

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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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M|E|L|T

AREA

DEE

Vinyl spinners

few

10 Corduroy ribs

16 Swiss range

Subsided

9 Reckon

11 Furtive

|M|O|D|E|L|I|N|G

ESTEEM

2 Lazily 3 "Got it"

ESO

REACT

PORT

В

- (2 wds.) 4 Singer Barry
- 5 Give the slip 6 Race unit
- 7 Record

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- 8 Lone player
- - rounds **Publishing** execs

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- Clique 26 28 Alias abbr. Sixth sense
- 33 Elev. 34 French king
- Lumberjack tool (var.)
- Some reptiles 39 Flags
- 42 Cash giver
- 44 Techie 45 Goblin
- 46 Condor nest
- 48 Rockies resort 50 Laird
- 52 Limerick locale
- 53 Surmounting 54 Chatty pet
- 55 Crumpet
- companion

Ms. Thurman of film

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

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

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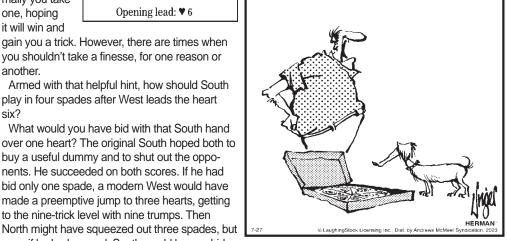
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ONYVOI."— YWIT XBEXUDHIK

Previous Solution: "Every step that I've taken was a learning lesson. Even to not think you're so big and so bad you can't fall." - Darlene Love

TODAY'S CLUE: 7 sienbə M © 2023 by NEA, Inc., dist. by Andrews McMeel Syndication 7-27

HERMAN by Jim Unger



"Dino doesn't like pizza."

When the deal was originally played, South won OFF THE MARK by Mark Parisi



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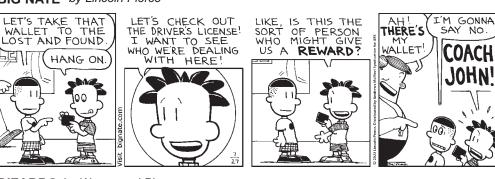


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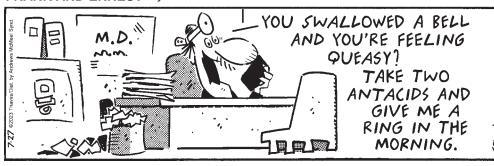
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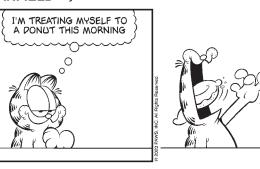
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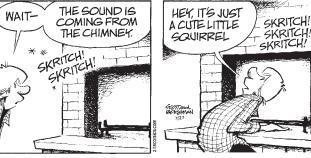


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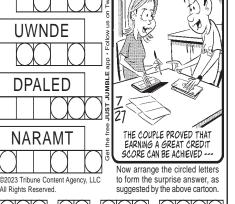




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or lot of land, together with improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in the County of Greenwood, State of South Carolina, containing

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Ninety Six Manufacturing Co., Surveyed at the Request of Central Trust Co." and prepared by Eugene M. Adams, RLS dated July 11, 1990 and recorded in the County in Plat Book 60 at Page

Office of the Clerk of Court for Greenwood 30. According to said plat the said Tract is bounded as follows: On the Northwest by a dirt road, n/k/a Heddy Road, on the Northeast by US

Highway 25; on the East and Southeast by lands now or formerly of John Thomas Hipp, and on the Southwest by lands now or formerly of Ninety Six Manufacturing Company. Reference craved to the aforesaid plat for a more complete description of metes, bounds, courses and distances and said plat is incorporated herein by reference and made a part and parcel hereof. This

being the same property conveyed to Randy G. Perkins by Deed of Jimmy A. Lawton and Evangaline J. Lawton, dated November 17, 2016 and recorded November 22, 2016 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Greenwood County in Book 1552, at page 14. Property

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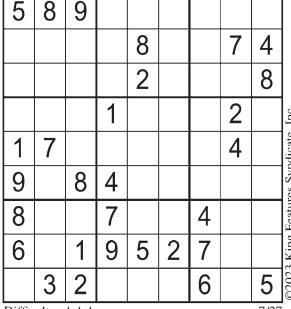
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