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HOMELESS PROVIDERS

Cox: Produce results, or you could lose funding

BY KATIE MCKELLAR
Utah News Dispatch

Utah Gov. Spencer Cox did not pull punches on Thursday when he gave a keynote speech to a room full of homelessness advocates, providers and policymakers. His message: Utah's homeless system is in for some changes — changes to make sure homeless service providers are producing results toward the state's goal of reducing homelessness. And if they don't? They could lose public funding.

"We need accountability," the governor said. "Not just for those that we're providing services, but for those of us that are providing the services."

After negotiations between the governor's ad-



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A person experiencing homelessness sits on the side of a street in Salt Lake City on May 25.

ministration and lawmakers stretched into the final days of the 2024 session, the Utah Legislature ultimately funded more than \$50 mil-

lion in new money to help boost the number of emergency shelter beds. As part of that effort, lawmakers also passed a sweep-

ing bill, HB298, to restructure the state's homeless system's governing body, and tasked that body to create a statewide plan to reduce homelessness and establish new accountability measures for homeless providers. Those measures are not yet set, but is something the newly revamped Utah Homeless Services Board (which met for the first time last month) will be working on in coming months.

During their first and at times tense meeting, when the body approved nearly \$31 million in grants to homeless providers, the board's new members signaled they would be focused on increasing oversight to ensure safety and root out drug use in shelters.

Cox said the 2024 Utah Legislature's more than \$50 million in funding came with a commitment.

"My commitment to the Legislature is you get to hold me accountable, and in turn I'm going to hold all of you accountable. Everyone in this space," he said. "If it's not working, then we're going to stop doing it. And we're going to do something that does work, because we know that there are things that work."

Just like how elected officials need to be held accountable, Cox said, "our service providers need to be held accountable."

"We need to be able to answer the taxpayers of the state of Utah and let them know if what we're doing is

actually working," he said. "Because if it's not actually working, then we should stop doing it."

The governor acknowledged that will likely mean some "really hard" decisions. "Because some really great people are going to lose their funding. OK?" he said. "You have to know that this is going to happen."

Cox then issued a warning to homelessness providers. "Either make sure what you're doing is working, or figure out something else to do really quickly, and then we'll support you," he said. "We're going to have to hold each other accountable, because we can't keep throwing money at something and

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This photo shows images from an art show by McKay Lenker Bayer of Provo about pregnancy, motherhood and the loss of a child.

PROVO AIRPORT

Man turns passion into social community for fellow enthusiasts

BY CURTIS BOOKER
Daily Herald

It's no secret that the Provo Airport is gaining attention as an alternative option for Utah travelers who like to fly the friendly skies.

While the city's travel hub has been around for decades, recent additions like the new terminal, more airlines and more choices for flight destinations have helped propel it to new heights amid increasing demand.

For Provo native Tosh Metzger, it's been exciting to see the growth and have more options for travel. "It's been fun to see Provo pop up on maps, and on travel destinations," Metzger told the Daily Herald. "It's kind of cool, gets our name out there."

Metzger's passion for sharing updates about what's happening at the airport inspired him to create a Facebook community group called Provo International Airport (PVU) New Developments. He started the page in March and it has grown to over 9,000 followers in three months. "I had no idea it would take off so fast, but people are posting on it. They can interact with it, they have questions about it. They can kind of play with the information," Metzger explained.

The PVU New Developments page is not affiliated with the airport's official social media account.

Metzger runs a flower shop but enjoys connecting with others online about what's happening in the community, so building a social media community where people can have discourse was the perfect side activity. "It's a fun hobby. I like to promote Provo; I love this town. I've been all over the place but I'm from here. I get it. You know, it's a fun place to live where people are nice and friendly," Metzger told the Daily Herald.

Teresa Jack, a small business owner

A mom's mixed emotions

Provo woman illustrates pregnancy loss and new motherhood through art

BY CURTIS BOOKER
Daily Herald

A miscarriage can shatter the world of any expecting mother and family. The impacts of such loss leading to feelings of shame, emptiness and isolation.

McKay Lenker Bayer, a Provo mother and artist, knows those feelings personally.

Bayer experienced a miscarriage in 2021. Not long after, she eventually gave birth to her son, who is now 2 years old.

Still reeling with the trauma of infant loss while she was expecting triggered anxiety. "I was terrified of another loss, terrified of wanting a child. It really is so complex," Bayer explained.

She struggled even more when postpartum depression kicked in. "It's the most insane thing in the world. ... It's almost impossible to even really understand" she said.

The experience inspired her to tell a story about pregnancy loss and new motherhood through an art exhibit. "Mère Maison," as she calls it, uses a variety of patterns, colors and imagery. Her message is communicated through a series of houses with legs that represent a mother.

Inside are waving hands representing a symbol of life, though some of the pieces depict an infant loss showing an open door to an empty house, an idea that came about after talking with her yoga instructor. "You are

your baby's home,' my prenatal yoga teacher told me," Bayer told the Daily Herald. "As my baby grew, so did his home. And so did my respect and reverence for motherhood. Each of these houses is a tribute — a small monument — to the act of creating and nurturing life and all the complexities that come with it."

Bayer feels more awareness is needed about the pain a parent feels after losing a child and navigating the birth of a newborn.

Nearly a quarter of all pregnancies end in miscarriage, and 1 in 8 women report experiencing depression after giving birth, according to the Centers for Disease Control

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Thomas acknowledges more travel paid for by Harlan Crow

Justices’ book deals reportedly in 6 figures

BY MARK SHERMAN AND LINDSAY WHITEHURST
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Justice Clarence Thomas on Friday belatedly acknowledged more travel paid by Republican megadonor Harlan Crow, while several colleagues reported six-figure payments as part of book deals.

Thomas, who has faced criticism for failing to report luxury trips paid for by Crow and others over many years, said in his annual financial disclosure that, in 2019, Crow paid for a hotel room in Bali, Indonesia, for a single night, and food and lodging at a private club in Sonoma County, California. He did not report any travel paid by others last year.

The disclosure on Indonesia is curious for what it omits: the rest of the trip. ProPublica reported last year that Thomas flew to Indonesia on Crow’s private jet and then boarded his superyacht for an islands tour, one of many trips Crow has given to Thomas and his wife, Ginni, over the years.

Another justice, Ketanji Brown Jackson, reported eye-popping numbers, a nearly \$900,000 advance for her upcoming memoir, and attention-grabbing gifts, four tickets to a Beyoncé concert valued at \$3,700 from the singer herself.

Jackson was one of four Supreme Court justices who reported sizable income from book deals. Justice Brett Kavanaugh reported being paid \$340,000 by the conservative Regnery Publishing company. The company was sold and the book is to be published by an imprint at Hachette Book Group, according to Axios, which also reported this week that Kavanaugh’s book will deal with his contentious confirmation hearing that included allegations of sexual misconduct, which he has denied. The court confirmed Friday that the justice is writing a legal memoir.

Justices Neil Gorsuch and Sonia Sotomayor reported royalty income of \$250,000 and nearly \$90,000, respectively.

In their day jobs, the justices are being paid \$298,500 this year, except for Chief Justice John Roberts, who earns \$312,200.

The only justice whose report was not



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Members of the Supreme Court sit for a new group portrait following the addition of Associate Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson, at the Supreme Court building in Washington, on Oct. 7, 2022.

available Friday is Samuel Alito, who received an extension for up to 90 days, as he does most years. The justice has separately been under scrutiny over flags that flew outside homes he owned. He has said they were raised by his wife.

Jackson, the first Black woman on the nation’s highest court, signed a book contract soon after taking her seat in 2022. The book, “Lovely One,” is to be published in September.

The total value of her book deal has not been publicly disclosed, but it is expected to rival if not exceed what Sotomayor was paid for her memoir, “My Beloved World,” more than \$3 million.

Among the current justices, only Roberts, Alito and Justice Elena Kagan have so far not cut book deals. Thomas received a \$1.5 million advance, stunning at the time, for his 2007 book, “My Grandfather’s Son.” Justice Amy Coney Barrett in 2022 reported receiving \$425,000 for a yet-to-be-released book, part of a reported \$2 million deal she signed soon after joining the court in 2020.

The disclosures paint a partial picture of the justices’ finances, as they are not required to reveal the value of their homes or, for those who are married, their spouses’ salary.

The justices adopted an ethics code in November, though it lacks a means of

enforcement. The code treats travel, food and lodging as expenses rather than gifts, for which monetary values must be reported. Justices aren’t required to attach a value to expenses.

In March, the federal judiciary began requiring judges to disclose travel-related gifts and their values — rather than reporting such gifts as reimbursements. The justices say they generally abide by the same rules, but Thomas did not disclose the cost of the Bali hotel.

Some Democratic lawmakers are continuing to press legislation that would require the court to adopt a binding code of conduct and provide for investigations of alleged violations. But the prospect for such legislation is considered remote in a closely divided Congress.

Only two justices reported receiving gifts last year. Thomas said he was given two photo albums worth \$2,000 by Terence Giroux and his wife. Giroux is the executive director emeritus of the Horatio Alger Association.

Jackson received artwork for her Supreme Court office worth \$12,500. And then there were the Beyoncé tickets, worth more than \$900 a pop. Beyoncé performed two concerts in the Washington area in August 2023, though Jackson’s disclosure does not say when or where the tickets were for.

Kids are upstaging their political parents

BY ASHRAF KHALIL
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — For one shining moment this week, the country’s ongoing political crises were swept away by the comedic power of one cherubic and wildly exuberant 6-year-old.

Rep. John Rose, R-Tenn., was giving an impassioned defense of former President Donald Trump when his young son Guy went into action. As C-Span recorded the moment, Guy mugged for the camera, stuck his tongue out, rolled his eyes and generally seemed to be having a blast. The nation reacted with a burst of pure bipartisan giddiness. Even Sen. Mitch McConnell’s press secretary joined in the fun.

Guy’s moment in the spotlight is the latest example of political kids upstaging their parents and bringing a moment of levity to the official workings of government. It’s also a solid case study on the sheer unifying power of humor.

“It reminds us that we’re all humans, we all have children. And maybe these things we’re fighting about aren’t all that important,” said Caleb Warren, co-director of the University of Colorado’s Humor Research Lab and a marketing professor at the University of Arizona. “And for him to be doing that during one of these hyperpolitical speeches, that’s what makes it special ... If he was just making those faces in the classroom, it wouldn’t have been the same.”

That incongruity between behavior and environment is key, according to Tamara Sharifov, a licensed clinical social worker based in San Diego who uses humor in therapy sessions, mediation and conflict resolution. Sharifov recently spoke on a panel in Washington about the healing power of humor.

“Comedy allows a shift in perspective and a softening. It allows for an increase in empathy and a calmer environment,” she said. “It’s very healing. It breaks through rigidity.”

A day after his House antics, Guy was at it again, rolling on the White House lawn during the annual congressional picnic.

He now joins a long and proud line of political kids gaining attention for publicly acting like kids. Perhaps his purest spiritual predecessor is young Andrew Giuliani mugging his way through his father Rudy’s 1994 mayoral inauguration — a performance so iconic that it merited a Saturday Night Live parody.

“This is my Guy!!!,” Andrew Giuliani tweeted Tuesday, linking to the C-Span clip.

Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts’ irrepressible son Jack, then 4 years old, gained attention for his enthusiastic dancing during the 2005 ceremony when former President Obama was introducing Roberts as a Supreme Court nominee. And an infamous Oval Office photo features the young son of a Secret Service agent face-planting into a couch as his parents chat in the background.

Sometimes the kiddie cuteness is slightly engineered — as when the White House made an event out of Take Our Kids to Work Day with kids acting as Secret Service agents and reporters.

And sometimes the attention isn’t always positive. In 2014, Sasha and Malia Obama acted very much like a pair of bored, eye-rolling teenagers as their father spoke during an admittedly boring Thanksgiving turkey pardoning press conference. A Republican congressional staffer publicly blasted the pair for their lack of decorum and quickly resigned under pressure.



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3 implicated Americans in Congo coup attempt head to trial

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KINSHASA, Congo — Three Americans accused of being involved in last month’s coup attempt in Congo appeared in a military court in the country’s capital, Kinshasa, on Friday, along with dozens of other defendants who were lined up on plastic chairs before the judge on the first day of the hearing.

The proceedings before the open-air military court were broadcast live on the local television channel.

Six people were killed during the botched coup attempt led by the little-known opposition figure Christian Malanga last month that targeted the presidential palace and a close ally of President Felix Tshisekedi. Malanga was fatally shot for resisting arrest soon after live-streaming the attack on his social media, the Congolese army said.

The defendants face a number of charges, many punishable by death, including terrorism, murder and criminal association. The court said there were 53 names on the list, but the names of Malanga and one other person were removed after death certificates were produced.

Malanga’s 21-year-old son Marcel Malanga, who is a U.S. citizen, and two other Americans are on trial for their alleged role in the attack. All three requested an interpreter to translate the proceedings from French to English.

Malanga’s son was the first to be questioned by the judge, who asked him to confirm his name and other personal details. The military official chosen to translate for him was apparently unable to under-



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American Tyler Thompson Jr., center, sits in court in Kinshasa on Friday.

stand English well. Eventually, a journalist was selected from the media to replace him, but he too had trouble translating numbers and the details of the proceedings.

“He’s not interpreting right. We need a different interpreter who understands English, please,” Marcel Malanga told the judge after the journalist incorrectly translated his zip code.

But no other translator emerged and the defendants had to make do with the journalist, who worked for national radio. Malanga appeared frustrated and defiant as the interview stumbled ahead.

Tyler Thompson Jr., 21, flew to Africa from Utah with the younger Malanga for what his family believed was a vacation, with all expenses paid by the elder Malanga. The young men had played high school football together in the Salt Lake City suburbs. Other teammates accused Marcel of offering up to \$100,000 to join him on a “security job” in Congo.

Thompson appeared before the court with a shaved head and sores on his skin, looking nervous and lost as he confirmed his name and other personal details.

His stepmother, Miranda Thompson, told The Asso-

ciated Press that the family found out about the hearing too late to arrange travel to Congo, but hoped to be present for future court dates. Before this week, the family had no proof he was still alive.

“We’re thrilled with the confirmation,” she said.

Miranda Thompson had worried that her stepson might not even be aware that his family knew he’d been arrested. On Monday, the U.S. Embassy in Congo told the AP it had yet to gain access to the American prisoners to provide consular services before the trial.

The embassy didn’t immediately respond to a request

for comment on Friday.

Thompson’s family maintains he had no knowledge of the elder Malanga’s intentions, no plans for political activism and didn’t even plan to enter Congo. He and the Malangas were meant to travel only to South Africa and Eswatini, Thompson’s stepmother said.

Marcel Malanga’s mother, Brittney Sawyer, has said her son is innocent and simply followed his father, who considered himself president of a shadow government in exile. Sawyer and the Thompsons are independently crowdfunding for legal expenses and travel funds to be present for

the rest of the trial.

Both families say they remain worried about their sons’ health — Malanga has a liver disease, and Thompson contracted malaria earlier in the trip.

“As a mother, my heart is crying each day,” Sawyer wrote on her crowdfunding page. “My main goal each day is to bring him home.”

Benjamin Reuben Zalman-Polun, 36, was the third American on trial. He was seen seated in the back row, and was the last to be interviewed. He told the court he wasn’t married and had three children. The AP has been unable to reach his family for comment.

Zalman-Polun, who in 2015 pleaded guilty to trafficking marijuana, is reported to have known Christian Malanga through a gold mining company that was set up in Mozambique in 2022, according to an official journal published by Mozambique’s government, and a report by the Africa Intelligence newsletter.

A prominent Belgian-Congolese researcher on political and security issues, Jean-Jacques Wondo, also appeared in court on Friday. It was unclear what evidence was held against him. Human Rights Watch said it had consulted with Wondo for years on research, and his only link to Malanga appears to be an old photo.

“Wondo and others detained should be credibly charged with a criminal offense or immediately released. An arrest based only on a 2016 photo is just not credible,” Human Rights Watch said in statement on Friday.

The defendants will appear in court again next Friday to continue with the trial.

Homelessness

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not be able to deliver any results.”

Conference hosted by Solutions Utah, rebranded from the Pioneer Park Coalition

Cox was the keynote speaker at a conference hosted by the homelessness advocacy group Solutions Utah. The group was formerly known as the Pioneer Park Coalition (originally founded as a coalition of business owners to advocate for revitalization around the downtown area that has a long history of grappling with homelessness issues) before it was rebranded in March to align with a mission of improving Utah’s statewide homelessness system.

Solutions Utah’s “priority goals” for 2024, its website states, include legislation to enhance accountability and oversight to the homeless industry — something HB298 seeks to accomplish — “universal enforcement of no-camping and illegal drug use,” “rewarding homeless treatment models that work,” and “mitigation of homeless-related crime to benefit businesses and nearby homeowners,” among others.

The crowd at times fell into a tense silence while listening to Cox’s speech, but he was warmly received when he acknowledged the tension.

“I know that’s heavy. I know I came in a little hot, and I apologize for that,” Cox said with a smile, prompting some laughs. “But we can’t just talk



KATIE MCKELLAR, UTAH NEWS DISPATCH

Utah Gov. Spencer Cox delivers a keynote speech at a conference hosted by the advocacy group Solutions Utah (formerly known as Pioneer Park Coalition) at The Other Side Academy in Salt Lake City on Thursday.

about the nice things anymore. We have to talk about the hard things.”

While highlighting an ongoing coordinated effort with the Utah Highway Patrol and Salt Lake City Police Department to clean up homeless encampments and drug use along the Jordan River, Cox committed state leaders are “all in on this. I’m not going anywhere.”

“I was told by many on my team that this was a huge mistake, that I shouldn’t take this on, because a lot of it is outside my control and it’s a problem ... that’s growing everywhere,” he said, adding he was told, “‘It’s traditionally been, let the city and county deal with it, just put the pressure on them. Don’t get involved, it won’t end well for you.’”

“And they’re probably right,” said Cox, who is running for reelection this year. “And I don’t care. Because it’s

too important.”

Cox’s remarks prompted applause.

“These are our people, OK?” he said. “These are our friends. These are our neighbors. These are our kids. They’re our parents. Now, sadly, more of them are our grandparents. These are real people with real stories, and they deserve our help, and they also deserve our respect.”

By “holding them accountable,” Cox continued, “it shows that we do believe in them, that we do care about them, that there is something better for them.”

“They don’t get to just camp wherever they want. They don’t get to make our streets and our parks miserable for the rest of us. That’s not what a society that loves each other does. We don’t let them do that, because it’s not good for them, and it’s not good for us,” he said. “We the people are going to love and

care for we the people, and we the people are going to hold each other accountable.”

Cox’s speech got a standing round of applause.

The conference took place at Salt Lake City-based The Other Side Academy, a non-profit that has a two-year residential program where “criminals, homeless and substance abusers can change their lives,” its website states. The Other Side focuses on teaching its residents self-reliance and accountability. Its website says the academy is not funded with government money, but uses revenues from its training schools to support its residential program.

During Thursday’s conference, Solutions Utah awarded the sponsor of HB298, Rep. Tyler Clancy, R-Provo, with a community leadership award, applauding his work to pass legislation to improve “accountability” in Utah’s homeless system.

The conference also included two panel discussions moderated by former House Speaker Greg Hughes, who in 2017 helped spearhead Operation Rio Grande, an over \$67 million, multi-agency effort to root out crime and drug use in the Salt Lake City neighborhood while helping connect people experiencing homelessness to services. While moderating, Hughes repeatedly harkened back to themes from Operation Rio Grande — including focusing on rooting out “wolves,” or criminals that can use mass encampments to prey on vulnerable people experiencing homelessness and peddle illegal drugs.

Operation Rio Grande drew

praise from its supporters for swiftly tamping down on lawlessness in the area, but criticism from groups including the American Civil Liberties Union of Utah for a “law enforcement-first approach” that can bring negative consequences for unsheltered people.

In his speech, Cox pointed to a book titled “The Least of Us: True Tales of America and Hope in the Time of Fentanyl and Meth,” by Sam Quinones, who argues the U.S. made a “huge mistake,” Cox said, when it “swung the pendulum too far on the compassion side” when it comes to dealing with drug use and its impact on homelessness.

“I want to be very clear, compassion is a good thing and absolutely necessary in this work. You cannot do this work without compassion,” Cox said, but he said the U.S. has swung “too far” in not doing enough to discourage and prevent drug overdoses and addiction.

Cox said policymakers need to focus more on accountability — while also not forgetting compassion. He said Quinones uses the saying, “you can lead a horse to water, but you can’t make them drink, but you can make that horse very thirsty.”

“It’s not a false choice,” he said. “We can do both of those things. We can have compassion, and we should. We can do more to provide space, provide lodging and to provide help, recovery services, to provide everything that person needs. But if they choose not to do those things, then we have to hold them accountable and make them thirsty.”

A warning against jumping to ‘defund’

During one of the panel discussions, which was focused on “data supported solutions to homelessness,” Eva Witesman, director of the Ballard Center for Social Impact at Brigham Young University, said she had some “concerns or fears” when it comes to dangling dollars over the heads of homeless service providers and asking them to use data to justify their eligibility for funding.

“Data is a powerful way to learn and to manage, and we also sometimes use it to make funding determinations and policy determinations,” she said. “One of my concerns and warnings is on behalf of providers. Data should be used to help providers learn — and not to punish them.”

Witesman urged policymakers to be thoughtful before defunding a program. “Even if we discover that some program that has been running is not effective, there should be space for those organizations to learn, change, grow and improve their metrics rather than simply defund,” she said.

By jumping to defund, Witesman said that can lead to a drain of institutional knowledge.

“When we defund people, we lose the experts who have actually been working in this space,” she said. “Failure is a part of learning and a part of the work that we’re doing here.”

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Bayer

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and Prevention.

A sense of empathy and having community can play a role in helping mothers cope. That’s why Lyndsey Proctor started Serenity Recovery & Wellness seven years ago. The business is a maternal mental health center that specializes in treatment and healing for women during pregnancy and postpartum stages, with professionals trained to help manage infant loss. “It’s such a disenfranchised grief. A lot of moms will tell me I didn’t come home with my baby, and I don’t know if I am a mom (or) am I not a

mom,” Proctor said.

She wanted to create a space that’s unlike a traditional hospital, where moms can get therapy and connect with mothers facing similar challenges. “It’s so important, especially just to not feel alone and, like, you can get through this,” Proctor said.

Bayer said she hopes others who’ve shared her experience into motherhood and visit her gallery walk away knowing they aren’t alone “and that other people are out there expressing themselves, and also sort of like a way to kind of cope.”

“Mère Maison” is on display until June 29 at Writ & Vision rare books and fine art gallery, located at 274 W. Center St. in Provo.

Metzger

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in Provo and one of the many followers of Metzger’s page, says it’s fun to connect with fellow Provo Airport enthusiasts. “There’s just a community of people who will just celebrate the airport, people who go on meetups just to get a soda there and walk around the lobby because people love the airport so much,” she said.

The recent additions at the airport gives her easier access for frequent trips to Disneyland in Southern California. “I flew out of the old Provo Airport once out there seven

years ago. With the new Provo Airport, I fly out every other week,” Jack told the Daily Herald.

With expanded travel options, the airport has more than doubled its number of flyers. Passenger enplanements, (passengers getting on an aircraft) in Provo grew from just over 100,000 in 2021, to 414,000 in 2023, Airport Director Brian Torgersen told the Deseret News.

The Provo Airport touts convenience, stress-free travel and affordable flights as a viable choice for travel.

As of Friday, Breeze Airways is flying directly to Dallas twice-weekly.

Starting Oct. 7, American Air-

lines will offer service to and from Dallas/Fort Worth and Phoenix from the Provo Airport.

Allegiant Air has been operating out of Provo since 2013 and offers eight nonstop routes.

Plans are still in the works to add more gates for international travel.

As for Metzger and his rapidly growing airport-focused social media group, he hopes it will continue to provide a space for engaging dialogue celebrating the growing demand. “You know, post where you’ve gone. Where’d you go? Where’d you come from? You know, let’s see some photos and some really cool things at the airport,” he said.

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Trump’s response to COVID worse than we remember

Here are Trump’s words from that infamous April 2020 press conference about COVID:

“So, supposing we hit the body with a tremendous — whether it’s ultraviolet or just very powerful light. ... And then I said, supposing you brought the light inside the body, which you can do either through the skin or in some other way. ... I see the disinfectant, where it knocks it out in a minute. ...

And is there a way we can do something like that, by injection inside or almost a cleaning?”

Yet here we are, a little more than four years later, and the narrative about how COVID was handled has shifted. It now seems to be conventional wisdom that the worst errors we committed concerned massive shutdowns and school closings. We hear comparatively little about the large discrepancies between Republicans and Democrats in death rates because of the former’s resistance to public health measures and vaccination.

A serious country would look back at Trump’s greatest challenge during his presidency and remember what an embarrassing failure it was.

It began with denial of the problem. Trump told Bob Woodward in a February 2020 phone call that “You just breathe the air and that’s how it’s passed. And so that’s a very tricky one. That’s a very delicate one. It’s also more deadly than even your strenuous flus. ... This is deadly stuff.”

But in his public statements, Trump repeatedly downplayed the seriousness of the virus. On Jan. 22, 2020, he said, “We have it totally under control. It’s one person coming in from China, and we have it under control. It’s going to be just fine.” On Feb. 7, he tweeted: “Great discipline is taking place in China, as President Xi strongly leads what will be a very successful operation.”

On Feb. 10, he again reported on a chat with Xi, reassuring Americans that “I think China is very, you know, professionally run in the sense that they have everything under control.”

On Feb. 26, he urged people to wash their hands (fair enough) but then suggested that the new virus was “the same as the flu” — exactly the opposite of what he told Woodward.

On Feb. 27, he predicted that COVID would “disappear ... it’s like a miracle.”

On Feb. 28, Trump said the Democrats were politicizing the coronavirus, calling it their “new hoax.”

Trump’s principal actions as chief executive in the early days of the pandemic were to enact travel bans from China and later Europe. He did nothing to initiate a testing program, though he did assert falsely that anyone who wanted a test could get one.

In March, Trump urged that the Grand Princess cruise ship, with

sick passengers aboard, not be permitted to dock in San Francisco because he didn’t want to increase the number of cases counted in the United States. “I like the numbers being where they are. I don’t need to have the numbers double because of one ship that wasn’t our fault.”

Also in March 2020, citing a small French study, Trump declared that the anti-malaria drug hydroxy-chloroquine, taken together with an antibiotic, could be “one of the biggest game changers in the history of medicine” and should “be put in use immediately.”

On April 3, Trump mentioned that the CDC was now recommending that people wear masks but said that he would not wear one.

By July, with the number of cases rising sharply, Trump suggested that the tests were picking up trivial cases: “They have the sniffles and we put it down as a test.” By that point, 3.7 million Americans had been infected and more than 140,000 had died.

Also in July, Trump elevated Dr. Stella Immanuel on Twitter. Dr. Immanuel touted hydroxychloroquine as a cure for COVID and denied that masks were effective. She also believed that gynecological problems like cysts and endometriosis are caused by people having sex in their dreams with demons and witches.

In a September 2020 campaign stop, Trump said that COVID affects “virtually nobody,” mainly just “elderly people, elderly people with heart problems and other problems. If they have other problems, that’s what it really affects, that’s it.”

Trump modeled contempt for masking, mocking reporters and others for wearing them. He held huge rallies and White House indoor parties that became super-spreader events. When he himself became infected with COVID, he failed to disclose it to associates like Chris Christie (who wound up in intensive care) and arguably attempted to infect Joe Biden at the first presidential debate.

Trump denied the problem, failed to coordinate a federal response other than banning travel, embraced quack cures and modeled antisocial behavior. After first praising Xi Jinping to the skies for his “strong” control of the virus, he switched to name calling — the “Kung Flu,” the “China virus” — to incite xenophobic responses. He really did only one big thing right — backing Operation Warp Speed, which hastened the development of the vaccine.

Now his party has gone full nutcase, demonizing Anthony Fauci. These are unserious people in thrall to a sociopathic clown. The U.S. death rate from COVID far exceeded that of peer nations. That was not due to excessive lockdowns or masking. It was due to incompetence in the White House. Time for a great remembering.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

Utah leads the way with AI. Regulators should take note

Artificial intelligence is at the heart of a rapid technological transformation happening right now in Utah. Across fields and industries, Utahns are using newly developed AI technologies

in novel ways to improve their work, solve long-standing challenges and explore new possibilities.

For years, Utah has been leading the way in adopting new technologies to strengthen our state’s economy and improve the lives of all Utahns. With AI, it should come as no surprise that we continue to do so.

In health care, for example, AI is already being used for telemedicine and behavioral health, with startups like Videra Health using it to identify and prioritize urgent concerns and quickly summarize key information for clinicians. Utah employers have taken notice, and companies like Everee are using AI to assist employees with menial administrative tasks and speed up time-sensitive processes like payroll while identifying mistakes that can otherwise cause delays. It’s a great example of how AI can both speed up and improve tasks, and there are countless more opportunities where AI can help.

AI isn’t just a boon for the business community. Seeing an opportunity to transform the traditional learning experience into something more interactive and tailored to each student, the Jordan School District is using AI to create lesson plans and worksheets, and keep students engaged, in the process teaching them how to use important digital tools and new technologies that they will rely on in the future. At the same time, the Utah Geological Survey is using AI machine learning to produce more

accurate, complex geologic maps of the terrain, speeding up existing processes and allowing for a far more comprehensive analysis. The data this new mapping procedure has revealed has crucial implications for the impact of glacier movements on surrounding areas, including ski resorts like Snowbird.

With all the opportunities AI presents, it’s natural that so many are embracing it. After all, AI has the power to bring about enormous, positive change. In fact, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has realized the impacts AI can have, saying that they are “optimistic about our ability to use these AI technologies wisely and effectively.”

By some estimates, AI is poised to add trillions to world GDP, create entire new industries and restructure existing industries. Unfortunately, AI faces numerous existing and threatened regulatory hurdles which could stifle its development and prevent its full realization. While there are no doubt challenges AI presents that will require some measure of regulation, guidelines must be both clear and responsible to ensure that the technology can be implemented safely without impeding its development.

With all the fear and uncertainty in the press surrounding AI, there is a frequent temptation for legislators to take action, thinking that doing something must be better than standing still. But at this early stage in AI’s development, rushing to produce a fix can cause far more harm than good — especially considering the complexity of the issues involved.

Here, Utah is leading again. AI legislation S.B. 149, recently signed by Gov. Cox, takes an incremental and humble approach, generally ensuring that existing laws apply to AI abuses and establishing an AI Learning Lab to better understand the technology and its real-world impacts. Like all legislation, S.B. 149 should be watched closely as it is applied across Utah. Still, its prudence provides a marked contrast to the reactionary

approaches being adopted in other states. For example, California’s S.B. 1047, which just passed their Senate, would require AI developers to get government permission before developing certain advanced tools and would create a whole new bureaucracy empowered to throw AI entrepreneurs in jail for failing to meet complex and vague reporting standards. California’s bill is motivated by purely hypothetical concerns while the Utah legislation is grounded in what we know now and is designed to help regulators learn more about the best future approach to AI regulation.

Although early use cases for AI are promising, there are still many unknowns. If excessive regulation hinders AI’s development and deters too many people from adopting it, we’ll not only lose out on its benefits but also miss out on gathering important data regarding its public use — data which will be key for informing effective regulatory policies in Utah and around the globe. It’s essential that we understand how AI is actually used out in the real world, both to ensure we adopt effective best practices and so we can identify the kinds of unexpected harms that are otherwise impossible to anticipate.

In crafting AI policies, regulators must bear in mind that our goals in regulating AI are not mutually exclusive: With the right balance, we can safeguard against abuse without stalling the technology’s development. Getting this right will allow us to bring to fruition a safer, more prosperous AI-driven future, from which everyone — Utahns included — will benefit.

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TODAY IN HISTORY | SATURDAY, JUNE 8

Today is Saturday, June 8, the 160th day of 2024. There are 206 days left in the year.

Today’s Highlight in History

On June 8, in A.D. 632, the prophet Muhammad died in Medina.

On this date

In 1864, Abraham Lincoln was nominated for another term as president during the National Union (Republican) Party’s convention in Baltimore.

In 1867, modern American architect Frank Lloyd Wright was born in Richland Center, Wisconsin.

In 1953, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled unanimously that restaurants in the District of Columbia could not refuse to serve Blacks.

In 1966, a merger was announced between the National and American Football Leagues, to take effect in 1970.

In 1967, during the six-day Middle East war, 34 American servicemen were killed when Israel attacked the USS Liberty, a Navy intelligence-gathering

ship in the Mediterranean Sea. (Israel later said the Liberty had been mistaken for an Egyptian vessel.)

In 1968, authorities announced the capture in London of James Earl Ray, the suspected assassin of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

In 1978, a jury in Clark County, Nevada, ruled the so-called “Mormon will,” purportedly written by the late billionaire Howard Hughes, was a forgery.

In 1995, U.S. Marines rescued Capt. Scott O’Grady, whose F-16C fighter jet had been shot down by Bosnian Serbs on June 2.

In 2008, the average price of regular gas crept up to \$4 a gallon.

In 2009, North Korea’s highest court sentenced American journalists Laura Ling and Euna Lee to 12 years’ hard labor for trespassing and “hostile acts.” (The women were pardoned in early August 2009 after a trip to Pyongyang by former President Bill Clinton.)

In 2015, siding with the White House in a foreign-policy power struggle with Congress, the Supreme Court ruled 6-3

that Americans born in the disputed city of Jerusalem could not list Israel as their birthplace on passports.

In 2017, former FBI Director James Comey, testifying before Congress, asserted that President Donald Trump fired him to interfere with his investigation of Russia’s ties to the Trump campaign.

In 2018, celebrity chef, author and CNN host Anthony Bourdain was found dead in his hotel room in eastern France in what authorities determined was a suicide.

In 2020, thousands of mourners gathered at a church in Houston for a service for George Floyd, as his death during an arrest in Minneapolis stoked protests in America and beyond over racial injustice.

In 2021, Ratko Mladic (RAHT’-koh MLAH’-dich), the military chief known as the “Butcher of Bosnia” for orchestrating genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes in the Balkan nation’s 1992-95 war, lost his final legal battle when U.N. judges affirmed his life sentence.





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NCAA MEN’S TRACK

BYU’s Corrigan earns All-American honors in steeplechase



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BYU’s James Corrigan (center, in white) handles the water jump while competing in the 3,000-meter steeplechase at the NCAA Track and Field Championships in Eugene, Ore., on Friday.

BY DARNELL DICKSON
Daily Herald

EUGENE, Ore. — BYU’s James Corrigan, a sophomore from Los Angeles, ran a 8:29.91 on Friday in the men’s 3000-meter steeplechase final at Hayward Field, which was good enough for ninth place and All-American honors at the NCAA Track and Field Championships. Corrigan, who posted a personal best 8:28.84 in the semifinals, was also an All-American for the BYU cross country team last fall. He was attempting to du-

plicate the feat of former teammate Kenneth Rooks, who won the NCAA championship in the steeplechase last season.

Parker Stokes of Georgetown won the event in a time of 8:24.58, with Nathan Mountain of Virginia finishing second (8:25.71) and Gable Sieperda of Iowa State in third (8:25.92).

Junior Aiden Troutner of Provo ran in the 5,000-meter finals after finishing 12th in the NCAA West Prelims. That event started after the Daily Herald’s print deadline. Dallin Shurts, a senior

from Banks, Ore., participated in the discus finals on Friday. He scratched on his first throw but posted a toss of 186-10 on his second to move into 14th place. The event ended after the Daily Herald’s print deadline.

Shurts finished first in the NCAA West Prelims and this in his third NCAA Outdoor Championships appearance.

Saturday finalists for the BYU women include freshman Taylor Lovell in the 3000-meter steeplechase, 5,000-meter runner Sadie Sargent, high jumper Cierra Tidwell Allphin and discus

athlete Gretchen Hoekstre. Lovell was fourth in her semifinal on Thursday with a time of 9:54.10. It was the fifth consecutive season that a Cougar qualified for the event final.

Sargent has a personal best of 15:34.18 in the 5,000 and took third at the NCAA West Prelims. Allphin is tied for No. 2 all-time at BYU in the high jump at 6-2.5 and is making her fourth NCAA outdoor national appearance.

Hoekstre’s personal best of 187-2 in the discus is the No. 1 mark all-time at BYU.

FRENCH OPEN

Alcaraz will play Zverev in 1st final for each

BY HOWARD FENDRICH
Associated Press

PARIS — Carlos Alcaraz started poorly and fell behind early in his French Open semifinal against Jan-nik Sinner. Later, as both dealt with cramps under Friday’s afternoon sun, Alcaraz trailed by two sets to one.

By the end of the latest installment in this burgeoning rivalry between two young, talented players, an engaging five-setter that lasted 4 hours, 9 minutes, Alcaraz actually had accumulated fewer total points, 147-145.

That, of course, is not the score that matters. And Alcaraz, who says he takes pleasure from challenges, ultimately persevered, pulling out a 2-6, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4, 6-3 victory over Sinner to get to his first final in Paris. It made the 21-year-old from Spain the youngest man to reach a Grand Slam title match on three surfaces.

“You have to find the joy (while) suffering. That’s the key — even more on clay, here at Roland Garros. Long rallies. Four-hour matches. Five sets,” Alcaraz said. “You have to fight. You have to suffer. But as I told my team many, many times, you have to enjoy suffering.”

He won championships at the U.S. Open in 2022 on hard courts and at Wimbledon in 2023 on grass.

Now the No. 3-seeded Alcaraz will face No. 4 Alexander Zverev of Germany on the red clay Sunday. Hours before his 2-6, 6-2, 6-4, 6-2 semifinal victory over No. 7 Casper Ruud of Norway, Zverev’s domestic abuse case in Berlin ended, because he reached an out-of-court settlement with his accuser, a former girlfriend.

“I’m happy that it’s over,” Zverev said about the court proceeding at his post-match news conference. “Yeah, nothing else more to say.”

When a reporter tried to follow up on the topic, Zverev said: “We move on. I never, ever want to hear another question about the subject again. That goes out to everybody.”

Ruud started well, but then began to fade, and he was handed some pills by a doctor during a third-set changeover. Ruud, who said afterward he had a stomach problem, looked listless and stopped chasing some shots, a shell of the player who leads the tour in match wins this season and has been the runner-up at majors three times — including in 2022 and 2023 in Paris.

Zverev finally broke through at Roland Garros after bowing out in the semifinals each of the past three years. This will be his second Grand Slam final: He blew a two-set lead and lost in five against Dominic Thiem at the U.S. Open in 2020.

“I was not mature enough. I was maybe too much of a kid still,” said Zverev, who is now 27. “I didn’t know what the occasion means.”

This will be the first French Open men’s final without Rafael Nadal, Novak Djokovic or Roger Federer since 2004.

Djokovic was the defending

UTAH STATE RODEO FINALS



JARED LLOYD, DAILY HERALD

Timpanogos junior Aubrie Christensen rides into the arena before the fifth performance of the Utah State High School Rodeo Finals at the Wasatch County Events Complex in Heber on Friday.

A SPECIAL LEGACY

Timpanogos junior Aubrie Christensen honors family by winning high school rodeo queen competition

BY JARED LLOYD
Daily Herald

Many of the attendees at the 2024 Utah State High School Rodeo Finals at the Wasatch County Events Complex in Heber this week purchased the souvenir program, an ex-

cellent printed magazine put together by Gentry Stokes and Tana Bennett filled with photos, bios, heat sheets and other information.

This year’s cover, however, had special meaning for Timpanogos junior

Aubrie Christensen and her family.

It featured a collage she drew honoring her aunt, Dawn Christensen, a former rodeo queen who died in the mid-1990s in a tragic accident after a rodeo.

“This collage honors my aunt’s high school rodeo days in the 90s,” the caption quote on the program says. “She passed away at 17, but her winning spirit has lived on in our family ever since.”

Aubrie Christensen’s story, however, goes beyond just the beautiful tribute.

Over the last few years,

she started following a similar path to the one her aunt was on, competing in rodeo queen competitions.

“I did my first junior queen pageant when I was 14 at Lindon Days,” Aubrie Christensen said in an interview on Thursday. “That was where I got my taste of rodeo queening and I haven’t stopped since. I got a late start compared to many of the girls but it’s really fun and I’ve made a lot of friends along the way. It’s just provided me so many great opportunities and really brought me out of my shell.”

She explained that the

queen competition includes multiple categories, including an interview, a speech, modeling, a 50-question test on rodeo rules and horsemanship.

“I’ve put in a lot of hard work with my horse Frosty,” Aubrie Christensen said. “You do reining patterns in these competitions to show your horsemanship and your horse’s skills.”

She did well during the season, gaining confidence with each competition. Her first queen competition victory came at a rodeo in Delta, which had

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NBA FINALS

Porzingis suddenly a big problem for Mavs

BY KYLE HIGHTOWER
Associated Press

BOSTON — The Mavericks couldn’t figure out how best to utilize big man Kristaps Porzingis during his three seasons in Dallas.

Three years later, the Mavericks now have a big Porzingis problem in the NBA Finals.

Dallas coach Jason Kidd said before the start of the series that he didn’t think Porzingis received nearly enough praise for his ability as a shot blocker and someone who can alter opponents’ shots.

The 7-footer did both in his rousing return to the court in Bos-

ton’s 107-89 Game 1 victory, while also providing a scoring punch — 20 points in 21 minutes of action — that jumpstarted the blowout.

It was a full display of his skill-set by Boston that was never fully used during Porzingis’ time in Dallas.

“He plays his role,” Kidd said. “I think that’s one of the things that’s underrated about KP. When you ask him to do something, he does it. He doesn’t complain about his role. He goes out there and tries to help his team win.”

What’s more, he did it in his first game back after missing more than

a month of action because of a strained right calf muscle.

“Even if I have time off, I can jump right back in and I feel the same way,” Porzingis said. “I know how to do this. That’s it, just having that confidence, going out there whatever, first round or Finals, just going out there with full confidence and giving what I have to the team.”

Kidd got to work with Porzingis for only 34 games during the 2021-22 season before he was dealt at the trade deadline to the Wizards. It was an acknowledgement by the Mavs that his use in a system

in which he was asked to split time between posting up and shooting 3-pointers didn’t mesh with star Luka Doncic.

“We’re judged if it works or doesn’t work. That’s just part of the business,” Kidd said.

There’s also the risk that trading away a player of Porzingis’ caliber could eventually come back to bite.

In Game 1 it did, with Porzingis igniting an early 17-5 run to help Boston take a 17-point first quarter lead.

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Five Olympic rings unveiled on the Eiffel Tower ahead of Paris Games

ASSOCIATED PRESS

PARIS — The Paris Olympics organizers on Friday unveiled a display of the five Olympic rings mounted on the Eiffel Tower as the French capital marks 50 days until the start of the Summer Games.

The structure of rings, made of recycled French steel, was displayed on the south side of the 135-year-old landmark in central Paris, overlooking the Seine River. Each ring is 30 feet in diameter.

Thousands of athletes will parade through the heart of the French capital on boats on the

Seine along a 3.7-mile route in the opening ceremony at sunset on July 26.

There will be no shortage of iconic venues at the Paris Olympics.

The tower, nicknamed La Dame de Fer (The Iron Lady), will feature prominently in the July 26-Aug. 11 Paris Games and the following Paralympics.

Men's and women's volleyball players will compete at the foot of the 1,083-foot monument. They will be watched by nearly 13,000 fans at the temporary Eiffel Tower Stadium on the nearby Champ de

Mars, where Parisians and tourists like to have picnics on the grass or watch July 14 firework displays.

The Olympic and Paralympic medals in Paris are being embedded with pieces from a hexagonal chunk of iron taken from the tower.

The hugely popular landmark in central Paris has seen soaring visitor numbers in the leadup to the 2024 Games.

Two huge cranes were used overnight Friday to lift the 30-ton structure and mount it between the first and second floors of the tower.



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Paris Mayor Anne Hidalgo and head of Paris 2024 Olympics Tony Estanguet pose in front of the Eiffel Tower on Friday in Paris.

US OPEN 2024

Americans on a run not seen in 40 years ahead of Open

BY DOUG FERGUSON
Associated Press

The list starts with Brooks Koepka winning his fifth major in the PGA Championship at Oak Hill. The most recent addition is Xander Schauffele winning his first major in the PGA at Valhalla.

The streak hasn't been the main topic of conversation in a golf world filled with endless drama, from conflict between the PGA Tour and LIV Golf, private equity and increasing riches. But this much should be noted going into the U.S. Open:

The Americans are on a roll in the majors, and not just any one of the players.

Five different Americans — Koepka, U.S. Open champion Wyndham Clark, British Open champion Brian Harman, Masters champion Scottie

Scheffler and Schauffele — have won the last five majors.

It's the longest such streak in 40 years, when the quintet of Americans was Larry Nelson (1983 U.S. Open), Tom Watson (1983 British Open), Hal Sutton (1983 PGA Championship), Ben Crenshaw (1984 Masters) and Fuzzy Zoeller (1984 U.S. Open).

A revolving door of Americans winning majors would seem to suggest a great depth of talent, which is increasingly true in golf, and perhaps parity.

The latter requires pause for two reasons. Three of the most recent American winners were first-time major champions. Secondly, any conversation about parity at the top would require a blind eye to what Scheffler is doing.

Scheffler has been No. 1 in the world ranking for 13 months and is assured of being at the top of the ranking for the longest of anyone since Tiger Woods ruled from 2005 until 2010.

He is a clear favorite to add another major when the 124th U.S. Open returns to Pinehurst No. 2 in the sand hills of North Carolina.

This already has been an unforgettable year for Scheffler in so many ways.

He hasn't been out of the top 10 since the third week in January. About the only thing that has slowed him was getting arrested and briefly jailed — it's still hard to erase the memory of golf's No. 1 player in handcuffs — before the second round of the PGA Championship. He got of jail in time to make his tee time and still managed to tie for eighth by the end of the week. And authorities in Louisville, Kentucky, eventually dismissed all charges.

So that's all behind him. Or is it?

"That's something that will always, I think, kind of stick with me," Scheffler said. "That mug shot (from jail) I'm sure is not going anywhere anytime soon."

Scheffler was clean-shaven at the Memorial the week before the U.S. Open.

He has never seen Pinehurst No. 2 except for the flyover video of the Donald Ross gem a week before his arrival. Most major championship courses, except for Augusta National, are relatively new to him in his only his fifth year on the PGA Tour.

And he's not alone. Slightly more than two dozen players were at Pinehurst No. 2 in 2014 the last time the U.S. Open was there. Phil Mickelson and Matt Kuchar are the only players in



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Payne Stewart celebrates after winning the U.S. Open golf championship at Pinehurst No. 2 in Pinehurst, N.C., on June 20, 1999. The U.S. Open returns to Pinehurst for the fourth time, June 13-16.

ness. It was in 1999 when Daly became so frustrated at putts rolling off edges or coming back to him off the green that he whacked a ball that was still rolling on No. 8 and made an 11.

The big change was restoring No. 2 to its sand dunes and native plants — "sandscapes" is the term at Pinehurst. Rough is replaced by sprawling dunes with wiregrass bushes, and they have grown in since 2014. What hasn't changed is the test, still among the toughest in golf.

"It's tough, it's long," said Ludvig Aberg, who makes his U.S. Open debut and played the course before going to the Memorial. "You've got turtle-back greens where everything is running away from you. And I would expect it to be quite firm and fast."

Aberg, a runner-up at the Masters in his major championship debut, will be among the candidates looking to end the American run in the majors.

Rory McIlroy gets another crack at ending his decade-long drought in the majors. Jon Rahm also will get plenty of attention for other reasons.

By now it should be clear that players from Saudi-funded LIV Golf, who compete over 54 holes with no cut in a shotgun start, are no less capable in the majors. Koepka won the PGA Championship last year, and Bryson DeChambeau was a runner-up this year at Valhalla.

Rahm, however, comes into this U.S. Open having not won a tournament since the 2023 Masters, a 14-month drought that is the longest since he first won as a pro. He never contended in his title defense at the Masters. And then he missed the cut for the first time in five years in a major at the PGA Championship.

LOCAL SPORTS SCHEDULE

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SUNDAY, JUNE 16
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TV: KMYU
Radio: ESPN 700

ON THE AIR

SATURDAY

AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL
AFL: Geelong at Sydney 11 p.m. FS2

AUTO RACING
Pro Motocross Championship
The Thunder Valley National 2 p.m. NBC

NASCAR Xfinity Series
Qualifying, Sonoma, Calif. 1:30 p.m. FS2
The Zip Buy Now, Pay Later 250 6 p.m. FS1

Formula 1
Qualifying, Montreal 1:55 p.m. ESPNEWS

NASCAR Cup Series
Qualifying, Sonoma, Calif. 4 p.m. FS2

BOWLING
PBA Tour Finals
Group 1 - Positioning Round 1 p.m. CBSSN
Group 2 - Positioning Round 3 p.m. CBSSN

BOXING
Top Rank Main Card: Super-Welterweights
Xander Zayas vs. Patrick Teixeira 9 p.m. ESPN

CFL FOOTBALL
Saskatchewan at Edmonton 5 p.m. CBSSN

COLLEGE BASEBALL
NCAA Tournament: Super Regionals
Florida St. vs. UConn, Game 2 9 a.m. ESPN
Tennessee vs. Evansville, Game 2 9 a.m. ESPN2
NC State at Georgia, Game 1 10 a.m. ESPNU
Florida at Clemson, Game 1 Noon ESPN
Oregon at Texas A&M, Game 1 Noon ESPN2
Virginia vs. Kansas St., Game 2 1 p.m. ESPNU
Oregon St. at Kentucky, Game 1 4 p.m. ESPNU
North Carolina vs. West Virginia, Game 2 6 p.m. ESPN2

COLLEGE TRACK AND FIELD
NCAA Outdoor Championships

Women's Finals, Eugene, Ore. 3:30 p.m. ESPN

GOLF
DP World Tour
The Volvo Car Scandinavian Mixed 5 a.m. GOLF

PGA Tour
The Memorial Tournament 10:30 a.m. GOLF
The Memorial Tournament 12:30 p.m. CBS

LIV Golf League
Second Round, Houston 11 a.m. CW

PGA Tour Champions
American Family Insurance Championship 12:30 p.m. GOLF

LPGA Tour
The Shop Rite LPGA Classic 3 p.m. GOLF

Korn Ferry Tour
The BMW Charity Pro-Am (Taped) 6 p.m. GOLF

HORSE RACING
NYRA
America's Day at the Races 8:30 a.m. FS1

America's Day at the Races 5 p.m. FS1/FS2

The Belmont Day
Undercard Races 2 p.m. FOX/FS1

The 156th Belmont Stakes
From Saratoga Springs, N.Y. 4 p.m. FOX

LACROSSE (MEN'S)
PLL: New York at Carolina 3 p.m. ESPN2

MIXED MARTIAL ARTS
UFC Fight Night Main Card: Middleweights
Jared Cannonier vs. Nassourdine Imavov 6 p.m. ESPN

MLB BASEBALL
Philadelphia vs. N.Y. Mets, London 11 a.m. FOX
Regional Coverage 2 p.m. MLB
LA Dodgers at N.Y. Yankees 5:30 p.m. FOX
Regional Coverage 8:30 p.m. MLB

NHL HOCKEY
Stanley Cup Final

Edmonton at Florida, Game 1 6 p.m. ABC

RUGBY (MEN'S)
Premiership: Bath at Northampton 8 a.m. FS2
MLR: Los Angeles at Houston 6:10 p.m. FS2

SOCCER (MEN'S)
International Friendly
Portugal vs. Croatia, Portugal 10:30 a.m. FS2

SOCCER (WOMEN'S)
NWSL
Angel City at NJ/N.Y. 10:30 a.m. CBS
Bay at Chicago 5:30 p.m. ION
North Carolina at Portland 8 p.m. ION

International Friendly
U.S. vs. Colombia 3:30 p.m. TNT/TRUTV

TENNIS
WTA: The French Open, Final, Paris 7 a.m. NBC

UFL FOOTBALL
USFL Conference Championship
Michigan at Birmingham 1 p.m. ABC

WNBA BASKETBALL
New York at Connecticut 11 a.m. ABC
Atlanta at Chicago 3 p.m. NBA

SUNDAY

AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL
AFL: Melbourne at Collingwood 11 p.m. FS1

AUTO RACING
FIM Motocross
The MX2, Kegums, Latvia 7 a.m. CBSSN
The MXGP, Kegums, Latvia 8 a.m. CBSSN

Formula 1
The AWS Canadian Grand Prix 10:30 a.m. ABC

NHRA
Qualifying, Bristol, Tenn. (Taped) 10:30 a.m. FS1
The Super Grip NHRA Thunder Valley Nationals,

Bristol, Tenn. (Taped) 5 p.m. FS1

NASCAR Cup Series
The Toyota / Save Mart 350 1:30 p.m. FOX

NTT IndyCar Series
The Xpel Grand Prix At Road America 1:30 p.m. NBC

BOWLING
PBA Tour Finals
Group 1 - Stepladder Finals Noon CBSSN
Group 2 - Stepladder Finals 2 p.m. CBSSN

CFL FOOTBALL
B.C. at Toronto 5 p.m. CBSSN

COLLEGE BASEBALL
NCAA Tournament: Super Regionals
UConn at FSU, Game 3 (If Necessary) 10 a.m. ESPN2

Georgia vs. NC State, Game 2 10 a.m. ESPNU
Clemson vs. Florida, Game 2 12:30 p.m. ESPN

West Virginia at UNC, Game 3 (If Necessary) 1 p.m. ESPN2

Kansas St. at UVA, Game 3 (If Necessary) 1 p.m. ESPNU

Evansville at Tenn., Game 3 (If Necessary) 4 p.m. ESPNU

Texas A&M vs. Oregon, Game 2 5:30 p.m. ESPN2

Kentucky vs. Oregon St., Game 2 7 p.m. ESPNU

CYCLING
UCI: The Criterium du Dauphine
Stage 8, 99.8 miles (Taped) Noon CNBC

GOLF
DP World Tour
The Volvo Car Scandinavian Mixed 4:30 a.m. GOLF

PGA Tour
The Memorial Tournament 10:30 a.m. GOLF
The Memorial Tournament 12:30 p.m. CBS

LIV Golf League
Final Round, Houston 11 a.m. CW

PGA Tour Champions
American Family Insurance Championship 12:30 p.m. GOLF

Korn Ferry Tour

The BMW Charity Pro-Am 3 p.m. GOLF

LPGA Tour
The Shop Rite LPGA Classic (Taped) 6 p.m. GOLF

HORSE RACING
NYRA: America's Day at the Races 10:30 a.m. FS2

NYRA: America's Day at the Races 1 p.m. FS1

NYRA: America's Day at the Races 2 p.m. FS2

NYRA: America's Day at the Races 4 p.m. FS1

MLB BASEBALL
N.Y. Mets vs. Philadelphia, London 8 a.m. ESPN

Regional Coverage 11:30 a.m. MLB

Regional Coverage 2:30 p.m. MLB

L.A. Dodgers at N.Y. Yankees 5 p.m. ESPN

NBA BASKETBALL
NBA Finals
Dallas at Boston, Game 2 6 p.m. ABC

RUGBY (MEN'S)
MLR: Carolina at San Diego 2 p.m. FS1

SOCCER (MEN'S)
CPL
Vancouver FC at York United FC 4 p.m. FS2

TENNIS
WTA: The French Open
Doubles Finals, Paris 3:30 a.m. TENNIS

Doubles Finals, Paris (continued) 4 a.m. TENNIS

ATP: The French Open
Final, Paris 7 a.m. NBC

Multiple event coverage 3 a.m. (Monday) TENNIS

Multiple event coverage 4 a.m. (Monday) TENNIS

TRACK AND FIELD
USATF: The New York Grand Prix Noon NBC

UFL FOOTBALL
XFL Conference Championship
San Antonio at St. Louis 5 p.m. FOX

ON FOOTBALL

Wide receivers' salaries expected to keep pace with rising salary cap

BY ROB MAADDI
AP Pro Football Writer

On Football analyzes the biggest topics in the NFL.

Justin Jefferson reset the market for wide receivers when he became the NFL's highest-paid non-quarterback.

That distinction shouldn't last too long.

CeeDee Lamb is about to get paid. So is Ja'Marr Chase. Tyreek Hill wants a new deal after Jefferson, A.J. Brown and Amon-Ra St. Brown surpassed him in annual average value during an offseason that saw eight receivers sign contracts worth more than \$20 million per season.

The skyrocketing salaries will continue increasing as the league's salary cap escalates. The cap went up \$30 million to \$255.4 million this season.

NFL agent Henry Organ of Disruptive Sports anticipates the cap will surpass \$300 million by 2026.

"Jefferson's deal is on par with the expectation level," said Organ, who negotiated a three-year, \$19.5 million deal for Patriots wideout Kendrick Bourne early in free agency.

Organ pointed out that top receivers will continue to make a similar percentage of the team's payroll so their contract numbers will rise commensurate to the cap increases. Jefferson now accounts for 13.3% of Minnesota's cap number. The five quarterbacks making \$50-plus million per season



ABBIE PARR, ASSOCIATED PRESS

Minnesota Vikings wide receiver Justin Jefferson (18) takes part in drills during NFL football practice at the team's minicamp in Eagan, Minn., on Wednesday.

take up about 20% of their team's cap.

"With the increase in quarterback contracts, it is only natural that receivers would also grow in value," agent Drew Rosenhaus told The Associated Press.

The Vikings gave Jefferson a four-year, \$140 million contract extension that included \$110 million in guaranteed money with \$88.7 million due at signing.

Brown signed a three-year, \$96 million contract with the Eagles that included \$84 million guaranteed and a \$19.8 million signing bonus.

St. Brown briefly was the highest-paid receiver when

the Lions gave him a four-year contract extension worth slightly more than \$120 million with \$77 million in guarantees.

Hill previously was the top-paid receiver after the Dolphins gave him a \$120 million, four-year deal in 2022.

The five-time All-Pro has outperformed high expectations in Miami and he has noticed that he's dropped to No. 4 on the salary chart.

"I feel like at the end of the day, if you feel like you're top five at something — that's like if you worked at Amazon — if you are one of the best Amazon delivery drivers, you're going to feel some type of

way," said Hill, who is represented by Rosenhaus. "You're going to go to your boss and say, 'Hey bro, I'm doing 100 routes, and this person only doing 65 routes. I'm supposed to be the top-paid person.' You feel me? So if you feel like you deserve something, go get it."

Hill's teammate, Jaylen Waddle, recently signed a three-year contract extension worth \$84.75 million, including \$76 million guaranteed.

Brown's teammate, DeVonta Smith, got a three-year, \$75 million deal with \$51 million guaranteed in April. Smith doesn't regret not waiting for the market to burst.

"You can't be counting the pockets of others. I'm where I want to be," Smith said. "This is where I wanted to be. At the end of the day, it's life-changing for me."

Lamb skipped mandatory minicamp while seeking a new deal from the Cowboys. Dallas, which already has salary cap issues, has QB Dak Prescott entering the final season of a four-year, \$160 million contract and star edge rusher Micah Parsons on the verge of a gigantic raise this year or next.

Parsons has a case to become the league's highest-paid non-QB, an honor held by San Francisco's Nick Bosa until Jefferson took over.

Chase, like Parsons, is under contract through 2025 but is eligible for a contract extension. Tee Higgins, his teammate on the Bengals, hasn't yet signed his \$21.8 million franchise tag for this season so Cincinnati is going to have two wide receivers making a ton of money if they keep both.

"Quarterback has always been the top paid and that market has exploded. Left tackle, edge rushers, and shutdown defensive backs all had massive bargaining power and exponentially higher compensation," said agent Leigh Steinberg, who represents the Chiefs' Patrick Mahomes. "Wide receiver was not that favored of a position until last year there was an explosion in the wide receiver market. ... Once that dam burst, wide receiver became

the favored position with big bargaining power. The market for elite wide receivers will continue to expand."

Players are not only making more money but the guaranteed totals are rising. Jefferson's new deal set a record for most guaranteed money for a non-QB and agents are going to keep pushing for more.

MLB and NBA salaries are mostly fully guaranteed. NFL players, who play the more violent sport, are still catching up.

"I also believe that NFL contracts are on a trajectory to become fully guaranteed for many of the top players in the NFL," Rosenhaus said. "It's trending in that direction, which is a great thing. It's time that NFL contracts are treated the same as the other major sports that have fully guaranteed contracts."

Steinberg notes that first-round draft picks receive fully or partially guaranteed contracts and "signing bonuses need to be factored into the discussion."

"It is only in football that large signing bonuses, which are guaranteed, are paid at the inception of contracts," Steinberg said. "The trend toward guaranteed contracts will continue to grow. But if all the money in an NFL contract is guaranteed, we may see the gradual diminishment of the signing bonus portion."

However they get it and whenever it's coming, the best players are going to keep making astronomical amounts of money.

STANLEY CUP FINAL PREVIEW

Oilers vs. Panthers is a Final of teams far apart in every way

BY STEPHEN WHYNO
Associated Press

SUNRISE, Fla. — By the time he was old enough to watch NHL games growing up in Sweden, Oliver Ekman-Larsson began dreaming about playing in the Stanley Cup Final.

Now he's here, a member of the Florida Panthers in a series against the Edmonton Oilers that marks the furthest distance between two teams in a final in NHL history. That would not have mattered to that kid yearning to be in this spot.

"I would probably go back and forth to Sweden if I got a chance to play in the Stanley Cup Final," he said.

OK, it's not quite that far, but the 2,543 miles between the Panthers and Oilers home arenas eclipses the old record set by Vancouver and Boston in 2011 — a series that went the full seven games. Four years after that, the Oilers drafted Connor McDavid in the same home arena they'll play Game 1 in Saturday night, a full-circle moment for the face of the sport.

"We spend a lot of time on that plane," McDavid said. "We're one of the most traveled in the league, so it's only fitting that we're going to play in the furthest Stanley Cup Final of all time."

But this Cup final is not just one being played in opposite corners of North America. It's a matchup of complete contrasts between a his-



WILFREDO LEE, ASSOCIATED PRESS

Edmonton Oilers players gather during a practice before Media Day for the Stanley Cup Finals, Friday, June 7, 2024, in Sunrise, Fla. The Oilers take on the Florida Panthers in Game 1 on Saturday in Sunrise.

tory-rich franchise in hockey-mad Canada looking for its sixth title and first since 1990 and another that did not even exist until 1993 and is now finally thriving underneath palm trees looking for the organization's first championship.

"It's pretty cool to be in Edmonton where it's live-and-die hockey and then come down here where it's a little different down here in South Florida," Oilers winger Connor Brown said, also noting the play on the ice will be worth watching in either locale. "They play an in-your-face style of game and they pressure

and they play on their toes, and so do we, so it's going to make for some fun hockey."

Hockey that is played as differently as the cities the teams represent. Feisty Florida bulldozed its way to the final by suffocating opponents with stifling pressure and stellar goaltending, while high-powered Edmonton has ridden McDavid, the three-time and reigning league MVP, and longtime running mate Leon Draisaitl on an offensive run that has included locking down and defending when it matters most.

"Both teams have it," seasoned Oilers general manager Ken Holland said. "You don't fluke this league. You need skill, and you need an engine and that engine of that group of players have got to drive your team on and off the ice."

Again driving the Panthers are power forward Matthew Tkachuk, their leading scorer with 19 points, and goalie Sergei Bobrovsky, who has allowed only 38 goals throughout this playoff run. They're back in the final for a second consecutive year and are not only healthier than when they lost to Vegas and had to watch the Golden Knights hoist the Stanley Cup but more accustomed to the grind of getting to this point.

"We're ready this year," forward Sam Bennett said. "We have that bitter taste in our mouth still. Our mindset this year is completely different than last year. It was a little bit happy to be there, enjoying the experience. This year it's all business. We have one goal in mind, and we're not going to be satisfied until we accomplish that."

Same goes for McDavid and Draisaitl, who have been playing together nearly a decade and had not reached the final until now.

"It's a long time coming for all of us," said Draisaitl, the German star whose 28 points in the playoffs trail only McDavid's 31 among all scorers.

Some of that production has come on the power play, where the Oilers have converted on a post-

season-best 37.3% of opportunities. The Panthers, who were whittled for 57 penalties through three rounds, have talked all week about the need to stay disciplined while also not abandoning the hard-nosed approach that has defined them.

"You have to find that fine line," gritty winger Nick Cousins said. "We have to make sure that we're physical and clean and getting in on the forecheck because that's our DNA, that's our style of game."

The Oilers' DNA also is not one-dimensional, as they got superb play in net from Stuart Skinner in the Western Conference final against Dallas and will be counting on more where that came from after a rough start to the playoffs and a history of miscues this time of year.

Edmonton has also killed a franchise-record 28 consecutive penalties, "so they have all the confidence right now to be effective," Florida defenseman Brandon Montour said.

Which team will be more effective in those aspects of the game — and playing the style it prefers — will determine who wins the series, which won't be for the faint of heart.

"There's going to be some more nastiness," Oilers winger Evander Kane said. "Both teams have some passionate players on each side. I think there's going to be some intangibles that guys have on both teams that are going to play out and maybe tip a team over in the right way and tip a team over in the wrong way."

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champion in Paris, but he withdrew before the quarter-finals after tearing the meniscus in his right knee and had surgery this week. Because he failed to get back to the final, he will drop from atop the ATP rankings, allowing Sinner to rise a spot from No. 2, despite his defeat on Friday.

“Obviously disappointed how it ended, but it’s part of my growing and the process,” said Sinner, who won the Australian Open in January for his first major trophy. “The winner is happy, and then the loser tries to find a way to beat him the next time.”

The 22-year-old Italian showed up in Paris with a lingering hip injury that forced him to sit out the clay-court tournament in Rome last month. Alcaraz missed that event, too, because of a right forearm issue that he said made him afraid to hit his booming forehands at full force.

Both men experienced physical problems in the third set. Alcaraz’s right hand began to cramp. Sinner had his right forearm and left thigh massaged by a trainer during changeovers.

It brought to mind last year’s French Open semifinals, when Alcaraz got off to a terrific start against Djokovic but then dealt with full-body cramps that rendered the remainder of the match anticlimactic.

“I learned from last year’s match against Djokovic, when I was in the same position as today,” Alcaraz said. “I know that, in this moment, you have to be calm, you have to keep going, because the cramp is going to go away. You have to stay there, fighting.”

He and Sinner are seen as the future of men’s tennis. The present isn’t too shabby, either. Even though this was not necessarily the most aesthetically pleasing of their nine head-to-head meetings — Alcaraz leads 5-4 — and they combined for 102 unforced errors, there were moments of



CHRISTOPHE ENA, ASSOCIATED PRESS

Spain’s Carlos Alcaraz celebrates as he won the semifinal match of the French Open tennis tournament against Italy’s Jannik Sinner at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris on Friday.



JEAN-FRANCOIS BADIAS, ASSOCIATED PRESS

Germany’s Alexander Zverev celebrates winning his semifinal match of the French Open tennis tournament against Norway’s Casper Ruud at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris on Friday.

brilliance that generated dueling clap-accompanied chants of each man’s first name from the Court Philippe Chatrier crowd.

In the fifth set, with shadows covering more than half the court, Alcaraz moved out

front by sliding until he could reach across his body to snap a backhand passing winner for a break point. A forehand winner — one of his 30 in the match — made it 2-0 at the 3½-hour mark, earning a yell of “Vamos!” from his coach,

2003 French Open champion Juan Carlos Ferrero.

Soon, it was 3-0, and Alcaraz was on his way.

“It was a great match. For sure, the sets he won, he played better in the important points,” Sinner said. “That was the key.”

Both players walloped the ball with such force that the ball-off-strings thuds elicited gasps from spectators in the middle of points.

Sinner, his rust-colored shirt a few shades darker than the clay, came out ready at the start of the match, barely ever missing, gliding more than grinding along the baseline, stretching his long limbs to get to nearly everything Alcaraz offered. Alcaraz, his right arm covered by a white sleeve, would deliver a powerful shot to a corner, punctuated with a grunt, and Sinner would somehow get to it, flip it back and draw a mistake.

Sinner led 4-0 and it took Alcaraz 20 minutes of striving to simply place a “1” beside his name on the scoreboard. The second set began inauspiciously for Alcaraz, who fell behind 2-0.

“I told myself,” Alcaraz said, “that it’s going to be a long match.”

Here’s how Alcaraz came through: He came up with a 32-23 edge in winners over the last two sets.

With his strokes, somehow, gaining zest, and the fans, somehow, getting louder, Alcaraz advanced at a tournament he grew up watching on TV at home in Spain as his countryman Nadal piled up a record 14 titles.

Not that it was easy. “It’s one of the toughest matches that I’ve played, for sure,” Alcaraz said. “The toughest matches that I played in my short career have been against Jannik.”

Celtics

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But it’s what he did on the defensive end throughout the game that made just as much of an impact.

Two of Porzingis’ three blocks were at the rim — one each on Derrick Jones Jr. and Josh Green. He also blocked a pullup jumper by Kyrie Irving.

Dallas’ primary big men, Daniel Gafford and Dereck Lively, combined to go 4 for 4 from the field and scored 10 points. But they had no blocks and only eight rebounds.

“He looked pretty healthy to me,” Gafford said of Porzingis. “We have to find a way to match his energy and physicality.”

Porzingis’ presence in the paint also kept Irving and Dončić quiet. The duo, who had devastated opponents this postseason in the pick-and-roll by garnering 78 dunks or layups off their passes, managed only one such play in Game 1.

“That’s what he’s been doing his whole career. He’s a great player. He’s been great for us. The reason why we are here is because of what he’s done,” Celtics coach Joe Mazzulla said of Porzingis. “What he did for us (in Game 1) was big and we need that for the rest of the series.”

If Porzingis keeps this production up, combined with the Celtics’ other weapons, it may be too formidable for Dallas to match.

But the Mavericks are vowing to try.

“We just have to be better. We know that,” Kidd said. “Boston is a really good team, and so we’ve got to be better on Sunday.

Finals

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special significance.

“My aunt passed away when she was coming home from a rodeo in Delta,” she said. “My grandparents hadn’t been back to Delta since then. So me winning my first queen title there was able to ease that hurt and just create good memories around that area. She was 17 then and I’m 17 now.”

The final remarkable connection to her aunt occurred just this week when the Timberwolf junior competed in the queen competition at the state finals.

“I was actually blown away because this year for high school rodeo it was the closest you could get to a three-way tie,” she said. “I was sitting third going into state so I had no idea how it was going to go. I was just happy wherever I placed. I was just proud of my work and how much I’ve gotten help over the year. But I looked at my family as they announced ‘Aubrey Christiansen’ as the winner and everyone was so shocked. I’m so honored to represent this title.”

For the next year, Aubrie Christensen will represent Utah high school rodeo as an ambassador — something she had gotten used to doing at her own high school at Timpanog.

“It’s crazy because I’m the only girl who competes in high school rodeo in my entire school,” she said. “I’ve had opportunities to educate my teachers and my peers about what I do as a rodeo queen and my other events like breakaway roping and barrel racing. I’ve had people say, ‘oh, that’s so cool. Do you ride bulls in your dress?’ And I’m like, ‘not quite.’ It’s just been a really neat experience to do that.”

She said she is looking forward to all of the opportunities and growth that being the state rodeo queen will bring.

“It’s a really great opportunity for me,” Aubrie Christensen said. “It’s something that I’ve had to learn because



JARED LLOYD PHOTOS, DAILY HERALD

Timpanogos junior Aubrie Christensen (left) pats her horse Frosty as part of the opening ceremonies before the fifth performance of the Utah State High School Rodeo Finals at the Wasatch County Events Complex in Heber on Friday.

just a couple years ago, it was hard for me to talk to people. I’ve had to learn how to talk to people and talk about what I love, but it’s easy because I do love the sport of rodeo and I’m passionate about it. I want to educate people and show what a cool sport it is.”

Her message to those that aren’t familiar with rodeo is how much those involved love the community and their animals.

“We’re such a great community,” she said. “Everyone helps each other. I’ve had a few friends that just recently joined rodeo and started competing with their horses. They’ve been competing in other sports and they’re like, ‘I have never had competitors help me before. In rodeo, they’ll lend you a horse. They’ll lend you a saddle.

They’ll do whatever they can if you need help.’ It’s just a really great community.”

While she feels a mixture of excitement with a little apprehension as she embarks on her year as rodeo queen, she feels a strong connection to the family legacy. She said that to have her art on the cover of the program and win the queen competition in the same year is a “really neat tribute” to her aunt.

Utah Valley-area athletes excel in fifth performance Friday morning’s performance provided a number of highlights for Utah Valley-area cowboys and cowgirls.

Leading the way was Spanish Fork senior Morgan Beckstrom, who was the first barrel racer to compete a run under 16 seconds. Her time of 15.758

seconds might be the best of her incredible career.

But she was joined by a host of other performance winners from the region. Her South Utah County club also had the winning breakaway roper in Chezni Nelson (2.51 seconds), the top pole-bending performance from Kajun Watterson (19.995 seconds), the winning tiedown roper in Ace Austin (8.65 seconds) and a winning team roper in Randy Johnson who joined with Uintah Basin’s Gentry Goza to get first (7.48 seconds).

In additions, the Lehi club’s Lamerrill Winters won the bareback riding (71 points) and Wasatch’s Westin Simpson won the bull riding (78).

After the sixth performance on Friday evening (which finished after the Daily Herald’s



Braxton Richman of the Wasatch club competes in the bull riding competition at the Utah State High School Rodeo Finals at the Wasatch County Events Complex in Heber on Friday.

print deadline), the competition will conclude with the short-go performance on Saturday morning at 11 a.m. with the awards presentation taking place afterwards. All

performances will take place at the Wasatch County Events Complex in Heber.

For complete results and details, go to <http://UHSRA.org>.

Belmont has Derby and Preakness winners, may be Triple Crown’s best

BY STEPHEN WHYNO
Associated Press

Horse racing history of all kinds is being made Saturday in the final Triple Crown race of the year.

The Belmont Stakes is taking place at venerable Saratoga Race Course for the first time in the venue’s vaulted 161-year history. And while there is no chance at a 14th Triple Crown champion, the third leg features the winners of the Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes for the first time since 2013.

Five weeks since Mystik Dan finished a nose ahead of Sierra Leone in the Derby and three weeks since he was second to Seize the Grey in the Preakness, all three are in the 10-horse field in the Belmont for a rematch showdown in front of a sellout crowd of 50,000.

“The fans can relate to Mystik Dan, they can take a look at Seize the Grey and we get a chance to see them both and determine probably which is the better of the two,” said D. Wayne Lukas, the 88-year-old Hall of Fame trainer of Seize the Grey. “I think that the Belmont this year could easily be — you could make an argument for it being — the best of the three: the Derby, the Preakness or the Belmont. I think that they have probably put together the best of the three.”

One reason for that is the shape of the Saratoga track necessitating shortening the race to 1 1/4 miles from the traditional 1 1/2-mile “test of the champion” distance, which typically is a significant deterrent because most

3-year-olds tend not to run that long.

Mystik Dan is a rarity as a horse not going for the Triple Crown after running the Kentucky Derby and the Preakness, the first to do that since War of Will in 2019. And trainer Kenny McPeek almost certainly would not have wheeled him back for this race at 1 1/2 miles.

“That would’ve been difficult for my colt: He’s not a really big horse, he’s a modest-sized horse,” McPeek said. “This race run a mile and a quarter should suit him.”

Suit but not favor because this race is extremely competitive. Sierra Leone, with a jockey change and an equipment adjustment, opened as the 9-5 favorite with undefeated, lightly raced Todd Pletcher-trained Mindframe the second choice at 7-2.

Sierra Leone might have won the Derby had he not veered in and repeatedly bumped another horse down the stretch, and trainer Chad Brown is counting on rider Flavien Prat to guide the colt in a clear lane as much as possible.

“As long as you are prepared for him and he runs straight, he should run big,” Brown said. “Just hoping for a good trip. Obviously, we have half as many horses to run down, so that should hopefully be a little easier on him. I just hope he runs the same race as in the Derby.”

McPeek would also take that from Mystik Dan, especially considering the route he got at Churchill Downs from jockey Brian Hernandez Jr.

Also back from that race are sixth-place finisher Resilience (10-1), eighth-place Honor Marie (12-1) and 10th-place Dornoch (15-1), who is owned in part by World Series winner Jayson Werth.

Making the Belmont so attractive for owners and trainers is the setting at Saratoga. It’s being run upstate for the next two years while Belmont Park in New York is undergoing a massive, \$455 million reconstruction.

“Everyone’s really anticipating this being really a historic and exciting weekend,” said Brown, who grew up in nearby Mechanicsville and got into racing going to the track in Saratoga Springs with his family. “For me, personally, the idea of possibly winning the first Belmont Stakes ever run at Saratoga would just be an incredible moment.”

Easier said than done given the depth of this field. But McPeek did not shy away from it, knowing all the talent Mystik Dan must face to take two-thirds of the Triple Crown.

“How the race sets up is so unique,” McPeek said. “Mystik Dan is such a unique horse in that he’s got tactical speed, and I think that put him in a position to be able to win the Derby. Of course (there is also) the running style of Sierra Leone’s counter to Mystik Dan and then Seize the Grey. We’ve got a speed horse, a stalker, and we’ve got a closer.

“It’s going to be an interesting race to handicap for players and for jockeys. ... It gives us a chance to really prove ourselves again.”

Fun in London for Mets and Phillies as players get pints, see the sights

BY KEN MAGUIRE
Associated Press

LONDON — The Philadelphia Phillies and New York Mets are enjoying London so much they might not want to go home.

Can you blame them? There’s business ahead with a two-game set this weekend, but Friday’s workout at London Stadium was a laid-back affair following team dinners the night before.

“It was really nice to have a proper pint of Guinness,” Mets first baseman Pete Alonso said.

A group of Phillies visited the Tower of London for an event before heading to a Philly-themed bar. Phillies manager Rob Thomson estimated the crowd at 500 fans.

Bryce Harper hit a market and sampled food from various vendors. The best part? No one recognized him.

“I’ve actually enjoyed people not really realizing who I am,” the slugger said. “The coolest thing I’ve seen in London yet is, I’ve driven by and I’ve seen people outside the pub drinking and having conversation — with no phones or anything like that. ... I think everybody can learn from that.”

The Phillie Phanatic made the trip and showed no signs of jet lag in firing up some school children who watched the workouts from the stands behind the first-base dugout. The Phillies shared video of him walking near Buckingham Palace dressed like a member of the King’s Guard.

Jake Diekman and fellow Mets relief pitchers ran routes and tossed an American football to each other in the outfield under two huge flags — the Union Jack and the Stars and Stripes — high above center field at London Stadium, the reconfigured home of Premier League club West Ham.

This is MLB’s third visit to London in the past five seasons. The New York Yankees and Boston Red Sox in 2019 played the league’s debut game in Europe and the St. Louis Cardinals and Chicago Cubs split a two-game set last June.

A couple of fans holding a



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Phillie Phanatic interacts with school children as the Philadelphia Phillies train during a workout day at the London Stadium in London on Friday.

UK Red Sox Supporters Club flag high-fived each other after J.D. Martinez looked up and acknowledged them. Martinez helped the Red Sox win the 2018 World Series.

Besides sampling a Guinness, Alonso solicited advice from local reporters on where to get the best Sunday roast.

“Sunday we’re leaving unfortunately. I know Sunday roasts are a thing,” he said. “Are they served specifically on Sundays at places or can you get this at any time?”

Pretty much anytime was the answer plus “have as much gravy as possible.”

It wasn’t all laughs, though. Thomson said he “absolutely” is concerned about all travel the NL East-leading Phillies (44-19) have been doing. The Phillies left May 23 for a road trip that included stops in Denver and San Francisco.

“We’re crossing 18 time zones since Colorado ‘til we get to Boston,” Thomson said. “That can put a lot of stress on your body, for a player, so we’re concerned about it. Everything we can do we’re trying to get it done so that they don’t get hurt.”

SPECIAL GUESTS

Former West Ham players Anton Ferdinand and James Collins had an extended chat with Alonso before the first baseman took batting practice. Alonso signed a West Ham jersey and a couple of baseballs for the pair. ... Mat-

thew Broderick will throw out the ceremonial first pitch on Saturday. Wrexham co-owner and Phillies fan Rob McElhenney gets the ball Sunday.

OLYMPICS

Harper reiterated his desire to play at the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics and said the NHL-style break in schedule for the Winter Olympics could apply to baseball. “They take that three-week break, and they let those guys go out and play. That’s another big goal that we should have as Major League Baseball,” he said. Baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred has said such a plan would be difficult for MLB to implement.

NOTES

Phillies: LHP Ranger Suárez (9-1, 1.70 ERA) is set to start Saturday. Suárez took a come-backer off his pitching hand in his last start. ... C Rafael Marchan will be recalled from Triple-A Lehigh Valley to take the 27th spot this weekend “basically because J.T. (Realmuto) has been dinged up,” Thomson said.

Mets: LHP Sean Manaea (3-2, 3.63 ERA) will start Saturday. ... 3B Brett Baty will be recalled from Triple-A Syracuse to be the 27th man for the weekend. Mets manager Carlos Mendoza said: “We have a decision to make after Sunday.”

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NATIONAL SUMMARY: A few heavier storms are in store today from Missouri into southern Illinois, Indiana as well as western Kentucky and Tennessee. A few heavier storms will also occur along another storm across the Northeast, especially in New England. More severe storms will also occur through eastern Colorado.

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MAYORS OF UTAH VALLEY

Give the community a lift by flying Provo

For about as long as anyone alive can remember, there's been an airport in Provo. It came into existence in the 1940s when the military wanted to ensure there was a network of runways throughout the continent. Commercial flights soon followed, initially through Bonanza Airlines



MICHELLE KAUFUSI

in the 1950s. However, the long-sought-after grand prize has been to land a major network carrier — like Delta, American or United — at the airport. Well, that day has arrived. On April 11 of this year, American Airlines announced it is coming to Provo, with its first flights departing Oct. 7. This is a big deal. By some measures, American Airlines is the world's largest airline, serving 42 more destinations than Delta

Airlines, including 228 domestic destinations. You may have heard me announce about a year and a half ago that Provo Airport is seeking international access. Through American Airlines, we will achieve that. American Airlines flies to 109 countries, ranging from Anguilla to Zimbabwe. As just one example, you can fly American to seven airports in the nation of New Zealand alone. Get online and play with Amer-

ican's website — you can book tickets to or from Provo today. Or, use Google Flights. That's right, for the first time in history, Provo Airport (PVU) is an option on Google Flights, too. And don't forget, we take arrivals, too. So if you have friends or family coming to town, be sure to tell them to look at flights into Provo. Don't get me wrong. We love our two current carriers, Allegiant and Breeze, and hope they will be flying Provo for decades

to come. They play an important role, providing value to hundreds of thousands of Utah County flyers each year, and we value their partnership immensely. But a network carrier uniquely opens Provo to the world and the world to Provo. Why does all this matter to an ordinary resident of this valley? Well, of course, it means added convenience and options (and

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TALES FROM UTAH VALLEY

Have fun and be safe on the Murdock Canal Trail

We are lucky to live in an area with beautiful spaces and ample opportunities to spend time in nature. These places include the many trails around the county. One of those, the Murdock Canal Trail, is a local favorite. The Murdock Canal, built in the early 1900s, used to be an open canal. My family loved to walk along the canal on the dirt trail that meandered alongside of it. In 2011-2012, the canal was enclosed and a paved trail was built. At first, many of us were disappointed that the canal would be enclosed — we loved seeing the ducks swimming and walking along with the tranquil sounds of the water. However, the paved Murdock Canal Trail has not been a disappointment. Not only is the trail a perfect way to enjoy the outdoors, get some exercise and see some beautiful views, but people also often add to the experience. I often see messages of encouragement or happiness written on the trail pavement with sidewalk chalk. In fact, in 2020, a family whose home is adjacent to the trail in Pleasant Grove wrote regular messages of hope with chalk on the side of their home. Another nearby homeowner plants wildflowers on their property right next to the trail for users to enjoy. Many of us love using the Murdock Canal Trail as it winds through northern Utah County — through hills, trees and plant life — with views of the mountains on one side and the valley on the



LAURA GILES

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

South American service



COURTESY PHOTO

Debbie Goodson is shown in Peru. Goodson began the Andes Education Fund, a nonprofit organization that works to improve the lives of people living in the remote Andes region of Peru.

Nonprofit assisting families in the high Andes mountains of Peru

Debbie Goodson, a Spanish major and teacher, had a goal to visit Machu Picchu when she turned 60. She accomplished her goal and was so impressed with what she experienced, she decided to return and explore Peru. The next year, she persuaded her siblings to go with her, and she loved it even more. Once Goodson retired from teaching at the Waterford School in Utah, she traveled to Cusco, lived with a family for five weeks, taught English to local children, and

DARREL HAMMON

explored the country and the surrounding areas, from Lake Titicaca to the Amazon. As she was admiring the view from the Sacred Valley, she asked a simple question: "What's on the other side of those mountains?" She decided to find out. Her trip to the other side of those mountains — which included traversing a pass at 14,500 feet — introduced her to the far-flung village of Pampacorral, located at 12,500 feet above sea level. "There I discovered that the students did not usually speak Spanish but spoke Quechua in their

homes," Goodson said. "I started taking just a few soccer balls and reams of paper, and it grew from there." As she traveled to more distant towns and villages inhabited mainly by Andinos or Quechua people, she discovered there were great needs. "It became very apparent that the teachers lacked basic supplies like books, paper and pencils," Goodson said. "I began to formulate a service project in which I could enrich small schools with much-needed supplies and with some art and music." Thus began the Andes Education

Fund, which has the mission to "improve the education of remote, impoverished schools located in the Andes Region of Peru" (www.andesedfund.org). At the beginning, Goodson returned to Peru once a year, but then she began going each spring and fall. Since COVID, she has gone once a year, usually in the spring. "I really wanted to help schools that were not already receiving help from large NGOs (non-governmental organizations). I didn't want to put on Band-Aids,"

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GARDEN HELP DESK

Here are various ways to alleviate snail problems



COURTESY MEREDITH SEAEVER, USU EXTENSION

It's easy to spot snails and slugs when they're large, but finding one snail is a sign that you need to start looking around and find the smaller snails or slugs that are sure to be nearby.

We are having a terrible time with snails and maybe slugs in our garden. I see snails sometimes in our home orchard, too. We've used snail bait, but it doesn't last very long, so we need to replace it often. I planted my tomato transplants and the next day the plants had been eaten by snails. There was nothing left but little green stems. I bought new transplants, but I don't want to have the same thing happen to them. What can we do? You know you have snails because you've seen them, but for readers who may be seeing damage but not the culprits, if you're seeing smooth-edged, irregular holes in leaves, small seedlings or transplants clipped off or missing, and shiny trails on the soil or hard

USU EXTENSION

surfaces, you probably have snails or slugs feeding in your landscape. There are a few things you can try for slug and snail problems. First, as much as possible, reduce moisture and shelter in your landscape. With most of the emails I get about slugs and snails, excess moisture from watering is a large part of the problem. ■ No plant debris, clutter, coiled hoses, etc., left on the ground. ■ No plant foliage resting on the soil. Keep things pruned just enough to prevent this. ■ Fix areas where moisture can collect — level soil, redirect water, etc. Water deeply but very infrequently. For the trees, water deeply but not more than once every seven to 10 days during the summer and less often in the spring and fall. For your lawn, water deeply but not

more than once every four to five days during the summer and less often in the spring and fall. For the garden, water deeply but not more than once every three to five days during the summer. Deeper watering is the key to watering less often. If needed, you can also spread about an inch of compost over the soil to act as a mulch. When I got a little more information from you, you mentioned that you are watering with pop-up sprinklers. Using drip irrigation in your garden (and in your home orchard next to your garden) will make a difference with your snail problem. You'll only be putting moisture where your plants need it. Second, start handpicking snails.

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Some Father’s Day gift ideas for all kinds of dads

BY LEANNE ITALIE
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Whether you go big, small or DIY, there are lots of ways to please dad on Father’s Day. Homemade cards and drawings, and things made of clay or popsicle sticks, are evergreen options from little

hands. So is gathering your top family photos for framing, or knitting up a sweater, hat or socks. If store-bought is your jam, try one of these:

A WEIGHTED PILLOW Is he tied up in stress knots? Weighted pillows

are the new weighted blankets, the latter sometimes considered too hot with uneven weight distribution. A weighted pillow from Quiet Mind comes in three sizes and is intended for hugging and laps. While it may be difficult to travel with a weighted blanket, pillows

are portable to keep the Zen from deep-pressure stimulation going away from home. \$179 and up, depending on size. Available at Onequiet-mind.com.

A LEATHER-BOUND BOOK

From historic ballparks and all things Kobe Bryant to ideas for epic hikes and the beauty of the national parks, Quince has on offer a range of lovely, leather-bound, coffee-table books. There’s one for just about any kind of dad, also including Julia Child’s “Mastering the Art of French Cooking” and a collection of Randal Ford’s dog portraits. Starting at \$89.90. Available at Quince.

AN URBANITE GRILL

Got a city-dweller? Grilling can be problematic on fire escapes, balconies and parks that don’t allow open flames. The Kenyon City Grill is electric, smokeless and highly portable. Plug it in and dial up temperatures that go over 550 degrees. There’s a disposable and therefore replaceable drip pan. \$695. Available on Amazon and the Kenyon website.

SOME SMART SUNGLASSES

Tech-enabled glasses are abundant these days. Reviews are up and down by brand so choose carefully. A new entry from Lucyd, the Eddie Bauer x Lucyd collection, has enhanced audio quality and easy access to the voice assistant. They come in several styles, from aviator to rimless. Most styles come in 13 colors. A charging dock is included. They play music. They take calls. They use Siri. They have a 12-hour



LUCYD VIA ASSOCIATED PRESS

This photo shows the Eddie Bauer x Lucyd smart sunglasses. Is dad ready to take the tech leap for Father’s Day?

SOME CRAZY BAD DADS

Darth Vader. Walter White. The Godfather. Comedy writer Glenn Boozan has followed up his cute illustrated bestseller “There are Moms Way Worse Than You” with a version for dad. The idea? To let him know he’s nowhere near the top of the bad parent pyramid: “On days when you feel ‘Dad guilt’ about the things you did, at least you’ve never had to say, ‘Honey, I shrunk the kids.’” (Workman, \$10.48). “There are Dads Way Worse Than You” is illustrated by Priscilla Witte. Widely available.

A HIKING BABY CARRIERA

gift for both moms and dads since it’s easily adjustable, the Osprey Poco LT Child Carrier has earned top reviews for short hikes and everyday outings. It comes in black, blue and green with an SPF sunshade for baby. The frame is lightweight with a stable platform to set the carrier down. The best part: It weighs a smidge over 5 pounds. \$179.99 at Rei.com. Widely available elsewhere.

UTAH VALLEY CALENDAR

AMERICAN FORK

“Aladdin” mini-musical camp — Children age 8 to 14 can participate in an “Aladdin” mini-musical camp from either June 10-14 or July 22-26 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Valentine Theater. In the week-long workshop, participants will be given a part in the musical and rehearse to deliver lines, sing, dance and work as a team. The camp will perform a condensed and simplified 20-minute musical at the end of the week. For more information and to sign up, visit <http://TAFTix.com>.

“Anastasia: The Musical” — Timpanogos Community Theater and Timpanogos Arts Foundation presents “Anastasia: The Musical” from June 21 to July 6 at Valentine Theater. Follow the footsteps of a young woman seeking her identity and unravel the mystery of a lifetime. Most performances will begin at 7:30 p.m., with an ASL performance on Friday, June 28, and additional 2 p.m. matinees on Saturday, June 22, and Saturday, June 29. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit <https://americanforkarts.com/theater>.

Art summer camps — Registration is open now for art camps for children ages 6 and up set for all summer long at the Creative Art Center, 53 W. Main St. Camps include “Anime, Caricature, Cartooning, and Comics with Rufus Zaejodaesus”; “Treasure Island”; “Creatures on Canvas”; and “Barbie Glam Camp.” For more information and to register, visit https://americanforkarts.com/tva_summer_camps.

Events at the American Fork Library — Here are some upcoming events at the American Fork Library: June 8: Read with Me for children ages 6-11. at 11 a.m. Children are invited to read with Vinson, a certified therapy dog. Sign up at the Children’s Desk. June 10: Writer’s Club for teens at 3 p.m. Teen writers of all genres welcome. Monthly challenges given. June 12: Art After School - Summer Edition for teens at 4:30 p.m. this month’s activity will feature making Picasso portraits. Enthusiasts of all skill levels welcome. June 13: Adventures in the Academic Lab for children in second to sixth grades at 2 p.m. Enjoy themed math and reading activities. June 13: J. Scott Savage Author Visit at 7 p.m. The author of the “Greysen Foxx,” “Mysteries of Cove” and other series will be at the library for stories, games and activities. Books will be available for purchase. June 17: Writer’s Club for teens at 3 p.m. Teen writers of all genres welcome. Monthly challenges given. June 17: Great Basin Wildlife Rescue for families at 7 p.m. This is a chance to learn about and meet some very interesting birds from around Utah. June 19: Library closed for Juneteenth. June 20: Adventures in the Academic Lab for children in second to sixth grades at 2 p.m. Enjoy themed math and reading activities. June 20: Paint Night for adults at 6:30 p.m. April Terry will teach painting techniques and styles. Supplies will be provided. Register online. June 22: Read With Me — Cat Version for ages 4-12 at 11 a.m. Children are invited to comet to the library and read with a cat from Celestial Zoo Pet Rescue. Space is limited. Sign-up at the Children’s Desk.

CEDAR HILLS

Cedar Hills Family Festival — The city’s annual Family Festival will be held from June 1 to 8. More information, including a schedule and how to purchase tickets or register for activities, is available on the city’s website at <https://www.cedarhills.org/o/cch/page/family-festival>.

Snapology Robotics — Registration is open for Snapology Robotics summer camps, set for July and August. The five-day camps are for children ages 6 to 12 and have different themes using Lego bricks, including animals, attackbots, Pokemon and more. For more information or to register, visit <https://embed.snapology.com/licensee/110/events/location>.

Summer Sports Camp — Registration is open for summer sports camp at Harvey Park where each day focuses on a different sport, including soccer, basketball, flag football and field games. Sessions include June 10-13, June 17-20, June 24-27, July 8-11, July 15-18 and July 22-25. For more information or to register, visit https://cedarhillsrec.activityreg.com/selectactivity_t2.wcs.

T-Ball and Coach Pitch Baseball — Cedar Hills Recreation will offer T-Ball for 4 to 5 year olds and coach pitch baseball for 6 to 7 year olds. T-ball will be played on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Harvey Park. Coach pitch will be on Wednesdays and Thursdays at Burgess Park in Alpine. Both programs rely on volunteer parent coaches and families are asked to indicate if they can coach during registration. For more information or to register, visit https://cedarhillsrec.activityreg.com/selectactivity_t2.wcs.

Summer Bowling — Cedar Hills Recreation and Jack & Jill Lanes will offer bowling lessons for children in kindergarten through 12th grade from 2 to 3 p.m. on Mondays from June 24 to July 29. For more information or to register, visit https://cedarhillsrec.activityreg.com/selectactivity_t2.wcs.

Cedar Hills Cheer Squad — Boys and girls ages 6-12 are invited to join Cedar Hills’ cheer squad, where they can learn chants, cheers, rally dances, routines, stunts and even beginning tumbling in a non-competitive setting Practice will take place from 4 to 5 p.m. on Wednesdays from April 10 to May 22 at Harvey Park. The squad will take what they’ve learned and cheer on Cedar Hills Rec football in August and at the Family Festival Parade this summer. For more information or to register, visit https://cedarhillsrec.activityreg.com/selectactivity_t2.wcs.

Vinyasa Yoga (mixed level) — Join Kristen Rutter at 8:15 a.m. every Wednesday at the Cedar Hills Recreation Center for a dynamic practice that unites body, mind and breath. Bring your own mat, strap and block (a limited number is

available to borrow).

HIGH Fitness classes — This weekly class takes aerobics to the next level by combining modern fitness techniques, such as HIIT, plyometrics, and intervals of strength and cardio with music. Classes are currently at 7 a.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays at the Cedar Hills Recreation Center. The drop-in rate is \$3.50 and punch cards can be purchased at a discount. For more information, visit <http://www.cedarhills.org/highfit>.

LINDON

Senior bus — The Lindon Senior Center has a bus and is able to offer rides to and from the center on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. This is available for Lindon resident seniors. Pick-ups are between 10 and 11 a.m. Drop-offs are between 1 and 2 p.m. Reservations must be made at least one day in advance. Contact the Senior Center front desk at (801) 769-8625.

OREM

“Freedom’s Melody: A Celebration of American Composers” — “Freedom’s Melody” is a new addition to America’s Freedom Festival. The free outdoor concert with the American Fork Symphony is set for 7 p.m. on Monday, June 10, at The Orchard at University Place mall. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs and enjoy this concert featuring music from John Williams, George Gershwin, Elmer Bernstein and more.

Timpanogos Bluegrassroots Festival — The sixth annual Timpanogos Bluegrassroots Festival will be held on Saturday, June 22, at Orem City Center Park. This daylong event will be free to the public for the first time ever. Events include an open mic at 1 p.m., performances from local musicians at 2 p.m. and an evening lineup starting at 7 p.m. featuring Matt Flinner Trio and The John Reichmann Bluegrass Band. During the 2 p.m. local band line-up, the bands will be performing in free, workshop-style performances where attendees and other local musicians will be invited to “jam” and learn from the groups. For more information, visit <https://bluegrassroots.net>.

PAYSON

Volunteer at the library — Friends of the Payson Library notes that residents can volunteer for an hour or less each month to help the library meet the needs of children and patrons. Volunteers are asked to offer ideas and support the group’s yearly book sale. People interested in volunteering may contact library director Dona Gay, Britany Johnson at (801) 609-4078, Ann Humpherys at (801) 465-0941, or Steve Southwick at (801) 822-1705.

SARATOGA SPRINGS

Community Orchestra — The Saratoga Springs Community Orchestra holds practices on the first and third Thursdays of each month from 7 to 9 p.m. at the city offices, 1307 N. Commerce Drive. The orchestra will be preparing for Saratoga Splash Days and the December holiday concerts.

UTAH COUNTY

Mental health support groups and classes — NAMI Utah County offers free in-person and online support groups and classes for adults and teens living with mental health conditions and for family members of loved ones living with mental health conditions. For more information, contact Angela Peterson at (801) 400-3516.

Volunteers to help Kids On The Move — Each Friday and Saturday, Kids On The Move offers Respite Care, providing a free break to parents with special needs children. Families drop their children off at locations in Orem, Lehi and Springville where they are paired one-on-one with a volunteer to play for the evening. A nurse or behavior technician is also present to help oversee. The group is seeking 10 volunteers 16 years and older from 5:45 to 9:30 p.m. every Friday and Saturday to help make this happen. For more information or to sign up, visit <https://kotm.org/volunteer-portal>. Coronavirus measures are being taken, including requiring masks, taking temperatures and frequent hand sanitizing.

Foster grandparents sought — Utah County is seeking senior volunteers to serve as foster grandparents. Volunteers must be limited-income individuals at least 55 years old and able to serve 15 or more hours per week. Volunteers serve as mentors, tutors and caregivers for children and youth at schools, hospitals, youth centers and similar organizations. Volunteers receive a non-taxable stipend, paid personal leave, transportation reimbursement, ongoing training and more. For more information or if you or someone you know would like to participate, call (801) 851-7784.

Utah County Home Visit Programs in need of donations — Utah County Health Department home visit programs are running low on donated resources such as baby blankets and diapers. The health department is asking Utah County community members to consider donating items or organizing service projects to assist in providing donations. The items most needed are new receiving blankets or small quilts and diapers. Other welcomed items include: infant “onesies,” knit hats and infant-appropriate board books. Items should be in new condition. Donations may be dropped off Monday to Friday (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) at the following health department locations: Provo — 151 S. University Ave., Suite 1610, American Fork — 599 S. 500 East. Questions about the home visit programs should be directed to Bonnie Hardy at (801) 851-7026.

To submit notices or events from your city, email rolfson@heraldextra.com.

WORSHIP SERVICES

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Worship services are currently being held in person each Sunday at 11 a.m. Please see our website for more information. All are welcome!

Support groups are again meeting at St. Mary’s Church. See our website for days and times.

Please also see our website for mid-week activities and gatherings. Again, all are welcome! Please email us at parishoffice@stmarysprovo.org for links or more information. You can also check our website for the most up-to-date information: <http://stmarysprovo.org>. 801-373-3090
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Jehovah’s Witnesses
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Laurel Marie Beranek



Laurel Marie Beranek, 84 of Lindon, Utah, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her loving family. Laurel was born on October 10, 1939, in Holly, Colorado, to Charles Wagner and Virginia Roseberry Wagner. She married the love of her life, Gilbert Beranek on January 18, 1958, after meeting on a blind date, 6 months earlier. They shared 65 wonderful years together, before Gil passed in 2022.

Laurel was raised on a farm, as the eldest of 7 children, caring for each of them in her own special way. She graduated from Holly High School and honorably held the title of Miss Holly and Miss Betty Crocker.

Early in their marriage, while living in Golden, Colorado, Laurel and Gil had two children. Dean Anthony, born in 1959 and Vanessa Ann, in 1960. In 1962, Mitchell Andrew was born, followed by Niki Adele, 10 and 1/2 months later.

Laurel was an avid reader and was proud of her large library and you could find her in the corner of any room with her nose in a book. She was a homemaker until 1975, when she went to work at Signetics Integrated Circuit Plant, until their closure in 1992.

In the early years of marriage,

they were members of a bowling league, where they spent many Sunday evenings with their closest friends. Laurel and Gil loved cruises and enjoyed several. They spent their 50th anniversary in Australia and New Zealand. He fell in the tub, so they both got to ride to the hospital in an Australian ambulance, for his minor injury. After retiring, she and Gil became Snowbirds and spent many winters at River Lodge Resort, in Parker Dam, California where they enjoyed golfing and made many lifelong friends. Everyone knew not to knock on Mommy's door on Tuesdays, because that was her alone day to read.

Laurel dearly loved her husband, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a wonderful

wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. Her family lovingly called her Nanny.

Laurel was a member of Saint Francis of Assisi, Catholic Church.

Laurel is survived by her four children, Dean Beranek, Lindon, Utah, Vanessa (Joe) Ostler, Sultan, Wa., Mitchell (Heidi) Beranek, Cheyenne, Wy., and Niki (Paul) Guzman, of Price, Utah; 3 grandchildren, Kemli Horrocks, Provo, Ut., Sam (Lourdes) Ostler, Everett, Wa., and Charley (Sara) Ostler, Sultan, Wa.; 2 great grandchildren, Alex Navejar and Bob Ostler. Bonus grandchildren, Athena (Jeremy) Robison, Angie (Tommy) Palm, Paul-Michael Guzman, Steven (Julie) Ostler, Amber Black, Austin (Ariela) Hirsh, Dylan Hirsh,

great-grandchildren, Tani-sha (Delaney) Roach, Triston Marvell, Derick (Morgan) Robison, Kaden Marvell, Wyatt Guzman, PJ Guzman, Konner Marvell, Matthew House, Cheyenne Ostler, Jordan (Hailey) Ostler, Samantha Ostler, Kylin Hansen, Haley Sharp, Samantha Ostler, Avery & Ayla Hirsh; great-great-grandchildren, Ava, Zoey & Kai. Siblings Colin (Bobbie) Wagner, Gayle Lirley, Muriel (Ron) Reitz, Mitchell Wagner. Sister-in-law, Connie Wagner and Sharon Wagner.

Proceeded in death by her parents, her loving husband, Gil, brothers Daniel & David, brother-in-law Gary Beranek.

Funeral Mass will be held Monday, June 10, 2024 at 12:00 pm. at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 65 East 500 North Orem, UT. Immediately after the Mass, Interment will take place at The Orem City Cemetery, 1520 North 800 East, Orem, Utah. Followed by a luncheon, back at the church.

Cremation will be entrusted to Sundberg-Olpin Mortuary in Orem, Utah.

Condolence may be expressed to the family at SundbergOlpinMortuary.com.

Raymond Darrell Mecham

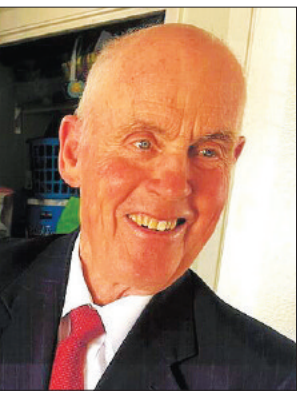
Raymond Darrell Mecham, fondly known as Ray, was born on November 11, 1942, in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Darrell Francis Mecham and Barbara London. On June 2, 2024, Ray passed away peacefully at his home in Palmyra, Utah, leaving behind a legacy of love, service, and dedication.

Ray spent his formative years in Lake Shore and later established his own family in Palmyra. On December 27, 1963, he entered into a joyous union with Charlotte Sorensen in the Manti Temple, a bond that lasted until her passing from cancer on January 21, 2008. Finding love again, Ray remarried Elaine Simmons Harmer on August 16, 2008, in Palmyra, Utah.

Education was a cornerstone of Ray's life. He graduated from Spanish Fork High School and went on to earn a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and a Master's degree in School Administration from Brigham Young University. Throughout his career, Ray wore many hats, working at IFA, as a water master, serving as an elementary school teacher, principal and farmer.

Beyond his professional endeavors, Ray found immense joy in various hobbies including hunting, fishing, camping, hiking, playing cards, and putting puzzles together. He was deeply committed to his community, serving as a 4-H leader, scout master, and earning the prestigious Silver Beaver Scout Award. Ray also dedicated many years to coaching youth sports teams that his children played on, fostering a spirit of teamwork and sportsmanship in the community.

Ray's devotion to his faith in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints was unwavering. He served in numerous capacities including as a missionary, scout master, ward clerk, executive secretary, young



men's president, counselor in the bishopric, stake high counselor and bishop. He even extended his service to teaching Sunday school in the Utah County Jail. Ray completed two senior missions and served in the Provo Temple, continuing his service at the Payson Temple until his passing.

Ray leaves behind his beloved spouse, Elaine Simmons Harmer, and a legacy of love through his children: Lynn (Karen) Mecham of Santaquin, Charla (Chad) Jacobson of Orem, Yvonne (David) Waters of Rigby ID, Leslie (Cory) Stulce of Palmyra, Kevin (Valerie) Mecham of Santaquin, and Paula (Lee) Davis of Santaquin. Elaine's children: Danelle (Jim) Long, Wendy (Alan) McBride, Joel Harmer (deceased) (Diane) and Trudy (Todd) Mair, and Jackie (Bob) Morgan. His memory lives on through his 43 grandchildren and 55 great-grandchildren, with three more on the way.

Ray is reunited in death with his cherished wife, Charlotte Mecham, and his parents, Darrell and Barbara Mecham. He is also survived by his siblings: Frank (Michelle) Mecham of Lake Shore, Linda (Richard) Lamb of Sandy, and Peggy Jones of Lake Shore.

Raymond Darrell Mecham's life was a testament to faith, family, and service. He will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Pat Sajak makes his final spin as host of ‘Wheel of Fortune’

BY KAITLYN HUAMANI
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — After 41 years and over 8,000 episodes, Pat Sajak's final turn as the renowned host of "Wheel of Fortune" aired on Friday.

In a farewell message released ahead of Friday's episode airing, Sajak thanked the viewers of the beloved game show for granting him the "incredible privilege to be invited into millions of homes, night after night, year after year, decade after decade."

He noted that he always found it important to keep the daily half-hour show a "safe place for family fun," excluding any social issues or political topics from the banter he shared with contestants and his co-host and letter turner, Vanna White. He said he wanted to keep the show "just a game," before noting that to many, it became a part of their daily lives.

"Gradually, it became more than that," Sajak continued. "A place where kids learned



RICHARD SHOTWELL, INVISION VIA AP

Pat Sajak, left, and Vanna White, from "Wheel of Fortune," attend a ceremony honoring Harry Friedman with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in Los Angeles on Nov. 1, 2019.

their letters, where people from other countries honed their English skills, where families came together along with friends and neighbors and entire generations. What an honor to have played even a small part in all that."

White paid an emotional tribute to her partner on Thursday's episode, calling him "like a brother" and a "true lifelong friend." In

the pre-recorded video that featured clips and photos of their 41 years as co-workers, she added that their personal friendship has meant even more than their professional collaboration.

Sajak announced in June 2023 that he would retire from his hosting duties at the end of the show's 41st season, with Ryan Seacrest set to succeed him. White will stay on

as Seacrest's co-host through the 2025-2026 season, based on a contract extension she signed in September.

In a recent interview for "Good Morning America" with Sajak's daughter Maggie, who serves as the show's social correspondent, the host said he felt "surprisingly OK" given that he announced his retirement almost a year before his final show.

"I've had time to sort of get used to it and it's been a little bit wistful and all that, but I'm enjoying it and taking it all in and reflecting on a great run," he said.

Looking back on his time with the popular game show, Sajak said he is grateful for how audiences across the country connected with the show and made it a part of their daily routines.

"Somewhere along the line, we became more than a popular show. We became a part of popular culture, and more importantly, we became a part of people's lives," he said. "That's been awfully gratifying."

Tips to keep your kids safe on social media

BY BARBARA ORTUTAY
Associated Press

At what age should kids be on social media? Should they be on it at all? If they aren't, will they be social pariahs? Should parents monitor their conversations? Do parental controls work?

Navigating social media as a parent — not to mention a child — is not easy. Using social media platforms is still the default for most American teenagers, with the Pew Research Center reporting that 58% of teens are daily users of TikTok, including 17% who describe their TikTok use as almost constant. About half of teens use Snapchat and Instagram daily, with near-constant use at 14% and 8% for each, respectively.

But parents — and even some teens themselves — are growing increasingly concerned about the effects of social media use on young people. Lawmakers have taken notice and have held multiple congressional hearings on child online safety. But even with apparent bipartisan unity, making laws and regulating companies takes time. So far, no regulation has passed.

What are parents — and teens — supposed to do in the meantime? Here are some tips on staying safe, communicating and setting limits on social media — for kids as well as their parents.

IS 13 THE MAGIC AGE FOR SOCIAL MEDIA?

There's already, technically, a rule that prohibits kids under 13 from using platforms that advertise to them without parental consent: The Children's Online Privacy Protection Act that went into effect in 2000, before today's teenagers were even born.

The goal was to protect kids' online privacy by requiring websites and online services to disclose clear privacy policies and get parents' consent before gathering personal information on their kids, among other things. To comply, social media companies have generally banned kids under 13 from signing up for their services.

But times have changed, and online privacy is no longer the only concern when it comes to kids being online. There's bullying, harassment, the risk of developing eating disorders, suicidal thoughts or worse.

For years, there has been a push among parents, educators and tech experts to wait to give children phones — and access to social media — until they are older, such as the "Wait Until 8th" pledge that has parents sign a pledge not to give their kids a smartphone until the 8th grade, or about age 13 or 14. Some wait even later, like 16 or 17.

But neither social media companies nor the government have done anything concrete to increase the age limit.

IF THE LAW WON'T BAN KIDS, SHOULD PARENTS??"

There is not necessarily a magical age," said Christine Elgersma, a social media expert at the nonprofit Common Sense Media. But, she added, "13 is probably not the best age for kids to get on social media."

The laws currently being proposed include blanket bans on the under-13 set when it comes to social media. The problem? There's no easy way to verify a person's age when they sign up for apps and online services. And the apps popular with teens today were created for adults first. Companies have added some safeguards over the years, Elgersma noted, but these are piecemeal changes, not fundamental rethinks of the services.

"Developers need to start building apps with kids in mind," she said.

Some tech executives, celebrities such as Jennifer Garner and parents from all walks of life have resorted to banning their kids from social media altogether. While the decision is a personal one that depends

on each child and parent, some experts say this could lead to isolating kids, who could be left out of activities and discussions with friends that take place on social media or chat services.



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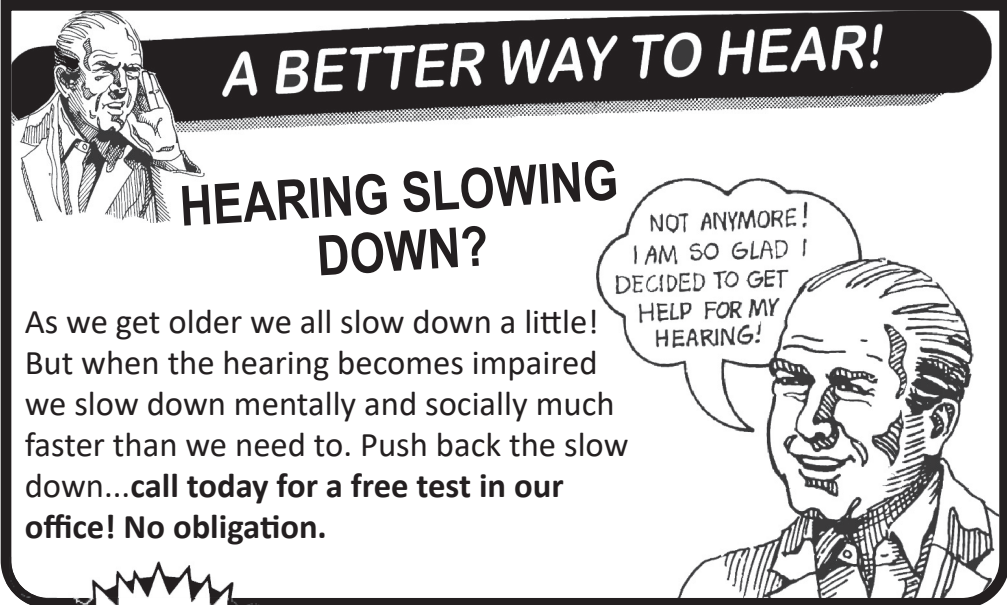
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SUNDAY DRIVE

Toyota RAV4 TRD – Can a refined crossover embrace the dirt?

After having various opportunities over the years to enjoy the Toyota RAV4, we have come the conclusion — along with many others — that it has carved a niche for itself as the quintessential suburban SUV. Comfortable, reliable and fuel-efficient, it’s an awesome choice for families on the go.



CRAIG & DEANNE CONOVER But what if one craves a hint of adventure beyond the dreaded school pickup line? Enter the 2024 RAV4 TRD Off-Road, a variant that injects some off-road capability into the ever-familiar RAV4 formula. This begs the question: Can a manufacturer credibly meld off-road prowess with everyday comfort in a single vehicle? We spent a week behind the wheel of the 2024 RAV4 TRD Off-Road to find out, figuring that if anyone could, it would be Toyota with quite the line of luxury and off-road prowess behind them.

Aesthetics: Rugged refinement

The TRD Off-Road doesn’t stray far from the RAV4’s recognizable silhouette. However, subtle visual cues hint at its adventurous spirit. Black 18-inch TRD wheels with Falken Wildpeak all-terrain tires set the tone. Gloss black accents adorned the grille, fenders and badges, and a matte black hood added a touch of unique purpose. While not a full-fledged off-road beast, the TRD Off-Road had a rugged sophistica-



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The 2024 Toyota RAV4 TRD Off-Road.

tion that set it apart from its tamer, urban-dwelling brethren.

Interior: Familiar comfort with off-road touches

Getting inside the RAV4 TRD Off-Road found us content with the familiar layout and quality materials we have found in other RAV4 trims. The seats were comfortable and supportive, offering ample leg and headroom for us and anyone sitting in the rear seat. The infotainment system, while not the most cutting-edge, was still very user-friendly, integrated seamlessly with our phones using Apple CarPlay and Android Auto, and came with a 10.5-inch multi-media touch screen display. However, the TRD treatment added a few more uniquely distinctive touches. TRD logos

adorned the headrests and floor mats, and a unique gauge cluster displayed a compass and inclinometer — helpful tools when navigating any off-road trails. Overall, the interior prioritized comfort and functionality, striking what we agreed was a good balance between everyday use and weekend adventures.

Performance: A capable compromise

The TRD Off-Road shares the same 2.5-liter four-cylinder engine found in other RAV4 models, producing 203 horsepower and 184 pound-feet of torque. While we found that acceleration wasn’t neck-snapping, it was sufficient for daily commutes and highway cruising. The eight-speed automatic transmission shifted smoothly,

and the standard all-wheel-drive system provided confidence in any weather conditions that we encountered during our weeklong test drive. However, the true star of the TRD Off-Road show is its off-road capability. Ground clearance is increased by 0.8 inches compared to the standard RAV4, providing a bit more breathing room on uneven terrain. At almost an inch, it can really make a difference. More importantly, the TRD features Toyota’s Multi-Terrain Select system. This allowed us to choose between different drive modes optimized for mud and sand, rock and dirt, or snow — this is a feature typically reserved for more hardcore off-roaders.

We were able to take the RAV4 TRD Off-Road on a light off-roading excursion, tackling dusty trails and rocky inclines. The all-wheel-drive system and Falken tires impressed, providing good traction and control. The Multi-Terrain Select system proved its worth, with the “Rock and Dirt” mode confidently navigating loose gravel and uneven surfaces. While not a rock crawler, the TRD Off-Road proved surprisingly capable for casual off-road exploration.

Compromises and considerations

Of course, there are compromises when attempting to blend on-road comfort with off-road capability. The aforementioned engine, while adequate, might leave those seeking a more spirited driving experience wanting. Additionally, the TRD’s

off-road tires contributed to slightly more road noise when compared to the standard RAV4. Fuel efficiency was pretty good with the Toyota. The TRD Off-Road achieves an EPA-estimated 25 mpg city and 35 mpg highway, slightly lower than the standard RAV4, and we were able to achieve a combined 29 mpg for the week. However, for those prioritizing off-road capability, these compromises are likely acceptable trade-offs.

Safety features abound Toyota prioritizes safety in all its vehicles, and the RAV4 TRD Off-Road is no exception. It comes standard with Toyota Safety Sense 2.5+, a suite of advanced driver-assistance systems that includes automatic emergency braking with pedestrian detection, lane departure alert with steering assist, and adaptive cruise control. This comprehensive suite of features provides peace of mind on both paved roads and off-road trails.

The verdict: A well-rounded mobile adventure

The 2024 Toyota RAV4 TRD Off-Road isn’t a hardcore off-road conqueror, nor is it a stripped-down utilitarian vehicle. Instead, it occupies a unique space, offering a blend of everyday comfort, on-road capability, and a surprising amount of fun injected into the blend. The RAV4 would be a great addition to any growing family, or be the perfect fit for empty nesters like us. **Base price:** \$38,095 **Destination charge:** \$1,350 **Price as driven:** \$41,725

Airport

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very often monetary savings), whether it’s through welcoming visitors or flying yourself. But it’s more than that. Our airport will help anchor this fast-growing valley as it potentially outpaces the population of the Salt Lake Valley. Provo Airport provides our region with a sense of independence and status as we prepare for more growth and to welcome more of the world to this special place, including for the potential 2034 Olympics. Then there’s the dollars and cents. Increased inbound travel helps fund the services you enjoy from your county and city, even if you live in a city besides Provo. The services you and I enjoy from our local governments — parks, firefighting, water in our homes — obviously require funding, and that funding usually comes out of residents’ pockets through taxes and fees. When visitors come to your town and pay sales and other taxes, however, the result is a boost in local government funding that comes from their pockets, not yours. That’s one reason why virtually every mayor I know cares about the economic strength of their city and making it attractive to outsiders. Without those components, there can seem to be nowhere to turn for funding besides residential property tax increases, and virtually no mayor or resident likes those!

Let me end with the flying experience in Provo. Compared to flying out of a large airport, Provo is a dream. The terminal is inviting, with its interior brick designed to reflect the warmth and charm of Provo’s historic downtown. Although there are quality food venues and places to purchase necessities, there are no massive corridors, escalators or labyrinths to navigate. Everything you need is within a few hundred feet. Passengers rave about how you can be in your car and on your way home within minutes after landing. So, for your sake and the sake of all of us in this area, please consider Provo Airport in all your air travel plans — and spread the word to others. If you enjoy elite status with Delta, contact American about matching your status while you give them a try. Together, we can help improve the quality of life for all in our community by helping the Provo Airport really take off.

Andes

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she said. “I wanted to stay, see the changes and watch students go through elementary school to graduation.” The Andes Education Fund provides teacher aids that cannot be purchased in Cusco like math games, art and music supplies, crafts for the students and word puzzles. Plus, Goodson and volunteers buy many necessities in Cusco like notebooks, paper, pens, pencils, crayons, colored pencils, maps, globes, and — always — soccer balls and volleyballs. Since Goodson is a tennis aficionado, she decided this past year to take a suitcase full of used tennis balls to Peru. “While there are no tennis courts in the villages, the kids knew exactly what to do with any type of ball,” Goodson said. “The tennis balls were dead and had no bounce, but they bounced very high at 13,000 feet. They had so much fun with them.” Like any nonprofit operating on a limited budget, volunteers are extremely important. “Our volunteers have ranged from college students to family, to friends and friends of friends,” Goodson said. “Many of my friends offer to carry suitcases for me, which are often filled with scarves made of fleece,” she said. “Everyone there appreciates something warm, colorful and new. Many of the volunteers have returned because they want to expose a family member or another friend to the schools and what we are doing.” The volunteers learn things they do not expect. Goodson said one

volunteer asked one of the teachers how he takes care of unruly children. He looked perplexed but replied, “We never have children who act up or are impolite in any way. Some of them have to walk 4 miles to get to school, and it is a privilege to come to school.” Volunteers can still be of service even if they don’t know the language. “Although the vast majority of volunteers do not speak Spanish, they can still help make a great difference in the students’ lives,” Goodson said. “Art transcends language, and the children are quick and learn English. Plus, since it is an adventure off the beaten path, many friends sign up to go and subsequently donate money to help the schools.” Volunteer Diane Cannon went to Peru after her daughter went as a University of Utah student. “When my daughter returned from her trip and told me about the fun experience she had had, I wanted to go,” Cannon said. “I had never done anything like this before. It was a great experience. I loved getting to know how these people live and what they do. Once I returned, I convinced my husband to go with me the second time.” Over time, Goodson and others who accompanied her have built a variety of facilities, including classrooms, libraries, kitchens and bathrooms in two of the more remote schools. “The previous kitchen facilities were lean-to sheds, and the bathrooms, which often included the bushes, were not sanitary,” Goodson said. “I knew I needed to help.” Despite the challenge of growing things at 12,500 feet, Goodson decided that one of the schools needed a greenhouse. “I felt the students

needed to understand the value of vegetables in their diets,” Goodson said. “Once the greenhouse was built, the teachers and the students care for the plants. Having a greenhouse is definitely a bonus.” Goodson relies on the schools’ principals and teachers to tell her what their needs are. Additionally, for 12 years she has had a trusted driver, Daniel Palomino, who lives in Cusco and speaks Spanish, Quechua and passable English. “He informs me of the customs and needs of the locals who live remotely,” Goodson said, “as well as helps with the enormous amount of shopping that takes place before we go to the schools.” When Goodson first began going to the schools and the villages, she felt like she was an outsider. With time, however, she became one of them. “Upon first going to the schools and villages, we were outsiders, and they thought that we would probably not return after our first visit, much like other groups,” Goodson said. “But after more than 20 years, they not only know me well but are welcoming with lots of abrazos (hugs) and trust.” Parents are big allies at the remote schools. “I have also realized that parents, universally, value education,” Goodson said. “These parents sacrifice much to make sure their children attend school each day. The mothers volunteer to come and prepare a hot meal daily for each student with money provided by the fund. I remember seeing a dad leading his small horse with his first-grade daughter on the back down the mountain so she could be at school.” A key to success in Pampacorral was a principal and his wife. When

the Andes Education Fund began its work at the school, it taught grades one through six. After grade six, the students returned to work in the potato fields or helping with the llama and alpaca herds. Through the principal’s ingenuity and help, new grades were eventually added. “I remember when grade seven was added,” Goodson said. “The students came with great expectation and excitement. Now, 20 years later, the students not only complete grade 11, but continue on to study at universities.” When Goodson returned to Peru this past year, the students who were first graders when she began helping were now attending the university in Cusco but had returned during a break to help their parents plant potatoes. Goodson posed a question to the parents: “How do you feel about your children being able to obtain an education, go to school or to work?” They answered, “We are glad they have options, but we do not want them to forget their traditions, and we want them to come home.” Goodson’s mantra has always been service. “I have always valued service because serving goes both ways,” she said. “Those who are served are helped and those who give of themselves, and of their time and talents, grow by enlarging their personal horizons while receiving enormous satisfaction. As a wise man once said, ‘It is by serving that we learn how to serve. The more we serve our fellow man, the more substance there is to our souls! It’s a win-win!’” she said. For more information about the Andes Education Fund or to donate, send an email to debratgoodson@gmail.com.

Murdock Trail

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other. I see people using the trail year-round, but this is the time of year that it can get really busy and, sometimes, even congested. If you have spent much time on the trail, you have probably seen a few near-misses as some users, usually going too fast or in the wrong direction or just not paying attention, come close to hurting others. Just a few weeks ago, the Pleasant Grove Police Department’s social media post was all about safety on the trail. “Spring is here. The weather is great and many of you are getting out and enjoying the sunshine. The Murdock Canal Trail will be seeing a lot more traffic in the months to come,” it stated. “This year the police department is prepared to have a presence up there. We have recently acquired new e-bikes that will help us in our policing efforts on the canal path. We will

have uniformed officers up there on our e-bikes making contacts and doing a lot of educating for those who are unsure of the laws, especially in the areas where the canal intersects with city streets. “If you see them up there, be sure to ask them to clarify any questions you may have as it relates to the laws on the canal. They’ll also be making traffic stops and taking enforcement action. If you haven’t noticed, the canal path has recently posted a speed limit. The speed limit is 15 MPH. We have a lot of cyclists that are exceeding this speed, and it’s creating a safety hazard for everyone. We hope our presence up there can make the canal safer so everyone can enjoy the path,” it continued. In addition to heeding the speed limit, we can all be safer by remembering to stop at stop signs, keep pets leashed, clean up after pets and remember to stay to the right. If you can’t pass safely, don’t pass. Happy trails!

Snails

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You may be tempted to just step on snails when you see them, but snail eggs can continue to mature and hatch even after the parent snail is dead, so handpicking is a better choice. Yes, handpicking is inconvenient and has a high “ick” factor, but it’s a very effective method. Go into the garden with a bucket of soapy water every day and collect as many snails as you can find. After several days, you’ll probably notice that it’s getting harder to find snails. At that point, scouting for snails once or twice a week should be enough. Snails like to feed at night, so going out with a bucket and a flashlight after dark is usually successful. Third, use traps. Pieces of scrap lumber

(broken pieces of wide fence pickets, for example) that are elevated about an inch above the soil, or anything similar that creates shade and leaves just enough room for a snail to get underneath, will provide the shelter that snails seek out. They’ll shelter there during the day, and you can easily collect and dispose of them. Fourth, continue to use bait, but protect the bait in bait stations. Your sprinkler irrigation dillutes your chemical bait, making it less effective. You can purchase ready-made bait stations or make your own by cutting snail/slug-sized openings in the sides of milk cartons, larger deli containers or other items that will protect the bait from rain and irrigation. Position the openings so they are easily accessible to the snails but don’t admit

rain or sprinkler spray. Check frequently and refresh bait as needed. Place your traps and bait stations where you see plant damage or other signs of snail or slug activity. Fifth, apply a thin barrier of diatomaceous earth (DE) around your vegetable plants to discourage snail feeding. Refresh the DE whenever it gets wet. When you replant your small transplants, you might consider protecting them with tall “collars” made from paper or plastic cups that have the bottoms removed. Set the tubes over the transplants and push them just a bit into the soil. Use a rubber band to secure fine mesh or screening over the top of the collar until your transplants are large enough to outgrow the collar and withstand a little slug feeding.

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COTY JOSEPH DURAN, whose mailing address is 1373 West 1870 North, Lehi, Utah 84043, has been appointed personal representative of the above-entitled estate. Creditors of the estate are hereby notified to: (1) mail their written claims to the personal representative at the address above; (2) deliver or mail their written claims

to the personal representative's attorneys of record, Stephen D. Swindle or Jeffrey D. Enquist of Fabian VanCott, 95 South State Street, Suite 2300, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84111; or (3) file their written claims with the Clerk of the Court of Salt Lake County, 450 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111, or otherwise present their claims as required by Utah law within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice or be forever barred.

DATED: June 6, 2024.

FABIAN VANCOTT
/s/ Stephen D. Swindle
Stephen D. Swindle Jeffrey D. Enquist
Attorneys for Personal Representative

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NOTICE INVITING BIDS - PROVO CITY CORPORATION

will receive sealed bids for Construction of the 2024 - 1450 E & OAK CLIFF DR SIDEWALK PROJECT, Bid No. PROVOEN202426795. Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. June 20, 2024, at the Provo City Engineering Office, 1377 South 350 East, Provo, Utah 84606, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. **WORK PRIMARILY CONSISTS OF:** Installing storm drain, installing sidewalk and Curb & Gutter, installing ADA ramps and detectable warning surfaces, relocation of mailboxes, installing asphalt, and striping. **COMPLETION OF WORK:** The WORK must be completed by October 31, 2024. **OBTAINING CONTRACT DOCUMENTS:** Contract documents, including drawings and technical specifications, may be obtained online at SciQuest (www.purchasing.utah.gov) or at the office of the Provo City Engineering Division beginning June 3, 2024. The cost of the contract documents, when obtained from Provo City Engineering, is \$30.00 and is non-refundable. **NOTICE OF PUBLICATION:** published in the Daily Herald May 31, June 8, and June 10, 2024. Posted on SciQuest and Utah Public Notice beginning June 3, 2024, through June 20, 2024. **PROJECT INFORMATION:** Information on the 2024 - 1450 E & OAK CLIFF DR SIDEWALK PROJECT may be requested from Kaehna Shour, Project Engineer, (801) 852-6747.

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Notice of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice Prime Storage - American Fork located at 420 E 620 S American Fork UT 84003 intends to hold an Auction of storage units in default of payment. The sale will occur as an Online Auction via www.storage-treasures.com on 6/25/2024 with the sale to conclude no earlier than 12:00PM. This sale is pursuant to the assertion of lien for rental at the self-storage facility. Michelle Roach units #00105 &

#00281; Richard Miller unit #00265. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Protection Self Storage 1486 S Delmonte Rd Spanish Fork Utah June 7th 2024 Richard Kocinski unit G019 Vending machines boxes furniture

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Notice of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice Prime Storage - Lehi located at 1985 North Pointe Meadow Dr Lehi UT 84043 intends to hold an Auction of storage units in default of payment. The sale will occur as an Online Auction via www.storage-treasures.com on 6/25/2024 with the sale to conclude no earlier than 12:00PM. This sale is pursuant to the assertion of lien for rental at the self-storage facility. Dallas Bradshaw/Encor Solar unit #F17; Carole Miller units #G05 & #H21; Renee Nichols unit #G06; John Miller unit #H30; Rykan Peterson unit #H31. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

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PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Goshen Town Council will hold a public hearing in conjunction with the scheduled Meeting on Tuesday, June 18th, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of this hearing is to review/discuss and approve Goshen Town Budget for Fiscal year 2024-2025, which a copy will be available for review at the town office located at 10 W. Main Street, during regular business hours Monday-Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Thursday - Friday 12:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. It is also available on our website (www.goshenutah.org) or electronically upon request by phone at 801-667-9910 or email at goshentown@gmail.com Rachel Pena Town Clerk

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SECTION 00 11 13 INVITATION TO BID

Notice is hereby given that the UPPER WHITTEMORE WATER CO (OWNER) will accept bids for the construction of the CHLORINATION SYSTEMS according to Drawings and Specifications prepared by the ENGINEER - HANSEN, ALLEN & LUCE, INC, and described in general as:

The project includes the construction of secondary disinfection facilities util-

izing gas chlorine. The structures are comprised of pre-cast concrete panels to be assembled (schedule A) or one-piece fiberglass shelter (schedule B) and installed onsite for Crandall Canyon Spring and Bath tub Spring respectively. The facilities include piping, control valve, air release valve, gauges, isolation valve, specialized gas chlorine controls, chlorine scales and dual chlorine cylinders, ventilation, propane heater, propane tank, propane tank concrete pad, propane piping, battery-powered lighting and related appurtenances. There are also buried piping modifications and a piping loop to be installed that allows for adequate CT after disinfection. The facilities will be installed in the locations shown on the Drawings. There is no existing electrical power service at either site.

Bids will be received digitally by the ENGINEER, Hansen, Allen & Luce, Inc. (859 W. South Jordan Parkway, Suite 200, South Jordan, Utah 84095), submitting to the following email address: dvwjohnson@halengineers.com until 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 25, 2024, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.

Bidding Documents may be obtained on or after June 12, 2024. Electronic files may be obtained at no cost from Engineer upon request. No paper copies of the Contract Documents will be available for purchase from Owner.

Bid security in the amount of 5% of the base bid will be required to accompany bids.

A Pre-Bid Conference and site tour will be held, at 10:00 a.m. on June 18, 2024. The object of the conference is to acquaint Bidders with the site conditions, specifications, and to answer any questions which Bidders may have concerning the project.

This is a federally funded project. All bidders are required to make the six good faith efforts to assure compliance with the State's "fair share goals" and are required to comply with EEO regulations.

CONTRACTOR shall be required to pay prevailing wage rates according to Davis-Bacon labor wage requirements for anyone hired to perform work on this project.

CONTRACTOR shall comply with American Iron and Steel provision.

The OWNER reserves the right to reject any or all bids; or to accept or reject the whole or any part of any bid; or to waive any informality or technicality in any bid in the best interest of the District. Only bids giving a firm quotation properly signed will be accepted.

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Mortgage rate dip offers little relief

BY ALEX VEIGA
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The average rate on a 30-year mortgage dipped to just below 7% this week, little relief for prospective homebuyers already facing the challenges of rising housing prices and a relatively limited inventory of homes on the market.

The rate fell to 6.99% from 7.03% last week, mortgage buyer Freddie Mac said Thursday. A year ago, the rate averaged 6.71%.

Borrowing costs on 15-year fixed-rate mortgages, popular with homeowners refinancing their home loans, also eased this week, lowering the average rate to 6.29% from 6.36% last week. A year ago, it averaged 6.07%, Freddie Mac said.

Mortgage rates are influenced by several factors, including how the bond market reacts to the Federal Reserve's interest rate policy and the moves in the 10-year Treasury yield, which lenders use as a guide to pricing home loans.

Yields eased this week following economic data showing slower growth. Signs that the economy is cooling can drive inflation lower, which could persuade the Federal Reserve to lower its short-term interest rate from its highest level in more than two decades.



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A “for sale” sign stands outside a duplex on the market May 24 in downtown Denver.

The Fed, which is scheduled to hold its next policy meeting next week, has maintained it doesn't plan to cut interest rates until it has greater confidence that price increases are slowing sustainably to its 2% target. Until then, mortgage rates are unlikely to ease significantly, economists say.

“Overall, we anticipate inflation will continue to slow and will allow mortgage rates to decrease to around 6.5% by the end of 2024, early 2025,” said Ralph McLaughlin, senior economist at Realtor.com.

The average rate on a 30-year mortgage remains near a two-decade high, adding hundreds of dollars a month in costs on a home loan, limiting homebuyers' purchasing options.

Elevated mortgage rates dampened home sales this spring homebuying season. Sales of previously occupied U.S. homes fell in March and April as home shoppers contended with rising borrowing costs and prices.

As rates have ticked higher, so have the monthly payments home shoppers need to take on when applying for a mortgage.

The national median monthly payment listed on home loan applications was \$2,256 in April, a 2.5% increase from the previous month and 6.8% higher than what it was a year earlier, according to data from the Mortgage Bankers Association.



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Benefits of upgrading your air conditioning

Enhanced energy efficiency: Advanced technology makes modern AC units far more energy-efficient than older models. This advance means your new AC will use less electricity to keep your home cool, lowering utility bills. Who doesn't love saving money while staying comfortable?

Reduced maintenance: Older AC units often require frequent repairs and constant maintenance. With a new system, you can say goodbye to the hassle of unexpected breakdowns and costly repairs. Manufacturers build newer models to last and include warranties that provide peace of mind.

Better cooling: Have you ever noticed hot spots or inconsistent cooling in your home? Upgrading to a new AC system can solve this problem. New units provide more consistent and reliable cooling, ensuring that every room in your house stays at the perfect temperature.

Signs it's time to upgrade

Frequent breakdowns: If your AC seems to be breaking down every other month, it's a clear sign that it's time for an upgrade. Frequent repairs are not only frustrating but also costly. A new system will be more reliable and save you money in the long run.

Increased energy bills: A sudden spike in your energy bills can indicate that your AC works harder than it should to cool your home. Older units lose efficiency over time, leading to higher energy consumption.

Inconsistent cooling: Do some rooms in your house feel like a sauna while others are ice-cold? Inconsistent cooling is a common issue with aging AC systems. A new unit will distribute cool air more evenly, providing better overall comfort.

Strange noises: Banging, clanking, or buzzing noises coming from your AC is never a good sign. These sounds often indicate serious issues that could lead to a complete system failure. Upgrading to a new unit can eliminate these noises and improve your home's tranquility.

Age of your AC: If your AC is over 15 years old, it's time

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OFF THE CHARTS

The REIT stuff



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A pedestrian walks past an empty business available for lease Oct. 12, 2020, in downtown Surfside, Fla.

Apartment stocks topping most other REITs sectors as tough housing market spurs demand for rentals

BY ALEX VEIGA
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Stocks in companies that own apartment buildings are holding up better than most other real estate investment trusts, as a tough U.S. housing market keeps demand for rental housing healthy and tenant turnover low.

The FTSE NAREIT Equity REITs index, which includes owners of apartments, office, retail and other commercial property types, is down 2.9% through the first five months of this year.

The 14-company apartment segment of the index, meanwhile, had a total return of 5.2% in the same period. One of the nation's largest apartment REITs, Virginia-based AvalonBay Communities, is up about 22% since last October. It owns and manages over 90,000 apartments

across the U.S.

That performance trails only malls and health care property owners.

Still, apartments and REITs lag the S&P 500's roughly 11.3% total return through the end of May.

A shortage of homes for sale and rising mortgage rates have combined to dampen home sales this spring, traditionally the busiest stretch for the housing market. Sales of previously occupied U.S. homes fell in March and April.

The median U.S. home sale price has risen more than 40% since 2019 alone, making it challenging for renters to save for down payments.

The resilience in apartment REITs stocks is noteworthy because it comes as landlords have seen rents fall nationally for nearly a year.

The median U.S. asking rent fell on an annual basis in April for the ninth month in a row to \$1,723, according to data from Realtor.com drawn from the nation's 50 largest metropolitan areas. Despite the string of declines, April's figure was just 1.9% below its 2022 peak.

The largest wave of new apartment construction in at least 50 years is helping to put downward pressure on rents, but with many tenants priced out of homeownership, turnover is

down, keeping demand healthy.

Meanwhile, a strong job market has helped drive rents higher in many metro areas, especially in the Midwest.

The median asking rent in the Indianapolis metro area jumped 4.5% in April to \$1,334, while in Minneapolis it rose 2.5% to \$1,529. It jumped 3.8% to \$1,671 in Milwaukee.

Investors may want to focus on companies with properties in the West Coast and Midwest, which are expected to be less affected by the wave of new apartments than the Sunbelt, analysts at Raymond James & Associates wrote in a research note last month.

Discussing apartment REITs' first-quarter earnings reports, the analysts highlighted “the remarkable resilience of demand, which has steadily absorbed the well-known supply wave with minimal pricing dislocation.”

They also noted that occupancy levels have held up better than expected and tenant turnover is “trending toward the lowest levels in sector history, as move-outs to homeownership have virtually dried up entirely.”

Among the analyst's picks are Essex Property Trust and Centerspace, both of which have “Outperform” ratings.

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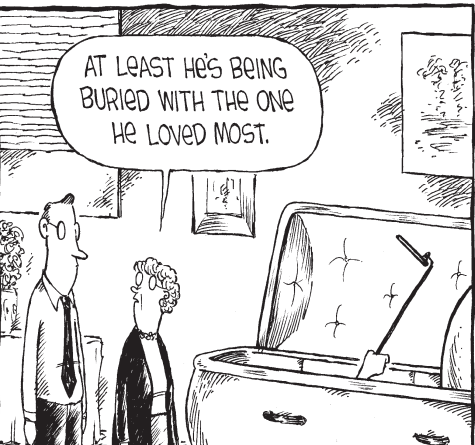


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"THE WAY THIS TASTES, IT HAS TO BE GOOD FOR ME."

SPEED BUMP




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AT LEAST HE'S BEING BURIED WITH THE ONE HE LOVED MOST.

FREE RANGE




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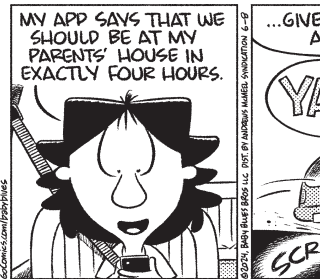
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I'M JUST TRYING TO NAP HERE, PADRE. YOU WANT A CONFESSION? I CONFESS THAT I'M TOO PERFECT TO HAVE ANYTHING TO CONFESS TO. NOW LEAVE ME ALONE AND LET ME GET SOME SHUT-EYE.


BABY BLUES



WE'RE MAKING PRETTY GOOD TIME ON THIS TRIP.

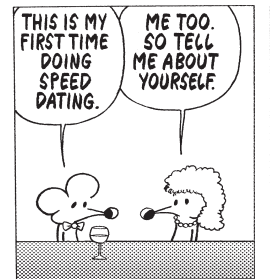


MY APP SAYS THAT WE SHOULD BE AT MY PARENTS' HOUSE IN EXACTLY FOUR HOURS.




...GIVE OR TAKE A DAY.
YAY!

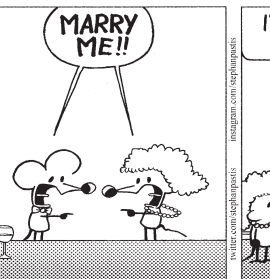
PEARLS BEFORE SWINE



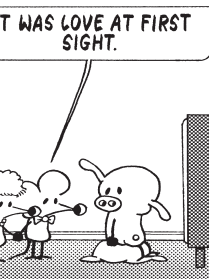
THIS IS MY FIRST TIME DOING SPEED DATING.



ME TOO. SO TELL ME ABOUT YOURSELF.

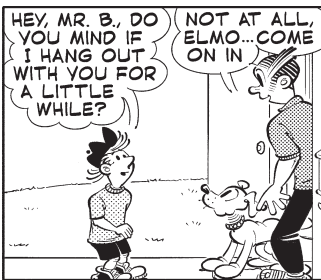


WELL, IF A CAR AHEAD OF ME FAILS TO GO THE SECOND THE LIGHT TURNS GREEN, I HONK.

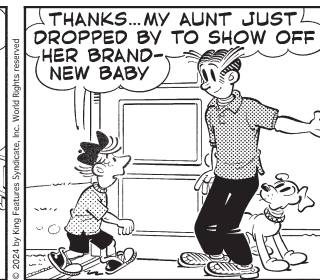


I HONK AND MAKE AN OBSCENE GESTURE!

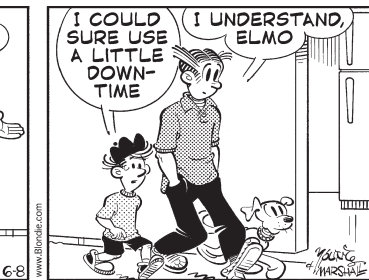
BLONDIE



HEY, MR. B, DO YOU MIND IF I HANG OUT WITH YOU FOR A LITTLE WHILE?



NOT AT ALL, ELMO...COME ON IN.



THANKS...MY AUNT JUST DROPPED BY TO SHOW OFF HER BRAND-NEW BABY.

WIZARD OF ID



TODAY IN THE NEWS: EVERYTHING YOU HOLD DEAR WAS ATTACKED.



YOU'RE IN DANGER! THEY'RE COMING FOR YOU.




TURN TO ME FOR MORE EXCLUSIVE DETAILS!

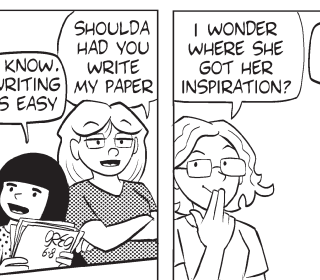


I'M STARTING TO GET HOW THIS WORKS.

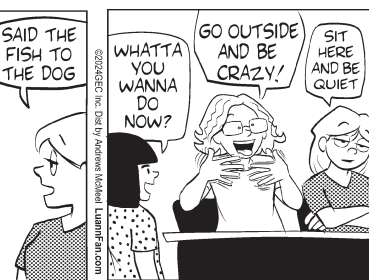
LUANN



SO DOG AND FISH STAYED THEMSELVES AND WERE BEST FRIENDS. THE END.




THAT'S A GREAT STORY, SHANNON. I KNOW. WRITING IS EASY.




SHOULD A HAD YOU WRITE MY PAPER?

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM



MARIAN, IS THAT A NEW PERFUME I SMELL?



IT IS...AND YOU DO.

BIG NATE



PRINCIPAL NICHOLS. I'VE JUST SPENT A WEEK REVIEWING THE SCHOOL'S HOT LUNCH PROGRAM. IT STINKS.



UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, IT'S ONLY FAIR THAT I GET MY TUITION REFUNDED.



IT'S A PUBLIC SCHOOL, SON. WE DON'T CHARGE TUITION.

ZITS



MY INTERNSHIP AT THE HOSPITAL STARTS ON MONDAY!



IT'LL ONLY BE HALF-DAYS, SO I'LL STILL HAVE TIME TO VOLUNTEER AT THE HUMANE SOCIETY AND THE SENIOR CENTER.



YOU GOODNESS-SHAME ME FOR FUN, DON'T YOU? IT'S SORT OF A HOBBY.

HI & LOIS



YOU REALLY HAVE MY WORK LAID OUT FOR ME.



YOU SAID YOU DIDN'T WANT A LIST.



I'D SETTLE FOR JUST A SLIGHTLY UNKEMPT RICH.

MUTTS



EARL, DO YOU THINK THEY SERVE CRABS HERE?

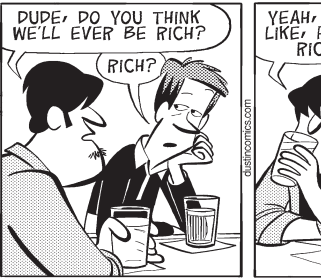


DON'T WORRY, MOOCH - THEY'LL SERVE ANYBODY!

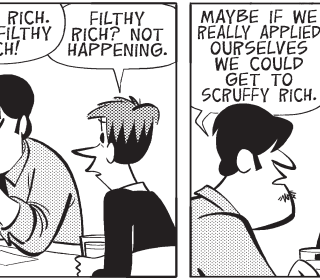


GOOD.

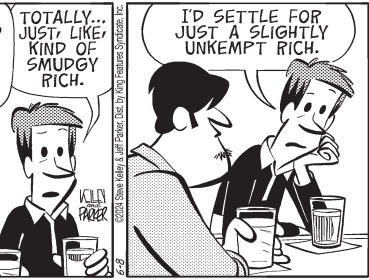
DUSTIN



DUDE, DO YOU THINK WE'LL EVER BE RICH?




YEAH, RICH. LIKE, FILTHY RICH!




FILTHY RICH? NOT HAPPENING.

B.C.



SHOW ME A SILENT PHONE...



AND I'LL SHOW YOU SOMEONE WITH MANY DEEP AND MEANINGFUL FRIENDSHIPS.

SALLY FORTH



HI, WE'RE NOT CANCELING OUR SUMMER TRIP. I FIGURED.

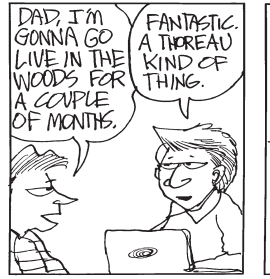


BUT WHAT IF WE HAD A COOKOUT HERE SO YOU COULD HANG WITH ALL OF YOUR FRIENDS BEFORE WE LEFT?

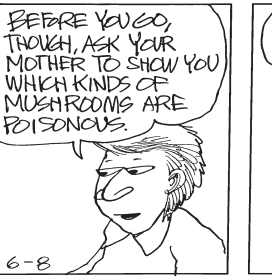


THAT WOULD BE GREAT!


DADDY'S HOME




DAD, I'M GONNA GO LIVE IN THE WOODS FOR A COUPLE OF MONTHS.



FANTASTIC. A THREAT. A KIND OF THING.




BEFORE YOU GO, THOUGH, ASK YOUR MOTHER TO SHOW YOU WHICH KINDS OF MUSHROOMS ARE POISONOUS.

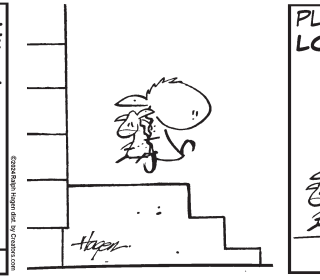


MOM!

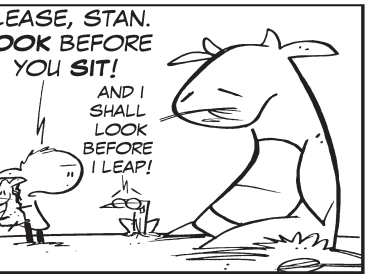
THE BARN



THERE YOU GO. I ADDED MORE STUFFING SO HE'S NOT FLAT ANYMORE.




PLEASE, STAN. LOOK BEFORE YOU SIT!

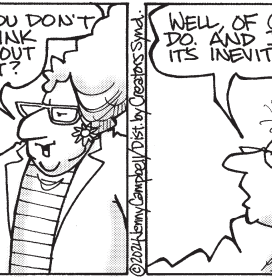


AND I SHALL LOOK BEFORE I LEAP!


FLO & FRIENDS




OH, THIS WHOLE BUSINESS OF AGING IS JUST TIRESOME, WINNIE! IT'S ALL ANYONE CAN TALK ABOUT!



YOU DON'T THINK ABOUT IT?

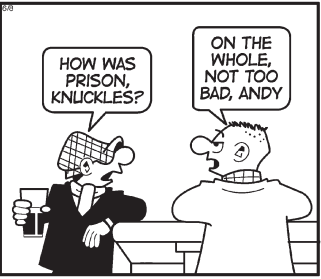


WELL, OF COURSE I DO, AND I KNOW IT'S INEVITABLE!



SOMEHOW, I JUST ALWAYS THOUGHT AN EXCEPTION WOULD BE MADE IN MY CASE.

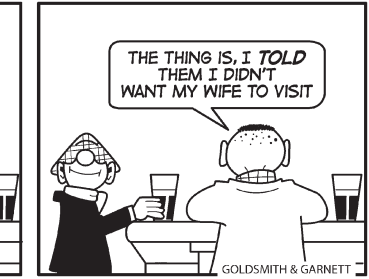
ANDY CAPP



HOW WAS PRISON, KNUCKLES?




ON THE WHOLE, NOT TOO BAD, ANDY.

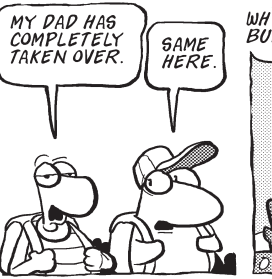


THERE WERE OCCASIONS, THOUGH, WHEN I WAS SUBJECTED TO SUSTAINED AND UNWARRANTED INSULTS.

SHERMAN'S LAGOON




HOW'S YOUR SCIENCE FAIR PROJECT GOING, CLAYTON?



NO IDEA.



MY DAD HAS COMPLETELY TAKEN OVER.



SAME HERE.

DOONESBURY



SO WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO TELL YOUR EX ABOUT YOUR GOOD FORTUNE?

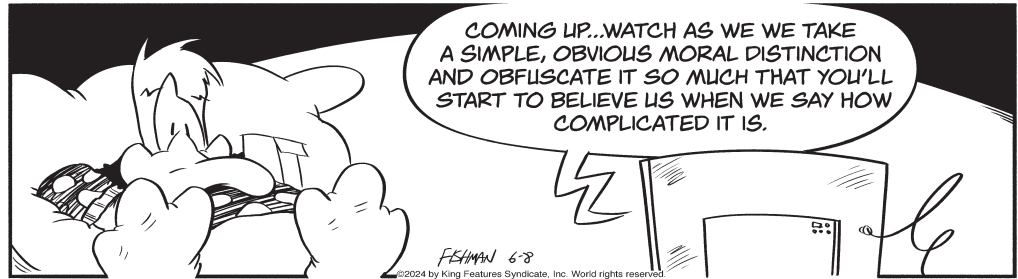


HAVEN'T DECIDED YET.



I DON'T KNOW WHETHER TO CASUALLY DROP IT OR REALLY RUB HIS FACE IN IT.

MALLARD FILLMORE



COMING UP...WATCH AS WE WE TAKE A SIMPLE, OBVIOUS MORAL DISTINCTION AND OBFUSCATE IT SO MUCH THAT YOU'LL START TO BELIEVE US WHEN WE SAY HOW COMPLICATED IT IS.

HOROSCOPES | SATURDAY, JUNE 8

Venus gets testy

The word “testy” is linked to personality traits like “difficult” and “touchy” instead of “curious” and “intelligent,” which could just as easily apply. Without the testers of the world, there would be no science, and neither would anyone know the boundaries of love. The clash of Venus and Saturn favors little nudges to the physical and emotional environment.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You come on strong and find out right away which direction to calibrate. This is better than going in mild because the longer things go on in that tone, the harder it becomes to try anything new.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Sometimes you feel like Dr. Robert Bruce Banner turning into The Hulk. Even though his actions are occasionally destructive, he always means well and only breaks down walls to get to some kind of justice.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There's no such thing as a perfect person or process, but if there's such a thing as a perfect hour, you'll find it and stack a few of them together and come up with something truly remarkable.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You won't have to look for the connections to find them. You will find that something you thought was random was actually done on purpose, and seemingly disparate events were indeed connected, perhaps in magical ways.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The same entertainment you once sought for relaxation now seems to tie up your time and give nothing back. The choices that contribute to your happiness will be made preemptively. Think ahead about how to handle the down moments of the day.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Different points of the day highlight different facets of your personality. A mixed bag of events will balance into a rather realistic view of things and from here you can make plans that serve you well.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If you had only yourself to please, you'd have no problem whatsoever executing the

task, which could theoretically go on for months, maybe even years, before you'd tire of it. Alas, it's not the case, but at least you're brilliant with the compromises.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There are many methods for smoothing things out — heat, weight, raking, pressing, rolling... and in the case of social tension, joking around a bit, which is the equivalent of using an iron — keep it fast, light and constantly moving.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You can visualize with the best of them today and you'll use your imagination for big and small things alike. For instance, you can project how a date might go, picture another venue and imagine that, too, and then make a plan out of the best fantasy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). This day is like a realistic mirror, showing you to yourself with clarity and favorable lighting, which you very much deserve. This is where you are in life. This is you, and it's good. Where do you want to take it next?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The way you talk to yourself inside your head can be an exercise in self-care or self-harm. You'll have a greater amount of control over the tone of your internal dialogue. There will be times you'll even feel that inner discourse is unnecessary — how peaceful!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). To trust someone is to relinquish the need to have complete control of things when you're around them. When you feel safe, you let down your defenses and then, however things go, it's a collaboration.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 8). Those who say time is money know little of the value of either. Time is way more valuable and yet it's still not even close to the value of other precious commodities, such as the sweetness between people or the satisfaction of realizing your potential. Prioritizing will be your strength this year and so you shall have an abundance of all above mentioned commodities. Aquarius and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 25, 28, 9 and 38.

JANRIC CLASSIC SUDOKU | SATURDAY, JUNE 8

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and 3x3 block. Use logic and process elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from Bronze (easiest) to Silver to Gold (hardest).

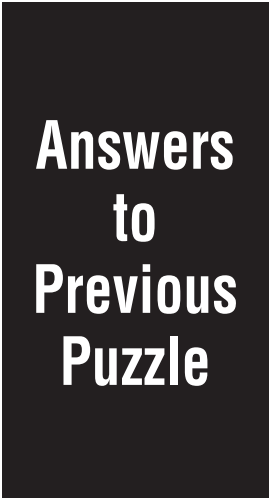
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CROSSWORD

By Stanley Newman

Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS
- 1 Unusually large
- 5 Print makers
- 9 Medal of Freedom athlete (1993)
- 13 Initiating
- 14 Caught in the air?
- 15 Show confidence in
- 16 Mysterious atom-smasher detection
- 18 Amazon, e.g.
- 19 Attraction at Indonesia's Trans Snow World
- 21 Censorious sound
- 22 Base level, briefly
- 23 Makes calls
- 25 Don't go
- 28 Fulfills certain pledges
- 31 Passé “passé”
- 32 What many elephants are
- 34 Ellie's relative
- 35 Bit
- 36 Prepare for repurposing
- 38 Request for speculation
- 40 Trivial Pursuit's music edition
- 41 Put on the line, perhaps
- 43 Flame attractee
- 44 National Pollinator Week originator
- 45 Word from Italian for “little tune”
- 47 Balance checkers
- 48 *Vue depuis la Tour Eiffel*
- 50 USO honorary chairman
- 51 49 follower
- 53 Don't be devious
- 59 Notable
- 60 It's pointed for fingers
- 61 ___ guide
- 62 Coin with a star and crescent
- 63 “When ___ summons, monarchs must obey”: Dryden
- 64 Direct report's concern
- 65 Ravelry.com material
- 66 Pressed from striding
- 6 Courses on television
- 7 Approaches slowly
- 8 “We're gliding along with a song” song
- 9 Sequoia claim to fame
- 10 A *Terminator* technique
- 11 Sci-fi starting point
- 12 Needle point
- 15 Shortened “I shall return”
- 17 Unacceptably
- 20 Madness metaphor
- 24 Feasts without yeast
- 25 PR challenge
- 26 Reluctant acknowledgment
- 27 Breaks down
- 29 Without limit
- 30 His last play (1949) had marionettes
- 33 Isn't wary
- 37 Habit for some men
- 39 Flops
- 42 Kudos
- 46 West 32-Across most populous city
- 49 Streaming subscription options
- 52 *Digno de un* ___ (majestic: Sp.)
- 54 Paramount+ partner
- 55 PR, e.g.
- 56 Trust buster
- 57 Rihanna or Mariah Carey
- 58 Non-option
- 59 What Lionel first meant

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Saturday Evening Television

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KUTV	Paid Programming (TVG)	Paid Programming (TVG)	The Equalizer "DOA" (N) (TV14)		48 Hours (N)		48 Hours (N)		2 News at 10:00pm (N) (Live)	(35) 2 News Talkin' Sports (N) (Live)	(05) Hooked on Utah	(35) Paid Programming (TVG)	(05) Entertainment Tonight (N)	
KTVX	2024 Stanley Cup Final Game 1: Teams TBA Coverage of hockey action from the 2024 Stanley Cup Final. (N) (Live)						ABC4 News Special Edition (N)	ABC4 News at 10pm (N)	(35) At Your Leisure	(05) House Stealing Scam	(35) Relief from inflammation	(05) Outdoorsman (TVG)		
KSL	KSL Sports Live	KSL Outdoors with Adam Eakle	American Ninja Warrior Qualifiers 1 & 2 The qualifying rounds begin in Los Angeles as the ninjas face two unique qualifying courses. (TVPG)				Dateline NBC	KSL 5 News at 10pm Saturday (N)	Saturday Night Live (TV14)			(05) KSL Outdoors with Adam Eakle		
KUED	Simon & Garfunkel: The Concert in Central Park			Celtic Thunder -- Odyssey (TVG)			Jane Eyre A young governess falls in love with her master. (TVPG)	Elton John: The Million Dollar Piano (TV14)			Austin City Limits "Adrian Quesada: Boleiros Psicodelicos" (TVPG)			
KUEN	Discovery Road	Today's Wild West (TVG)	Native Report "Food Sovereignty"	View Finders	Have You Heard About Greg? A Journey Through Alzheimer's (TVPG)		Village of Death: Oradour-Sur-Glane 1944 (TVPG)	Between the Covers James Grippando	By the River Denny S. Bryce	On Story	Actors on Actors Margot Robbie	Woodsongs		
KUED2	(5:45) Disco: Soundtrack		Disco: So 'Stayin' Alive'		America ReFramed "From Here" (TVPG)			In the Night	Disco: So 'Rock the Boat'		(15) Disco: So 'Ain't No Stoppin' Us Now'			
KSTU	(5:30) MLB Baseball (N) (Live)					Modern Fam "Open House of Horrors"	FOX13 News at Nine Weekend Edition (N) (Live)		(05) Modern Family "Arrested" (TVPG)	(35) The Quiz With Balls "Beantown vs The Big Apple" (TVPG)		(05) The Simpsons (TVPG)		
KJZZ	Wheel	Minor Baseball	Sugar Land Space Cowboys at Salt Lake Bees (N) (Live)				Postgame (N) Jeopardy!	Family Guy	Burgers	Forensic	Nashville	Country (N)		
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KUPX	World Chase Tag		To Be Announced (TVPG)		To Be Announced (TVPG)			FOX13 News at Nine		TBA		Dispatches	Reel Rock	
KPNZ	Divine	Sue Thomas F.B. Eye (TVPG)		Foundation		Huckabee (TVPG)		Dr. Phil Primetime (TV14)		News-Merit St. (TV14)		Prop. Conn	Way-Master	
KTMW	👉👉 "Exodus: Gods and Kings" (14) Joel Edgerton, Christian Bale. (PG13)						Lo que callamos (N)		Noticias T		Noticias T (N)		Zona mixta	Caso cerrado
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PREMIUM CABLE CHANNELS														
HBO	(25) 🏆🏆🏆🏆 "The Dark Knight" (08) Heath Ledger, Christian Bale, (PG13)	🏆🏆🏆🏆 "Wanted" (08) James McAvoy, (R) Fantasmas						(25) Ren Faire	Movie					
HBO2	(5:25) Jinx	(25) To Be Announced (TVPG)	(25) 🏆🏆🏆 "Poltergeist" (15) Sam Rockwell, (PG13)		🏆🏆🏆 "Deadpool" (16) (R)		(50) 🏆🏆🏆 "Blue Beetle"							
HBO3	Movie	(50) To Be Announced	(50) 🏆🏆🏆🏆 "The Iron Claw" (23) Jeremy Allen White, Zac Efron, (P) (R)		🏆🏆🏆🏆 "The Disaster Artist" (17) (P) (R)		(45) 🏆🏆🏆 "Barbie"							
MAX	(5:15) 🏆🏆 "A Most Violent Year" (20) 🏆🏆🏆 "Krampus" (15) Emjay Anthony, (PG13)	🏆🏆🏆 "Victor Frankenstein" (15) (PG13)				(50) 🏆🏆🏆 "The Visit" (15) (PG13)								
PLEX	(5:20) 🏆 "An American Girl: L..."	🏆 "An American Girl: Grace Slurs Up Success" (45) 🏆🏆🏆 "Nanny McPhee" (05) (PG)				(20) 🏆🏆🏆 "Nanny McPhee Returns" (10) (PG)		Movie						
TMC	(5:15) 🏆🏆🏆🏆 "The Gift" (05) 🏆🏆🏆🏆 "True Girl" (10) Jeff Bridges, (P) (PG13)	🏆 "Arsenal" (17) Nicolas Cage, (R)				(35) 🏆🏆🏆 "Nick of Time" (95) (R)		Movie						
PARSHO-E	(5:00) 🏆 "Deep Impact" (P)	🏆🏆🏆 "I.S.S." (23) Ariana DeBose, (P) (R)		(35) 🏆🏆🏆🏆 "Rocketman" (19) Taron Egerton, (R)		(45) 🏆🏆🏆 "The Beach Bum" (19) (R)		(19) (R)						
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ACROSS

1 Walk wearily

5 Bit of info

10 Speed-checking beam

15 Work to be done

19 Waikiki's isle

20 In the know

21 "You win"

22 San Juan, Puerto ___

23 Search an area [South Central]

25 Loyal employee guy [Northeast]

27 Eve's second son

28 Ham it up

30 Big name in small planes

31 Hapless victim

34 Swing wildly

36 "You called?"

37 Not touched, as a boxer

38 Low in humidity

39 More droopy

42 Strike heavily

45 Tops with frosting

46 Delicious dishes

48 Crew team tools

49 "So long"

50 Haul to a garage

51 ExxonMobil, Chevron, etc. [Midwest]

53 Consumer advocate Ralph

54 Nevada city

55 Employed

56 Test, as ore

57 Re offspring

58 Cul-de-__

59 Computer trials, for short

60 Wild story

61 Piano piece

62 Noted parent of eight newborns

65 Oscar role for Tom

67 Carly who headed HP

69 Teacup defect

73 ___ Valley (Reagan Library city)

74 GI uniforms

77 Country singer Trace

78 Short film clip

79 Many Wall St. hires

80 Good name, for short

81 Film set's ___ light

82 Jaws poster depiction [Midwest]

84 Hollywood trickery, briefly

85 Big shoes to fill

86 French singer Edith

87 Ceiling support beams

88 Deserve to get

89 Orthodontist's designation

90 Paris' Folies ___

92 Falsehood

93 Highly assertive

94 Viva ___ (orally)

95 Community character

97 Truck fuel

98 El Al's headquarters

101 The things here

103 Pie-cooling spot

104 Fuel for ranges [Southeast]

106 Alternate puzzle title

112 Stunt jumper Knievel

113 Divider of Paris

114 Port ___ cheese

115 Fairway shout

116 Gusto

117 Parlor pieces

118 Blissful settings

119 Onset of melting

DOWN

1 Debate participant

2 Philosopher ___-Tzu

3 Taunting shout

4 Bush opponent in '88

5 Risk-taking person

6 USAF no-show

7 Frat letter

8 Tea vessel

9 Ancient Greek sorceress

10 Swiss cough drop brand

11 Very much

12 Rounded roof

13 Nile serpent

14 Arrives at

15 Secret meeting

16 Objectives

17 Read rapidly

18 Hawaiian coffee region

24 Assist in wrongdoing

26 At hand

29 Certain beauty pageant winner

31 Sets of furniture

32 7 Up nickname

33 Fig Newtons, e.g. [Mountain West]

34 "Unfortunately, uh-huh"

35 "Coal Miner's Daughter" singer

36 Lean and strong

38 Tough choice

40 Flunked

41 It's southeast of Chicago

42 Cooling system toppers [West]

43 Really annoyed

44 Ivana's successor

46 Psychics may see them

47 6/6/44

49 Soft minerals

51 Forcing to leave

52 Latvia, once: Abbr.

53 Pleasant enough

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57 Page arrangements

61 Elaborate recognition

63 Shouts out

64 Starbucks competitor

66 Slow assimilation

67 Falsified

68 Did nothing

70 That windjammer

71 Some printers

72 Mexican money

75 Latitude measure

76 Of the backbone

78 Thick carpeting

82 Horse's father

83 Venus de ___

86 HS gym course

88 Elective lid procedure

90 Dutch South African

91 ___ Pieces

93 Cash drawer

94 Gymnastics jump

96 Steppenwolf author

97 Meal plans

98 Agnes, in Spanish

99 Keep for later

100 GPS suggestions

101 End-of-week initialism

102 Tennis great Mandlikova

103 Flabbergast

105 Zodiac feline

107 Tiny bit

108 "Pale" brew

109 Japanese musical drama

110 Historic time

111 Do stitchery

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QUOTE CRYPTOGRAM by Rebecca Kornbluh

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Last Week's Quote Cryptogram: Ten persons who speak make more noise than ten thousand who are silent — Napoleon Bonaparte

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BUSINESS

LAYIN’ IT ON THE LINE

The importance of working on balance for retirees

It might seem silly. Why would I write about balance in a financial column? Simple. Recently, I had a serious operation and recovering has been difficult. Keeping my balance was a core reason for recovering. Just like you need balance in your portfolio, you also need balance in your physical life.



LYLE BOSS

Working on balance is critically important for retirees to maintain physical health, prevent falls and preserve independence during the retirement years.

As individuals age, changes in strength, flexibility and coordination can affect balance, increasing the risk of falls and related injuries. Implementing balance exercises and activities can significantly improve stability and reduce the likelihood of accidents, enabling retirees to enjoy an active and fulfilling lifestyle.

One key reason why working on balance is essential for retirees is fall prevention. Falls are a common

and serious concern among older adults, often leading to injuries such as fractures, head trauma and mobility limitations. Improving balance through targeted exercises helps strengthen muscles, enhance coordination and increase proprioception (awareness of body position), reducing the risk of falls and enhancing overall safety.

Furthermore, working on balance contributes to maintaining mobility and functional independence in retirement. Retirees who prioritize balance training are better equipped to perform daily activities such as walking, climbing stairs, and getting in and out of chairs with ease and confidence. By improving balance, retirees can preserve their ability to live independently and engage in activities they enjoy throughout their retirement years.

Moreover, balance exercises support overall physical fitness and well-being in retirement. A strong sense of balance enhances core stability, posture, and body control, which can improve overall movement efficiency and reduce strain on joints and muscles. Retirees who

incorporate balance training into their fitness routine may experience better overall strength, flexibility and endurance, supporting an active and healthy lifestyle.

Another important aspect of working on balance is its impact on reducing the risk of chronic conditions and health issues associated with aging. Balance exercises can help prevent conditions such as osteoporosis, arthritis and back pain by promoting bone density, joint flexibility and spinal alignment. Additionally, maintaining good balance supports cardiovascular health, cognitive function and mental well-being in retirement.

Additionally, working on balance contributes to fall recovery and injury rehabilitation among retirees. In the event of a fall or injury, individuals with strong balance skills are more likely to recover quickly and regain mobility compared to those with poor balance. Balance exercises can facilitate recovery, enhance confidence and reduce fear of falling, promoting a faster return to normal activities and lifestyle.

It’s important for retirees to incorporate a variety of balance exercises into their fitness routine to target different muscle groups and enhance overall stability. Some effective balance exercises for retirees include:

1. Standing on one leg: Stand on one leg while holding onto a stable surface for support if needed, then switch legs. This exercise improves leg strength and balance.

2. Heel-to-toe walk: Walk in a straight line placing the heel of one foot directly in front of the toes of the other foot. This exercise enhances coordination and balance.

3. Tai chi or yoga: Participate in tai chi or yoga classes that emphasize balance, flexibility and mindfulness. These practices promote overall body awareness and stability.

4. Balance board or stability ball exercises: Use balance boards or stability balls to challenge balance and core strength through controlled movements.

5. Water aerobics: Take water aerobics classes or perform exercises in a pool, which provide low-impact resistance and support while improving balance and mobility.

In conclusion, working on balance is crucial for retirees to maintain physical health, prevent falls and support functional independence during retirement. By incorporating balance exercises into their fitness routine and lifestyle, retirees can improve stability, reduce the risk of injuries, enhance overall mobility, and enjoy an active and fulfilling retirement with confidence and vitality. Prioritizing balance training is an investment in long-term health and well-being, enabling retirees to age gracefully and maintain a high quality of life throughout their retirement years.

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Rise of ‘zombie’ companies



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Shoppers enter a Bed Bath & Beyond store May 29, 2023, in Glendale, Colo.

Takeaways from AP analysis on the rise of world’s debt-laden ‘zombie’ companies

BY BERNARD CONDON
Associated Press

NEW YORK — An Associated Press analysis found the number of publicly-traded “zombie” companies — those so laden with debt they’re struggling to pay even the interest on their loans — has soared to nearly 7,000 around the world, including 2,000 in the United States.

And many of them soon could be facing their day of reckoning, with due dates looming on hundreds of billions of dollars of loans they may not be able to pay back.

“They’re going to get crushed,” Valens Securities Managing Director Robert Spivey said of the weakest zombies.

Here are the key takeaways from the AP’s analysis:

What is a zombie company?

Zombies are commonly defined as companies that have failed to make enough money from operations in the past three years to pay even the interest on their loans. Their numbers have swelled because low interest rates for years allowed companies to pile up plenty of cheap debt, only to be whipped by stubborn inflation that has pushed borrowing costs to decade highs.

AP’s analysis found their ranks in raw numbers have jumped over the past decade by a third or more in Australia, Canada, Japan, South Korea, the United Kingdom and the U.S., including companies that run Carnival Cruise Line, JetBlue Airways, Wayfair, Peloton, Italy’s Telecom Italia and British soccer giant Manchester United.

Many zombies lack deep cash reserves, and the interest they pay on many of their loans is variable, not fixed, so higher rates are hurting them right now.

Why are zombies a concern for the economy?

As the number of zombies has grown, so too has the potential damage if they are forced to file for bankruptcy or close their doors permanently. Companies in AP’s analysis employ at least 130 million people in a dozen countries.

Already, the number of U.S. companies going bankrupt has hit a 14-year high, a surge expected in a recession, not an expansion. Corporate bankruptcies have also recently hit highs of nearly a decade or more in Canada, the U.K., France and Spain.

For the first few months of this year, hundreds of zombies refinanced their loans as lenders opened their wallets in anticipation that the Federal Reserve would start cutting in March. That new money helped stocks of more than 1,000 zombies in AP’s analysis rise 20% or more in the past six months.

But many did not or could not refinance, and time is running out.

Through the summer and into September, when many investors now expect the first and only Fed cut this year, zombies will have to pay off \$1.1 trillion of loans, according to AP’s analysis, two-thirds of the total due by the end of the year.

Some experts say zombies may be able to avoid layoffs, selloff of business units or collapse if central banks cut interest rates soon, though scattered defaults and bankruptcies could still drag on the economy.

For its part, Wall Street isn’t panicking. Investors have been buying stock of some zombies and their “junk bonds,” loans rating agencies deem most at risk of default. While that may help zombies raise cash in the short term, investors pouring money into these securities and

pushing up their prices could eventually face heavy losses.

“If rates stay at this level in the near future, we’re going to see more bankruptcies,” said George Cipolloni, a fund manager at Penn Mutual Asset Management. “At some point the money comes due and they’re not going to have it. It’s game over.”

How stock buybacks hurt zombies

The dangers of companies piling on debt has been warned about by credit rating agencies and economists for years as interest rates fell but got a big push when central banks around the world cut benchmark rates to near zero in the 2009 financial crisis and then again in the 2020-21 pandemic.

It was a giant, unprecedented experiment designed to spark a borrowing binge that would help avert a worldwide depression. It also created what some economists called a credit bubble that spread far beyond zombies, with low rates that also enticed heavy borrowing by governments, consumers and bigger, healthier companies.

What set many zombies apart was that their debt was not used to expand, hire or invest in technology, but on such things as buying back their own stock.

These so-called repurchases allow companies to “retire” shares, or take them off the market, a way to make up for new shares created for top executives to boost their pay packages. But too many stock buybacks can drain cash from a business.

That was the case in the zombie failure of Bed Bath & Beyond. The retail chain that once operated 1,500 stores struggled for years, but its heavy borrowing and decision to spend \$7 billion in a decade on buybacks played a key role in its downfall. Pay for just three top executives topped \$140 million, according to executive data firm Equilar, even as its stock sunk from \$80 to zero.

POSITIVE STRUGGLES

The kids are all right

During an open house at school, Jenny began talking to one of her classmates.

“Who is that little boy?” asked her mother.

“Tommy?”

“What is Tommy’s whole name?”

The daughter responded, “The teacher calls him

Tommy Sit-down.”

I’m celebrating kids today in honor of National Children’s Day, June 9, because kids teach us so many lessons that we forget as we become older.

For example, kids are more creative and are more imaginative. Children don’t know what is and isn’t possible. To them, everything is doable.

Kids also dream more and dream bigger. I remind my audiences to believe in yourself, even when no one else does. No one does this better than children. They believe they can do anything and everything.

Children are fearless. They don’t fear rejection or what people think of them. They don’t worry about the future.

Children start anew every day. They are not afraid to try new things. They are happy. They strive to do what makes them happy. And they laugh a lot.

Children forgive and forget. If they get upset, they are typically on to something else soon after, and they forget what was troubling them. They don’t hold grudges.

Children make friends easily. They understand that the best vitamin for developing friends is B1.

Children are incredibly perceptive. They can spot a phony with dizzying speed, and while tact isn’t always among their strongest attributes, their blunt honesty is hard to argue with.

Kids get excited about life in general. They see everything with fresh eyes, knowing they will find something new and different every time they look.

My friend the late Jim Rohn, a master speaker and motivator, encouraged folks to “practice being like a child.” Jim said there are four ways to be more like a child, no matter how old you are.

First, become curious. “Learn to be curious like a child. Kids can ask a million questions. You think they’re through. They’ve got another million ... Kids use their curiosity to learn.”

Next, “learn to get excited like a child ... so excited you hate to go to bed at night. Can’t wait to get up in the morning. So excited that you’re about to explode.” Then he takes it a step further: “If you’re too old to get excited, you’re too old.”

Faith is Jim’s third child-like quality. He said: “Adults too often have a tendency to be overly skeptical. Some adults even have a tendency to be cynical.” He added that adults need proof that something is good before they will believe it. Kids aren’t that way.

Finally, Jim cited trust as a childish virtue that many adults have forgotten. “Have you heard the term ‘sleep like a baby?’ That’s it. Childish trust. After you have gotten an A+ for the day, leave it in somebody else’s hands,” he said.

Herb Cohen, author of the New York Times best-seller “You Can Negotiate Anything,” thinks children are among the most successful negotiators. He told me, “Children are people without formal authority or power, yet they seem to get what they want.”

Herb listed four examples: No. 1, children aim high. They understand that if you ask for more you get more.

Two, “No” is an open bargaining position. A lot of people think “no” is final. Not children.

Three, kids form coalitions. If they get a no from their mother, they go to their father, then to their grandparents.

Lastly, kids tend to be tenacious and persistent. They wear you down. So be persistent, repeat your point over and over again. Wear the other side down.

Children are good negotiators because they are naive. They say things like, “I don’t know. I don’t understand. Help me.” So, think like an adult, but negotiate like a child.

Biologist Rachel Carson observed, “A child’s world is fresh and new and beautiful, full of wonder and excitement. It is our misfortune that for most of us that clear-eyed vision, that true instinct for what is beautiful and awe-inspiring, is dimmed and even lost before we reach adulthood.”

Mackay’s Moral: Listen to your inner child.

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Apartment stocks topping most other REITs sectors

By Alex Veiga;
Jenni Sohn

Stocks in companies that own apartment buildings are holding up better than most other real estate investment trusts, as a tough U.S. housing market keeps demand for rental housing healthy and tenant turnover low.

The FTSE NAREIT Equity REITs index, which includes owners of apartments, office and other commercial property types, is down 2.9% through the first five months of this year.

The 14-company apartment segment of the index, meanwhile, had a total return of 5.2% in the same period. That performance trails only malls and health care property owners.



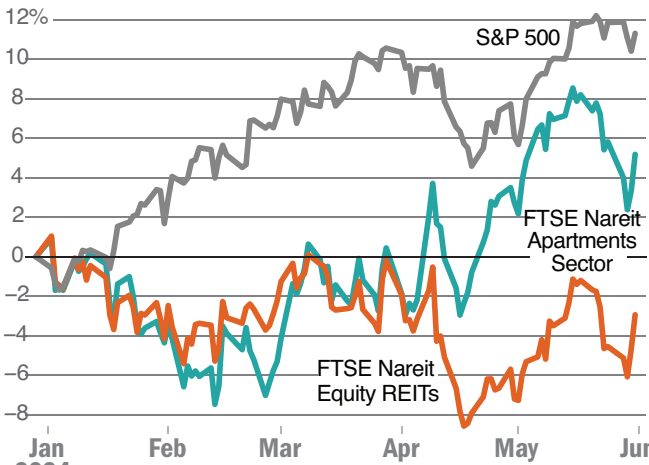
Still, apartments and REITs lag the S&P 500's roughly 11.3% total return through the end of May. A shortage of homes for sale, rising mortgage rates and prices are keeping many would-be homebuyers who live in apartments on the sidelines.

The resilience in apartment REITs stocks is noteworthy because it comes as landlords have seen rents fall nationally for nearly a year, partly due to a large wave of new apartment construction.

The median U.S. asking rent fell on an annual basis in April for the ninth straight month to \$1,723, according to Realtor.com. Even so, April's figure was just 1.9% below its 2022 peak.

Real estate standout

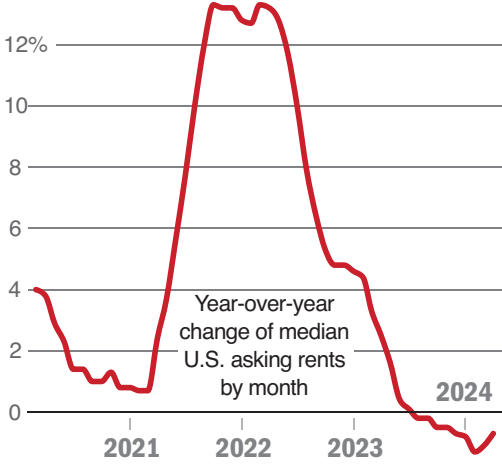
Apartment stocks holding up better than most other REITs sectors amid resilient demand in tough housing market.



Sources: FactSet; Realtor.com

Retreating rents

A wave of new apartment construction is helping put downward pressure on rents.



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Stocks of Local Interest

COMPANY	TICKER	LOW	52-WK RANGE	FRIDAY CLOSE	\$CHG 1WK	%CHG 1WK	MO	QTR	%CHG YTD	%RTN 1YR	PE	DIV	YLD
ASML Holding NV	ASML	564.00	1056.34	1028.42	68.07	7.1	▲	▲	35.9	45.1	53	3.18e	0.3
AbbVie Inc	ABBV	130.96	182.89	169.42	8.18	5.1	▲	▼	9.3	25.3	50	5.92	3.5
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Amazon.com Inc	AMZN	118.35	191.70	184.30	7.86	4.5	▼	▲	21.3	44.7	64
Amer Elec Power	AEP	69.38	93.44	88.30	-1.95	-2.2	▼	▲	8.7	10.0	23	3.52f	4.0
Apple Inc	AAPL	164.08	199.62	196.89	4.64	2.4	▲	▲	2.3	9.6	31	1.00f	0.5
Bank of America	BAC	24.96	40.19	39.78	0.03	0.1	▲	▲	18.1	42.5	14	0.96	2.4
Berkshire Hath B	BRK/B	327.57	430.00	413.72	-0.68	-0.2	▲	▲	16.0	24.7	56
Broadcom Inc	AVGO	776.38	1445.40	1406.64	78.09	5.9	▲	▲	26.0	78.6	39	21.00f	1.5
Cardinal Health	CAH	83.07	116.04	98.51	-7.06	-0.8	▼	▼	-2.3	17.9	39	2.02f	2.1
Chevron Corp	CVX	139.62	171.70	156.08	-6.22	-3.8	▼	▲	4.6	3.7	14	6.52	4.2
Cleveland-Cliffs Inc	CLF	13.84	22.97	15.80	-1.48	-8.6	▼	▼	-22.6	5.6	21
Costco Wholesale	COST	510.57	849.09	845.58	35.69	4.4	▲	▲	28.1	64.7	79	4.64f	0.5
Dominion Energy	D	39.18	54.74	51.44	-2.48	-4.6	▼	▲	9.4	9.3	22	2.67	5.2
DuPont de Nemours	DD	61.14	82.63	80.01	-2.15	-2.6	▲	▲	4.0	14.7	86	1.52f	1.9
EQT Corp	EQT	32.07	45.23	40.54	-0.55	-1.3	▲	▲	4.9	15.3	29	0.63f	1.6
Eli Lilly	LLY	432.34	846.97	849.99	29.65	3.6	▲	▲	45.8	88.3	cc	5.20	0.6
Hesson Mobil Corp	XOM	95.77	123.75	112.75	-4.51	-3.8	▼	▲	12.8	11.0	14	3.80	3.4
FirstEnergy Corp	FE	32.18	40.65	38.82	-1.44	-3.6	▼	▲	5.9	7.7	21	1.70f	4.4
GE Aerospace	GE	81.86	170.80	161.92	-3.22	-1.9	▼	▲	59.1	96.4	53	1.12f	0.7
Halliburton	HAL	30.04	43.85	34.08	-2.45	-6.7	▼	▼	-5.7	10.1	12	0.68	2.0
Hess Corp	HES	129.05	167.75	147.54	-6.56	-4.3	▼	▲	2.3	13.0	33	1.75	1.2
Home Depot	HD	274.26	396.87	327.03	-7.84	-2.3	▼	▼	-5.6	15.6	20	9.00	2.8
JPMorgan Chase	JPM	135.19	205.88	199.95	-2.68	-1.3	▲	▲	17.5	44.9	12	4.60f	2.3
Johnson & Johnson	JNJ	143.13	175.97	147.08	0.41	0.3	▼	▼	-6.2	-4.8	9	4.96f	3.4
Kroger Co	KR	42.10	58.34	51.98	-0.39	-0.7	▼	▼	13.7	14.5	35	1.16	2.2
Lowes Cos	LOW	181.85	262.49	216.67	-4.62	-2.1	▼	▼	-2.6	8.3	21	4.60f	2.1
MasterCard Inc	MA	359.77	490.00	449.79	2.72	0.6	▼	▼	5.5	21.2	38	2.64f	0.6
Merck & Co	MRK	99.14	133.10	130.67	5.13	4.1	▲	▲	19.9	17.1	cc	3.08	2.4
Meta Platforms Inc	META	258.88	531.49	492.96	26.13	5.6	▲	▼	39.3	82.6	28	2.00	0.4
Microsoft Corp	MSFT	309.45	433.60	423.85	8.72	2.1	▲	▲	12.7	27.1	41	3.00	0.7
Netflix Inc	NFLX	344.73	664.25	641.47	-0.15	0.0	▲	▲	31.8	61.1	45
Nvidia Corporation	NVDA	373.56	1255.87	1208.88	112.55	10.3	▲	▲	144.1	212.6	cc	0.04	...
Oracle Corp	ORCL	99.26	132.77	125.92	8.73	7.4	▲	▲	19.4	16.2	52	1.60	1.3
Procter & Gamble	PG	141.45	168.58	167.06	2.52	1.5	▲	▲	14.0	16.4	27	4.03f	2.4
Range Resources	RRC	25.89	39.33	36.30	-0.61	-1.7	▲	▲	19.3	36.3	18	0.32	0.9
Tesla Inc	TSLA	138.80	299.29	177.48	-0.60	-0.3	▲	▲	-28.6	-19.6	45
Truist Financial Cp	TFC	26.57	40.51	36.17	-1.58	-4.2	▼	▼	-2.0	22.0	...	2.08	5.8
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UnitedHealth Group	UNH	436.38	554.70	490.69	-4.68	-0.9	▼	▲	-6.8	2.5	30	8.40f	1.7
Visa Inc	V	221.02	290.96	278.67	6.21	2.3	▼	▼	7.0	21.9	31	2.08f	0.7
Walmart Strs	WMT	49.50	67.44	65.88	0.12	0.2	▲	▲	0.0	36.0	33	0.83	1.3
Wesbanco	WSBC	23.00	32.20	26.45	-0.79	-2.9	▼	▼	-15.7	10.3	11	1.44	5.4

Company Spotlight

Snow go

Vail Resorts skidded to its worst day in more than five years after the ski resort operator missed Wall Street's third-quarter sales and profit targets, citing a down year for snow.

Colorado-based Vail brought in profits of \$9.54 per share in the period, coming up short of the \$10 per share that analysts were looking for. Revenue of \$1.28 billion also came in below expectations as sales of its Epic pass fell 5% over the



same period a year ago.

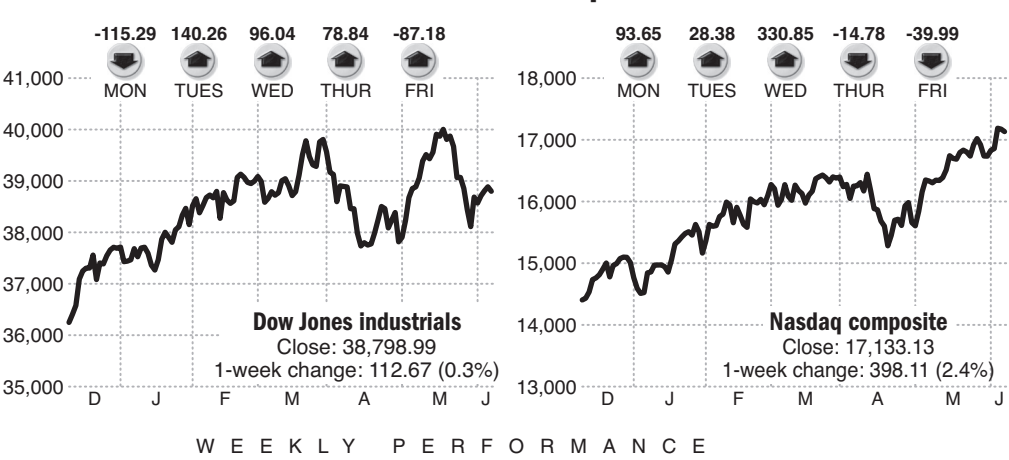
Epic pass holders can ski at any of the 42 Vail-operated resorts across the world, including its namesake resort in Colorado, Park City, Utah and Whistler Blackcomb in Canada.

For the 2023-24 North American and European ski season, Vail said total skier visits declined 7.7% from the previous season, which saw record-breaking snowfall in many places.

Vail Resorts (MTN)	Friday's close: \$173.94, -20.01	Total return	1-yr	3-yr	5-yr
52-WEEK RANGE	Price-earnings ratio: 29 (Based on past 12-month results)	MTN	-30.6%	-16.6	-4.1
\$165		Div. yield: 5.2%		Dividend: \$8.88	
\$258					

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Dividend Footnotes: a - Extra dividends were paid, but are not included. b - Annual rate plus stock. c - Liquidating dividend. e - Amount declared or paid in last 12 months. f - Current annual rate, which was increased by most recent dividend announcement. i - Sum of dividends paid after stock split, no regular rate. j - Sum of dividends paid this year. Most recent dividend was omitted or deferred. k - Declared or paid this year, a cumulative issue with dividends in arrears. m - Current annual rate, which was decreased by most recent dividend announcement. p - Initial dividend, annual rate not known, yield not shown. r - Declared or paid in preceding 12 months plus stock dividend. t - Paid in stock, approximate cash value on ex-distribution date.
PE Footnotes: q - Stock is a closed-end fund - no P/E ratio shown. cc - P/E exceeds 99. dd - Loss in last 12 months.

StocksRecap



52-WEEK HIGH	52-WEEK LOW	INDEX	CLOSE	FRI CHG	WK CHG	WK %CHG	YTD %CHG	1YR %CHG
40,077.40	32,327.20	Dow Industrials	38,798.99	-87.18	112.67	.29	2.94	14.53
16,717.04	13,471.47	Dow Transportation	15,022.85	-48.26	-215.45	-1.41	-5.51	5.47
958.67	765.47	Dow Utilities	920.12	-8.97	-26.30	-2.78	4.36	.53
18,421.92	14,638.37	NYSE Composite	17,985.63	-80.94	-98.07	-.54	6.72	16.04
17,235.73	12,543.86	Nasdaq Composite	17,133.13	-39.99	398.11	2.38	14.13	29.22
5,362.35	4,103.78	S&P 500	5,346.99	-5.97	69.48	1.32	12.10	24.38
1,353.65	1,065.49	S&P SmallCap	1,296.43	-14.47	-33.22	-2.50	-1.66	7.91
53,596.90	41,178.32	Wilshire 5000	53,376.30	-114.50	500.78	.95	10.52	22.98
2,135.46	1,633.67	Russell 2000	2,026.55	-22.89	-43.57	-2.10	-.03	8.62

Fade to black

Passenger vehicles in the U.S. are losing their color.

A study by iSeeCars.com found that 80% of U.S. used vehicle sales from the 2023 model year were either silver, black, white or gray. That's up from just over 60% from the 2004 model year.

No one knows for certain, but iSeeCars Executive Analyst Karl Brauer suspects it's because dealers and some sellers think it's easier to resell a used vehicle if it's a more neutral color.

His theory is 40% of consumers like the "grayscale" colors, while dealers and another 40% of consumers see grayscale as safe, appealing to

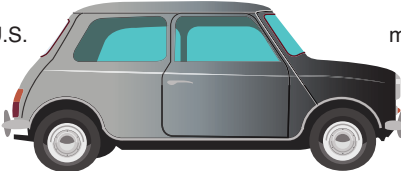
most buyers when resold.

"I'm confident a good portion of the 80% market share for grayscale colors is not driven by genuine desire," Brauer said.

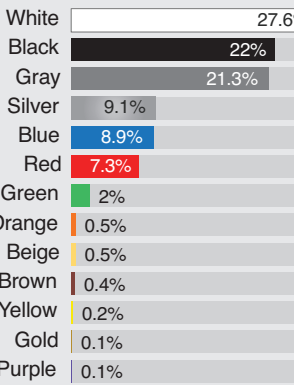
To get the numbers, iSeeCars said it analyzed sales of over 20 million used vehicles from the 2004 through 2023 model years that were sold from January of 2023 to April of 2024. It calculated the colors from each model year.

White was the most popular paint, while gold and purple tied for last.

Brauer said things may be changing as the number of grayscale vehicles seems to have hit a plateau.



Passenger car colors in U.S.



White, Black, Gray Silver	80%
Non Grayscale Colors	20%

Source: iSeeCars.com

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Stocks slip and bond yields jump

BY DAMIAN J. TROISE
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks slipped and Treasury yields rose sharply Friday after the government released a jobs report whose headline numbers came in hotter than expected.

Overall, the report suggests markets may have to wait even longer for interest rate cuts from the Federal Reserve.

The S&P 500 fell 5.97 points, or 0.1%, to 5,346.99. The listless finish capped off an otherwise strong week for the benchmark index that included a record high. It rose 1.3% for the week.

The Nasdaq composite slipped 39.99 points, or 0.2%, to 38,798.99. It was a meek finish to a week where

it gained 2.4%, while also reaching a record high.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average slipped 87.18 points, or 0.2%, to 38,798.99.

Smaller company stocks fared much worse. The Russell 2000 fell 1.1%.

U.S. employers added 272,000 jobs in May, up from April and greater than economists expected. The report also showed the unemployment rate rising for a second straight month. Overall, it signals continued strength in the jobs market, with some minor signs of weakening. The strong jobs market has supported consumer spending and the broader economy, but it has also been complicating the Federal Reserve's path ahead for interest rates.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury jumped to 4.43% from 4.29% just before the jobs report was released. The two-year yield, which more closely tracks expectations for the Fed, jumped to 4.89% from 4.74% prior to the report's release.

Wall Street is hoping for at least one cut to the Fed's benchmark interest rate before the year ends. The central bank raised its interest rate to its highest level in more than two decades in an attempt to cool inflation to its target of 2%.

However, inflation has been stubbornly hovering around 3% after dropping sharply over the last two years. A strong economy could keep fueling price increases.

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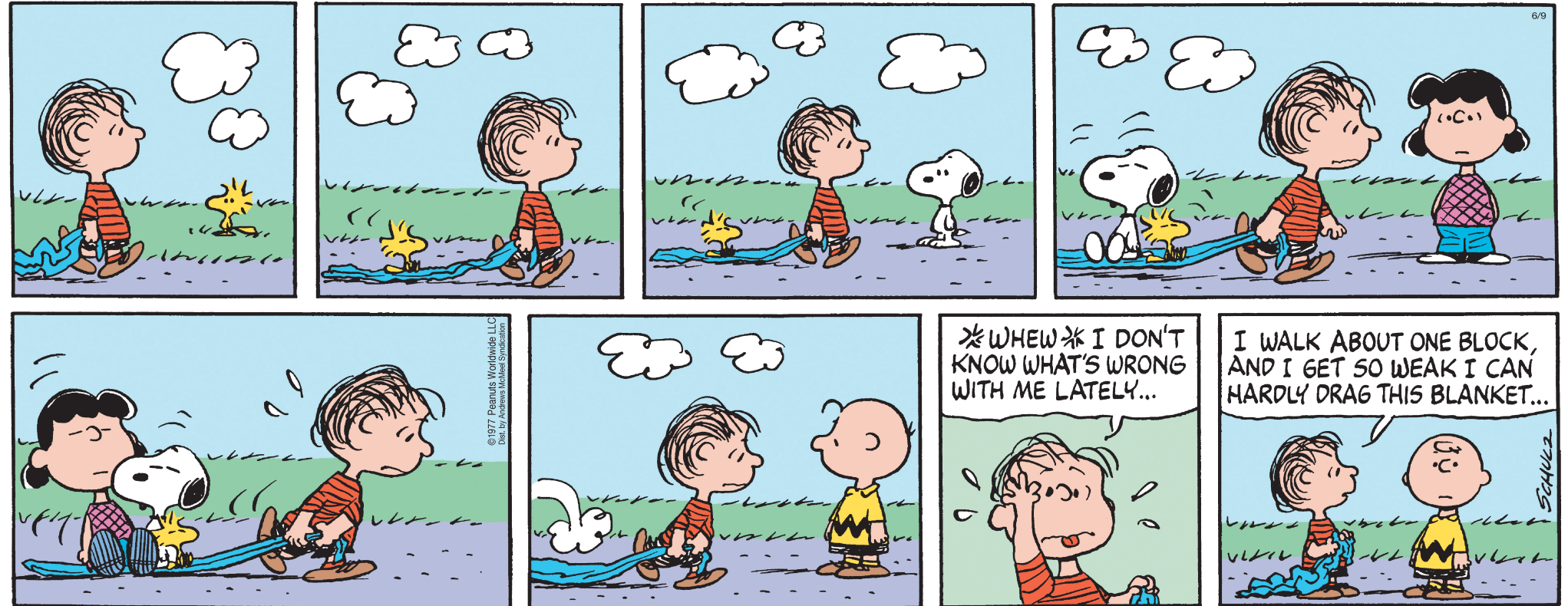
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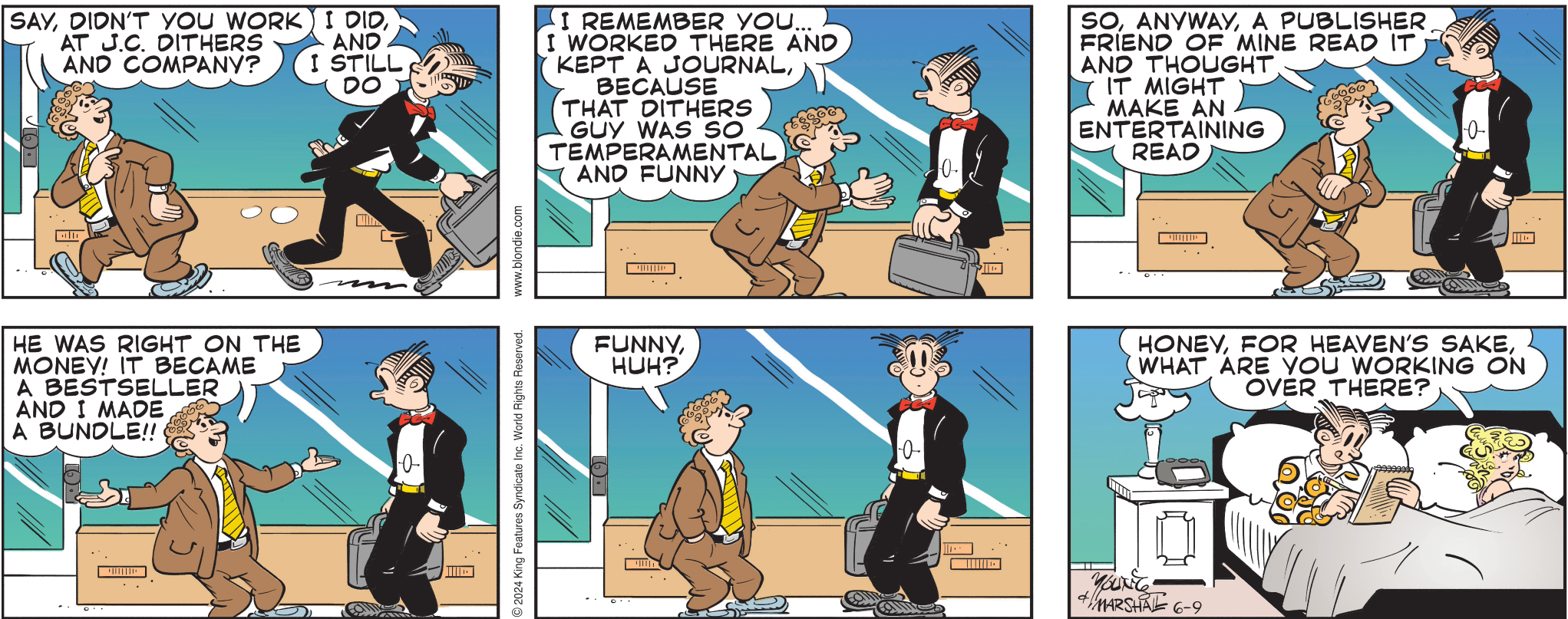
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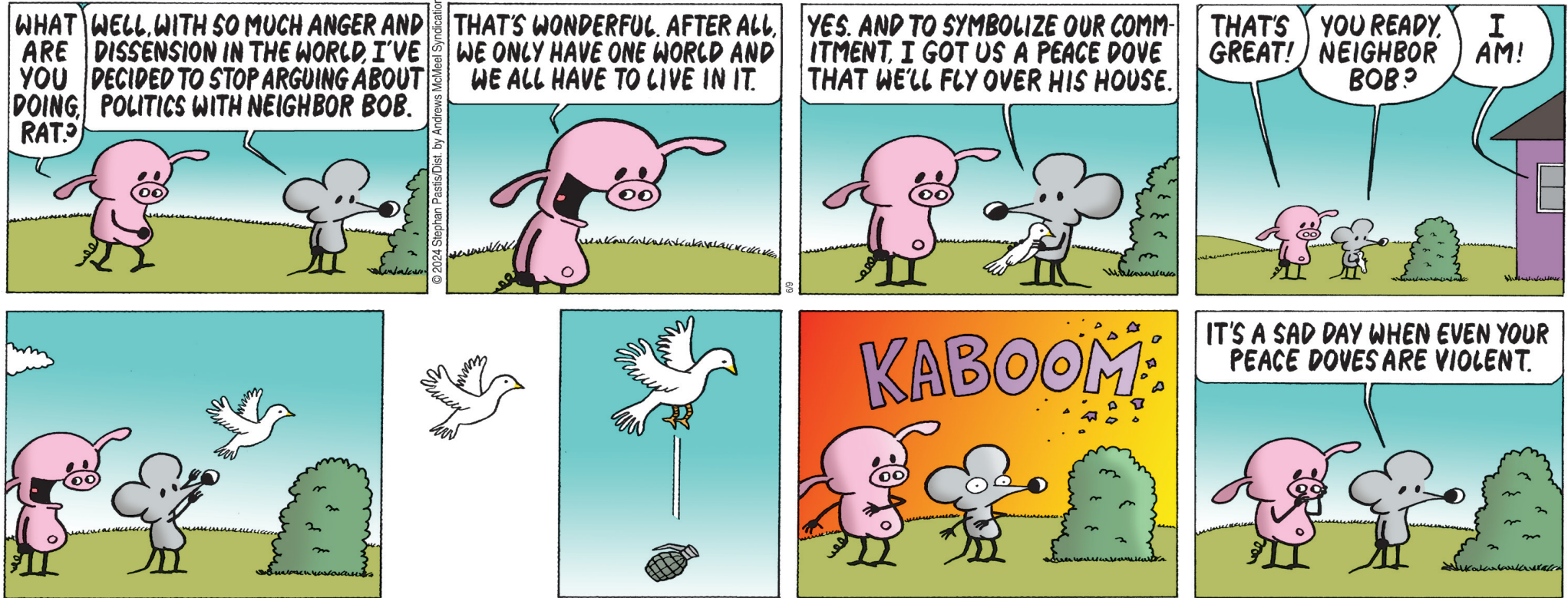
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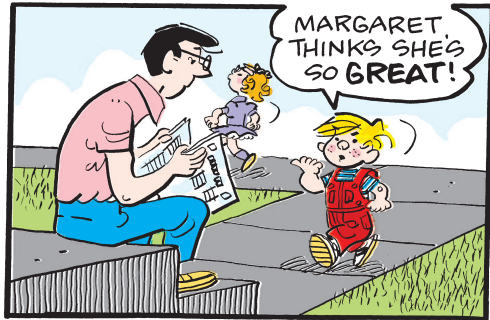


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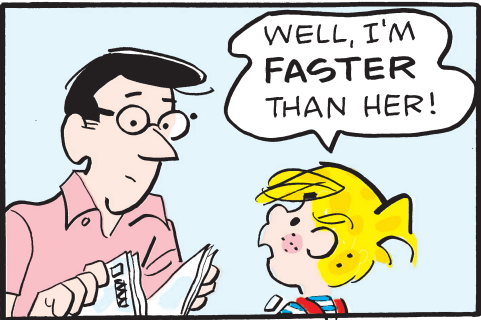
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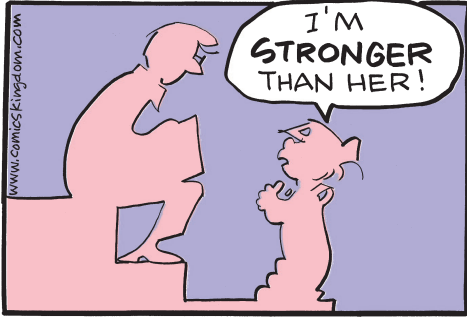
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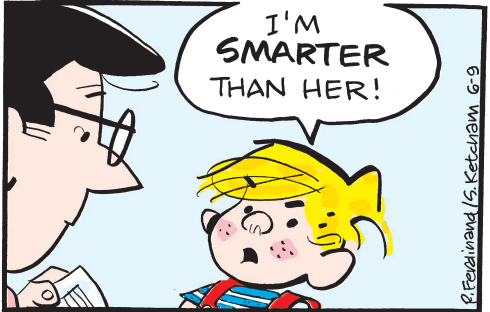
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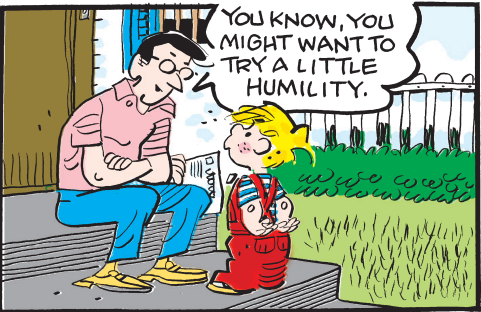
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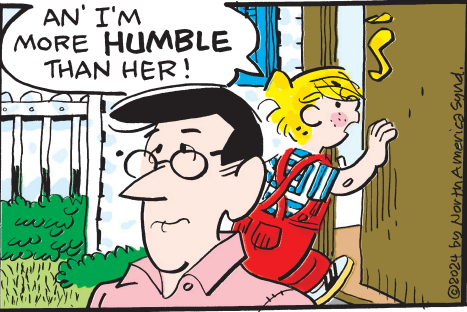
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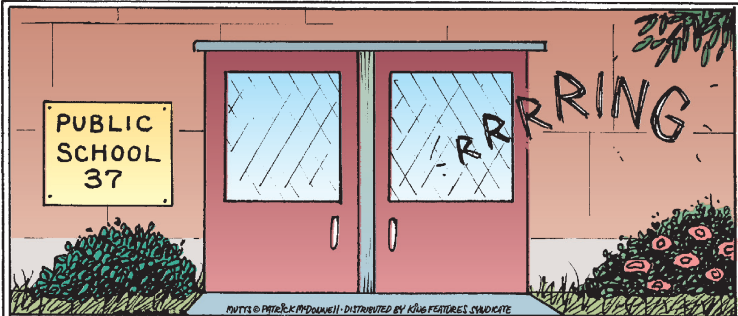
YOU KNOW, YOU MIGHT WANT TO TRY A LITTLE HUMILITY.




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MUTTS


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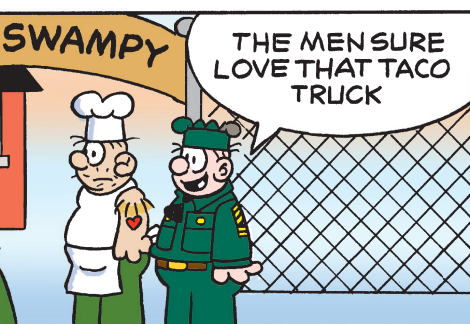




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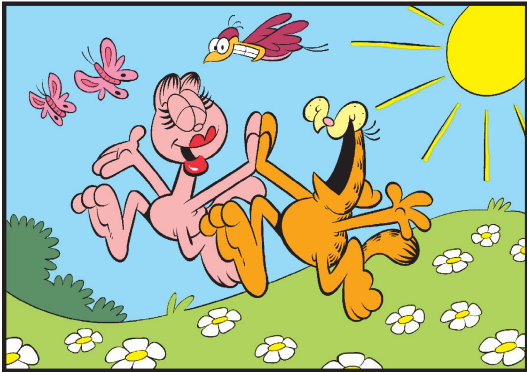


ALL YOU CAN EAT

COOKIE'S MOBILE MEAT-BALLS

HE'S JUST TRYING TO USE UP LEFTOVERS

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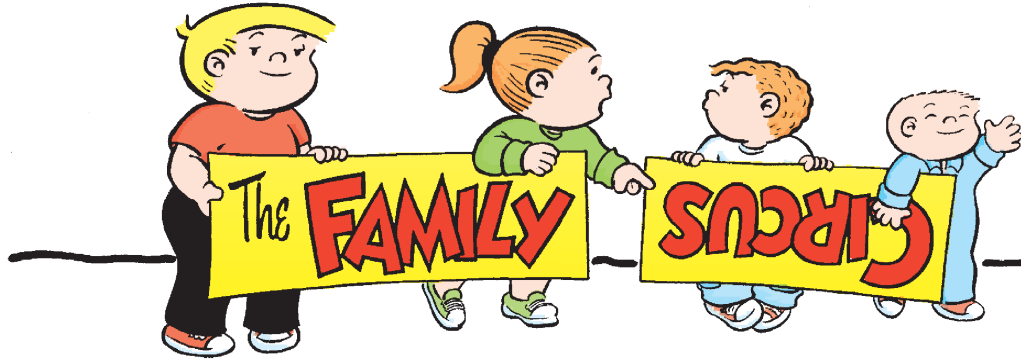


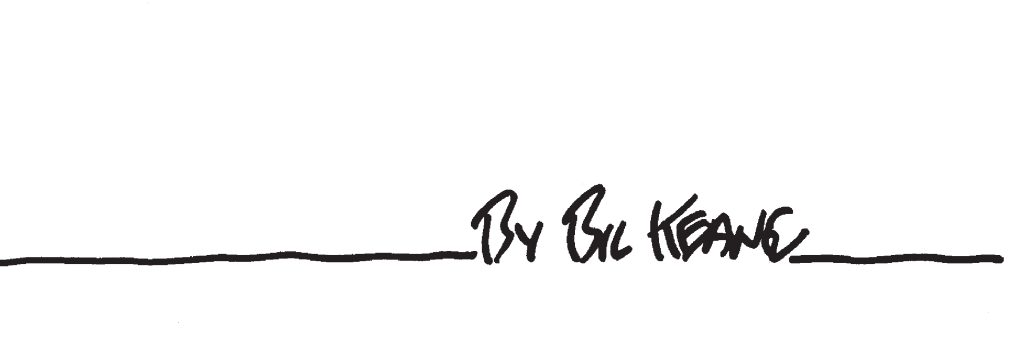





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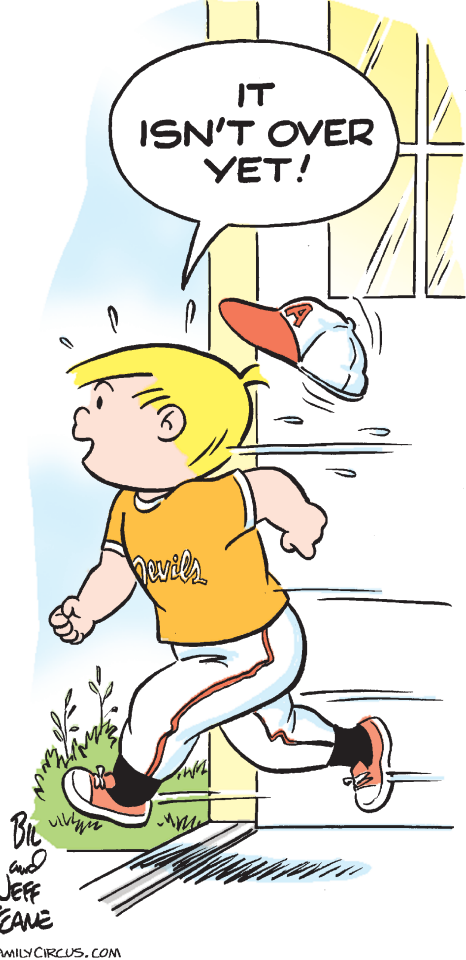
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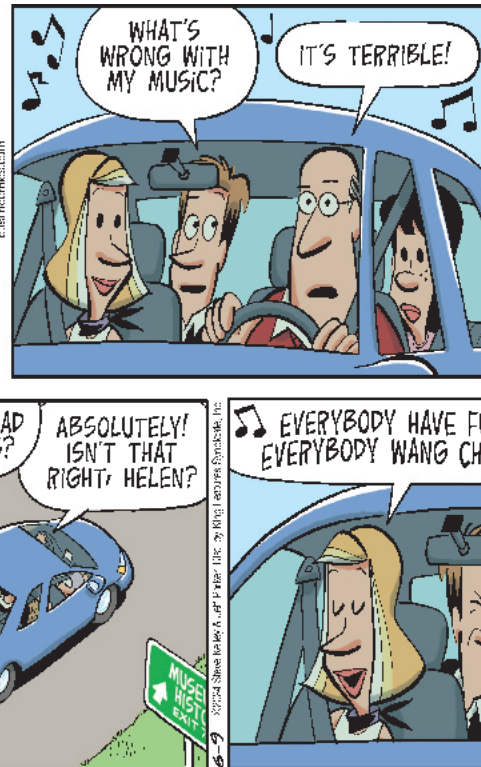
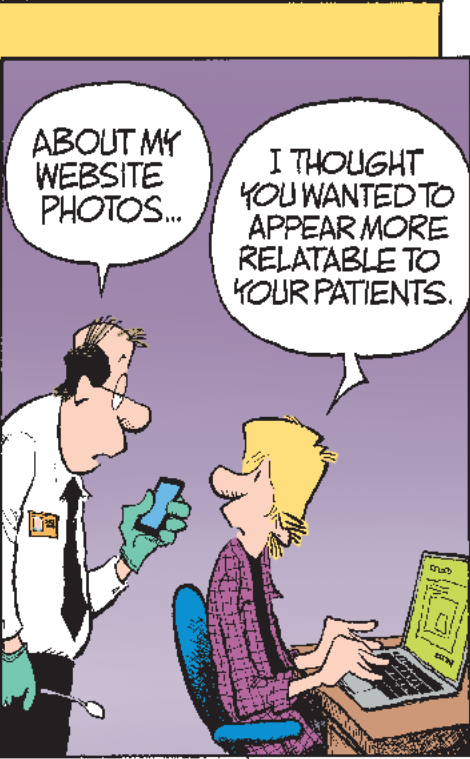
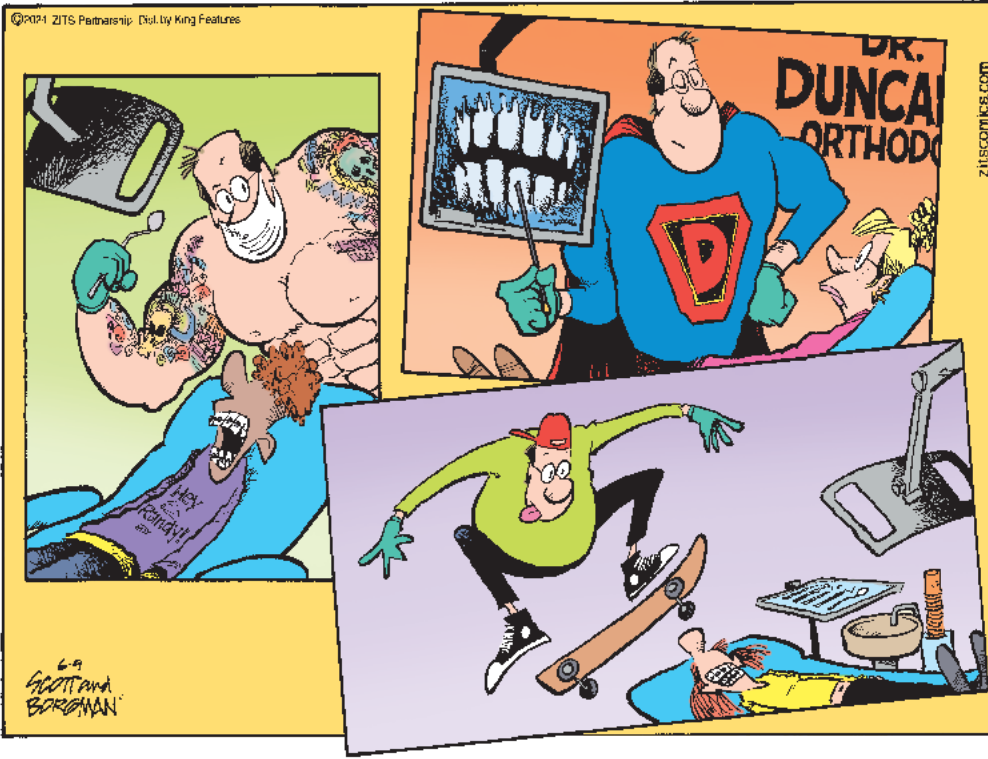
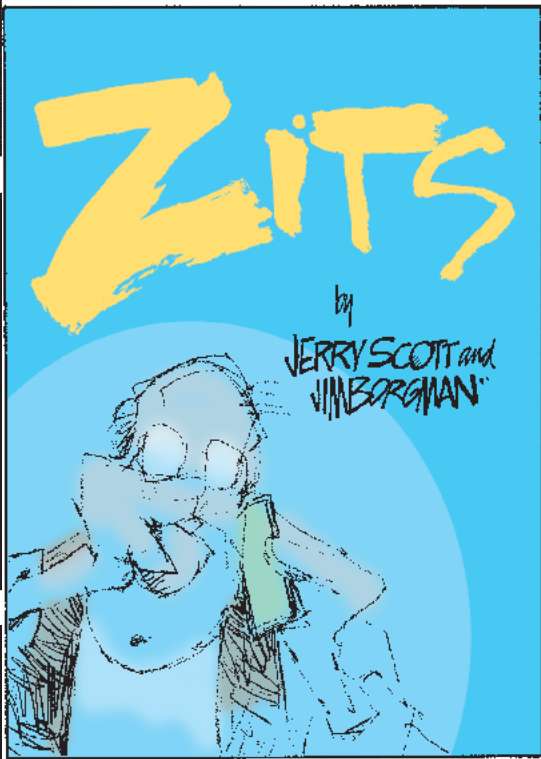
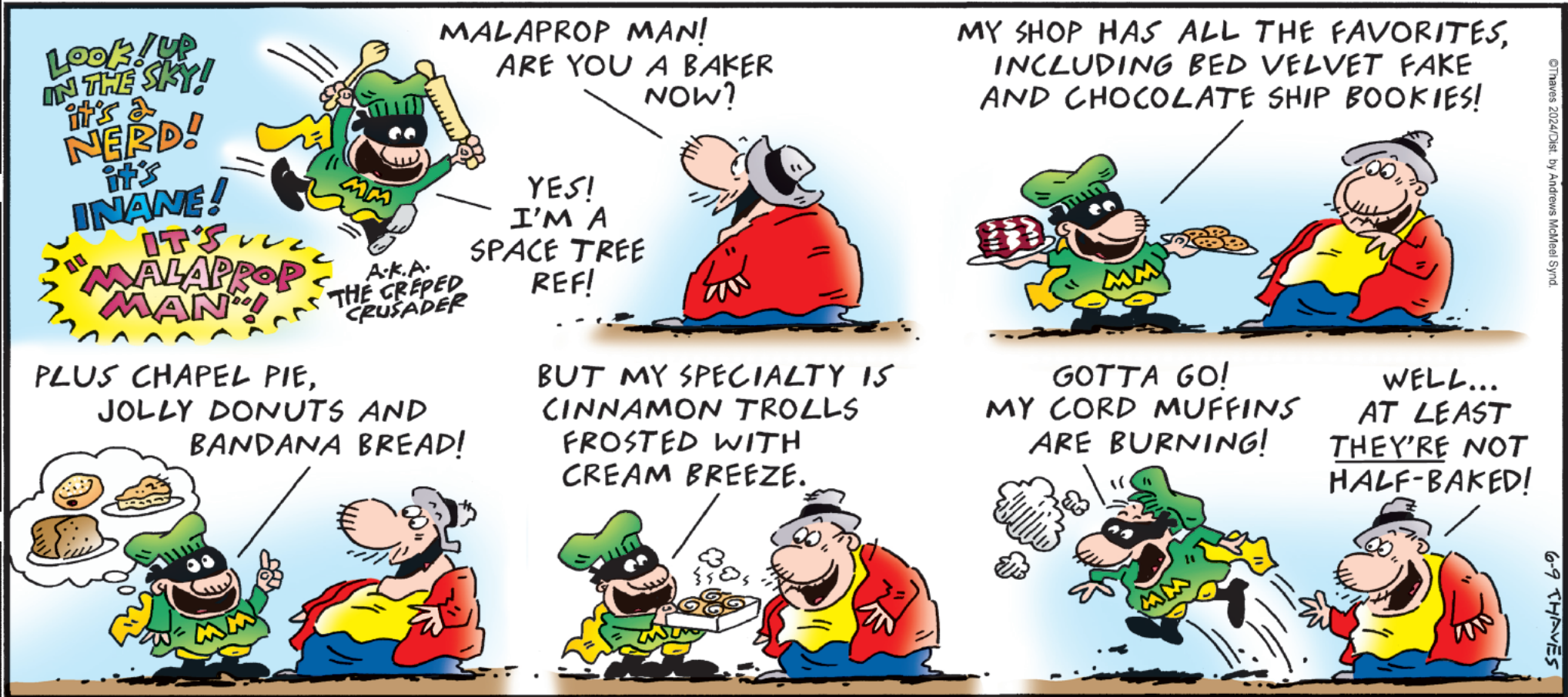


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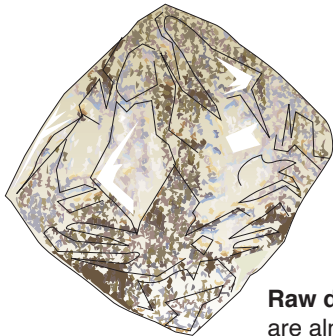
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Raw diamonds are almost always eight-sided, or octahedral.

In a word

The word **diamond** is derived from the Greek *adamas*, which means “invincible” or “indestructible.”

The basics

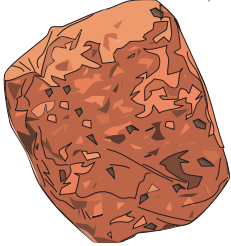
Since antiquity, humans have used diamonds — the most valuable of gemstones — for decorative and industrial purposes.

Diamonds are crystals of the chemical element **carbon** that have been subjected to tremendous pressure and heat. This process takes place deep underground, over millions of years. Over time, the diamonds are forced toward the surface in molten rock, or **magma**. It is thought that the first diamonds were found in India during the fourth century B.C.

Diamonds are often chosen for engagement rings. This practice became popular in the early to middle 20th century, due to advertising by South Africa’s De Beers mining and trading company. However, diamond rings have symbolized love since at least the 15th century.

Kimberlite

Kimberlite is a volcanic rock named after the town of Kimberley, South Africa. Kimberlite is found in the Earth's crust in carrot-shaped, vertical formations known as **kimberlite pipes**, a main source of mined diamonds today. Diamonds, garnets and peridots can all be found in kimberlite formations.



Where in the world

Diamonds are found throughout the world except in Antarctica and Europe. Several African countries, including Botswana and South Africa, as well as Russia and Australia, are the largest producers of diamonds. In 1954, scientists learned how to make artificial diamonds in a laboratory.

The high value of diamonds has supported many dictators and revolutions. **Blood diamonds**, also known as conflict diamonds, are mined by slaves in war zones and sold to finance armed conflicts against legitimate governments. Even after these conflicts end, some governments and mining companies continue to use conflict diamonds to support violence.

SOURCES: World Book Encyclopedia, World Book Inc.; <https://kids.britannica.com>; <https://en.wikipedia.org>; <https://www.worlddiamondgroup.com>; <https://www.americangemsociety.org>

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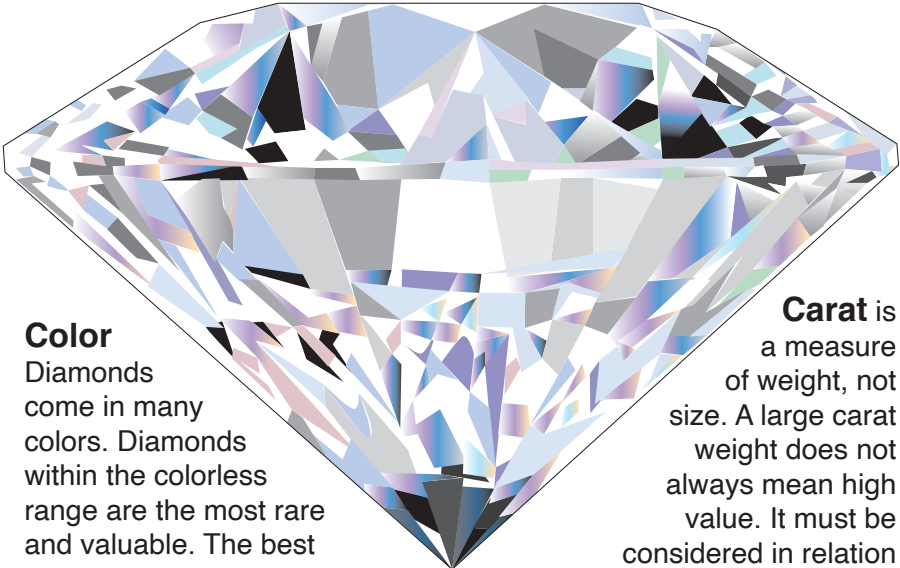
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DIAMONDS

Diamonds are the hardest stone known to exist, and they are extremely reflective when cut. This makes them useful for industry and beautiful for decorative objects like jewelry.

Determining quality — the four C’s

Diamonds are graded and characterized by four main characteristics originally created by the Gemological Institute of America. These four characteristics are color, clarity, cut and carat weight, known as the four C’s.



Color

Diamonds come in many colors. Diamonds within the colorless range are the most rare and valuable. The best way to judge a diamond’s color is to compare it to a master set or color chart. Color grades start at D (colorless) and progress all the way to Z (yellow).

Carat

is a measure of weight, not size. A large carat weight does not always mean high value. It must be considered in relation to the other C’s.

Clarity is how free of blemishes and inclusions the diamond is (in other words, how clear it is).

Blemishes are on the outside of a diamond. **Inclusions** are flaws on the inside.

Cut

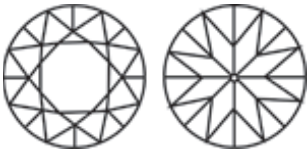
The quality of cut is the most important aspect of a diamond’s beauty. Cut refers not only to shape, but also to the proportion, alignment and finish of a diamond’s polished faces or facets.

Many ancient cultures had beliefs about diamonds. Some believed diamonds gave their wearers courage and strength in battle. In the Middle Ages, many believed diamonds had healing properties.

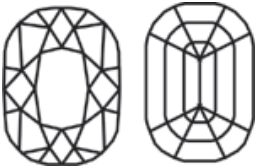
Cutting diamonds

The tools used to shape diamonds often have components made of diamond. First, an artisan called a **faceter** cuts and polishes the stone according to mathematical proportions to create the most sparkle and reflection for that particular stone. There are many cutting shapes for diamonds and other gemstones; below are examples of the most common designs. Each design has a specific number of flat surfaces, or **facets**. The top of the stone is called the **crown**; the bottom is called the **pavilion**.

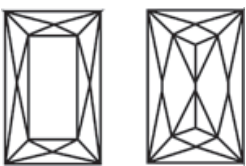
Brilliant or round cut



Cushion cut



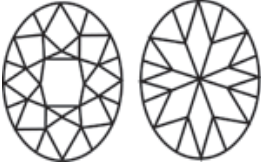
Emerald cut



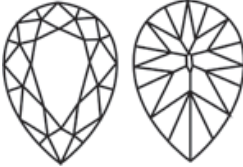
Marquise cut



Oval cut



Heart or pear cut



The **Hope Diamond** is one of the most famous diamonds in the world. It is also the most cursed (if you believe in such things). Many of this diamond’s owners came to bad ends.

The Hope Diamond is 45.52 carats and was extracted in the 17th century from the Kollur Mine in Guntur, India. Trace amounts of boron give the diamond its deep blue color.

Other famous diamonds

One of the finest blue diamonds in the world, the **American Star**, weighed 14.89 carats when purchased in 1999. After cutting, it weighed 13.42 carats.

The **Pink Star**, originally called the **Steinmetz Pink**, is perhaps the finest rare pink diamond in the world. It took 20 months to cut the 100-carat stone. Now weighing 59.6 carats, it has been graded as flawless.

The **Tiffany Yellow** is one of the largest yellow diamonds ever discovered. Found in South Africa in 1877 or 1878, it weighed 287 carats before being cut to 128.54 carats.

Did you know?

Most diamonds found are at least 1 billion years old.

Diamonds are so hard that they cannot be scratched or hurt by any other known substance.

Diamonds are resistant to acids but will dissolve irreversibly in molten steel.

Diamonds refract white light into component colors, giving them a characteristic called **fire**.

Diamond colors range from colorless to yellow, brown, pink, orange, green, blue or gray. Colorless diamonds are composed of pure carbon. Stones with color have other elements mixed in with the carbon.

Diamonds are used in drills and other tools to cut through a variety of hard materials. They are also ground down and used to sand and polish many kinds of surfaces.

In 1905, the world’s largest diamond was found. It was named the **Cullinan diamond** and weighed 3,106 carats! It was eventually cut into many diamonds (9 large ones and 100 smaller ones).

Only 20% of the world’s diamonds are suitable for jewelry. The rest are discarded or used for industrial purposes.

HOROSCOPES



Mars change

If you live in a city over a certain population, many faces you see along your daily path are faces you won’t see again, which may inspire you to make sure you’ve given a mood of kindness and that you are fully yourself even when you’re just moving through the world. Such things seem to matter more in these early stages of Mars in Taurus.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Life works out. Love happens. These things occur in their own timing, and your trust is stronger today. You know that you can’t force things and trying to would bring unnecessary complications, so you loosen your grip.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There’s a need lurking beneath the request that’s made of you. If you don’t sense and address the need, no matter how you fulfill the request, it will be wrong. But if you address the need, the request will change or disappear entirely.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Love will make

you even more flexible than you are because your willingness to accommodate another person keeps you moving and doing things you wouldn’t otherwise.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Share your ideas and predictions as they will prove prescient, and when they come true, you’ll want proof that they were realities in your mind before they were objective realities.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Most people have some kind of inner war to wage, and you certainly do too now, but at least you realize that on one side of the battle is you, and on the other side is also you. So you can keep on if you want, or you can call a truce.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You prefer to be low-key and you like being around people who accept you how you are. If you feel you must posture or exaggerate your qualities to be accepted, it’s a red flag about the other person. Maybe they don’t make you feel seen.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You’ll have a

keen instinct about what matters and how to preserve it, too. You’ll cut out what’s petty and unimportant and encapsulate and celebrate what’s silly, rare and worth cherishing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You may be feeling underconfident, but that’s OK. From this position you’ll be inclined to work harder, pay more attention and check your work with greater care. It’s far better to be underconfident than over.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). As cool as you are, there’s still a slight uptick in adrenaline the first time you talk to someone, as is nature’s way of giving you the energy to either turn on the charm or turn around and run, depending on how the interaction goes.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). When things don’t work and you don’t know why, you are far from the solution. But if you can see what’s not working — where the catch is that’s keeping things from going smoothly — it’s something to celebrate. You’re closer to finding the answers.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Today requires you to prioritize as though you were stovetop cooking — the back burner is for simmering. And remember, even the lowest heat needs some amount of tending. Everything needs to be stirred from time to time.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). When you make a commitment, you make sure you have the time, resources and follow-through to keep it. Scheduling is key. Not everyone is as serious as you about commitments. Happiness is releasing your expectation of them.

TODAY’S BIRTHDAY (June 9). You’ll feel liberated to be whoever you want to be and to experiment and change it up as often as you like. But when you’re sure of a goal, you’ll stick with it until it’s in hand. You’ve a talent for self-direction this year and will excel where the lesser disciplined fail. More highlights: The energy you put into your love life will zing back around and fortify you. Aries and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 5, 23, 3 and 15.