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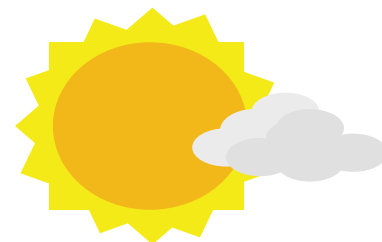
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NEWS BRIEFS

Submissions open for Battle of the Bands at Raue Center

The Raue Center for the Arts in Crystal Lake is accepting submissions until June 2 for its Battle of the Bands competition from bands that are unsigned, not touring and are from the greater Chicago area.

Eight semifinalists will perform in August at the Raue, and the winning band will receive \$1,000 and the opportunity to perform its own show on the Raue Center stage, according to a news release.

The submission deadline is 11:55 p.m. June 2. Any genre of music is accepted.

A panel will review all submissions, and the semifinalists will be announced on or around July 10. The semifinalists will battle it out at the Raue Center on Aug. 17 and 18, with the final round on Aug. 19.

Submit one sample of work by visiting rauecenter.org/battle-of-the-bands. Videos must be produced for the purpose of this contest and cannot be from previous engagements or contests.

Bands will be judged by a panel including local and national industry professionals. Bands are asked to submit one original song and/or one cover song.

Semifinalist performers must bring their own instruments, cables and stands. Lyrics cannot include profanity, derogatory remarks, sexually explicit content or violence. Bands will have 25 minutes on stage, which includes setup, playing the set and leaving the stage. Effective use of this

Bill Warzecha, of Natives Haven Wildflower Nursery, checks on potted native plants for sale on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at their nursery near Harvard.



Photo provided by Raue Center for the Arts

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time is part of the judging criteria.

MCC student named Coca-Cola Academic Team Gold Scholar

McHenry County College student and Phi Theta Kappa member Vicky Wozniak of Algonquin has been named a 2023 Coca-Cola Academic Team Gold Scholar.

As part of the award, Wozniak will receive a \$1,500 scholarship and will be recognized in several local and statewide ceremonies, according to a news release.

Students are nominated for the Coca-Cola

Academic Team by their college administrators and selected based on academic achievement, leadership and engagement in college and community service.

Coca-Cola Academic Team members were recognized internationally during Phi Theta Kappa's annual convention, PTK Catalyst, from April 20 to 22 in Columbus, Ohio.

Wozniak plans to transfer to Colorado State University in the fall to pursue a bachelor's degree in a pre-optometry track. In addition to being the vice president of service in MCC's Phi Theta Kappa chapter,

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Bill Warzecha of Natives Haven Wildflower Nursery, checks on potted native plants for sale on May 16, 2023 at their nursery near Harvard.

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A CLOSER LOOK

Farmland restored to site for native wildflowers, butterflies

By **AMANDA MARRAZZO**
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Since buying a little more than 6 acres of land in Harvard in 2005 and transforming it from a cornfield into a home for native plants, grasses and wildflowers, Terrie and William Warzecha said they still are surprised by the monarch butterfly-loving common milkweed that just one day naturally began to grow.

This small wonder is just part of what the couple said they love about their property that over time they returned to its original landscape, and where in 2016 they opened Natives Haven Nursery, 13809 Durkee Road.

Acre by acre – one per year – over the first few years, William Warzecha, 70, said they took the land back to what it once was.

“It was a lot of fun – a lot of work, but it was a lot of fun,” he said.

In addition to a business, they have created a wildflower prairie and a safe and thriving year-round home for all pollinators and creatures native to the area, including endangered honeybees, butterflies, rabbits and other insects necessary in a healthy and prosperous ecosystem.

They also have created a place for people to visit, spend an afternoon, have a picnic lunch, read and walk through winding paths or sit on chairs and benches near the fountain or pond.

“It is an experience,” said Terrie Warzecha, 65.

When it was a cornfield, the couple – who moved from McHenry to the property, where they also built their home in 2007 – said there were no birds or insects.

Now, William Warzecha said, they are out there in abundance and “they are reproducing babies. It’s so fun to watch.”

Terrie Warzecha said they call their property a “botanic nursery.”

“We don’t just sell plants,” she said. “We have it landscaped, and we have people who come from two hours away who come to see us. There are not a lot of places that sell true native plants.”

With little more than water, the couple lets nature take its course.

“There is no need to do anything with the soil,” said William Warzecha, who retired in 2015 after 31 years from Northrop Grumman. “We discourage



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Bill and Terrie Warzecha, the owners of Natives Haven Wildflower Nursery, are seen on May 16 at their nursery near Harvard.

“When you put a native plant into the ground, you are healing something.”

Sarah Michehl,
community ecologist with the Land Conservancy of McHenry County

fertilizer because it will distort the plant. ... Put it in the right environment, and they will prosper. Just remember in the first year to water, but after then, you won’t need to.”

And where some may see weeds, the couple said, just be patient, and the native plants and wildflowers – those that existed when the Native Americans lived here – will naturally grow and choke them out.

William Warzecha said he has been “so impressed” with how many endangered bees and butterflies he now sees

on his property. This tells him that he is growing the right native plants to attract them.

“It is an ecosystem, a chain reaction,” said Terrie Warzecha, who retired from the pharmaceutical industry in March.

Some flowers, such as the milkweed, have appeared naturally. This happens when nearby farmers stop tilling the soil and working the land. The native flowers and plants that once grew naturally begin to grow again because their seeds are still in the soil, the couple said.

For those embarking on planting wildflowers and native plants in their yards – which proponents say is doable on any property – the Warzechas encourage people to bring layouts of their property to the nursery and walk around to see the different options.

Sarah Michehl is a community ecologist with the Land Conservancy of McHenry County, a nonprofit land

trust that supports private landowners who want to protect and preserve natural landscapes.

“When you put a native plant into the ground, you are healing something,” Michehl said. “I think it is inspiration for the person who is doing that in their home, like in their place, and they are healing the soil, and they are providing a really valuable source of food. It’s a kind of connection to our history and what their county once was.”

Michehl, 44, of Crystal Lake offers site consultations through the conservancy for \$75 for those planning to plant native flowers. The fee also gives people lifelong membership to the conservancy.

“When we put those plants back in our yards, we are able to support all different types of wildlife,” Michehl said. “It’s important. Native plants

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just don't support pollinators, they also help improve the health of soil, hold the soil in place through the root systems ... [that] act like sponges to help soil from running off."

Preserving such land and cultivating new wildflowers and plants is important to the ecology because "local wildlife [and] birds have come to develop a relationship with those plants for food sources and shelter," she said.

Back at the nursery, the Warzechas said that to continue offering shelter and food during the winter, they leave their plants alone and do not burn or cut them down. This provides insects and small animals such as rabbits and birds a place to hibernate.

The couple also said the native plants look "pretty" during the winter underneath the snow.

The couple does not do anything with their plants until mid-March, when they burn them, "then just leave it and it all pops up again," William Warzecha said.

For those growing native plants, grasses and wildflowers within city limits, where burning is not allowed, the Warzechas said to chop them down about a foot above the ground in mid-March.

The Warzechas offered a few specific tips for planting wildflowers and natural plants.

To attract bunnies and keep them from eating the flowers, plant clover or do not kill the clover that may be naturally present.

To attract monarch butterflies, plant *Asclepius*, commonly known as orange butterfly weed, common milkweed or rose milkweed.

"Give it a full year after planting,



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A jack-in-the-pulpit at Natives Haven Wildflower Nursery, on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, near Harvard.

and you will see monarchs," William Warzecha said.

He also recommended planting meadow blazing star plants that will start blooming in late July/early August because it is a high nectar plant that draws monarchs.

To draw butterflies, especially monarchs, later in the season, William Warzecha recommended planting

New England astor.

Be sure to plant different host plants to attract different species throughout the year, such as planting golden alexanders to attract black swallow tail butterflies, one of many species that will be drawn to the plant, which blooms in May or June.

To attract hummingbirds, the couple recommends planting royal catch-

fly, a scarlet-colored flower on the Illinois Endangered and Threatened Species List that blooms in July.

If battling plant-eating insects called aphids, which the Warzechas said they do not have on their property, plant rattlesnake master and other plants known to draw aphids' predators.

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Harvard Fire District responded twice this week to fires on White Oaks Road

A horse trailer next to a barn that burned down Tuesday was found fully involved when firefighters were called back to the site Saturday, a Harvard Fire Protect District official said.

Firefighters were called to the 9200 block of White Oaks Road about 12:15 p.m. Saturday, Battalion Chief Bryan Pierce said.

The horse trailer fire was under control in about five minutes but firefighters remained on site to put out hot spots.

The barn, which was a total loss following the earlier fire, was no longer smoldering, Pierce said.

The McHenry County Sheriff's Office also responded to the fire and

is investigating.

Head-on crash closes Route 31 near Ringwood; no major injuries reported

A head-on crash near Ringwood on Saturday sent five people to an area hospital, but all of the injuries appeared not life-threatening, a McHenry Township Fire Protection District official said.

Firefighters were called at 11:23 a.m. to Route 31 just north of Barnard Mill Road, Battalion Chief Mike Majercik said.

All six occupants of the two vehicles involved in the crash were outside the vehicles when crews arrived.

"There was fairly heavy damage to both [vehicles] but no extrication was needed. Airbags deployed in both vehicles," he said.

The five injured people were taken to Northwestern Hospital McHenry for treatment.

Route 31 was closed for about an hour, he said, adding that the McHenry County Sheriff's Office is investigating the crash.

Lakewood Fire burned itself out, but not before causing extensive damage to home

A fire caused extensive damage to a Lakewood home Saturday morning that seems to have burned itself out by the time firefighters arrived, fire district officials said.

Someone reported the fire at 9317 Firth Court to the Crystal Lake Fire Rescue Department at 5:54 a.m., according to a news release.

When the first units arrived at the

single-family, one-story home six minutes later, firefighters reported the fire appeared to have burned itself out and no residents were present.

Fire crews extinguished some smoldering contents with little water used, according to the report. There was significant heat and smoke damage throughout the home, which was declared uninhabitable. Damage to the structure and contents is estimated at \$250,000, officials said.

According to Lakewood Chief of Police Mike Roth, the fire is being investigated as an arson.

The fire is under investigation by investigators from the Crystal Lake Fire Rescue, the Office of the State Fire Marshal and Lakewood Police.

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14 Harvard HS students earn associate degrees

Graduates have more than 800 hours total of combined college credits

By **JAMES T. NORMAN**
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Harvard High School graduate Jade Sanchez was nervous about getting into the school's dual-degree program going into her junior year. She wasn't sure how hard the classes would be and expected a lot of work.

Now, after graduating Sunday, she owns a high school diploma and an associate degree with more than 60 hours of college credits behind her.

She plans to attend the Nova Southeastern University in Florida, where she'll study forensic psychology – something she found an interest in through the dual-degree program.

"It's super emotional in a good way," she said. "I think it's a great opportunity, and I'm really glad it's continuing at Harvard."

Sanchez is one of 14 students who graduated with an associate degree this past weekend through the dual-degree program at Harvard and one of more than 30 students across all of McHenry County. They are the first class to graduate in the program.



Arturo Carrillo

(From left) Chris Ritschke, Jade Sanchez, Alli Scott, Kaitlyn Duber and Jenny Castillo are all dual degree graduates at Harvard High School.

Held in partnership with McHenry County College, students in the program start during the summer between their sophomore and junior years, Harvard High School Principal Carl Hobbs said.

"We know that high school students who participate in dual-credit programs are more likely to enroll in college and successfully complete a degree or credential," Cara Schultz, director of college and career readiness at MCC, said in a news release.

The commitment is high, but if students carry through, they can walk away from the program with college credits to make their post-secondary education easier, saving thousands of dollars in tuition costs, too, Hobbs

said.

In addition, it prepares students for a potential career path, Hobbs said.

Some of those potential paths include accounting, business, criminal justice, journalism broadcasting, marketing, nursing and web design, said Maura Bridges, coordinator of college and career readiness.

Those 14 students have a combined 815 credit hours, close to \$100,000 in total savings, Bridges said.

While students in the dual-degree program are getting associate degrees with their high school diploma, it's only part of a larger effort to expand dual credit at Harvard High School.

Harvard has offered dual-credit opportunities for about a decade, Bridges said. And in the six years she's been at the school, the offerings have expanded.

For those seeking dual-credit degrees, it all depends on what the students' long-term goals are, Bridges said. Getting in includes an interviewing process that seeks to make sure it's a good fit for a student.

Beyond a dual degree, the district offers a wide array of paths, including opportunities for technical certificates or even just a few college credits overall.

"We're just trying to provide as

many opportunities as possible," Bridges said.

While the students deal with rigorous classes, the school and district are left to figure out the logistics of the program, Hobbs said.

For example, creating a master schedule that allows students the flexibility to take classes at MCC during the morning and more dual-credit courses in the afternoon can be tough.

The school also covers much of the tuition cost to take the classes, leaving students to pay only for their own books, Hobbs said.

"These kids are involved in clubs and sports, and we're pretty proud of these kids doing this," Hobbs said. "It's about pathways and the least amount of resistance to allow them to be successful."

Along with Harvard, Woodstock High School had 21 students graduate in the program this past weekend. Looking ahead, Woodstock has more than 100 enrolled in its program, while Harvard has 20, according to the release.

Huntley High School, which recently launched its own program, has 43.

Dual-credit classes, which have grown by 600% since 2015, are offered through MCC at all 14 public high

For the first time in decades, no Fetzner is serving District 47

By **JAMI KUNZER**

Shaw Local News Network correspondent

It's the end of a Fetzner era for Crystal Lake Elementary School District 47.

A Fetzner has served the district in one capacity or another since 1972. The most recent member of the family to contribute, Rob Fetzner, just ended a 14-year tenure as a District 47 board member.

New board members were sworn in this month. Fetzner had served as board president since 2017.

His late father, William Fetzner, began as a teacher in the district in 1972, and his mother, sister and other family members have worked in the district in various capacities throughout the years.

"I don't know if it's in our blood or what, but we just love education," said Mary Fetzner, Rob's mother, who was a teacher in the district for almost

three decades before her retirement. "I think it's our legacy or something."

The Fetzners are proud of that legacy.

An attorney by trade, Rob Fetzner earned a teaching degree before pursuing law school. Still, he always felt pulled toward education. Appointed to the school board in 2009 after a resignation, he continued to seek reelection until this year.

"It's kind of a big thing for our family to be involved in education, and this was the way for me to do it," he said.

From the beginning, he said, he had in mind that he would serve until his children, 15-year-old Drew and 14-year-old Caroline, left the district. His daughter will wrap up her eighth-grade year at Hannah Beardsley Middle School this month.

"I figured it was time to move on," he said.

Through the years, he said, he faced some triumphs and challenges, especially during the pandemic. Issues that seemed controversial or difficult paled in comparison to the struggles brought on by COVID-19.

But they did the best they could to

handle the situation as a team.

"I'm just happy about the relationship that developed with board members," he said. "It's hard to have seven people agree all the time, and we didn't agree all the time, but we had a good professional relationship. We could disagree and still talk."

"We could actually have a debate, which doesn't happen that much in this country anymore, so I was happy for that."

Fetzner counts among the board's biggest accomplishments the addition of full-day kindergarten. Approved by the board in 2012, full-day kindergarten went into effect for the 2013-14 school year in District 47.

He said he's also proud of the relationships built with school employees, students and others throughout the community.

"My goal was to come in and just listen and learn the landscape of what the district needed," he said. "I always tried to listen to not only the administrators, but the teachers and people in the community. They might not have agreed with some decisions I made as a school board member or we made as a school board, but I always listened."

He watched his parents contribute to the community and education growing up.

William Fetzner became the youngest principal ever hired at the time he took over at South Elementary in 1978. In all, he served more than 40 years in District 47 before his retirement in 2005 as assistant superintendent of operations, overseeing the construction of three elementary schools and a middle school.

In 2013, two years after William Fetzner's death, District 47 named the William Fetzner Operations Center at 221 Liberty Road in his honor.

"School was part of our lives," said Mary Fetzner, who finished her teaching career at North Elementary School. "That was dinner table talk. It was what we did. We were always involved in the schools and helping the kids and working to make the district better. Our kids heard that all through their growing up, and it became a part of them."

She said she's proud of her son's commitment to community service and dedication to the school board.

"It's just a little bit bittersweet, seeing it all come to an end," she said.



Rob Fetzner

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County Board approves six Advance McHenry County grants

Six local governments were awarded Advance McHenry County grants, totaling more than \$6.5 million, to improve water and sewer service for residents and businesses.

The McHenry County Board approved the funding requests last month, bringing the number of grants approved through the groundbreaking Advance McHenry County program to 29. The program was created to invest tens of millions of dollars in federal COVID-19 recovery funding into projects that directly benefit the community.

Governments that will receive Advance grants include:

- The village of Wonder Lake, which will receive almost \$2.63 million to connect the Hancock Drive business area to the village's water and sewer system
- The Northern Moraine Wastewater Reclamation District, which will receive \$2 million to extend sewer service to an unincorporated subdivision
- The village of Union, which requested \$590,000 to help replace a municipal well to ensure that village residents have a constant supply of clean water
- The village of Cary, which will receive \$560,000 to increase the resiliency of its water system and better equip it to mitigate certain chemicals
- The village of Fox River Grove, which will receive \$500,000 for an ammonia nitrogen removal system
- The village of Huntley, which will receive \$250,000 toward building a new water main underneath Route 47

The Advance McHenry County grants approved to date by the County Board total almost \$25.3 million in American Rescue Plan Act funding which has been invested directly into infrastructure capital projects, workforce development and jobs programs, nonprofit agencies, special districts and local governments.

Learn about the Advance McHenry County initiative and review approved grants and expenditures by visiting mchenrycountyil.gov/advance.

McHenry County's official 2023 Green Guide available now

The 2023 McHenry County Green Guide, now available online and in print, features the latest information on recycling hazardous household waste, electronics, motor oil, batteries, Styrofoam and more.

New in the 17th edition of the publication is a guide on recycling plastic film and two guest articles from McHenry County Solid Waste Manager Kelli Boeck-



Photo provided by Rotary Club of Huntley

Huntley High School juniors Madelyn Hanson, Christina Smith, Addison Raistrick and Amanda Sarrol attended Rotary Youth Leadership Academy from March 9 to 12, 2023 in East Troy, Wisconsin.

mann and Susan Jensen from the McHenry County Foodshed Coop.

All categories have been updated with the latest recycling information, including tips on recycling aerosols, paint, propane tanks, books and more. Readers also will find details on multiple county-wide electronics collections, shredding and recycling events (including one at McHenry County College in September) and the McHenry County household hazardous waste collection on June 24 (mcdh.info to register).

The Green Guide is available online at www.mchenry.edu/green and a printed version can be requested by emailing sustainability@mchenry.edu. Printed copies will also be available at local municipalities and libraries. A fully translated Spanish version is also available online and printed versions can be requested via email.

For information about the Green Guide or Sustainability Center, email sustainability@mchenry.edu.

Huntley students attend Rotary Youth Leadership Academy

Huntley High School juniors Madelyn Hanson, Christina Smith, Addison Raistrick and Amanda Sarrol attended Rotary Youth Leadership Academy in East Troy, Wisconsin, and returned

excited to apply their training.

Maddie learned how to interact with people who have different personalities and approaches to working on projects. Meeting new people helped Christina talk with the Spanish Honors Society leader for South High School in Crystal Lake and they agreed to work together. Amanda found skits helped her delegate and all enjoyed the teamwork.

Each year Rotary provides RYLA scholarships for high school students. Look for RYLA scholarships next January through high school counselors, HuntleyRotary.org or your local Rotary Club.

Treasurer wants to reunite McHenry County residents with unclaimed property

Illinois Treasurer Michael Frerichs is looking to reunite hundreds of thousands of McHenry County residents with more than \$57.3 million in unclaimed cash and property.

The money is waiting to be claimed under the office's I-Cash program, which safeguards unpaid life insurance benefits, forgotten bank accounts and unused rebate cards until they can be returned to their rightful owner. In McHenry County, there are almost 500,000 unclaimed properties.

Frerichs' reminder is part of a statewide digital media, newspaper and direct mail push to reunite residents with more than \$3.5 billion in unclaimed property. State law requires the Illinois Treasurer's Office to publish newspaper ads in all 102 Illinois counties every six months and to send letters to residents who have newly reported unclaimed property of \$100 or more.

An estimated one-in-four adults in Illinois who search I-Cash find unclaimed property. The average claim is \$1,000. Treasurer Frerichs' office has returned a more than \$1.6 billion in unclaimed property through more than 1.3 million claims during his tenure after he prioritized changes in technology, efficiency and state law to streamline the process, according to a news release from the office.

Algonquin named Tree City USA for 27th consecutive year

The Village of Algonquin has been named a Tree City USA community by the Arbor Day Foundation for its continued commitment to effective urban forest management. This year's recognition marks the 27th consecutive year Algonquin has received the designation.

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service.

To qualify as a Tree City USA community, communities must have a tree board or department, a tree-care ordinance, a community forestry program with annual expenditures of at least \$2 per capita and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

Additional benefits of Tree City USA communities receive through this designation include improved air quality, enhanced storm water management, annual energy savings, increased property values and growth of commercial activity.

Algonquin continues to promote the role of trees and our natural environment in the community in hopes of preserving these resources and improving the quality of life for generations to come.

Information about the Tree City USA designation can be found at www.arborday.org/TreeCityUSA. Readers can also learn more about the Village of Algonquin's urban forestry program online at www.algonquin.org/publicworks.

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Guebert plants 48th crop, last as IFB president

Farmer Richard Guebert Jr. recently began preparations to plant his 48th crop, which will mark the last season of his tenure as Illinois Farm Bureau president.

But he has no plans of slowing down after completing his fifth and final term as the 15th IFB president (2013-23) in December. The Randolph County farmer previously served as IFB vice president from 2003 to 2013.

Guebert credits his wife, Nancy, their son, Kyle, and employees with maintaining the operation over the years as he served IFB members in leadership roles.

“We’ve been very fortunate over the years,” said Guebert, who recently marked 51 years of marriage with Nancy, whom he calls the “mainstay” of the farming operation. “We’re lucky to have the support from family and employees that we’ve had.”

Guebert returned to the family farm after graduating college in May 1974, planted his first crop in 1975, and the couple moved out of the river bottoms onto their current farmstead near Ellis Grove five years later.

“Nancy and I bought our current house in 1980,” Guebert said. “We left Dad’s operation and started farming on our own on April Fool’s Day that year.”

Guebert reflected on some of the early challenges and thrills of operating their own farm during a recent interview with FarmWeek and the RFD Radio Network.

“We bought our first farm in 1980 for \$1,000 an acre plus a house,” he said. “In 1983, the value went down to \$300 an acre and interest rates went from 6% to 6.5% to 18.5% to 19%.”

“It was some pretty lean times, but we made it. We put together a business plan with our banker and stuck to it.”

Fast forward more than 30 years and Guebert still is optimistic about farming this year despite higher input costs, rising interest rates and volatile commodity prices.

He recently applied much of his fertilizer and burndown herbicides prior to planting the 2023 crop.

“I’m very optimistic,” Guebert said. “We’ve had a lot of rainfall and the prices are pretty decent. As long as we get planted in good time and it comes up even and pray for a little rain in July and August, we’ll have a good harvest.”

Guebert plans to grow corn and



Photos by Daniel Grant

Illinois Farm Bureau President Richard Guebert Jr. applies burndown herbicides on his farm near Ellis Grove on a sunny but cool April afternoon. This is his 48th crop, last as IFB president.

“We’ve been very fortunate over the years. We’re lucky to have the support from family and employees that we’ve had.”

Richard Guebert Jr., who recently marked 51 years of marriage with his wife, Nancy



Richard Guebert Jr. and his wife and “mainstay” of the farming operation, Nancy, pose while preparing fields for planting April 24 on their Randolph County farm.

soybeans this year, but he hadn’t planted any corn as of April 24.

“Things have not been ideal for planting, but they have been for spraying,” he said after receiving more than an inch of rain and some frost on the farm. “We haven’t planted any corn [as of April 24], but it doesn’t take long to plant with a 24-row planter.”

Guebert didn’t plant any wheat this season, but noted the crop looks pretty good in his area.

“The wheat generally speaking

looks really good,” he said. “It will be heading soon.”

Richard and Nancy Guebert were both raised on dairy farms. But it wasn’t until spending time together in 4-H that they really hit it off.

“I think we met in 4-H. We started dating when I was a freshman in high school and he was a junior. He asked me to the junior/senior prom and we’ve been together ever since.”

Nancy said.

She worked evenings and nights in the medical transcriptions field from home for years so she could still help on the farm during the day. She mostly works on the farm as a “runner,” grabbing parts and delivering meals, but also operates a combine or tractor when needed.

“You have to have faith and put everything in God’s hands and know everything will turn out all right,” Nancy said.

She’s compiled a bit of a to-do list for Rich once his final term as IFB president ends and hopes the couple can also spend some more time traveling and visiting relatives in upcoming years.

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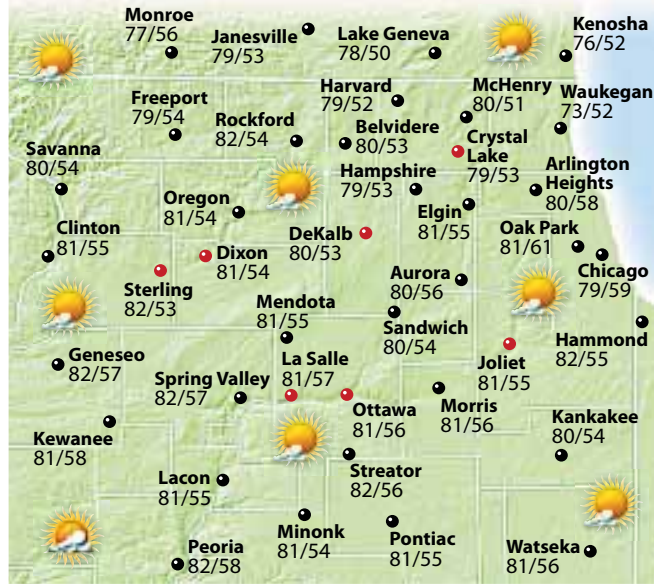
SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR NORTHERN ILLINOIS



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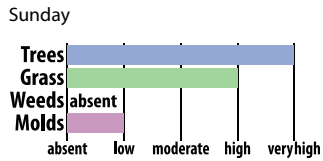
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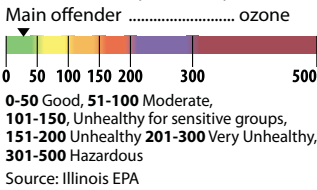
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Pollen Count



Source: National Allergy Bureau

Air Quality Today



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Data through 2 p.m. Sunday

TEMPERATURE	CHICAGO	DEKALB	PERU
High/low	78/54	75/50	75/48
Normal high	72/52	72/51	74/51
Record high	92 - 1977	89 - 1972	90 - 1972
Record low	31 - 2002	31 - 2002	34 - 2002
PRECIPITATION	CHICAGO	DEKALB	PERU
Sunday*	0.00"	0.00"	0.00"
Month to date	0.42"	0.74"	3.78"
Normal m-t-d	3.11"	3.28"	3.07"
Year to date	12.67"	10.92"	11.90"
Normal y-t-d	13.27"	12.48"	12.70"

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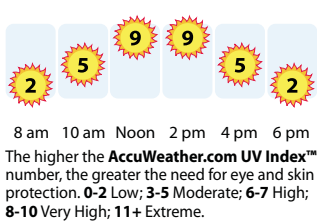
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CHICAGO	West at 10 mph	435.21
DEKALB	West-southwest at 12 mph	7.48
PERU	West at 6 mph	-

* - 24 hours through 2 p.m.

Weather History

On May 22, 1804, a tornado ripped through New Brunswick, N.J. A hotel, two barns and three houses were destroyed.

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Area Waterways

Fld: flood stage. Prs: stage in feet at 7 a.m. Sunday. Chg: change in previous 24 hours.

River/Station	Fld	Prs	Chg
Des Plaines River			
near Gurnee	7	2.06	-0.04
Joliet	541	539.09	+0.31
near Lemont	10	5.79	-0.02
Lincolnshire	12.5	6.76	-0.03
Lyons	16	9.98	-0.08
River Forest	16	3.56	-0.06
Riverside	7.5	2.01	-0.10
near Russell	7	2.41	-0.03
Fox River			
Algonquin	3	1.57	+0.02
Burlington, WI	11	*	*
Fox Lake	--	4.14	+0.02
McHenry	4	1.13	+0.02
Montgomery	13	11.30	+0.01
New Munster, WI	11	6.22	-0.04
Nippersink Lake	--	4.10	+0.01
Waukesha	13	3.03	-0.03
Illinois River			
Beardstown	14	11.70	-0.70
Chillicothe	--	435.21	-0.08
Copperas Creek	--	7.48	-0.39
Hardin	25	23.59	-0.37
near Havana	14	9.80	-0.50
near Henry	23	15.00	-0.20
Kingston Mines	--	7.67	-0.29
LaGrange L&D	23	16.20	-0.60
near La Salle	20	12.10	-0.30
Marseilles	17	11.33	-0.39
Marseilles L&D	--	459.16	-0.22
Meredosia	17	10.93	-0.62
Morris	13	5.20	-0.30
Ottawa	463	459.43	-0.16
Peoria	18	12.00	+0.10
Peoria L&D	447	440.00	-0.08
Seneca	26	20.78	-0.09
Starved Rock	450	441.89	-0.50
Valley City	14	9.63	-0.56

Regional Cities

City	Today			Tuesday		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Aurora	80	56	s	82	57	s
Bloomington	81	57	s	84	61	s
Carbondale	81	55	s	82	60	pc
Champaign	83	57	s	84	58	s
Chicago	79	59	s	83	58	s
Crystal Lake	79	53	s	82	53	s
Deerfield	77	57	s	80	54	s
DeKalb	80	53	s	83	59	s
Elmhurst	81	60	s	85	57	s
Gary	77	54	s	81	55	s
Hammond	82	55	s	83	57	s
Kankakee	80	54	s	83	59	s
Kenosha	76	52	s	81	55	s
La Salle	81	57	s	84	60	s
Michigan City	73	59	s	78	57	s
Naperville	80	56	s	84	58	s
Ottawa	81	56	s	84	59	s
Peoria	82	58	pc	86	60	s
Pontiac	81	55	s	85	57	s
Rockford	82	54	s	83	59	s
Rock Island	83	56	pc	86	58	s
Springfield	81	56	s	83	59	s
Tinley Park	81	59	s	85	58	s
Waukegan	73	52	s	78	53	s

National Cities

City	Today			Tuesday		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Anchorage	57	45	s	55	44	sh
Baltimore	83	57	pc	76	54	pc
Boston	62	51	s	64	51	s
Charlotte	81	60	pc	78	57	pc
Dallas	84	65	pc	83	64	pc
Honolulu	87	74	sh	86	75	c
Houston	87	66	s	90	69	pc
Las Vegas	96	76	c	97	74	s
Milwaukee	72	55	pc	78	50	s
New Orleans	86	72	pc	87	70	t
Orlando	86	71	r	83	70	r
Philadelphia	81	55	pc	75	53	pc
Phoenix	101	74	s	101	74	s
Portland, OR	69	49	c	69	51	c
St. Louis	83	61	s	84	64	s
Salt Lake City	87	63	t	81	60	t

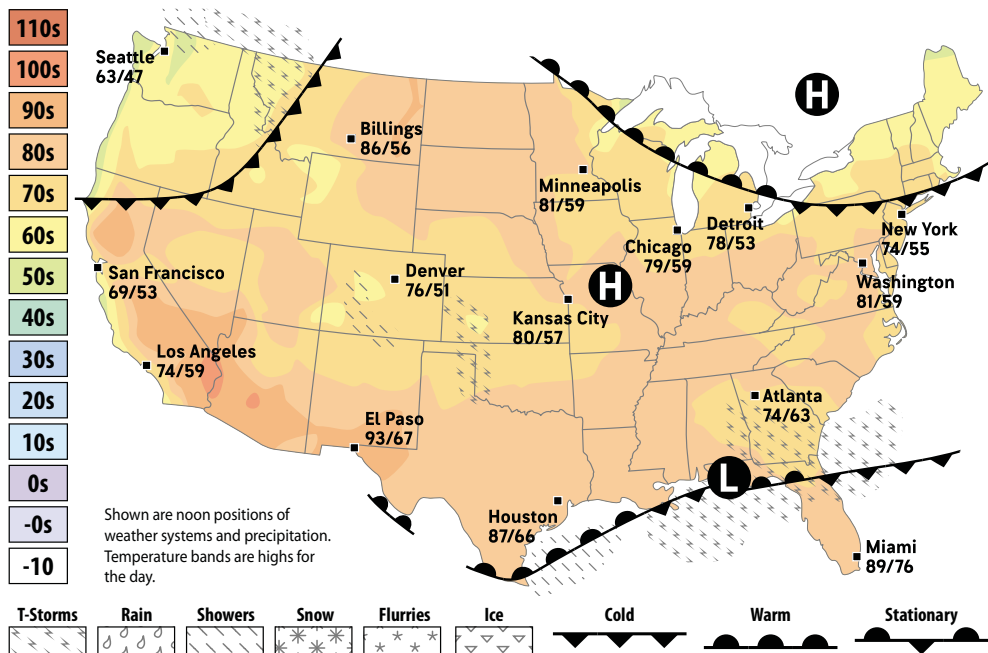
Weather (W): s - sunny, pc - partly cloudy, c - cloudy, sh - showers, t - thunderstorms, r - rain, sf - snow flurries, sn - snow, i - ice.

Sun And Moon

	Today	Tuesday
Sunrise	5:32 a.m.	5:31 a.m.
Sunset	8:15 p.m.	8:16 p.m.
Moonrise	7:28 a.m.	8:24 a.m.
Moonset	11:42 p.m.	none

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	May 27	Jun 3	Jun 10	Jun 17

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GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD: IHSA STATE MEET

Spectacular Huntley soars to 3A title

Red Raiders take 1st in 3 events; PR's Lydon adds 4 medals to career total

By **JOE STEVENSON**
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CHARLESTON – Huntley came to Eastern Illinois University's O'Brien Stadium yearning to accomplish something spectacular.

The Red Raiders, poised and hungry, achieved everything they wanted – including a team title.

"It's insane," junior sprinter K'Leigh Saenz said. "It is such a memorable moment, probably life-changing. It's such a huge accomplishment as individuals and as a team to experience this. I know we all worked really hard for it. It's such a nice reward at the end of everything we worked for."

Huntley came through with three event titles and top performances across the board to win the Class 3A team championship at the IHSA Girls Track and Field State Meet on Saturday. The Raiders join the 2019 Class 4A softball team as the only team champs in school history.

"They did everything they needed to do these last two days," Raiders coach Jason Monson said. "They were focused. It's been the goal from the get-go this season and they never took their eyes off of that. I'm incredibly proud of them and our coaching staff. This is historic. The number of people reaching out via text and Twitter has been pretty cool."

Led by state champions Ally Panzl-off (discus), Alex Johnson (long jump) and Dominique Johnson (triple jump), Huntley scored 62½ points for first. Prospect (52) was second, Chicago Kenwood (45) was third, and Prairie Ridge and Neuqua Valley (42) tied for fourth.

Huntley's state championship is the first team state trophy in the McHenry County area for girls track.

Prairie Ridge tied for fourth with two athletes – Rylee Lydon and Rachel Soukup – doing its scoring. Lydon finished her outstanding career with high jump title, runner-up finishes in the long jump and 400 meters, and a fourth place in the 100 high hurdles.

Soukup was second in the 3,200 meters and took eighth in the 1,600. Soukup closed a sizable gap on Glen-



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Huntley's Alex Johnson competes in the triple jump finals during the IHSA Class 3A Girls Track and Field State Meet on Saturday at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston.

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K'Leigh Saenz, Huntley junior

bard North's Grace Schager and almost caught her. Schager won in 10:15.81, Soukup was second in 10:16.61 and looked as if she would have won if the race had been 20 meters longer.

Alex Johnson won the long jump for a third consecutive year, but Dominique, her sophomore sister, beat her for the triple jump title by 3 inches. Those two, along with Saenz and Vicky Evtimov, took second in the 4x100 relay and third in the 4x200 relay.

Breanna Burak picked up five points in the 3,200 for the Raiders, and Dominique Johnson tied for fifth in the long jump.

"I'm so proud of our 4x100. We ran really well, and it was a good race," said Alex Johnson, a senior headed to Arizona State. "I wish I would have done a little better in triple jump, but my sister won and I got second, so I can't complain too much."

Dominique Johnson called her triple jump win bittersweet. She jumped 12.35 meters and Alex jumped 12.27 for second. Both jumped those distances in Friday's preliminaries.

"I was mostly really hyped after my relays," Dominique Johnson said. "I was really loose and had a lot of adrenaline. I knew I was about to get a good jump. I just focused."

"I know she really wanted to win. I know it's her senior year. It was sad seeing she didn't win. That was my main goal this entire season to win triple jump."

Panzloff launched her winning dis-

cus throw on her first attempt Friday, 48.73 meters, the fourth-longest throw in state meet history and her career best by 15 feet.

"I felt faster than normal, but I didn't look at the throw," said Panzl-off, who will play volleyball at NCAA Division I Brown University. "I walked out and my coaches are cheerin, and I had no clue. They asked if I saw it coming, and I didn't see it period."

"I'm so excited [for the team]. My whole high school career I've wanted to win a state championship, and I thought it would be in volleyball. I'm so happy to do it with this group of people. They are the nicest people, and they are so talented."

The state meet marked the end of the high school careers of two of the best athletes to ever come out of McHenry County in Alex Johnson and Lydon, both of whom finish with nine state medals.

Lydon will compete at Texas A&M

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Photos by Patrick Kunzer for Shaw Local News Network

TOP LEFT: Richmond-Burton's girls soccer team celebrates a win against Willows Academy in the Class 1A Richmond-Burton Sectional championship match Friday in Richmond. **TOP RIGHT:** Richmond-Burton's Layne Frericks (left) battles Willows Academy's Veronica Presberg on Friday in Richmond. **MIDDLE LEFT:** Richmond-Burton's softball team celebrates a win over Regina Dominican in the Class 2A Richmond-Burton Regional championship game Friday in Richmond. **ABOVE:** Richmond-Burton's Adriana Portera makes contact against Regina Dominican on Friday in Richmond. **LEFT:** Richmond-Burton's Margaret Slove (right) battles for the ball against Willows Academy's Julia Lechner on Friday in Richmond.

PR's Tucker, Palese win doubles title at 1A tennis sectional

Klosowicz blasts 2 homers for Johnsburg softball in Class 2A regional final win

Shaw Local News Network

Prairie Ridge's Jaylan Tucker and Cole Palese teamed up to win the doubles championship Saturday at the Class 1A Boys Tennis Lakes Sectional to advance to next weekend's state meet.

Tucker and Palese defeated Grayslake Central's Vlad Miziuk and Anthony Shultis 6-0, 6-1 to win the title. They will be joined at state by teammate Jacob Kim, who finished third in singles. Crystal Lake Central's Logan Wasilk finished fourth to also advance.

The top four finishers in singles and doubles competition each move on to the state meet. Central's Kento Ono and Brandon Oconer took third, and Crystal Lake South's Aaron Koh and Jack Dacy finished fourth.

Class 1A Belvidere North Sectional: At Belvidere, Woodstock's Marc Cheng advanced to state with a second-place effort in singles. Cheng lost to Rockford Lutheran's Ben Temple 6-4, 6-3 in the sectional title match.

The Woodstock doubles team of Vince Perez and Liam Hanson also took

second to secure a spot at state.

Class 2A Cary-Grove Sectional: At Cary, Barrington dominated the team standings with the top two spots in both singles and doubles competition all going to Broncos, who compiled 28 points for the team title.

Cary-Grove's Bryce Shechtman finished third in singles, while Jacobs' August Nelson and Soham Kalra took third in doubles to advance to state.

Class 2A Harlem Sectional: At Machesney Park, Huntley captured the top spots in both singles and doubles competition to win the team title with 16 points, three points ahead of second-place finisher Hononegah.

Will Geske defeated Auburn's Shrankumar Kamaraj 3-6, 6-4, 6-3 to claim the top spot in singles. Ben Hein and Jonathon Stec teamed up to take the doubles title 3-6, 6-4, 6-3 against Auburn's Austin Altangerel and Armaan Farokhi.

Hampshire's Braden Koffen also advanced to state with a fourth-place effort in singles play.

SOFTBALL

Johnsburg 3, Sandwich 2 (8 inn.): At Johnsburg, Brooke Klosowicz hit two solo homers – including the go-ahead blast in the top of the eighth inning – to help the Skyhawks win the Class 2A

Johnsburg Regional championship.

Ella Smith also homered for Johnsburg (12-12), which will play Marengo in a Stillman Valley Sectional semifinal at 6 p.m. Tuesday.

Joree Tibbs picked up the win, going all eight innings for the Skyhawks. She allowed two runs on four hits, striking out three and walking two.

BOYS LACROSSE

Prairie Ridge 14, Wauconda 4: At Crystal Lake, the Wolves took down Wauconda in their first game of the Grayslake North Sectional. Prairie Ridge advances to play Hampshire at 5 p.m. Monday in a sectional quarterfinal at Hampshire.

BASEBALL

Cary-Grove 10-9, Lake Forest 1-1: At Cary, the Trojans piled up 19 runs during a nonconference doubleheader sweep.

Dane Schuster went 2 for 4 with three RBIs and two runs scored in the opener, Vincent Lutz had two hits and two RBIs, and Brendan Carter drove in a pair. Starter Ethan Dorchie struck out three over five innings and allowed one unearned run on three hits.

C-G jumped on top early in Game 2 with five runs in the first inning. Hayden Dieschbourg knocked in three runs, Keenan Krysh had a pair of RBIs, and Alex Kashmier collected two hits.

Crystal Lake South 18, Lakes 2 (5 inn.): At Lake Villa, the Gators scored five times in the first inning and finished with 18 runs on 18 hits and two walks.

South had 10 players credited with at least one RBI. Dayton Murphy went 3 for 5 with three runs scored and two RBIs. Yandel Ramirez and Colin Schock each drove in a pair.

Antioch 4, Huntley 3: At Huntley, Michael Dabe launched a solo home run, but the Red Raiders fell in nonconference action. Joey Garlin and AJ Puttery drove in one run apiece.

Burlington Central 10-3, Normal West 2-5: At Illinois State University in Normal, the Rockets split a nonconference doubleheader.

Central pounded out 17 hits in Game 1, including a 4-for-4 effort from AJ Payton, who drove in three runs. Brady Gilroy was 3 for 5 with two RBIs and three runs scored, Mitchell Pedrigi had three hits and two runs scored, and Braden Lowitzki drove in a pair.

Starter Matt Kowalik tossed a complete game, allowing two runs (zero earned) on eight hits and two walks with two strikeouts.

The Rockets jumped out to a 3-0 lead in Game 2, but Normal West scored five unanswered to salvage the split. Central's Mason Rosborough was credited with an RBI in the loss.

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in the heptathlon, which is comprised of the 100 high hurdles, 200, 800, shot put, long jump, high jump and javelin throw. She defended her high jump title with a 1.75 jump, her career best. Normal Community's Allison Ince edged her out in the 400, 55.18-55.28.

"I wish the long jump would have gone a little better, but I ended up second behind Alex Johnson, so I'm pretty proud of that," Lydon said. "In the high jump, I felt really well somehow, after rushing back after the hurdles.

"The 400, I wish I'd have gotten the win, but that was a PR for me, and Allison Ince is an absolute stud, so I'm happy about that. I'm very proud of my day and my finish."

Also in Class 3A, McHenry's Alyssa Moore took sixth in the 800, Hampshire's Hailey Caraway was eighth in high jump, and Crystal Lake South's Bella Gonzalez was ninth in the 3,200.

In Class 2A, Burlington Central's Paige Greenhagel grabbed medals in the long jump (third), 400 (eighth) and high jump (ninth). She will attend D-I Liberty and compete as a

heptathlete.

"I was very happy getting to finals in three events," Greenhagel said. "That's a big accomplishment. I definitely wish I would have done better in high jump and 400, but I'm very grateful to be in this position and be given the opportunity."

Also in Class 2A, Richmond-Burton's Angelina Gersch took third in the triple jump and eighth in the 300 hurdles. Burlington Central's Tia Brennan took sixth in pole vault. Woodstock's Hallie Steponaitis was seventh in high jump, and Keira Bogott was ninth in the 800. Woodstock North's Ashley Janeczko was ninth in the shot put.

Gersch was thrilled with her triple jump effort Saturday, moving from 11.13 (36-0) to 11.27 (36-11 $\frac{3}{4}$), although it did not improve her place.

"That's what I was hoping for, 37-0, 11.33, but I'll take it. I broke my own school record," Gersch said. "My coach told me to keep up my speed, so I was focusing on keeping my speed up through all three phases and then really getting up as far as I can and getting my feet in front on the last phase, and it worked out.

"I'm really grateful for this opportunity, and I was hoping to end it on a good note."



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Prairie Ridge's Rylee Lydon competes in the high jump finals during the IHSA Class 3A Girls Track and Field State Meet on Saturday at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston.

PREP SOFTBALL - CLASS 2A OREGON REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP: MARENGO 8, OREGON 3

Marengo tops Oregon for Class 2A regional title

By ALEX KANTECKI
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OREGON – Marengo pitcher Lilly Kunzer struck out the side in the top of the first inning and led off the bottom half with a solid single to center field.

It was the start of a big game for the Indians' junior, who struck out 13 and posted hits in her first three at-bats.

Backed by nine hits from her offense, Kunzer and top-seeded Marengo went on to beat No. 6-seeded Oregon 8-3 on Saturday in a Class 2A Oregon Regional championship.

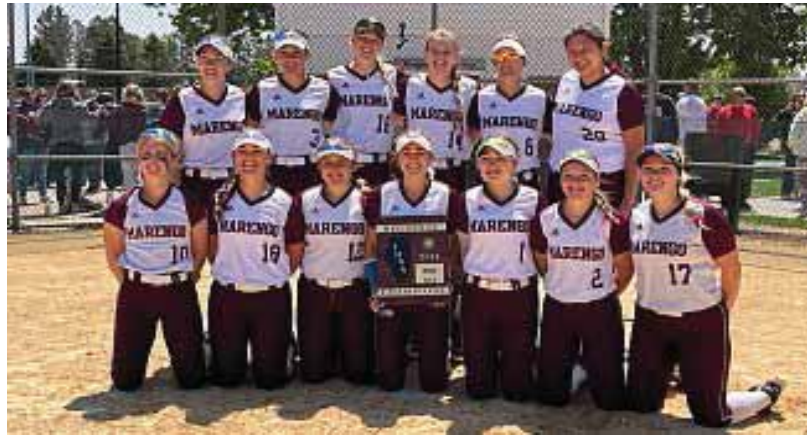
The Indians (29-3) now have won 15 regional titles in the past 16 seasons.

Marengo can reach 30 wins for the first time since 2017 – when the Indians finished 35-6 and won the Class 3A state championship – with a win against Johnsburg in a Stillman Valley Sectional semifinal at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Kunzer said the entire team was fired up Saturday.

"I came out here with a lot of energy, and it honestly felt like home-field advantage," said Kunzer, who went 3 for 4 with a double and two RBIs. "I came out with a lot of fire. You just want to go after every batter. Every pitch is a new pitch. Anything can happen."

With the Indians up 7-0, Oregon's Ella Dannhorn led off the top of the sixth with a solo homer to center field. Abi Fletcher later came up with a two-run



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Marengo celebrates an 8-3 win against Oregon in the Class 2A Oregon Regional championship Saturday in Oregon.

single to drive in Gracen Pitts and Laila Anderson with two outs, but that was all of the damage against Kunzer.

Kunzer ended up allowing three runs, all in the sixth, on six hits. She had 13 strikeouts and walked two.

After Emily White added an insurance run in the sixth with an RBI double to score pinch-runner Elizabeth White, Kunzer retired the Hawks 1-2-3 in the seventh with catcher Kylee Jensen making a nice grab in foul territory for the last out.

Kunzer has provided the Indians with a big arm and big bat all year.

She took over as Marengo's primary leadoff hitter after center fielder Maddy Christopher suffered an injury to her hand. Christopher still is able to pinch run and scored two runs after Kunzer picked up hits in the first and third innings on Saturday.

"She hasn't let us down at all since we put her there," Indians assistant coach Rob Jasinski said of Kunzer batting leadoff. "She can hit a ground ball, she can hit a fly ball, and she can hit home runs, so it's a lot of fun."

Oregon coach Nate Rogers said his team's plan was to drive up the pitch

count against Kunzer, who threw 116 pitches (80 for strikes).

"She was attacking early, going right at us, so we made it a goal to get after her early in the count," Rogers said. "I think she was the best pitcher we faced all year. I thought we did get to her a little bit late, but we just gave up too many."

Marengo scored single runs in the first and third innings and scored three runs on three hits in the bottom of the fourth, with Kunzer providing a two-run single to score Marissa Young and AJ Pollnow (2 for 3, RBI). In the fifth, senior right fielder Mia Lulinski pounded a no-doubt, two-run homer over the center field fence to score Gabby Christopher, who doubled, for a 7-0 lead.

Lulinski's bat recently broke, but she continues to use it over the Easton GHOST bats that many of her teammates opt for.

"My bat's a little dead inside, so that one felt nice," Lulinski said. "It's my good luck charm. I've had it since eighth grade."

Marengo will try to win its first sectional title since 2019. The Indians dropped their sectional semifinal last year to Stillman Valley 6-5.

"We're so excited to keep playing," Kunzer said. "We have big goals for this season. Last year at this point, we kind of let ourselves down, so I think we're all motivated."

PREP BASEBALL - CLASS 2A JOHNSBURG REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP: MARENGO 3, RICHMOND-BURTON 2

Bergbreiter's walk-off lifts Marengo past R-B for regional crown

By TIM FROELIG
Shaw Local News Network correspondent

JOHNSBURG – Marengo sophomore and No. 9 hitter Alten Bergbreiter's top priority this spring had been to his school's track team.

But on days when there wasn't a meet or an important postseason event, he spent his time with the baseball team practicing.

It significantly limited his number of at-bats, but he had been showing signs of progress of late. That was the case Saturday against Richmond-Burton in the Class 2A Johnsburg Regional championship.

Bergbreiter, who bats left-handed, was 0 for 2 before stepping into the batter's box with one out in the bottom of the seventh and the potential winning run on third.

He was looking for a first-pitch fastball – got one – and walked the game off with an RBI single to center, giving second-seeded Marengo (21-7) a thrill-

ing 3-2 victory over its Kishwaukee River Conference rival.

It was the first regional title for the Indians since 2005, ending an 18-year drought.

Marengo advances to face top-seeded Rockford Christian in a Stillman Valley Sectional semifinal at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Moments after touching first base, Bergbreiter turned around, then saw a flood of black Marengo jerseys racing toward him from the third base dugout.

He was mobbed by teammates and then thrust into the middle of a rowdy postgame infield celebration in heroic fashion.

"When I realized what I'd just done and the adrenaline kicked in, my body temperature felt like it just raised 35 degrees," Bergbreiter said. "It's an



Alten Bergbreiter

insane feeling. Definitely the biggest hit of my life.

"It seemed like I was the only one getting first-pitch fastball every [at-bat], so I wanted to make sure I was ready," Bergbreiter said. "A lot of teams go right at guys at the bottom of the order with heaters."

Although some players take hitting at the bottom of the order personally, Bergbreiter is not one of them.

"I love it. I told coach [Nick] Naranjo, keep me at No. 9," Bergbreiter said. "I don't look at myself as your typical No. 9 hitter. Just better pitches for me to see."

Indians starting pitcher junior Andrew Johnson allowed the No. 5-seeded Rockets (15-13) to score first in the top of the first inning.

A two-out RBI single by R-B cleanup hitter and catcher Riley Spears (2 for 3, 2 RBI) opened the scoring.

Marengo countered with two runs of its own in the bottom half, getting RBI singles from right fielder Cody Stallings and third baseman David Lopez.

But Johnson (7 IP, 2 R, 7H, 0 BB 0 K) allowed only three baserunners to make it past first base after the first inning, routinely pitching to contact and inducing 12 ground ball outs in the game.

Johnson allowed Spears to tie the game 2-all in the top of the fourth on his second RBI single. Then he retired 11 of the final 13 batters he faced.

"The first half of the game, my goal was to throw a lot of first-pitch fastballs for strikes, to get ahead early," Johnson said. "After that, my goal was keeping them guessing and off balance. I started mixing it up more, throwing changeups and breaking stuff earlier, pitching backward more."

Rockets starting pitcher Ryan Junge (7 IP, 3 R, 7H, BB, 6K) also was working rapidly and efficiently.

"Ryan battled out there and kept us in the game," Rockets coach Mike Giese said. "Even when Marengo scored twice in the first inning, two of their hits were infield hits. He didn't make very many mistakes at all."

SPORTS BRIEFS

Robert, Lynn star as White Sox beat Royals for series sweep

CHICAGO – Luis Robert Jr. homered, Lance Lynn pitched six effective innings, and the White Sox beat the Kansas City Royals 5-2 Sunday for a three-game series sweep.

Romy González went 3 for 3 with two RBIs as the Sox won for the fifth time in six games. The Sox also improved to 12-8 since a 10-game slide.

Lynn allowed two runs and four hits in his second straight win. Michael Massey hit a two-run homer for Kansas City, which finished with four hits.

Stott's pinch HR, Kimbrel's 399th save lead Phillies over Cubs 2-1

PHILADELPHIA – Bryson Stott hit his first career pinch home run, a two-run drive in the seventh inning that led the Philadelphia Phillies over the Cubs 2-1 Sunday. After extending their losing streak to five in the series opener, the defending NL champions won the final two games of the set. Taijuan Walker pitched 5 2/3 scoreless innings on three days' rest, and Craig Kimbrel got his 399th save, moving within one of becoming the eighth pitcher with 400.

The Cubs, who got a homer from Christopher Morel in the ninth, headed to a nine-game homestand after a 2-7 trip.

Koepka delivers another major performance to win PGA

PITTSFORD, N.Y. – Brooks Koepka is a major champion again.

Gone are those injuries that led to doubt whether he still was part of golf's elite. Koepka won the PGA Championship at Oak Hill by closing with a 67 Sunday and winning by two shots over Scottie Scheffler and Viktor Hovland.

He now has won the PGA Championship three times. And it was his fifth major title. Only 14 players have won more.

It was the first major by a LIV Golf player since the Saudi-funded league began almost a year ago.

California club pro Michael Block made an ace and tied for 15th.

Koepka is in pretty heady company just about everywhere he looks. His five majors are as many as Seve Ballesteros and Byron Nelson. Among active players, only Woods (15) and Phil Mickelson (6) have more.

Heat roll past Celtics in Miami, take 3-0 lead in East finals

MIAMI – Gabe Vincent scored a career-high 29 points, Duncan Robinson added 22, and the eighth-seeded Miami

Heat are now one win from the NBA Finals after rolling past the Boston Celtics 128-102 on Sunday night in Game 3 of the Eastern Conference finals.

Caleb Martin scored 18, Jimmy Butler finished with 16, Bam Adebayo had 13 and Max Strus added 10 for Miami, which leads the series 3-0.

Jayson Tatum scored 14 and Jaylen Brown added 12 for the Celtics.

Game 4 is Tuesday in Miami.

Stephenson's OT goal gives Vegas 2-0 lead over Dallas

LAS VEGAS – Chandler Stephenson jumped on a rebound 1:12 into overtime and hit the back of the net to complete a rally and give the Vegas Golden Knights a 3-2 victory over the Dallas Stars on Sunday and a 2-0 lead in the NHL's Western Conference Final.

Jonathan Marchessault forced overtime with a shot from the slot with 2:22 left in the third period.

Palou's record run gives Ganassi 3rd straight Indy 500 pole

INDIANAPOLIS – Alex Palou will lead the field to green in the Indianapolis 500 after the young Spaniard put together the fastest four-lap pole run in history Sunday. He edged Rinus VeeKay and Felix Rosenqvist and gave Chip Ganassi Racing its third pole in a row.

Palou whipped four laps around the historic 2.5-mile speedway at an average of 234.217 mph. That was a mere 0.007 mph faster than VeeKay, who still gave Ed Carpenter Racing a front-row starting spot for the ninth time in the past 11 years.

Palou surpassed the record pole run of 234.046 mph that Ganassi teammate Scott Dixon put up last year. It also was the second-fastest qualifying effort, trailing only Arie Luyendyk's 236.986, which he set the day after pole qualifying in 1996.

Larson wins 3rd NASCAR All-Star race, takes home \$1 million

NORTH WILKESBORO, N.C. – Kyle Larson turned in a dominating effort Sunday night to win his third All-Star race and earn \$1 million in the Cup Series' return to North Wilkesboro Speedway after a 27-year absence.

Larson became only the fourth driver to win the All-Star race at least three times. Jimmie Johnson has the most with four victories, while Larson, Jeff Gordon and Dale Earnhardt have three.

Bubba Wallace finished second in the 200-lap non-points exhibition race.

– The Associated Press

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	25	22	.532	—
Detroit	20	24	.455	3½
Cleveland	20	26	.435	4½
White Sox	19	29	.396	6½
Kansas City	14	34	.292	11½

East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay	34	14	.708	—
Baltimore	31	16	.660	2½
New York	29	20	.592	5½
Boston	26	21	.553	7½
Toronto	25	22	.532	8½

West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	29	17	.630	—
Houston	27	19	.587	2
Los Angeles	25	23	.521	5
Seattle	22	24	.478	7
Oakland	10	38	.208	20

Sunday's Results

White Sox 5, Kansas City 2
N.Y. Yankees 4, Cincinnati 1
Atlanta 3, Seattle 2
N.Y. Mets 5, Cleveland 4, 1st game
Milwaukee 6, Tampa Bay 4
Washington 6, Detroit 4
Houston 2, Oakland 0
Baltimore 8, Toronto 3, 11 innings
Texas 13, Colorado 3
L.A. Angels 4, Minnesota 2
San Diego 7, Boston 0
N.Y. Mets 2, Cleveland 1, 2nd game

Monday's Games

White Sox (TBD) at Cleveland (Gaddis 0-1), 5:10 p.m.
Texas (Dunning 4-0) at Pittsburgh (Ortiz 0-2), 5:35 p.m.
Toronto (Bassitt 5-2) at Tampa Bay (Kelley 0-1), 5:40 p.m.
Detroit (Lorenzen 2-2) at Kansas City (Singer 3-4), 6:40 p.m.
Houston (Javier 4-1) at Milwaukee (Burnes 4-3), 6:40 p.m.
San Francisco (Cobb 3-1) at Minnesota (Ober 3-0), 6:40 p.m.
Boston (Houck 3-3) at L.A. Angels (Siseth 0-1), 8:38 p.m.
Oakland (Muller 1-3) at Seattle (Castillo 2-2), 8:40 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

White Sox at Cleveland, 5:10 p.m.
Texas at Pittsburgh, 5:35 p.m.
Toronto at Tampa Bay, 5:40 p.m.
Baltimore at N.Y. Yankees, 6:05 p.m.
Detroit at Milwaukee, 6:40 p.m.
Houston at Milwaukee, 6:40 p.m.
San Francisco at Minnesota, 6:40 p.m.
Boston at L.A. Angels, 8:38 p.m.
Oakland at Seattle, 8:40 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	25	21	.543	—
Pittsburgh	24	22	.522	1
St. Louis	21	27	.438	5
Cubs	20	26	.435	5
Cincinnati	19	27	.413	6

East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	29	17	.630	—
New York	25	23	.521	5
Miami	24	23	.511	5½
Philadelphia	22	24	.478	7
Washington	20	27	.426	9½

West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	29	19	.604	—
Arizona	27	20	.574	1½
San Francisco	22	24	.478	6
San Diego	21	26	.447	7½
Colorado	19	28	.404	9½

Sunday's Games

Philadelphia 2, **Cubs** 1
N.Y. Yankees 4, Cincinnati 1
Atlanta 3, Seattle 2
N.Y. Mets 5, Cleveland 4, 1st game
Milwaukee 6, Tampa Bay 4
Washington 6, Detroit 4
Arizona 8, Pittsburgh 3
St. Louis 10, L.A. Dodgers 5
Texas 13, Colorado 3
San Francisco 7, Miami 5
San Diego 7, Boston 0
N.Y. Mets 2, Cleveland 1, 2nd game

Monday's Games

Texas (Dunning 4-0) at Pittsburgh (Ortiz 0-2), 5:35 p.m.
Arizona (Henry 1-1) at Philadelphia (Wheeler 3-3), 5:40 p.m.
St. Louis (Montgomery 2-6) at Cincinnati (Williamson 0-0), 5:40 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Stone 0-0) at Atlanta (Morton 5-3), 6:20 p.m.
Houston (Javier 4-1) at Milwaukee (Burnes 4-3), 6:40 p.m.
San Francisco (Cobb 3-1) at Minnesota (Ober 3-0), 6:40 p.m.
Miami (Cabrera 3-3) at Colorado (Anderson 0-0), 7:40 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

N.Y. Mets at **Cubs**, 6:40 p.m.
Texas at Pittsburgh, 5:35 p.m.
Arizona at Philadelphia, 5:40 p.m.
St. Louis at Cincinnati, 5:40 p.m.
San Diego at Washington, 6:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at Atlanta, 6:20 p.m.
Houston at Milwaukee, 6:40 p.m.
San Francisco at Minnesota, 6:40 p.m.
Miami at Colorado, 7:40 p.m.

3-GAME PLANNER



Tuesday: vs. New York Mets, 6:40 p.m., Marquee
Wednesday: vs. New York Mets, 6:40 p.m., Marquee
Thursday: vs. New York Mets, 6:40 p.m., Marquee



Monday: at Cleveland Guardians, 5:10 p.m., NBCSCH
Tuesday: at Cleveland Guardians, 5:10 p.m., NBCSCH
Wednesday: at Cleveland Guardians, 12:10 p.m., NBCSCH

BASKETBALL

NBA PLAYOFFS CONFERENCE FINALS (Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Miami 3, Boston 0
Friday: Miami 111, Boston 105
Sunday: Miami 128, Boston 102
Tuesday: Boston at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
x-Thursday: Miami at Boston, TBA
x-Saturday: Boston at Miami, TBA
x-Monday, May 29: Miami at Boston, TBA

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Denver 3, L.A. Lakers 0
Saturday: Denver 119 L.A. Lakers 108
Monday: Denver at L.A. Lakers, 7:30 p.m.
x-Wednesday: L.A. Lakers at Denver, TBA
x-Friday: Denver at L.A. Lakers, TBA
x-Sunday, May 28: L.A. Lakers at Denver, TBA

WNBA EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Sky	2	0	1.000	—
Connecticut	2	0	1.000	—
New York	1	1	.500	1
Washington	1	1	.500	1
Atlanta	0	1	.000	1½
Indiana	0	2	.000	2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Las Vegas	1	0	1.000	—
Los Angeles	1	0	1.000	—
Dallas	1	0	1.000	—
Seattle	0	1	.000	1
Phoenix	0	2	.000	1½
Minnesota	0	1	.000	1

Sunday's Results

Sky 75, Phoenix 69
Connecticut 80, Washington 74
New York 90, Indiana 73
Monday's Games
No games scheduled.
Tuesday's Games
Connecticut at Washington, 6 p.m.
Atlanta at Minnesota, 7 p.m.

NHL

PLAYOFFS CONFERENCE FINALS (Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Florida 2, Carolina 0
Saturday: Florida 2, Carolina 1, OT
Monday: Carolina at Florida, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Carolina at Florida, 7 p.m.
x-Friday: Florida at Carolina, TBA
x-Sunday, May 28: Carolina at Florida, TBA
WESTERN CONFERENCE
Vegas 2, Dallas 0
Friday: Vegas 4, Dallas 3, OT
Sunday: Vegas 3, Dallas 2, OT
Tuesday: Vegas at Dallas, 7 p.m.
Thursday: Vegas at Dallas, 7 p.m.
x-Saturday: Dallas at Vegas, TBA
x-Monday, May 29: Vegas at Dallas, TBA
x-Wednesday, May 31: Dallas at Vegas, TBA

GOLF

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Sunday
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Final Round

\$3,150,000	Brooks Koepka	72-66-66-67	-271	-9
\$1,540,000	Viktor Hovland	68-67-70-68	-273	-7
\$720,000	Scottie Scheffler	67-68-73-65	-273	-7
\$200,000	Cameron Davis	71-70-71-65	-277	-3
	Kurt Kitayama	70-71-71-65	-277	-3
	Bryson DeChambeau	66-71-70-70	-277	-3
\$55,000	Rory McIlroy	71-69-69-69	-278	-2
	Sepp Straka	69-71-73-65	-278	-2
\$45,000	Patrick Cantlay	74-67-72-66	-279	-1
	Justin Rose, England	69-70-69-71	-279	-1
	Cameron Smith	72-72-70-65	-279	-1
\$35,000	Corey Conners	67-68-70-75	-280	E
	Shane Lowry	73-67-71-69	-280	E
	Victor Perez	70-72-69-69	-280	E
\$28,333	Eric Cole	67-74-70-70	-281	+1
	Tyrrell Hatton	77-68-69-67	-281	+1
	Michael Block	70-70-70-71	-281	+1
\$21,400	Tommy Fleetwood	72-71-68-71	-282	+2
	Xander Schauffele	73-72-70-68	-282	+2
	Min Woo Lee	73-67-71-71	-282	+2
	Mito Pereira	72-69-74-67	-282	+2
	Patrick Reed	72-71-69-70	-282	+2
\$165,000	Matthew NeSmith	70-70-74-69	-283	+3
	Alex Smalley	73-72-70-68	-283	+3
	Ryan Fox	68-73-71-71	-283	+3
\$135,000	Hayden Buckley	69-74-71-70	-284	+4
	Collin Morikawa	71-70-74-69	-284	+4
	Justin Suh	69-68-73-74	-284	+4
\$85,636	Keegan Bradley	68-72-74-71	-285	+5
	Chris Kirk	70-75-69-71	-285	+5
	Kyung-Hoon Lee	73-68-75-69	-285	+5
	Hideki Matsuyama	72-71-70-72	-285	+5
	Denys McCarty	75-70-72-68	-285	+5
	Taylor Pendrith	70-69-74-72	-285	+5
	Patrick Rodgers	70-75-72-68	-285	+5
	Adam Scott	68-74-74-69	-285	+5
	Jordan Spieth	73-72-71-69	-285	+5
	Callum Tarren	71-67-79-68	-285	+5
	Harold Varner III	70-71-74-70	-285	+5
\$51,210	Thomas Detry	74-71-73-68	-286	+6
	Adam Hadwin	70-73-73-70	-286	+6
	Lucas Herbert	75-69-72-70	-286	+6
	Beau Hossler	71-70-74-71	-286	+6
	Adrian Meronk	75-69-74-68	-286	+6
	Thomas Pieters	69-76-70-71	-286	+6
	J.T. Poston	72-70-75-69	-286	+6
	Chez Reavie	76-68-71-71	-286	+6
	Adam Svensson	70-70-73-73	-286	+6
	Sahith Theegala	71-71-71-73	-286	+6
\$36,525	Padraig Harrington	72-71-75-69	-287	+7
	Nicolai Hojgaard	76-67-73-71	-287	+7
	Stephan Jaeger	72-70-69-76	-287	+7
	Jon Rahm	76-68-72-71	-287	+7
\$34,800	Dean Burmester	73-71-72-72	-288	+8
\$34,200	Lee Hodges	75-70-75-69	-289	+9
	Max Homa	71-72-74-72	-289	+9
	Dustin Johnson	67-74-74-74	-289	+9
\$33,150	Tom Hoge	74-70-72-74	-290	+10
	Zach Johnson	74-71-74-71	-290	+10
	Phil Mickelson	73-72-75-70	-290	+10
	Keith Mitchell	69-71-73-77	-290	+10
\$32,100	Rikuya Hoshino	75-70-75-71	-291	+11
	Sihan Kim	75-68-75-73	-291	+11
	Thriston Lawrence	75-69-73-74	-291	+11
\$31,050	Pablo Larrazabal	69-75-74-74	-292	+12
	Taylor Montgomery	75-70-76-71	-292	+12
	Justin Thomas	72-73-75-72	-292	+12
	Matt Wallace	73-70-75-74	-292	+12

BUZZ

THINGS WORTH TALKIN' ABOUT

MONDAY, MAY 22, 2023

In Cannes, Scorsese and DiCaprio turn spotlight toward Osage Nation

CANNES, France – It was well into the process of making “Killers of the Flower Moon” that **Martin Scorsese** realized it wasn't a detective story.

Scorsese, actor **Leonardo DiCaprio** and screenwriter **Eric Roth** had many potential avenues in adapting **David Grann's** expansive nonfiction history, “Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI.” The film that Scorsese and company premiered Saturday at the Cannes Film Festival, however, wasn't like the one they initially set out to make.



Martin Scorsese

The film, which will open in theaters in October, chronicles the series of killings that took place throughout the Osage Nation in 1920s Oklahoma. The Osage were then enormously rich from oil on their land, and many white barons and gangsters alike sought to control and steal their money. Dozens of Osage Native Americans were killed before the FBI, in its infancy, began to investigate.

DiCaprio originally had been cast to star as FBI agent Tom White. But after mulling the project over, Scorsese decided to pivot.

“I said, ‘I think the audience is ahead of us,’ ” Scorsese told reporters Sunday in Cannes. “They know it's not a whodunit. It's a who-didn't-do-it.”

The shift, filmmakers said, largely was driven from collaboration with the Osage. Osage Nation **Chief Standing Bear**, who consulted on the film, praised the filmmakers for centering the story instead on Mollie (**Lily Gladstone**) and her husband, Ernest Burkhart, (DiCaprio), the tragic romance at the heart of Scorsese's epic of insidious American ethnic exploitation.

“Early on, I asked Mr. Scorsese, ‘How are you going to approach the story? He said, ‘I'm going to tell a story about trust, trust between Mollie and Ernest, trust between the outside world and the Osage, and the betrayal of those trusts,’ ” Chief Standing Bear. said “My people suffered greatly, and to this very day those effects are with us. But I can say on behalf of the Osage, Marty Scorsese and his team have restored trust, and we know that trust will not be betrayed.”

“Killers of the Flower Moon,” the most anticipated film to debut at this year's Cannes, instead became about Ernest, who Scorsese called “the character the least is written about.”

BUZZWORTHY

‘Fast X’ speeds to No. 1 at weekend box office, knocks ‘Guardians 3’ to 2nd

The 10th installment of the “Fast and Furious” franchise was off to the races this weekend, knocking “Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3” out of first place and easily claiming the No. 1 spot at the box office. “Fast X” earned \$67.5 million in ticket sales from 4,046 North American theaters, according to estimates from Universal Pictures on Sunday.

It's on the lower end of openings for the series, which peaked with “Furious 7s” \$142.2 million launch, the sole movie in the series to surpass \$100 million out of the gates. “Fast X's” domestic debut ranks above only the first three. The last movie, “F9,” opened to \$70 million in 2021.

But this is also a series that has usually made the bulk of its money internationally, often more than 70%. True to form, overseas it's on turbo drive. “Fast X” opened in 84 markets internationally, playing in more than 24,000 theaters, where it earned an estimated \$251.4 million. The top market was China with \$78.3 million, followed by Mexico with \$16.7 million. And it adds up to a \$319 million global debut – the third biggest of the franchise.

“It's a global franchise with a very broad audience,” said **Jim Orr**, Universal's head of domestic distribution. “The themes resonate across the world.”

Directed by **Louis Leterrier** (who took over from Justin Lin during production), “Fast X” brings back the familiar crew, including **Vin Diesel**, **Michelle Rodriguez**, **Tyrese Gibson** and **Jordana Brewster**, and adds several newcomers, such as **Brie Larson**, **Rita Moreno** and a villain played by **Jason Momoa**. The ever-expanding cast also includes **Jason Statham**, **Charlize Theron**, **Scott Eastwood** and **Helen Mirren**.

Reports say the movie cost \$340 million to produce, not including marketing.

Reviews were mixed for “Fast X,” the beginning of the end for the \$6 billion franchise, which has a 54% on Rotten Tomatoes. AP's **Mark Kennedy** wrote in his review that, “It has become almost camp, as if it breathed in too much of its own fumes” and that it's also “monstrously silly and stupidly entertaining.”

According to exit polls, audiences were 29% Caucasian, 29% Hispanic and 21% Black, and 58% were between the ages of 18 and 34. They gave the film a B+ CinemaScore.

In its third weekend, Disney and Marvel's “Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3” made an estimated \$32 million in North America to take second place. It's now made \$266.5 million domestically and \$659.1 million globally.

Third place went to another Universal juggernaut, “The Super Mario Bros. Movie,” which is now in its seventh weekend and available to rent on VOD. Nevertheless, it



Universal Pictures via AP photo

This image released by Universal Pictures shows Vin Diesel and Daniela Melchior in a scene from “Fast X.”

earned an additional \$9.8 million in North America, bringing its domestic total to \$549.3 million.

“Book Club: The Next Chapter” added \$3 million in its second weekend to take fourth place, while “Evil Dead Rise” rounded out the top five in its fifth weekend with \$2.4 million.

“Mario” and “Fast X” are just the latest success stories for Universal, following hits such as “Cocaine Bear” and “M3GAN.” And later this summer, on July 21, they'll release **Christopher Nolan's** “Oppenheimer.”

“Universal as a studio is just on a roll like no other by having this incredible slate of films from all different types of genres,” said **Paul Dergarabedian**, the senior media analyst for Comscore. “They've created a release strategy that's really picture perfect so far.”

“Fast X” doesn't have an entirely open runway, however. Next weekend there will be sizable competition in Disney's live-action “The Little Mermaid,” in addition to a slew of crowd-pleasers hoping to catch a Memorial Day weekend audience, including **Julia Louis-Dreyfus** in “You Hurt My Feelings” and the broad comedy “About My Father,” with **Sebastian Maniscalco** and **Robert De Niro**.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Comscore. Final domestic figures will be released Monday.

1. “Fast X,” \$67.5 million.
2. “Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3,” \$32 million.
3. “The Super Mario Bros. Movie,” \$9.8 million.
4. “Book Club: The Next Chapter,” \$3 million.
5. “Evil Dead Rise,” \$2.4 million.
6. “John Wick: Chapter 4,” \$1.3 million.
7. “Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret,” \$1.3 million.
8. “Hypnotic,” \$825,000.
9. “MET Opera: Don Giovanni,” \$701,025.
10. “BlackBerry,” \$525,000.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Pianist **Peter Nero** is 89. Actor-director **Richard Benjamin** is 85. Actor **Frank Converse** is 85. Actor **Barbara Parkins** (“Valley of the Dolls”) is 81. Songwriter **Bernie Taupin** is 73. Actor **Al Corley** (“Dynasty”) is 68. Singer **Morrissey** is 64. Actor **Ann Cusack** (“A League of Their Own”) is 62. Bassist **Dana Williams** of Diamond Rio is 62. Guitarist **Jesse Valenzuela** of Gin Blossoms is 61. Actor **Mark Christopher Lawrence** (“Chuck”) is 59. Singer

Johnny Gill is 57. Bassist **Dan Roberts** of Crash Test Dummies is 56. Actor **Brooke Smith** (“The Silence of the Lambs”) is 56. Actor **Michael Kelly** (“House of Cards”) is 54. Model **Naomi Campbell** is 53. Actor **Sean Gunn** (“Gilmore Girls”) is 49. Actor **A.J. Langer** (“My So-Called Life”) is 49. Actor **Ginnifer Goodwin** is 45. Singer **Vivian Green** is 44. Actor **Maggie Q** is 44. Actor **Molly Ephraim** (TV's “A League of Their Own”) is 37. Actor **Anna Baryshnikov** (“Dickinson”) is 31.

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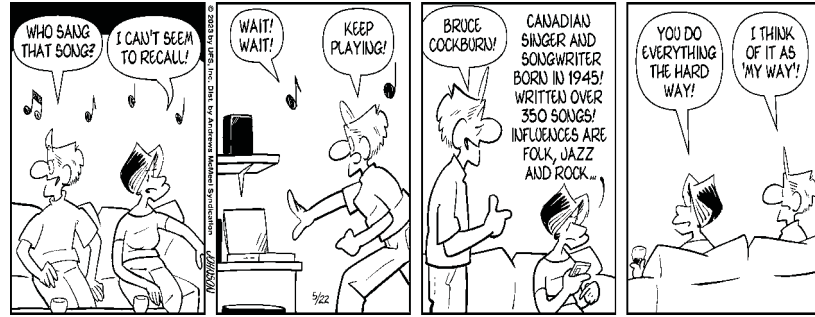
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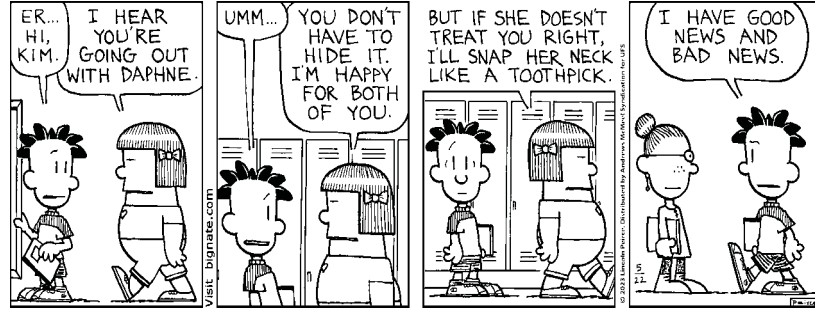
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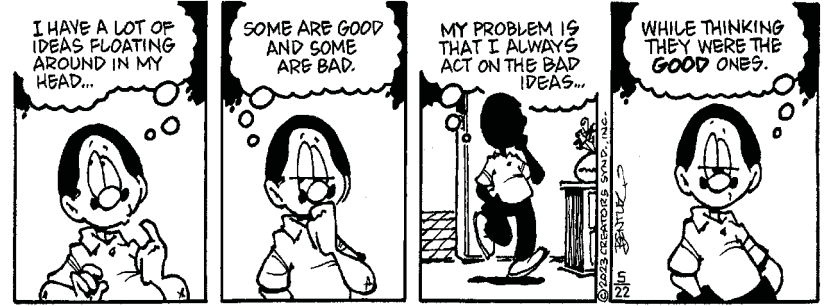
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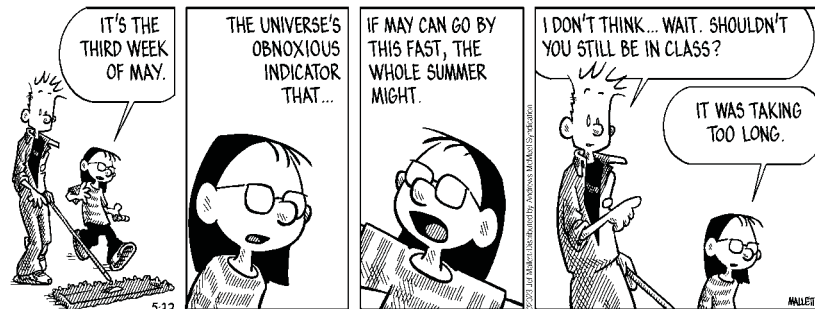
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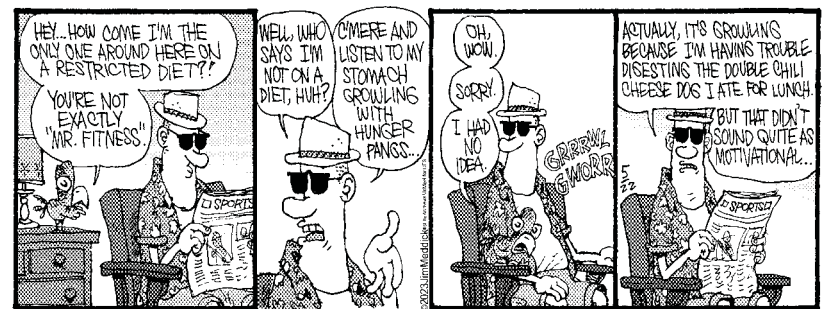
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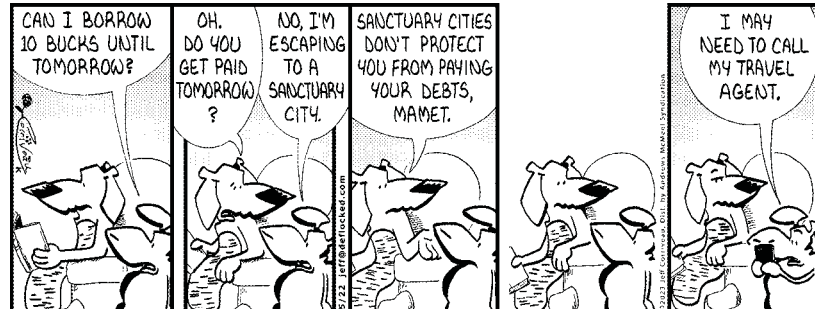
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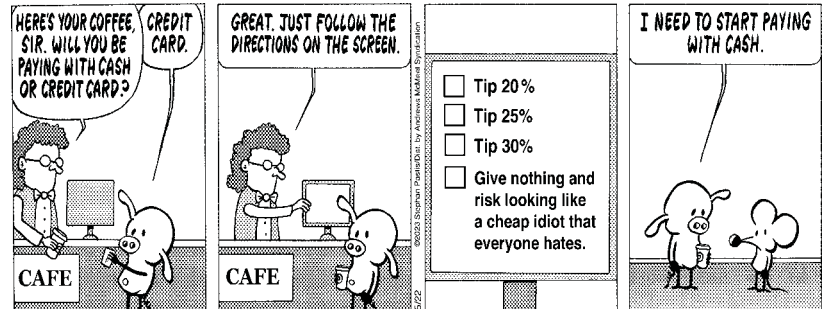
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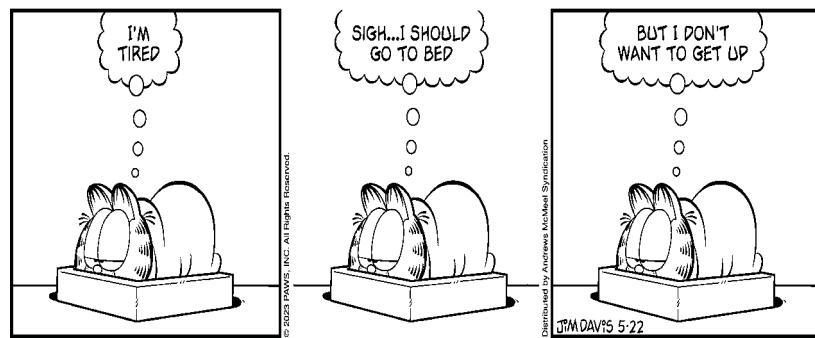
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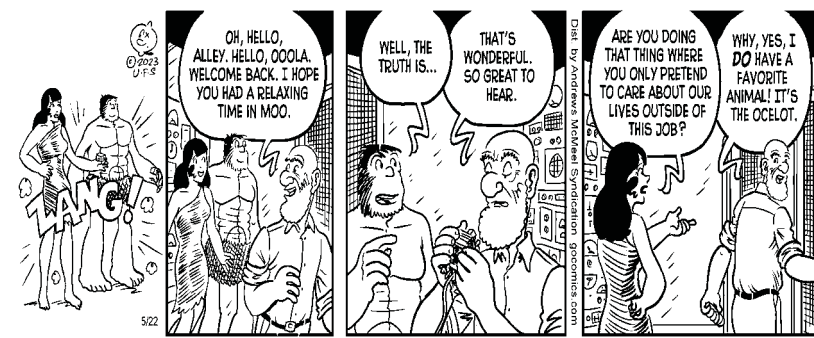
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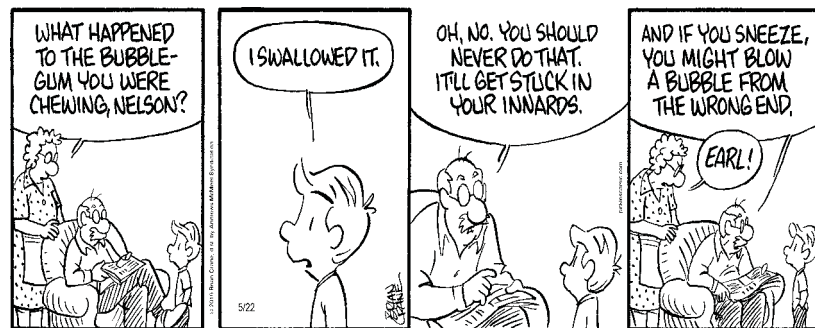
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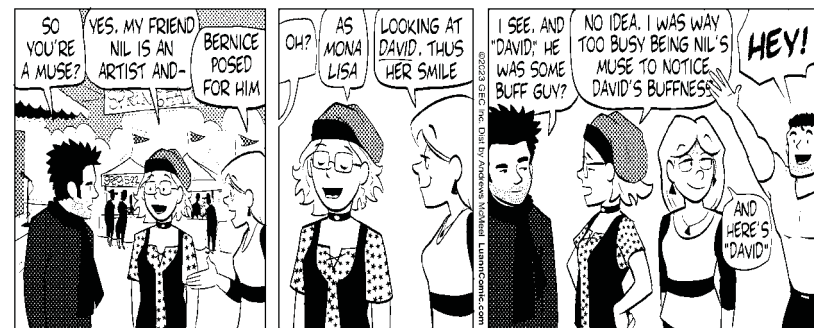
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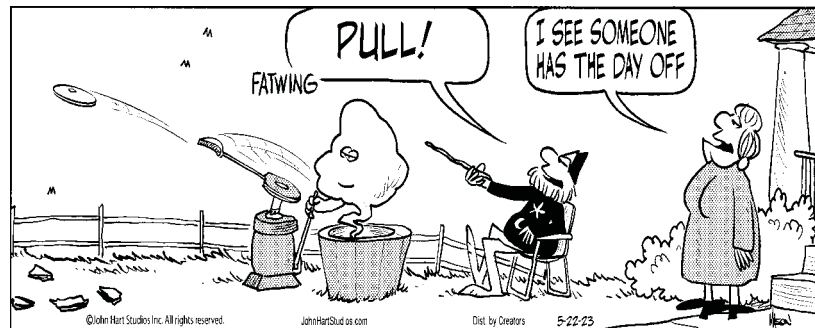
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By EUGENIA LAST

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MONDAY – Distance yourself from expensive situations this year. Put your efforts into taking care of unfinished business and preparing for what’s to come. You are overdue for something new and exciting to come into your life. Be the one to start the process of innovation. Embrace the future with optimism. Use the lessons of the past to succeed today.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) – Stop and think about what you need to know to go any farther. Take the initiative and gather information. Streamlining your actions will contribute to your success.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) – Change what you don’t like. Be the force behind your desires. Take control and be blunt about what you want to pursue, and you’ll gain momentum. A lifestyle change will improve your health.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) – A steady pace will help you reach your destination unscathed. Refuse to give in to temptation. A debate will lead to dissatisfaction; do what you do best and prepare to move forward alone.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) – Pay attention to detail, listen to the experts and work to incorporate positive change into your life and relationships. Self-improvement will lead to better health and confidence.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) – Don’t beat yourself up over minor details. Put your energy into educational pursuits and home improvements. An enthusiastic approach to

work will encourage others to pitch in and help you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) – Pay attention to how you present yourself and your ideas to others. Don’t be shy or feel pressured to put a team together. You have what it takes to get things done by yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) – Consider your objective before you put a plan in place. Refuse to listen to someone with lofty ideas that aren’t necessary to achieve your goal.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) – Spend time on domestic matters and relationships. How you treat others will determine how much help you receive. Offer guidelines, but don’t tell others how to do their jobs. Be supportive.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) – Avoid joint ventures. You’ll get far more accomplished if you work alone and use your skills and enthusiasm to finish what you start. Home improvements will make your life easier.

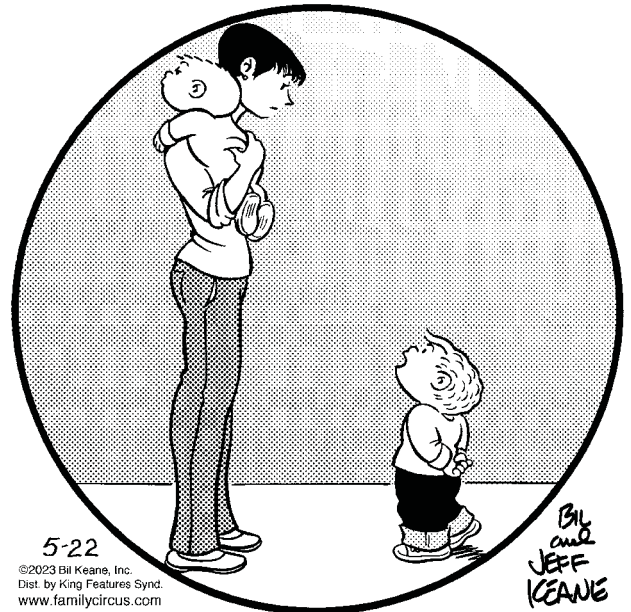
PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) – You’ll have the discipline to get things done. Turn your surroundings into a place that eases stress and clears your head. Mix business with pleasure, and you’ll gain support.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) – Use your imagination to formulate a practical and cost-efficient plan. Be ready to barter, cut your overhead and do without things that aren’t necessary to reach your target.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) – Check all your options before making a move. Acting in haste will cause controversy. Offer help to others and be accommodating and patient. Be the voice of reason.

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“You’re always tellin’ people what PJ did. Aren’t I funny anymore?”

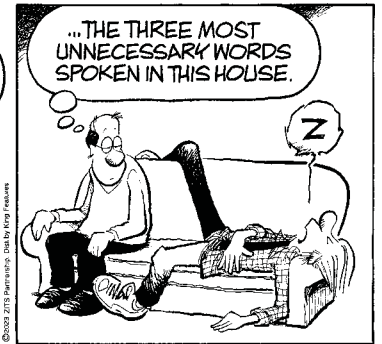
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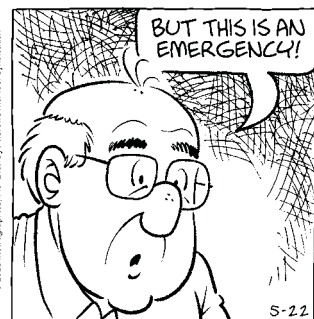
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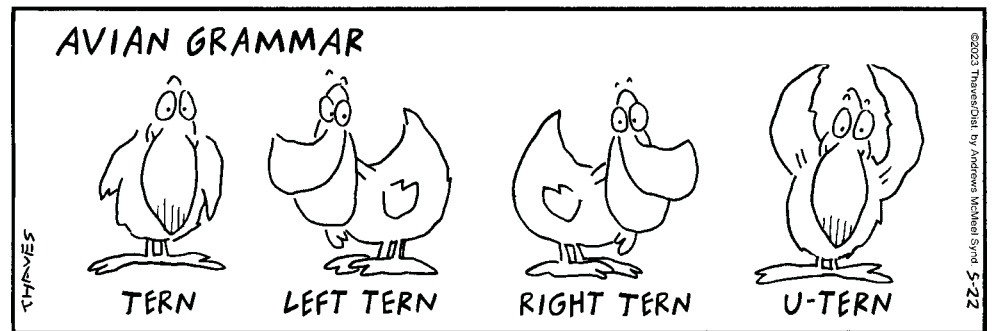
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Several options for treating misery of motion sickness

Dear Doctors: If a flight I'm on has turbulence or if it descends too fast and the pressure drops, I get very nauseated. Why does that happen? I've tried motion sickness medication, but it makes me feel like I am in a tunnel. Even the nondrowsy kind knocks me out to where I can't function. What else can I do?

Dear Reader: As many travelers reading your question know, you have been experiencing motion sickness. Nausea is one of several unpleasant symptoms associated with the condition. Additional effects can include feeling dizzy or lightheaded, sweating, headache and vomiting. These symptoms can arise when someone is a passenger in a moving vehicle, such as a car, bus, train, boat, amusement park ride or aircraft. It's possible, but less common, for the person who is operating the vehicle to also experience motion sickness. For some people, vertiginous visuals in a film can bring on the symptoms.

Motion sickness occurs when the information that your eyes are relating to the brain differs from what it is learning from the inner ear, the muscles and the joints. Each plays a role in the complexities of spatial awareness, which allows us to remain upright, to move deliberately and to both maintain and regain balance. In the face of conflicting input from multiple sources, the brain struggles to put together a logical narrative. And for some people, the result of this prolonged disconnect is the misery of motion sickness.

While motion sickness medication can be effective, it can have side effects. These include the sedative effect that you have experienced. It also can cause dry mouth, constipation, dizziness, blurred vision and nausea.

For people who can't tolerate medications that contain a drug called dimenhydrinate (check the ingredient labels), which is



ASK THE DOCTORS
Elizabeth Ko and Eve Glazier

an antihistamine, those containing another drug, meclizine, can be a better option. It, too, is an antihistamine, but it causes less drowsiness.

If over-the-counter medications aren't working, ask your doctor if a prescription medication might be right for you. They may also recommend vitamin B6, which can be helpful for nausea.

Many people turn to natural remedies to manage motion sickness. Research shows that ginger and chamomile, as a tea or other beverage or in a hard candy, can help fend off nausea. Some people swear by anti-nausea wristbands, which trigger an acupuncture pressure point and are widely available over the counter.

Behavioral changes are also important. A window seat allows you a view of the horizon. By looking at a fixed point, you give your brain a frame of reference from which to unscramble the mixed signals it is getting. Turbulence can feel more pronounced at the back of the plane, so opt for a forward seat close to or over the wing near the plane's center of gravity. Use the vent above your seat to circulate the air around you. And be kind to your stomach. Avoid large meals and fatty foods, and stay hydrated.

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ACROSS

- 1 Informers
- 5 Health resort
- 8 Gist
- 11 Siberian river
- 12 Soft mineral
- 14 "Thrilla in Manila" boxer
- 15 — noire
- 16 Cookie Bumstead's neighbor
- 17 Cooper's channel
- 18 Stage whisper
- 20 Island welcomes
- 22 Republican org.
- 23 Cambodia neighbor
- 24 Delhi nannies
- 27 Grow together
- 29 Islet
- 30 Unified
- 34 Future
- 37 Oaxaca article
- 38 Athletics channel
- 39 Rural necessities

- 41 Kin's partner
- 43 Price ticket
- 44 Moscow's country
- 46 Wash out
- 49 Tummy muscles
- 50 Corduroy ridges
- 52 Slightest trace
- 54 Kind of vaccine
- 55 Quick pace
- 56 Feed the hogs

- 57 — kwon do
- 58 Fabric meas.
- 59 Temporary shelter

DOWN

- 1 Give a massage
- 2 Length x width
- 3 Makes lacework
- 4 Horses pull it
- 5 Precipitous
- 6 Buddy
- 7 Ms. Gluck of opera
- 8 Cheesy snack
- 9 Forearm bones

PUZZLE ANSWERS

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- 10 Storage bunkers
- 13 Shaggy dog
- 19 Writer John — Passos
- 21 Nutritious grains
- 24 Hole-in-one
- 25 NBA player
- 26 Vote in favor
- 27 Zen question
- 28 Islanders org.
- 30 Mug
- 31 Under the weather
- 32 Library abbr.
- 33 Mountain curve
- 35 Makes after taxes
- 36 Jeans go-with (hyph.)
- 39 Armed conflict
- 40 Me devotee
- 41 "In Xanadu did — Khan ..."
- 42 Hand out
- 43 Trial runs
- 44 River floater
- 45 Breezy
- 47 Mete out
- 48 British prep school
- 51 Physique
- 53 Well-put

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Woman hopes dating leads to committed life partner

Dear Abby: I'm a 32-year-old woman. My 20s were spent in a serious long-term relationship.



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

It was a lot of firsts for me. After we split, I took a couple of years to sow my wild oats and find out who I am as an individual.

I'm now looking for something more than "friends with benefits." However, the last few men I've met and gone on dates with, as wholesome as they seemed on dating sites (which have been my main source of meeting men), were really just looking for hookups. I want to find a life partner.

I have been chatting with a potentially great guy I met online, and we have a date scheduled. But I'm nervous that when we meet that he'll expect more than a date. I'm over that. Like I said, I want an actual relationship.

Can you give me some advice on what to do and say, or not, on a first or second date to help move it in the right direction without scaring the guy away? —*Proceeding With Caution*

Dear Proceeding: Your dating profile should clearly state what you are looking for, including the fact that you are seeking a relationship and not a hookup. When you meet in person, relax and just be yourself. Show initiative by asking questions, getting answers, explaining how important honesty is to you and being interested in what he has to say. If you are hit on after that, rather than try to meet someone on the internet, put out the word among your friends, family and co-workers that you would like to meet someone nice with whom you could possibly build a future. Then pray.

Dear Abby: Our son and his wife are professionals who reap the financial benefits of their chosen fields. Our daughter-in-law goes to her workplace most days, while our son works from home. As such, he is tasked with much of the cleaning, shopping and cooking. Our DIL has a large cadre of college friends and she's often away to sunny, exotic locales, posting pictures of herself along with others, all holding drinks in their hands.

Recently, she went on a trip with her "best friend," a gay man, posting poolside, restaurant and bar photos with both wearing big smiles. Meanwhile, our son is home working and taking care of their pets. This arrangement may work for them, but it doesn't sit well with us. Frankly, despite his insistence that things are fine, we are not convinced.

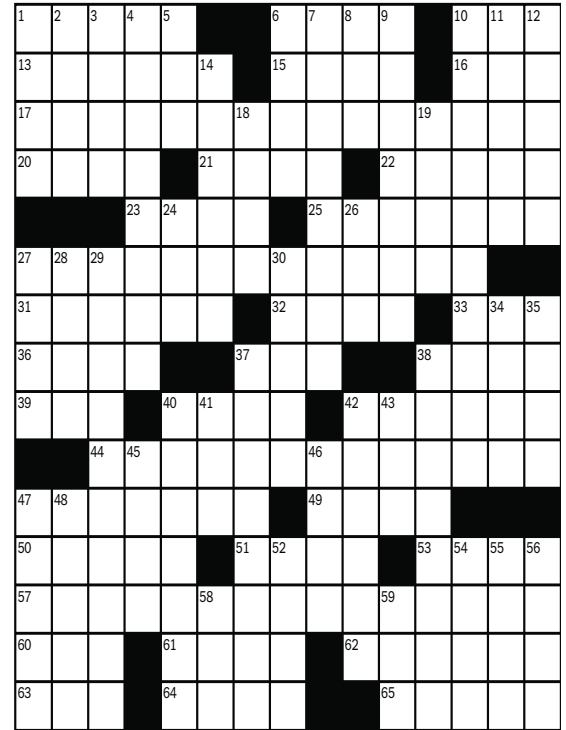
They are both in their prime reproductive years and, while they have no children yet, our DIL's mother recently moved nearby. My spouse and I realize that it is "their lives," but we remain concerned and confused about the viability of their relationship. Your insights would be most appreciated. —*Dad Of Great Guy In New Mexico*

Dear Dad: I'm sorry the dream you had of your son's marriage has not come to fruition. Comfort yourself with the thought that whatever their arrangement may be, it is working for them. Apart from that, MYOB and resist the urge to stir the pot, or risk creating turmoil and unhappiness where there isn't any.

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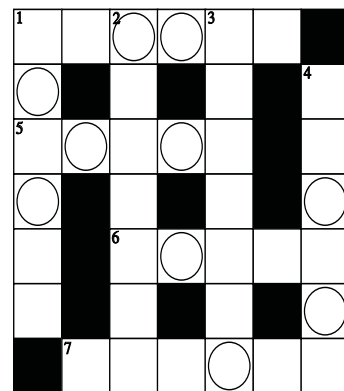
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- 1 Flavor of yellow Skittles
 - 6 Part of a rotary telephone
 - 10 Source of maple syrup
 - 13 Shoe brand with a three-stripe logo
 - 15 Pinnacle
 - 16 In favor of
 - 17 *Cold shoulder
 - 20 Proofreader's "leave that in"
 - 21 Univ. military program
 - 22 "Understand now?"
 - 23 Fail to include
 - 25 Optimists can find them in any situation
 - 27 *Texter's options for sending faces and symbols
 - 31 Indicate
 - 32 Wiggly, as a fish
 - 33 From ___ Z
 - 36 Like those interested in poetry or painting
 - 37 Road trip expense
 - 38 What a crossing guard's outstretched arm means
 - 39 "I'm not impressed"
 - 40 Some baby noises
 - 42 Announcement upon arrival
 - 44 *Easy-listening background tunes
 - 47 Small houses, in Spain
 - 49 Castle protector
 - 50 Prize for Best Original Score, e.g.
 - 51 At that time
 - 53 Gardener's bagful
 - 57 "I can't even!" ... or a hint to the answers to the starred clues
 - 60 Start of a countdown
 - 61 Actor Alda or Arkin
 - 62 Carsickness feeling
 - 63 Picnic pest
 - 64 Big name in potato chips
 - 65 Weasel relative
- DOWN**
- 1 Scottish girl
 - 2 Make less wordy, say
 - 3 One of 26.2 in a marathon
 - 4 Final movement of Beethoven's Ninth
 - 5 Mum's mum
 - 6 Bar game projectile
 - 7 Something a convenience store sells in bags
 - 8 Group for docs
 - 9 Start of a hypothetical
 - 10 Participates in some singles matches?
 - 11 Schwarzenegger, to pals
 - 12 Chip ___ ("Beauty and the Beast" teacup)
 - 14 Success in pitching or bowling
 - 18 Kind of bag that may hold swag
 - 19 Israeli leader Golda
 - 24 Cambridge univ.
 - 26 Professional office-seeker, informally
 - 27 Dutch cheese
 - 28 No more than
 - 29 Following a trail, as a bloodhound
 - 30 What causes dough to expand and rise
 - 34 Doughnut shapes
 - 35 Oil price-regulating grp.
 - 37 Wander off course
 - 38 Excludes
 - 40 "Oh, come on!"
 - 41 Eggs in Caesar's salad?
 - 42 Like some decals
 - 43 Fighting sport, for short
 - 45 Teller of tall tales
 - 46 Sign of things to come
 - 47 Terra ___
 - 48 Gray in the face
 - 52 Birds in a coop
 - 54 Approximately
 - 55 Brainstorming product
 - 56 Hurdle for a future "Esq."
 - 58 In the same way as
 - 59 Is, before



PUZZLE BY KATHERINE BAICKER AND SCOTT EARL



JUMBLE



- 5-22-23
- ACROSS**
- 1. ___ road
 - 5. Rationale
 - 6. Avoid, escape
 - 7. ___ smart
- DOWN**
- 1. Birdie maker
 - 2. Improve
 - 3. Ban, bar
 - 4. Contaminate
- ANSWER**
- RAVGEL
LICGO
ULEDE
ESRETT
- ANSWER**
- LOFRGE
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JUMBLE CROSSWORDS®

by David L. Hoyt

How to play
Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

BONUS

CLUE: The ___ takes up about 816 square feet.



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ANSWERS: A-Gravel B-Logic C-A-Elude D-Street E-Logic G-A-Elude H-Street I-Logic J-Elude K-Elude L-Elude M-Elude N-Elude O-Elude P-Elude Q-Elude R-Elude S-Elude T-Elude U-Elude V-Elude W-Elude X-Elude Y-Elude Z-Elude

BRIDGE by Phillip Alder

North 05-22-23	
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♥ A Q J 7 4	
♦ 5 4	
♣ Q 10 6 3	
West	East
♠ A K 6 5 3	♠ J 10 8 7 2
♥ 10 9 6 5	♥ K 2
♦ 3	♦ J 8 7 6
♣ 9 5 2	♣ 8 7
South	
♠ 9	
♥ 8 3	
♦ A K Q 10 9 2	
♣ A K J 4	

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♣	Pass	5♣	All Pass

Opening lead: ♠ K

In "Camino Real," Tennessee Williams wrote, "When so many are lonely as seem to be lonely, it would be inexcusably selfish to be lonely alone."

In a bridge context, you are alone if you cannot reach your partner's hand, whether you are a defender or the declarer. We say that your communications are cut, and when this happens, it is often fatal to your efforts to defeat or make the contract.

In today's auction, South's jump to four spades was a splinter bid, showing a singleton (or void) in spades and slam interest.

West started with his two top spades. Without pausing for thought, South ruffed the second, drew trumps and played diamonds from the top. However, when West discarded on the second round, declarer skidded to a halt. With no trumps left in his hand, he was isolated, alone. In desperation, South cashed the diamond queen before taking a heart finesse, but East won with the king and returned a spade. West took the last trick with the heart 10: down one.

That would have been the right line in six clubs, but not in five. If only South had analyzed the play at trick one, he would have noticed his tenuous communications. After ruffing the second spade, trumps should be drawn, ending in the dummy. Then a low diamond is led and, even if East discards, declarer finesses his nine (or 10). Whatever happens now, there are 11 guaranteed tricks, and with this distribution, South brings home an overtrick. All of dummy's heart losers disappear on South's diamond winners, and declarer ruffs a heart on the board!

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

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

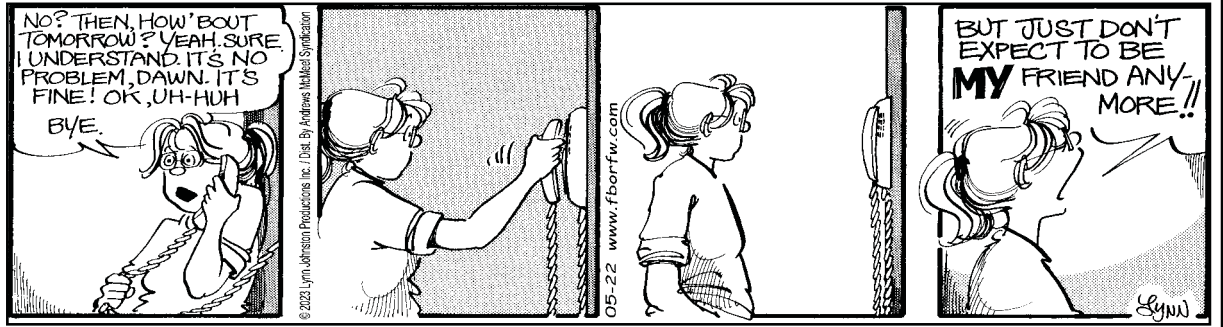
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— I P X V T O S P T P X J G

Previous Solution: "This medal reflects what teamwork, service and dedication can achieve." — Medal of Honor recipient Col. Paris Davis (Ret.)

TODAY'S CLUE: *D equals O*

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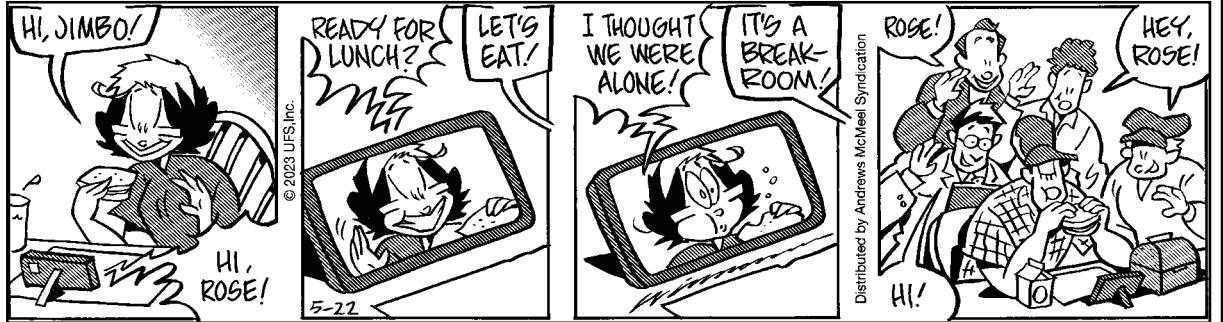
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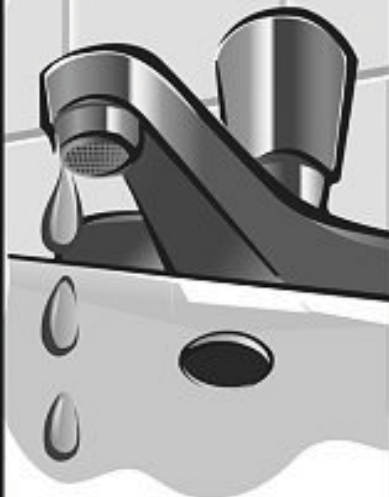
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