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Craig freshman Rya Arreazola wins two matches at WIAA state tournament to advance to round of 16. **Page 1B**



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Bernie Baldwin is now working for GIFTS at its consignment shop and working on his sobriety. At age 62, Bernie has been on and off the streets and in and out of homeless shelters for years, but for the last 16 months, he has been sober.

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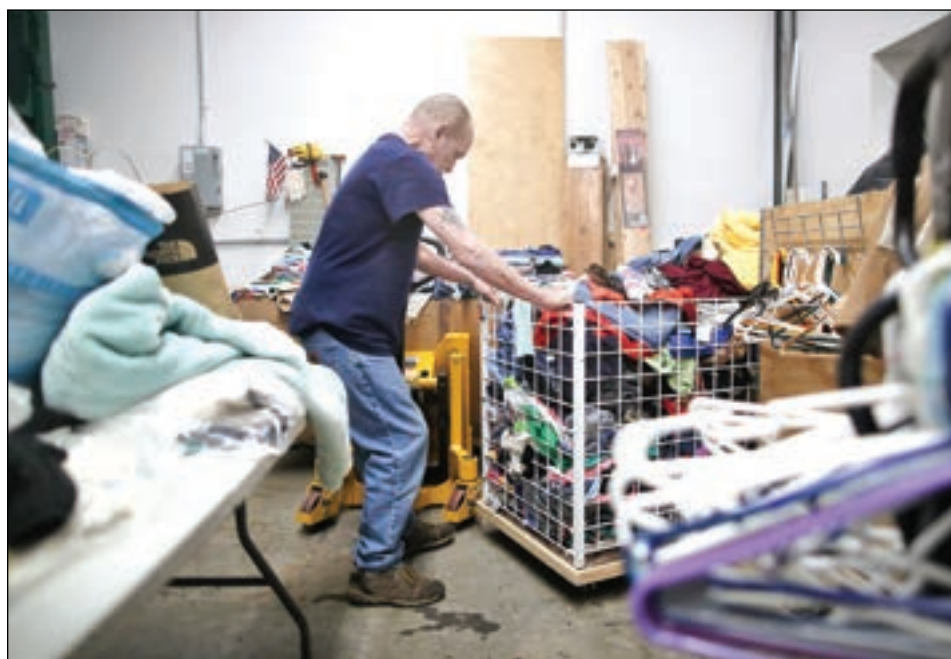
Opportunity to work at thrift store helped homeless man with sobriety, purpose

JANESVILLE

Today, Janesville resident Bernie Baldwin's eyes are clear, a shocking pale blue.

That in itself is a huge change compared to seven years ago, when Baldwin's eyes often appeared watery, bloodshot, his gaze bleary at best.

Baldwin, 63, a chronically homeless man who has struggled with alcohol addiction much of his adult life, says he has now been sober for 17 months. You can see so by the clarity in his bright eyes.



Bernie Baldwin moves a cart filled with clothing while working for GIFTS Men's Shelter at its consignment shop.

He remembers the day about two years ago when he got serious about putting down the bottle.

At the time, Baldwin was homeless and found himself alone in a dark parking lot behind a downtown Janesville church. He had just taken a bath in the ice cold water of a park fountain along the riverfront.

Baldwin knelt on the dirty, wet pavement, praying for something to change.

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Shortly after that parking lot prayer, Baldwin said he learned that GIFTS Men's Shelter, a Janesville homeless shelter and social service center where Baldwin stayed on and off for the last few years, planned to open a thrift store.

An employment opportunity

The secondhand GIFTS Thrift Store, at the former Black Bridge Bowl at 1141 Black Bridge Road, now has been open almost a year.

The thrift shop, which had a soft opening last fall during the height of the pandemic, is hosting a belated grand opening celebration Saturday to show the community what

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Former hospital executive pleads guilty to fraud

Bortner to be sentenced in February

By Neil Johnson

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JANESVILLE

Authorities haven't settled on how much former Mercyhealth marketing chief Barbara Bortner might have to pay back for her role in a \$3 million kickback scheme she is accused of orchestrating with an Illinois vendor.

A federal judge in Madison on Thursday accepted Bortner's guilty plea to charges of fraud and tax evasion in a five-year-long kickback scheme federal prosecutors say Bortner and Illinois marketing firm operator Ryan Weckerly coordinated to bilk Mercyhealth through overinflated billings for contracted marketing services.

Bortner, 57, won't face sentencing until February, but on Thursday,

U.S. District Judge William Conley's decision in the U.S. Western District court was not a surprise.

The plea deal Bortner and her attorney agreed to with U.S. Attorney Aaron Wegner on Thursday was nearly identical to an initial plea deal Bortner and Weckerly signed Aug. 11, according to federal court documents.

Under the earlier deal, Bortner will be required to pay back \$777,800 in taxes prosecutors said she evaded by "grossly underrepresenting" her personal income during several years between winter 2015 and summer 2020.

That was the same period of time during which Bortner and Weckerly, the operator of Sycamore, Illinois-based health and wellness magazine Inveniments, admitted to amassing \$3.1 million of payments from Mercyhealth.

Both Bortner and Weckerly admitted they

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Pophal looking forward to putting focus on family

Janesville schools superintendent discusses retirement decision, plans

By Sara Myers

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JANESVILLE

Janesville School District Superintendent Steve Pophal announced his retirement Wednesday, reasoning it's "time to begin the transition into the next stage for me and my family."

Pophal's last day as superintendent will be June 30, 2022.

"The decision to retire has been a difficult one, honestly," Pophal told The

Gazette. "I think, like a lot of people in my generation, this isn't just a career for me, it's a lifestyle. I put everything I have into this 24/7, and it

became a bit of my identity. I couldn't have had a better place to culminate the 39-career career that I've had in public education. I've been blessed to have a high-functioning school board to work with me hand in hand."

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Sources: COVID-19 exposures at Capitol not disclosed

Participants in hearings say they were not notified they were with others who were ill

By Molly Beck

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

MADISON

Wisconsinites who attend or testify in public hearings in the state Capitol on legislation are unlikely to be notified if someone infected with COVID-19 was present.

During three recent hearings—on Aug. 11 and Oct. 7—the Wisconsin State Legislature used a practice of alerting the people who sit or stand closely to lawmakers or staff who tested positive for COVID-19 and notified the Legislature’s human resources office.

And it’s unclear how often these notifications extend to members of the public who attend the hearings. Legislative officials have not answered questions about how many members of the public have been alerted when they have been potentially exposed to the virus in a legislative proceeding.

Five people told the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel they weren’t notified after testifying in hearings on Aug. 11 and Oct. 7 where COVID-19 was potentially exposed to them, including a woman who sat behind a lawmaker who testified without a face mask and soon after tested positive.

“I found out through social media,” said Angela Harris of Milwaukee, who testified at an Aug. 11 hearing on education-related

Jacque returns to work after long bout with COVID-19

Associated Press

MADISON

A Wisconsin legislator returned to work Thursday for the first time since COVID-19 left him breathing through a ventilator.

Republican Sen. Andre

Jacque of De Pere was hospitalized Aug. 16 after testing positive for the coronavirus and testifying at a packed Capitol hearing without a mask. He was placed on a ventilator Aug. 23 but improved enough that doctors discharged him Sept. 21 to a rehab facility. He said

last week that he’s still using a walker but is feeling better every day.

He chaired a meeting of the Senate’s human services committee Thursday afternoon, joining the proceeding by phone. He began the meeting by thanking everyone who has

supported him during his battle with the disease, including “medical professionals” helping him through his recovery.

“Looking forward to getting back,” he said.

Earlier in the day, he took part in a Senate judiciary committee hearing by phone.

Assembly officials say they notify “close contacts” of those who report positive COVID-19 tests, defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as someone who was within 6 feet of a person who had COVID-19 for 15 minutes or longer.

“The Centers for Disease Control define a COVID exposure as close contact—6 feet or less—for 15 minutes over a 24-hour period. The Legislative Human Resources follows these guidelines when conducting contact tracing suggested by CDC. In short, we follow the science,” said Angela Joyce, spokeswoman for Assembly Speaker Robin Vos.

That means if a lawmaker who attends a committee hearing that lasts hours and later tests positive for COVID-19, only those who were determined to be in very close proximity to the lawmaker will be told about the possible exposure.

For example, Democratic Rep. Sara Rodriguez of Brookfield was notified she had potentially been exposed during the Oct. 7 Assembly health committee hearing but Rep. Lisa Subeck, who was sitting three seats away from her, was not.

Committee chairman Rep. Joe Sanfelippo also wasn’t notified and said he didn’t learn of the potential exposure until Subeck told him about it.

In an interview, Sanfelippo said he believes the Legislature’s policy of contacting only close contacts is appropriate.

“I think it’s appropriate to follow whatever the CDC guidelines are,” he said. “I leave that up to HR—they’re taking their direction from the CDC and we put our trust in the CDC. They are the ones making the guidelines.”

Rodriguez, who is a registered nurse and once worked as an epidemic intelligence service officer for the CDC, said the Legislature’s notifications to close contacts is a good first step but wants more transparency for the public.

“It’s concerning to me that we are not being more transparent in committees where we are requiring people to testify in person,” she said. Rodriguez said because those who testify must submit their names to committee leaders, the Legislature could at least notify those people when there is an exposure.

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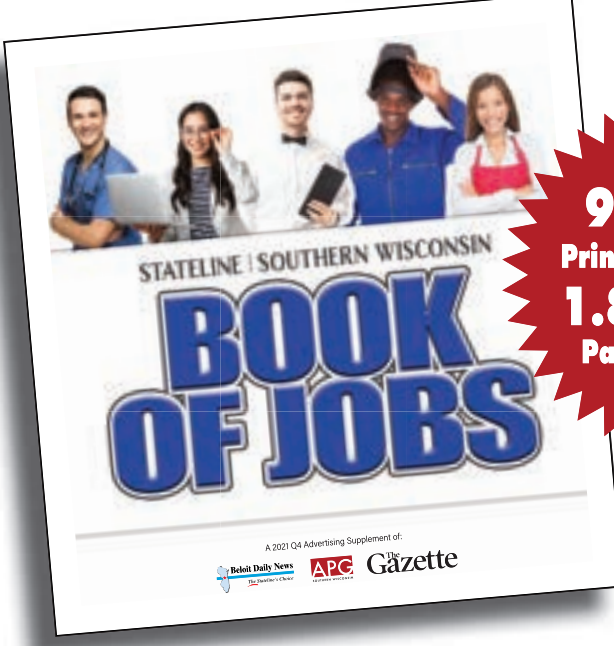


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Board orders probe into child welfare system

County directed to seek third party for assessment

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JANESVILLE

The Rock County Board has authorized a probe of the county's child welfare system in the wake of recent concerns raised by foster parents and others over turnover within the ranks of Child Protective Services caseworkers and a shift in how casework is handled.

On Thursday, all 24

supervisors who attended the county board meeting directed the county's administration to seek a contract with a "third party with expert knowledge of child welfare" to assess the county's child welfare system and identify improvements the county might make to the system.

The vote came a day after Rock County's Human Services Board recommended the county hire out an independent review of its constellation of child welfare programs, priorities, case practices and staffing schemes.

Since earlier this summer, the county has been buffeted by public

complaints and concerns that its child welfare system has foundered under high employee turnover, slow or incomplete casework, and a shift to keeping more children at home with their birth families or close relatives.

Some of those concerned, including some members of the county board and the county's Human Services Board, have been calling for weeks for an independent probe of the child welfare system.

Human Services Department top officials, who have overarching authority over the county's child welfare system, have defended the department's handling of

casework. They have said the county is working to get in lockstep with an emerging shift toward reunification of children with birth families, which 2018 federal "Families First" rules place as the top priority in the child welfare system.

Under orders the board gave county administrators Thursday, the county would hire a third-party consultant to identify and discuss publicly "all areas of concern" identified within the county's child welfare system.

Under guidelines recommended by the Human Services Board, the consultant would seek:

■ Input from all

stakeholders, including birth parents, foster parents, court officials, Rock County and state Department of Children and Families staff, and other interested parties.

■ An "in-depth review" of the county's current child welfare case practice, including "random" review of cases.

■ A review of local and statewide data on performance and outcomes for child welfare programs.

■ A better understanding of efforts to shift child welfare standards, practice, policies and laws at the local, state and federal levels.

It's not clear when the

county might move forward with the consultant's review or how long the review might take. The county board said the review ultimately would identify possible improvements to the child welfare system.

It would be at least the second survey of the child welfare system in the past few years. The last review was an internal inventory by a Minnesota firm which lists itself in corporate literature as a staunch supporter of emerging federal "Families First" rules, including reunification of children with their birth parents.

New digital tool to aid in contact tracing

DHS to send text, email to people who were exposed to COVID-19

By Austin Montgomery

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Rock County Public Health Department officials say they will have a new tool for tracking the spread of COVID-19 locally.

The new system introduced by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services allows close contacts to receive a text or email notifying them of their exposure to COVID-19, which can speed notification and improve the effectiveness of contact tracing.

Based on information provided to contact tracers when talking with someone who has tested positive for the virus, the contact tracer can send an automatic text or email message to

close contacts of those who test positive.

The text will be sent from 844-939-2782 and will read:

"Health alert: You have been identified as a close contact to COVID-19." It will also include web links to more information.

When clicking the links, people will be taken to a Wisconsin DHS website. Emails and texts will be sent out at 5 p.m. each day for all close contacts identified in the previous 24 hours. Individuals without access to a cellphone with texting or an email will still receive a phone call.

Rock County public health specialist Kelsey Cordova said the health department has around 25 staff members available to conduct disease investigations and contact tracing for COVID-19. Positive cases of COVID-19 in Rock County are contacted, and networks are established to find who the sick

person might have been around or spent time with.

"The critical piece of contact tracing is to get in touch with people," Cordova said. "One of the biggest barriers we have is being able to get in touch with people. This new technology will help support health departments across the state to help control the spread of COVID-19."

Rock County epidemiologist Nick Zupan said Thursday the health department was averaging about 40 new cases per day this week compared to around 50 new cases per day last week.

"Hopefully we will continue to see decreases in case activity," Zupan said.

Over the last seven days, Rock County has reported about 226 new cases per 100,000 residents. As of Thursday, there were 872 active cases in the county. A total of 21 patients are receiving care for the virus in

Rock County hospitals, Zupan said.

To date, 19,333 cases and 214 deaths have been reported in Rock County since the pandemic began.

Of those eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccines, 64.6% in Rock County have received one dose and 64.2% of residents have completed vaccination. In terms of overall population, 56.4% of Rock County residents have received one vaccine shot and 53.6% of Rock County residents have completed vaccination, DHS data shows.

On Thursday, DHS reported Wisconsin saw an average of 2,296 new cases over the last seven days and 18 additional virus-related deaths. The statewide test positivity rate is 8.2%, and 57.3% of Wisconsinites have received at least one dose and 54.5% of residents completed vaccination.

Two students in Janesville School District expelled

Gazette staff

JANESVILLE

Two high school students from the Janesville School District have been expelled for endangering the property, health and safety of others by engaging in a physical fight with other students, according to a district news release.

The students are expelled from the district until age 21 with the possibility of early reinstatement at the start of the 2022 spring semester if they can meet certain conditions, according to the release.

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GUEST VIEWS

Republicans abandoning hands-off principles

Republican politicians once defended a “hands-off” approach to local government and entrepreneurship. Local governmental units like school boards knew how best to educate and protect local kids without meddling from distant capitals, went the thinking, just as private businesses knew best how to make their own workplace policies.

That’s apparently out the window with today’s GOP in places like Missouri, where Attorney General Eric Schmitt is suing school districts to prohibit mask mandates, and Texas, where Gov. Greg Abbott has decreed that businesses may not impose vaccination requirements on their employees.

As if to pile on even more hypocrisy, Schmitt, Abbott and other Republicans are lambasting the Biden administration’s call for vaccine mandates as an infringement on—you guessed it—the autonomy of local governments and businesses. Do they even hear themselves?


Schmitt, once the grown-up in Missouri’s GOP room, has made what seems to be a calculated decision to sacrifice long-held conservative principles—along with public health and potentially the very lives of schoolchildren and their relatives—to pander his way to higher office.

In suing school districts that have imposed mask mandates, Schmitt not only trashes the principle of letting local school officials operate unimpeded by centralized state government, but he also out-and-out lies. His lawsuit’s claim that “the science shows that public mask use has little effect on community spread or stopping infection surges” is objectively false, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Journal of the American Medical Association and many others. But then, the infectious-disease experts aren’t angling for a U.S. Senate seat by wooing the most petulantly anti-science fringes of the conservative base, as Schmitt is.

Abbott, meanwhile, issued a sweeping executive order Monday prohibiting any Texas entity, including schools and private businesses, from requiring that employees, customers or students be vaccinated against the coronavirus. Like all 50 states, Texas will continue imposing vaccine mandates for other diseases in schools—but that’s barely the tip of the iceberg of inconsistency here.

Abbott accuses the Biden administration of “bullying many private entities into imposing COVID-19 vaccine mandates” even as Abbott orders those same private entities to leave their workforces vulnerable to infection whether they like it or not. Abbott can tell businesses what to do, or he can chide the administration for telling businesses what to do, but he can’t rationally do both. And Biden’s order, at least, is on the side of science.

Abbott may end up performing an unintentional service to sanity here: His order sets up a collision course between state and federal vaccination policies—with at least two Texas-based major airlines, American and Southwest, announcing they will adhere to federal vaccine requirements in defiance of Abbott. Good. This battle is one that has to happen. But heaven help America if the Abbotts and Schmitts of the world win.



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LOCAL VIEWS

Board disappoints with district map

It upsets me to have to write this column. I value people who step forward to donate their valuable time out of a desire to serve in local government because that is the first rung on the political ladder of power and leadership, which is so severely twisted out of shape these days.

When local leaders fail to see outside their meeting rooms, however, I feel a certain obligation to weigh in with information from the residents with whom I interact on my radio show.

This year, a set of district maps for the county was drawn by computer using the criteria most agree is fair. According to the county’s Geographic Information System manager, Jennifer Borlick, those criteria were “to create districts with equal populations that were compact and contiguous while trying to follow existing municipal boundaries where possible.” This configuration would have pitted incumbents against each other in five districts, while creating openings in seven others.

Some board members bristled at the idea of losing their districts and asked for the maps to be redrawn with the current incumbent member’s addresses being one of the criteria.

The new map generated with that criteria still resulted in some districts with more than one incumbent, but more incumbents were protected under the new map. Here was the chance to lead by example.

Because the new maps did not resolve all the conflicts, the original maps with no board incumbent consideration would have been a choice that showed leadership on redistricting. The board wasted that chance and approved the maps favorable to incumbents 17-6.

I considered some board members’ arguments for approving those maps: The county board is nonpartisan; relationships between supervisors and their district constituent members are important; moving the lines as approved were only “minor” changes.

Yes, the board is nonpartisan. But I’ve heard for 10 years on my radio show that this isn’t about party affiliation but about keeping power. Other board members pointed out that turnover is common in districts between the 10-year periods of redistricting, so the relationship argument falls flat. As to the changes being minor, Republican legislators were accused during redistricting after the 2010 census of moving lines across streets and around certain population pockets to keep their seats secure. How is the county board’s recent action to be interpreted any differently?

As The Gazette reported, voting in favor of the revised, incumbent-friendly maps were Mary Beaver, Ron Bomkamp, Pam Bostwick, Richard Bostwick, Tom Brien, Wayne Gustina, Brian Knudson, Kevin Leavy, Mary Mawhinney, Louis Peer, Russ Podzilni, Robert Potter, Yuri Rashkin, Danette Rynes, Kathy Schulz, Jacob Taylor and Bob Yeomans. Three board members were absent.

“They voted after hearing from 10 speakers and letter writers who all favored the committee’s initial map,” according to the newspaper.

Do we need anything more to see how unfortunate this vote was? Instead of taking the opportunity to lead by example, the board’s vote does little more than give credibility to gerrymandering of U.S. House districts and state legislative districts.

I know many of the supervisors included in that list. I know they have a desire to serve that is well-intentioned. But after hearing from nearly a dozen people who took the time to give input, all in support of the original maps without incumbent consideration, how can board members explain their contrary vote?

Maybe we should ask them.

Tim Bremel is the host of “Your Talk Show” and the operations manager at WCLO radio.



TIM BREMEL



OTHER VIEWS

Schism between Schumer, McConnell bad for everyone

By Carl P. Leubsdorf

Americans continue to have a dim view of Congress. And for good reason.

Legislative gridlock due to closely divided houses is one factor. But the top leaders of both parties, who epitomize Congress to most Americans, are doing little to instill confidence.

The two Senate leaders, Democrat Chuck Schumer and Republican Mitch McConnell, are at it. That’s serious because the Senate’s rules require the parties to work together to get anything done. From all reports, they rarely do.

The feud between Majority Leader Schumer and McConnell has been percolating for some time. Their personal relations were hardly helped when Schumer was one of six senators to vote in 2017 against confirming McConnell’s wife, Elaine Chao, as the Trump administration’s secretary of transportation.

But it erupted more

publicly last week after McConnell caved and did something he should have done much earlier: permitted a vote on increasing the legal limit on the federal debt.

Schumer, who took the chamber’s leadership from McConnell after Republican infighting cost the GOP two Georgia Senate seats, was hardly the gracious victor in what was, inevitably, but one round in a continuing battle likely to last throughout the year—and beyond.

After 11 Republicans, including leadership allies, retiring senators and GOP moderates, voted to allow a two-month debt ceiling increase to pass with only Democratic votes, Schumer took the floor and, accurately but unnecessarily, denounced McConnell’s maneuvers.

“Republicans played a dangerous and risky partisan game,” the Democratic leader said, adding, “Republicans must recognize in the future that they should

approach fixing the debt limit in a bipartisan way.”

On Friday, McConnell responded with an unusually strong-worded letter to Biden. He sought to blame the impasse on Democrats and, even more unnecessarily, added, “Whether through weakness or an intentional effort to bully his own members, Senator Schumer marched the nation to the doorstep of disaster.”

McConnell reiterated Republicans would not again help raise the debt ceiling, vowing, “I will not be a party to any future effort to mitigate the consequences of Democratic mismanagement.”

Raising the debt ceiling basically ratifies prior spending and tax actions, rather than puts the brakes on future ones. Failure to act would force the U.S. government into default, unable to pay bills or collect debts, threatening economic disaster.

As a result, Congress

always eventually acts, but often after each party tries to extract political advantage. In this case, McConnell wants to force endangered Democratic incumbents to vote on a package containing both the debt ceiling hike and Biden’s spending measures. In fact, it’s needed because of the \$7.8 trillion debt increase during the last four years.

When I covered the Senate in the 1970s, personal relations between Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield and Republican Leader Hugh Scott were so close they traveled to China together, soon after President Richard Nixon’s initial ground-breaking trip. And House Speaker Tip O’Neill regularly played golf with his GOP counterpart, Rep. Bob Michel.

Unfortunately, there is very little of that today.

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Gift/Baldwin conducts daily devotionals for men's shelter

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donations to its resale shop can accomplish.

GIFTS shelter residents who volunteer at the resale shop will be on hand to meet residents.

It was intended to provide revenue, work opportunities, socialization and continued healing to the dozens of homeless men who are clients at GIFTS.

"When I first got back in the GIFTS shelter, they'd already worked on the resale shop for months and months. It was ready to open, and I thought I knew that my future was going to be with this store," Baldwin said. "Somehow, the lord said it was what I should do. The lord said, 'Don't worry about it, I got this.' So, I got pointed in that right direction, and everybody's been helping me since."

Alongside about a dozen others, Baldwin works 40 hours a week at the retail shop. His gig—sorting through thousands of pieces of clothing, electronics, housewares and other curios donated to the nonprofit resale shop—keeps Baldwin, a former moving company employee, busy.

And he earns money working at the shop, too, through a subsidized state training program available for at-risk and homeless elderly residents.

Seven years ago

In 2014, Baldwin and another local man, John Panos, spent an afternoon showing a Gazette reporter what the doldrums of summer were like at the time for local homeless residents.

Baldwin and Panos spent the bulk of their day drifting around the streets of downtown Janesville, sharing a bottle of cheap vodka.

At the time, both Panos and Baldwin bemoaned their plight. GIFTS in 2014 had not yet begun operating year round, and another drop-in shelter in the city's Fourth Ward, which served as a stopgap during the shelterless summertime, was closing its doors permanently. That left men like Baldwin nowhere to stay. Winter on the streets can spell cold, illness and even death.

But life on the streets in summertime often can bring another problem: prolific drinking of alcohol.

Baldwin said he still runs into some of the homeless men he lived alongside in and out of shelters over the last decade. He said he last heard Panos had returned to his native Chicago, but it's been years since he's seen his friend.

Since 2014, a lot has changed. For one, GIFTS has transformed from what once was a fall/winter men's shelter that migrated to a different local church week to week. Now, the shelter runs 24 hours

year round at a permanent location.

GIFTS' new executive director, Maryann Raash, said in the short time she has been at the helm of GIFTS (she was hired this summer), she has found the stories of men such as Baldwin captivating.

Baldwin gives back to GIFTS

Baldwin now says he's a member of a local church where he used to stay back when GIFTS traveled from church to church. He also helps GIFTS, a faith-based nonprofit, run its daily religious devotionals, and he is up at 5 a.m. every day to get the shelter's coffee brewing.

The resale shop is run by a mix of GIFTS residents and volunteers. But anyone dropping off donated items at the rear loading dock at GIFTS Thrift Shop might recognize Bernie Baldwin's ruddy face, his short gray hair and bright, electric-blue eyes.

Baldwin is at times quiet and shy, but those who get to know him say they've learned he has become driven late in life. That's in part because he's getting an opportunity to reinvent himself and his circumstances through GIFTS.

GIFTS over the last few years has been running a transitional living apartment for shelter clients who have reached a point in their recovery from homelessness that they can move toward independent living.

Raash said Baldwin's caseworkers at GIFTS believe he'll be a candidate for the agency's transitional living program, which helps GIFTS clients start handling their own finances and other responsibilities.

As he bales up piles of unsold donated clothing for re-donation to a humanitarian clothing recycler, Baldwin said he thinks about the shot he's got at independence. He thinks about some of the wasted years he's had on the streets. While Baldwin said he's not ashamed of his past, he's set his sights on the future.

"It was my way to thank GIFTS for just giving me a place to stay. My gosh. Before, when I was failing, I didn't see it. I didn't see how big a thing it was to have a place to stay," Baldwin said. "I've worked for months here, and I've felt good the whole time. I'm healthy, focused and I'm having a blast. I realized if you just move forward and don't stress, it's not a bad time at all."

Raash said Baldwin recently had an illness that kept him hospitalized for several weeks. He kept telling visitors he wanted out of the hospital.

"He said, 'I just want to go home.' By 'home,' he meant GIFTS," Raash said. "That touched all of us. We wanted him home, too. It wasn't the same when he was gone."

BRIEFS

Janesville man faces intoxicated-driving charge

JANESVILLE—A Janesville man charged with fourth-offense intoxicated driving is also charged with possessing a pill of MDMA and a small bag of marijuana.

Martinez M. White, 33, of 612 S. Locust St., was charged in Rock County Court on Monday. Police reported he smelled of alcohol when an officer found him at 12:14 a.m. Saturday sleeping in a parked, running truck at Rockport Road and Locust Street.

White was released on a signature bond after his initial court appearance Monday. He was ordered to remain sober and not to drive while his case is pending. He also faces a charge of driving after license revocation.

White's previous intoxicated-driving convictions included one in 2013 and two in 2018.

Vandalism continues in western Rock County

A string of vandalism on cars and residences continued this week in western Rock County.

The Gazette previously reported several incidents in the same area over the weekend. The following incidents were reported Tuesday:

- West Hafeman Road, town of Spring Valley: windows of a van broken.
- North Burr Road, town of Magnolia: A vehicle's rear window was shot out.
- West Beloit-Newark Road, town of Avon: cracked window and BB-caused divots on the body.
- West Holt Road, town of Union: living room window shot out while the resident was in the room.

Sheriff's deputies are not sure if the incidents are connected.

'Share the Warmth' coat drive underway

JANESVILLE—The Janesville Community Center is collecting donations until Oct. 31 for its "Share the Warmth" winter coat and outerwear drive.

Coats and other donations will benefit local children and families. Donations of gloves, hats, scarves, snow pants and boots will also be accepted.

The coat giveaway will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, in the Janesville Community Center at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 305 Lincoln St.

Donations should be taken to the Janesville Athletic Club or Janesville Community Center. Donors should call 608-373-4788 before dropping off

donations.

Another Living Well workshop starts Nov. 2

JANESVILLE—The Rock County Council on Aging and SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital-Janesville will offer another Living Well workshop series called Living Well with Chronic Conditions from Nov. 2 through Dec. 2.

Megan Timm and Jo Ann Kolyk will teach participants skills to better manage their health and well-being while living with chronic conditions.

Held from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays, the six-week course will take place online. Participants will need internet access and a tablet or computer with microphone and audio capabilities.

There is a \$10 suggested donation for participants age 60 and older. Registration is required by Oct. 21.

For more information or to register, call 608-757-5309, email lisa.messer@co.rock.wi.us or visit www.co.rock.wi.us/aging.

Hedberg library seeking artists for future exhibits

JANESVILLE—Hedberg Public Library is accepting submissions from local artists for monthly exhibits planned for January 2022 through June 2023, according to a library news release.

Artists can submit two or three original pieces for review. Submissions should be dropped off at the library's administration office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, Oct. 25 through 29.

Submissions forms will be available upon dropoff, according to the release.

The library's Art Committee will review submissions the first week of November and contact artists to collect their pieces after review.

For more information, contact Helene Ramsdell at 608-758-5828 or hramsdel@hedbergpubliclibrary.org.

Traxler Park to host Trunk or Treat event Oct. 24

JANESVILLE—Traxler Trunk or Treat will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 24, at Traxler Park, 600 N. Main St.

This annual event provides a safer alternative to traditional trick-or-treating, according to a city news release.

Participants will loop through the park where 18 decorated car trunks will offer candy and treats to children. All children will receive a goody bag at the end.

Participation is free, but donations will be accepted.

For more information, call the Recreation Division at 608-755-3030.

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STATE FORECAST

Mostly cloudy today; a little rain along Lake Michigan.

WEATHER TRIVIA

Q Is the moon larger when it is near the horizon?
A No, this is an optical illusion.

IN THE SKY

The constellation Lyra can be found in the west around 10:00 p.m. The constellation is high in the sky and looks like a bowtie or necktie.
Source: Longway Planetarium

SUN AND MOON

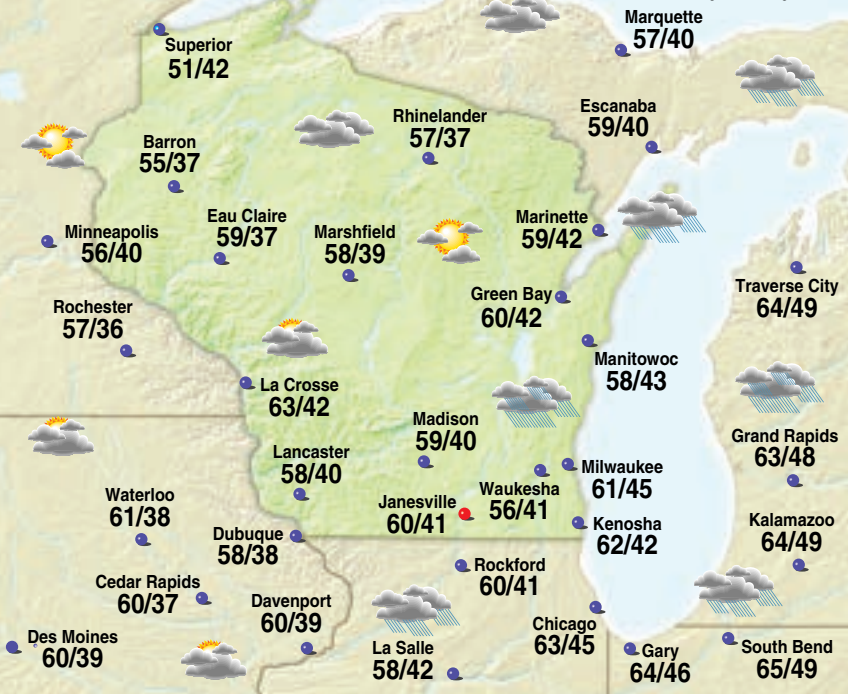
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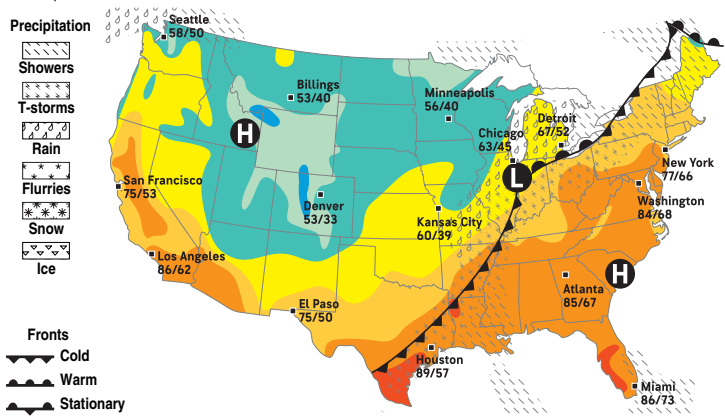
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NATIONAL FORECAST

Friday, October 15, 2021

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are for selected cities.



Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

As conditions more typical of late summer remain in the eastern third of the nation, a strong cold front will advance over the Central states today. Drenching showers, thunderstorms and gusty winds are in store along the front from the western Gulf coast to the Great Lakes and northern New England. Much of the Plains and West will be sunny.

National extremes yesterday for the 48 contiguous states
High: Zapata, Texas at 100°
Low: Bodie State Park, Calif. at 8°

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today HI/Lo/W	Saturday HI/Lo/W	City	Today HI/Lo/W	Saturday HI/Lo/W	City	Today HI/Lo/W	Saturday HI/Lo/W
Atlanta	85/67/s	69/49/c	Milwaukee	61/45/r	60/46/s	Athens	71/60/r	71/59/pc
Boston	71/64/c	76/58/c	Minneapolis	56/40/pc	59/43/s	Baghdad	103/72/s	101/70/s
Chicago	63/45/r	59/44/s	Nashville	81/53/r	66/45/s	Beijing	70/44/pc	56/34/s
Cincinnati	76/52/r	61/42/s	New Orleans	87/67/sh	76/60/pc	Berlin	57/40/r	53/39/pc
Cleveland	75/56/r	59/47/r	New York	77/66/p	74/54/t	Buenos Aires	85/53/pc	85/55/s
Dallas	75/50/s	73/49/s	Orlando	90/70/pc	89/69/pc	Cairo	90/73/pc	93/71/c
Denver	53/33/s	68/38/s	Philadelphia	82/65/pc	79/54/r	Johannesburg	85/64/s	88/57/s
Detroit	67/52/r	58/45/sh	Phoenix	85/63/s	91/68/s	Kabul	81/45/s	78/46/s
Dubuque	58/38/c	58/39/s	Reno	68/36/s	72/40/s	London	59/46/pc	61/51/c
Honolulu	85/74/sh	85/75/pc	Salt Lake City	53/36/s	60/42/s	Mexico City	78/55/s	72/58/s
Indianapolis	70/47/r	59/41/pc	San Diego	83/58/s	83/59/s	Paris	62/46/pc	62/43/s
Las Vegas	73/53/s	77/58/s	San Francisco	75/53/s	78/54/s	Rome	69/47/s	68/48/pc
Los Angeles	86/62/s	88/58/s	Seattle	58/50/sh	64/50/c	Sydney	71/56/pc	69/56/pc
Marquette	57/40/c	51/42/pc	St. Louis	64/46/r	62/44/s	Tokyo	76/67/pc	76/68/pc
Memphis	83/52/r	68/47/s	Washington, DC	84/68/pc	77/52/r	Toronto	68/57/r	60/49/sh

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Guilty/Bortner admits to inflating billings to hospital

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fraudulently inflated billings to Mercyhealth beyond the scope of contract marketing work Weckerly was providing Mercyhealth at the time, according to court documents.

Bortner, a 30-year employee and a longtime vice president of marketing for Mercyhealth, was found guilty Thursday of accepting the kickbacks, a crime prosecutors said surfaced out of an IRS audit of Bortner's personal finances.

Thursday was Bortner's first appearance in court after she and Weckerly formally agreed to plead guilty to charges of fraud and tax evasion on Sept. 1.

Mercyhealth officials said they fired Bortner and dissolved a contract arrangement with Weckerly in mid-August after top brass at Mercyhealth learned of the fraud and kickbacks.

As part of her plea, Bortner admitted her role in accepting kickback money from Weckerly in cash and in checks in a scheme that involved payments as big as \$70,000 at one time, according to court documents.

Bortner also admitted to putting the money in a shell bank account she set up at a bank in Milton and acknowledged in court Thursday that she used the money for her own personal use.

Weckerly is expected to plead guilty to his role

Barbara Bortner, a 30-year employee and a longtime vice president of marketing for Mercyhealth, was found guilty Thursday of accepting the kickbacks, a crime prosecutors said surfaced out of an IRS audit of Bortner's personal finances.

in fraud and tax evasion in the case today, according to a federal court schedule, but Bortner and Weckerly have yet to learn what amount they would have to repay Mercyhealth in restitution.

In an interview after the hearing Thursday, Wegner said there could be further court hearings to hash out the restitution amount Bortner will be compelled to pay.

In exchange for their guilty pleas, prosecutors have offered to "resolve" charges of wire fraud and tax evasion, provided both pay whatever restitution is ordered. Federal probation officials in the coming weeks will review the plea deals and the case and provide guidance in sentencing based on Bortner's past history.

Conley on Thursday said he is inclined to uphold the federal prosecutors' agreement to fines and restitution, although he won't officially hand a sentence to Bortner until Feb. 17.



Janesville School District Superintendent Steve Pophal talks to school board members about the challenges of teaching in a classroom where you have to raise your voice to be heard over the heating system in March 2020 ahead of a referendum vote in spring 2020, before the coronavirus pandemic set in. Pophal is retiring as the district superintendent at the end of the 2021-22 school year.

Schools/Board members laud Pophal

Continued from 1A
grateful for his leadership team and the staff at all the schools who are "on the front lines." He refers to the teachers as the heart and soul of the organization, as well as custodians, food service workers, maintenance workers and the district's secretary.

Over the past 19 months, Pophal said he has had to make difficult decisions in response to the spread of COVID-19. But the struggle to stay ahead of the pandemic did not play into his decision to retire, he said.

"I'm not running away from anything. I am running toward something," Pophal said. "While the last 19 months have been quite an unpredictable ride, those were just opportunities for leaders to rise up and to truly be leaders. I don't want to say it's ever easy to lead. It's easier to lead when things are predictable than when things aren't."

For his next chapter, Pophal said he is looking forward to focusing on his family.

"I have elderly parents who are 90 and 86, who live in my home," Pophal said. "I'm grateful for the opportunity to support them to stay independent for as long as possible. And my two children—one lives in California and one lives in Florida. We look forward to being able to spend more time with them."

Pophal said he intended to follow the advice of a retired friend who urged him not to make any big life decisions within the first six months of retirement.

"My wife and I are certainly looking forward to doing some traveling sooner than later," Pophal said. "But more than anything, it's about relationships with family, friends and finding other ways to continue to be woven into the fabric of a healthy, dynamic community."

School board response

After working closely with Pophal for the past five years, members of the school board said they were sad to hear of his pending retirement.

"It was a surprise to me," board member Kevin Murray said of Pophal's retirement news. "I know that he gave 150% every day, all day. I couldn't be more happy for him to make a decision that's going to positively affect him and his family."

Murray said Pophal "has been like a brother to me. We know each other's strengths and weaknesses. He's somebody that I can go to for advice, and I will miss him personally."

Board member Greg Ardrey said Pophal "has done an excellent job during his time as superintendent, as well as continuing to move the district in a positive direction."

Ardrey said "the last year and a

half has taken so much out of many of the leaders during the whole COVID situation. I guess, when you're of that age and you can make that decision, it makes it a little easier."

Board President Cathy Myers said she and Pophal talked about his decision to retire before he made it public.

"I gave him the space he needed to really think about what is in his best interest and make sure that he is taking his life in the direction that he wants to," Myers said.

Superintendent search

The school board is already taking steps to find Pophal's successor, which Myers said could take several months. Ardrey said he hoped a new superintendent could be selected by next January.

In the meantime, the board will consider the profile and skill set they would like the next superintendent to have.

"I'm speaking personally here about the things that I care about, but obviously we need people with great skills at managing ... a large district," Myers said. "But I think our community and our board and our faculty and staff really want somebody that has great interpersonal and communication skills and a good vision for what we need to do to keep the district strong."

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Craig's Arreazola wins a pair of matches at state

The freshman will take on Elkhorn's Christensen today

Gazette staff

MADISON

Rya Arreazola started her first high school girls tennis season as Janesville Craig's No. 1 singles player.

On the junior varsity team, that is.

A couple of months later, the Janesville Craig

freshman stands as one of 16 Division 1 singles players in the state still alive after Thursday's opening rounds of the WIAA state individual tournament at Nielsen Tennis Stadium.

In her first state match, Arreazola (16-2) upset 14th-seeded Sonya Agapov of Middleton. She then took a three-set thriller over Quinn Babiarz of Wausau West, 5-7, 6-4, 6-0, in the second round to advance to today's round of 16.

Arreazola earned a



Arreazola

hard-fought 4-6, 6-4, 10-4 win over Agapov, which was only the second loss of the season for the Middleton junior. Arreazola followed that up with a 5-7, 6-4, 6-0 win over Babiarz.

"Rya played amazing tennis today," Craig coach Pamela Clutson said. "She came back after being

down the first set in both matches.

"In her second match, she was emotionally and physically spent but found the strength to pull off the win."

The Craig freshman will meet third-seeded Parker Christensen of Elkhorn (22-1) today at 10:30 a.m. for a spot in the quarterfinals.

Clutson said it's a great accomplishment for Arreazola. The feat—an unseeded Craig player

advancing to the second day at state—hasn't been accomplished since a Cougar doubles team did it in 2012, Clutson added.

"She's got a very bright future ahead of her with Craig tennis," Clutson said.

Clutson add that some Craig parents were jokingly calling Arreazola "The Dragon Slayer" after she took down a seeded player in her opening match.

"She has the chance to slay another dragon on

Friday," Clutson said.

Craig senior Allison Grund, making her third consecutive trip to state, lost her opening-round match to Katy Kops of Whitefish Bay, 6-4, 6-4, and finished with an 11-9 record.

Janesville Parker's No. 1 doubles team of Lucy and Annie Barnes (6-7) lost a first-round match to Big Eight Conference rivals Nikita Remesh and

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Associated Press

Green Bay wide receiver Davante Adams runs after a catch during Sunday's overtime win in Cincinnati.

(RED) ZONED OUT

Adams, Packers struggle to produce points inside opponents' 20-yard line

By Ryan Wood

PackersNews.com

GREEN BAY

It was late October in 2020, and Davante Adams craved the end zone. He needed the end zone.

The Green Bay Packers were entering their sixth game, and Adams had only visited twice.

That didn't sit well with the star receiver. Adams had scored

two touchdowns in the Packers' 2020 opener but had been shut out after that. He missed two and a half games with a hamstring injury, returned to score no touchdowns in Tampa Bay, and entered that sixth game at Houston with just the pair.

"Dang," Adams thought a year ago, "I wish I had a few more going into the games I

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PACKERS AT BEARS

- **What:** Green Bay Packers (4-1) at Chicago Bears (3-2).
- **When:** Noon Sunday.
- **Where:** Soldier Field, Chicago.
- **TV/radio:** FOX TV; WCLO radio, Janesville (1230 AM, 92.7 FM)
- **Inside:** Packers Preview, page 5B

NLDS GAME 5: LOS ANGELES 2, SAN FRANCISCO 1

Late heroics lift Dodgers

Bellinger's RBI single sets up Scherzer's save

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO

Cody Bellinger hit a tiebreaking single in the ninth inning.

Prized midseason acquisition Max Scherzer came out of the bullpen for his first career save.

It took all of that and more Thursday to send the Los Angeles Dodgers past the San Francisco Giants 2-1 in a thrilling winner-take-all Game 5 and into the NL Championship Series.

Bellinger's big hit decided a scintillating NL Division Series between talent-laden teams with lofty victory totals—the latest exciting chapter of their storied rivalry.

And the dramatic finish came with a controversial call: With a runner on, Scherzer struck out Wilmer Flores on a check-swing to end it. First base umpire Gabe Morales rang up Flores on appeal—but on television replays, it certainly didn't appear he swung.

Mookie Betts had a postseason career-high four hits and will lead the next step in the Dodgers' championship defense at Atlanta for Game 1 of the National League Championship Series on Saturday.

Camilo Doval plunked Justin Turner with one out in the ninth and Kenosha native Gavin Lux then singled before Bellinger delivered his most meaningful hit in a scrutinized season.

Scherzer, the Game 3 loser who came over from Washington at the trade deadline, closed out a best-of-five series certain to go down among the several classics these franchises have played—right up there with the 1951 and '62 clubs that each matched up in three-game tiebreakers for the



Associated Press

Los Angeles pitcher Brusdar Graterol reacts after striking out San Francisco's Logan Webb during the second inning Thursday.

NL pennant that the Giants won each time.

In the 24th and final meeting between these so evenly matched rivals who knew everything about each other by this stage, it was only fitting they split at 12 apiece. The 107-win Giants edged the Dodgers for the NL West title on the final day, Los Angeles winding up a game back with 106 victories.

The Dodgers already won once facing elimination, topping the Cardinals last week in the wild-card game 3-1. And manager Dave Roberts' bold Game 5 gamble paid off: 20-game winner Julio Urías pitched out of the bullpen instead of starting as originally planned. Urías entered in the third inning and gave LA four innings of relief with five strikeouts.

"You can't do a job for fear of

Turn to **NLDS** on Page 3B



Associated Press

Wisconsin quarterback Graham Mertz points out the defensive set during the first half of Saturday's victory at Illinois.

Badgers' Mertz delivers on third down

Despite some errant throws, QB keeps the chains moving

By Jeff Potrykus

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

MADISON

When Graham Mertz met with reporters this week, he acknowledged some throws he missed in Wisconsin's 24-0 victory over Illinois.

The first came on the

BLACK KNIGHTS AT BADGERS

- **What:** Army Black Knights (4-1) at Wisconsin Badgers (2-3).
- **When:** 7 p.m. Saturday.
- **Where:** Camp Randall Stadium, Madison.
- **TV/radio:** BTN TV; WCLO radio, Janesville (1230 AM, 92.7 FM)

Badgers' opening offensive series when Mertz locked on wide receiver Chimere Dike on third and goal from the 7.

Mertz tried to hit Dike in the back of the end zone, but the coverage was tight,

the pass was incomplete and UW settled for a field goal. Had Mertz come off Dike, he could have seen he had Danny Davis open on a shallow crossing route for a likely touchdown.

Another came on UW's

first series of the third quarter when Mertz had tight end Jake Ferguson wide open down the left sideline on first and 10 from the Illinois 38.

The throw was late and short, however, which allowed a defender to recover and break up the pass. UW overcame the missed chance and Chez Mellusi capped the 13-play, 75-yard drive with a 15-yard touchdown run.

"There are plays you want to have back," UW

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Pro football

NFL Glance						
NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
NORTH						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Green Bay.....4	1	0	.800	120	122	
Chicago.....3	2	0	.600	84	100	
Minnesota.....2	3	0	.400	113	109	
Detroit.....0	5	0	.000	98	138	
EAST						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Dallas.....4	1	0	.833	170	117	
Washington.....2	3	0	.400	123	155	
Philadelphia.....2	4	0	.333	137	152	
N.Y. Giants.....1	4	0	.200	103	139	
SOUTH						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Tampa Bay.....5	1	0	.833	195	84	
Carolina.....3	2	0	.600	115	177	
New Orleans.....3	2	0	.600	127	91	
Atlanta.....2	3	0	.400	105	148	
WEST						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Arizona.....5	0	1	1.000	157	95	
L.A. Rams.....4	1	0	.800	141	76	
San Francisco.....3	3	0	.400	117	119	
Seattle.....2	3	0	.400	120	126	
AMERICAN CONFERENCE						
EAST						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Buffalo.....4	1	0	.800	172	64	
New England.....3	3	0	.400	96	92	
Miami.....1	4	0	.200	79	154	
N.Y. Jets.....1	4	0	.200	67	121	
SOUTH						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Tennessee.....3	2	0	.600	132	130	
Houston.....1	4	0	.200	89	141	
Indianapolis.....1	4	0	.200	108	128	
Jacksonville.....0	5	0	.000	93	152	
NORTH						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Baltimore.....4	1	0	.800	136	117	
Cincinnati.....3	2	0	.600	114	110	
Cleveland.....3	2	0	.600	142	114	
Pittsburgh.....2	3	0	.400	94	112	
WEST						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
L.A. Chargers.....4	1	0	.800	142	116	
Denver.....3	2	0	.600	102	76	
Las Vegas.....3	2	0	.600	113	120	
Kansas City.....2	3	0	.400	154	163	

GAMES THURSDAY						
Tampa Bay 28, Philadelphia 22						
GAMES SUNDAY						
Miami vs Jacksonville at London, UK, 9:30 a.m.						
Cincinnati at Detroit, noon						
Green Bay at Chicago, noon						
Houston at Indianapolis, noon						
Kansas City at Washington, noon						
L.A. Chargers at Baltimore, noon						
L.A. Rams at N.Y. Giants, noon						
Minnesota at Carolina, noon						
Arizona at Cleveland, 3:05 p.m.						
Dallas at New England, 3:25 p.m.						
Las Vegas at Denver, 3:25 p.m.						
Seattle at Pittsburgh, 7:20 p.m.						
Open: N.Y. Jets, Atlanta, New Orleans, San Francisco.						
GAMES MONDAY						
Buffalo at Tennessee, 7:15 p.m.						

Pro baseball

MLB Postseason Glance						
DIVISION SERIES						
(Best-of-5; x-if necessary)						
NATIONAL LEAGUE						
Los Angeles 3, San Francisco 2						
Friday: San Francisco 4, Los Angeles 0						
Saturday: Los Angeles 9, San Francisco 2						
Monday: San Francisco 1, Los Angeles 0						
Tuesday: Los Angeles 7, San Francisco 2						
Thursday: Los Angeles 2, San Francisco 1						
LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES						
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)						
AMERICAN LEAGUE						
Friday: Boston at Houston, 7:07 p.m. (Fox)						
Saturday: Boston at Houston, 4:20 p.m. (Fox or FS1)						
Monday, Oct. 18: Houston at Boston, 7:07 p.m. (Fox)						
Tuesday, Oct. 19: Houston winner at Boston (Fox)						
x-Wednesday, Oct. 20: Houston at Boston (Fox)						
x-Friday, Oct. 22: Boston at Houston (Fox)						
x-Saturday, Oct. 23: Boston at Houston (Fox or FS1)						
NATIONAL LEAGUE						
Saturday: Los Angeles at Atlanta, 7:07 p.m. (TBS)						
Sunday: Los Angeles at Atlanta (TBS)						
Tuesday, Oct. 19: Atlanta at Los Angeles (TBS)						
Wednesday, Oct. 20: Atlanta at Los Angeles (TBS)						
x-Thursday, Oct. 21: Atlanta at Los Angeles (TBS)						
x-Saturday, Oct. 23: Los Angeles at Atlanta (TBS)						
x-Sunday, Oct. 24: Los Angeles at Atlanta						

College football

AP Top 25 Schedule									
GAMES FRIDAY									
No. 9 Oregon vs. California, 99:30 p.m.									
No. 24 San Diego St. at San Jose St., 9:30 p.m.									
GAMES SATURDAY									
No. 1 Georgia vs. No. 11 Kentucky, 2:30 p.m.									
No. 2 Iowa vs. Purdue, 2:30 p.m.									
No. 3 Cincinnati vs. UCF, 11 a.m.									
No. 4 Oklahoma vs. TCU, 6:30 p.m.									
No. 5 Alabama at Mississippi St., 6 p.m.									
No. 10 Michigan St. at Indiana, 11 a.m.									
No. 12 Oklahoma St. at No. 25 Texas, 11 a.m.									
No. 13 Mississippi at Tennessee, 6:30 p.m.									
No. 17 Arkansas vs. Auburn, 11 a.m.									
No. 18 Arizona St. at Utah, 9 p.m.									
No. 19 BYU at Baylor, 2:30 p.m.									
No. 20 Florida at LSU, 11 a.m.									
No. 21 Texas A&M at Missouri, 11 a.m.									
No. 22 NC State at Boston College, 6:30 p.m.									
Big Ten Conference									
EAST DIVISION									
Conf	All	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Michigan	.3	0	90	59	6	0	231	93	
Mich St.	.3	0	92	54	6	0	220	116	
Ohio St.	.3	0	163	61	5	1	291	123	
Penn St.	.2	1	60	33	5	1	170	83	
Maryland	.1	2	51	134	4	2	180	174	
Rutgers	.0	3	39	103	3	3	162	137	
Indiana	.0	2	68	2	3	3	119	141	
WEST DIVISION									
Conf	All	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Iowa	.3	0	108	40	6	0	189	78	
Minnsa	.1	1	51	58	3	2	122	98	
Purdue	.1	1	26	29	3	2	118	77	
Wisconsin	.1	2	51	54	2	3	98	102	
Nebraska	.1	3	127	92	3	4	223	125	
Illinois	.1	3	56	79	2	5	124	172	
N'western	.0	2	28	94	2	3	110	136	
GAMES SATURDAY									
Army at Wisconsin, 7 p.m. (non-conference)									
Nebraska at Minnesota, 11 a.m.									
Rutgers at Northwestern, 11 a.m.									
Michigan State at Indiana, 11 a.m.									
Purdue at Iowa, 2:30 p.m.									
WIAC									
Conf	All	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L
UW-Whitewater	.2	0	0	5	0				
UW-La Crosse	.2	0	0	4	1				
UW-River Falls	.1	1	1	4	1				
UW-Stout	.1	1	1	4	1				
UW-Oshkosh	.1	1	1	4	1				

UW-Eau Claire1	1	3	2	
UW-Stevens Point.....0	2	2	3	
UW-Platteville.....0	2	1	4	
GAMES SATURDAY				
UW-Whitewater at UW-Oshkosh, 1 p.m.				
UW-La Crosse at UW-Platteville, 1 p.m.				
UW-Stevens Point at UW-Stout, 1 p.m.				
UW-River Falls at UW-Eau Claire, 1 p.m.				

Pro basketball

NBA Preseason Glance						
RESULTS THURSDAY						
Atlanta 127, Miami 92						
Brooklyn 107, Minnesota 101						
Denver 113, Oklahoma City 107, OT						
L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, late						
GAMES FRIDAY						
Boston at Miami, 5:30 p.m.						
Cleveland at Indiana, 6 p.m.						
Philadelphia at Detroit, 6 p.m.						
Washington at New York, 6:30 p.m.						
Dallas at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.						
Memphis at Chicago, 7 p.m.						
Houston at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.						
Portland at Golden State, 9 p.m.						
GAMES SATURDAY						
No games scheduled						
GAMES SUNDAY						
No games scheduled						
WNBA Finals Glance						
(Best-of-5; x-if necessary)						
No. 6 Chicago 1, No. 5 Phoenix 1						
Sunday: Chicago 91, Phoenix 77						
Wednesday: Phoenix 91, Chicago 86, OT						
Friday: Phoenix at Chicago, 9 p.m.						
x-Sunday, Oct. 17: Phoenix at Chicago, 3 p.m.						
x-Tuesday, Oct. 19: Chicago at Phoenix, 9 p.m.						

Pro golf

PGA		THE CJ CUP AT SUMMIT	
Summit Club, Las Vegas		Summit Club, Las Vegas	
RESULTS THURSDAY			
Robert Streb	29-32—61		
Keith Mitchell	30-32—62		
Harry Higgs	31-33—64		
Hudson Swafford	32-33—65		
Sergio Garcia	32-33—65		
Viktor Hovland	32-33—65		
Aaron Wise	33-33—66		
Jhonattan Vegas	34-32—66		
Cameron Smith	32-34—66		
Hideki Matsuyama	34-32—66		
Scottie Scheffler	33-33—66		
Ian Poulter	33-33—66		
Rickie Fowler	32-34—66		
Jordan Spieth	34-32—66		
Max Homa	34-33—67		
K.H. Lee	33-34—67		
Collin Morikawa	35-32—67		
Brian Harman	33-34—67		
Joaquín Niemann	35-32—67		
Erik van Rooyen	33-34—67		
Sam Burns	35-32—67		
Tyrell Hattton	34-33—67		
Brooks Koepka	34-33—67		
Talor Gooch	33-34—67		
Harold Varner III	34-33—67		
Chris Kirk	34-34—68		
Jooyoung Kim	36-32—68		
Paul Casey	34-34—68		
Adam Scott	35-33—68		
Tony Finau	36-32—68		
Sungjae Im	34-34—68		
Rory McIlroy	34-34—68		
Tommy Fleetwood	35-33—68		
Seonghyeon Kim	34-34—68		
Cam Davis	36-32—68		
Gary Woodland	36-32—68		
Kevin Na	34-34—68		
Russell Henley	32-36—68		
Maverick McNealy	33-36—69		
Minkyu Kim	35-34—69		
Stewart Cink	35-34—69		
Webb Simpson	34-35—69		
Sebastián Muñoz	34-35—69		
Justin Thomas	38-31—69		
Lucas Glover	38-31—69		
Xander Schauffele	38-31—69		
Rasmus Hojgaard	32-37—69		
Jaeyoung Lee	36-33—69		
Marc Leishman	33-37—70		
Abraham Ancer	36-34—70		
Keegan Bradley	34-36—70		
Byeong Hun An	36-34—70		
Kevin Kisner	34-36—70		
Matt Jones	34-36—70		
Louis Oosthuizen	34-36—70		
Mackenzie Hughes	36-35—71		
Carlos Ortiz	36-35—71		
Sung Kang	35-36—71		
Cameron Tringale	37-34—71		
Tom Hoge	35-36—71		
Sanghun Shin	35-36—71		
Patton Kizzire	37-34—71		
Patrick Reed	37-34—71		
Si Woo Kim	35-36—71		
Alex Noren	36-36—72		
Charl Schwartzel	37-35—72		
Emiliano Grillo	37-35—72		
Charley Hoffman	34-38—72		
Branden Grace	35-37—72		
Harris English	36-37—73		
Shane Lowry	37-36—73		
Jason Day	35-38—73		
Yeo-seop Seo	36-38—74		
Danbyoul Kim	34-40—74		
Hustyn Johnson	39-36—75		
Kevin Streelman	41-34—75		
Justin Rose	41-34—75		
Jason Kokrak	38-39—77		

Pro hockey

NHL Glance						
EASTERN CONFERENCE						
ATLANTIC DIVISION						
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Buffalo.....1	0	0	2	5	1	
Ottawa.....1	0	0	2	3	2	
Florida.....1	0	0	2	5	4	
Toronto.....2	1	0	2	4	4	
Montreal.....2	0	2	0	2	7	
Tampa Bay.....2	1	1	0	2	12	
Detroit.....1	0	0	1	6	7	
Boston.....0	0	0	0	0	0	
METROPOLITAN DIVISION						
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh.....2	1	0	1	3	10	7

2021 AMERICAN LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES PREVIEW

Cora meets former team again

BoSox manager back in Beantown for another run

Associated Press

HOUSTON

Boston Red Sox manager Alex Cora was already counting on a rematch with his former team even before the Houston Astros advanced to their fifth straight AL Championship Series.

"He told me (Monday), 'see you soon,'" Houston star Carlos Correa said.

The Astros assured their place the next day, closing out the White Sox i Game 4 of the Division Series.

Now that this matchup is set and will begin Friday night, Cora, the former Houston bench coach, will look to take down the Astros in the ALCS for the second time in four years after beating them to a World Series title in 2018.

"I'm enjoying the groove," Cora said. "I think honestly, as a team, we're clicking at the right time ... and it doesn't matter how you get here, it just matters what you do from here on and we're prepared for it."

The red-hot Red Sox beat the Yankees in the wild-card game and earned a trip to Houston by upsetting the 100-win Rays 3-1 in a wild division series, featuring a 13-inning win in Game 3 and a walk-off victory in Game 4.

Cora helped Houston win the 2017 World Series as bench coach, then managed Boston to the 2018 championship after disposing of the Astros. He was let go by the Red Sox following Major League Baseball's investigation into Houston's sign-stealing scheme, then suspended by MLB through the 2020 postseason before getting rehired in Boston last November.

Asked about the



Associated Press

Boston Red Sox manager Alex Cora smiles as he responds to questions during a news conference before baseball practice in Houston on Thursday. The Red Sox play the Houston Astros in Game 1 of the American League Championship Series on Friday.

RED SOX VS. ASTROS

■ Game 1: Red Sox at Astros, 7 p.m. Friday

■ Game 2: Red Sox at Astros, 3:20 p.m. Saturday

■ Game 3: Astros at Red Sox, 7 p.m. Monday

■ Game 4: Astros at Red Sox, TBA

■ Game 5 (if necessary): Astros at Red Sox, TBA

■ Game 6 (if necessary): Red Sox at Astros, TBA

■ Game 7 (if necessary): Red Sox at Astros, TBA

■ TV/radio: FOX TV; TBS TV; FS1 TV; ESPN Radio

team in MLB history to reach the league championship series in five consecutive seasons, joining the Braves (1995-99) and Athletics (1971-75). Houston manager Dusty Baker has only been around for these last two. He took over after manager A.J. Hinch was fired after being suspended for his part in the scheme.

But he's certainly been around long enough to know he has a team built for October.

"These guys take a lot of pride in winning, and especially the guys that have been here for a while," Baker said. "They've been through a couple of back-to-back 100-loss seasons, and they like the feeling of winning and the feeling of being on top. And they think that they're supposed to win no matter how the series starts or the outcome."

The biggest question of the series is the status of Houston ace Lance McCullers Jr. The right-hander was masterful in a Game 1 win in the ALDS, pitching scoreless ball into the seventh. But he left Game 4 after four innings with tightness in his right forearm and was still being evaluated Thursday as the Astros determine his availability for the series.

"He did go for an MRI, just precautionary to make

sure everything's OK in there," general manager James Click said. "So, we're waiting for those images to be reviewed and getting examination on him, and we'll see where that goes."

A lot of people will weigh in on the decision but Click said it will be "just ultimately about how Lance feels."

With McCullers out, the Astros will start Framber Valdez in Game 1 against Chris Sale. Game 2 in Houston Saturday features Astros rookie Luis García against Nathan Eovaldi.

There was some question about how Sale would be used in this series after the seven-time All-Star permitted five runs in just one inning of a Game 2 start in the division series. It was his 10th outing this year after returning from Tommy John surgery Aug. 14.

Cora said they don't consider Sale an opener in this game and that there would be no limitations on the left-hander.

"If we didn't feel comfortable, we wouldn't pitch him," Cora said.

But what made Cora feel good about putting Sale back on the mound in such a big game after his recent struggles?

"It's Chris Sale," Cora said. "He's a big part of what we're trying to accomplish."

Sale, who was also bad in his last regular season start, said he felt "lesser than dirt" after Game 2. But the support of Cora and his teammates helped get him in the right mindset to bounce back Friday.

He said he's been on the mound every day since his last start trying to iron some things out. He believes he's rediscovered a changeup that was missing against the Rays and that he's solved the problems commanding his fastball.

"We'll see what we get (Friday)," he said. "But I like where we're at."

AREA PREP ROUNDUP

Clinton, Jefferson take Rock Valley Conf. titles

Gazette staff

WHITWATER

Jost Hornbostel covered the 5,000-meter course at UW-Whitewater in a second-place time of 18 minutes, 14 seconds Thursday to lead Clinton to the Rock Valley Conference boys team championship. Reagan Flickinger finished fourth in 18:22 as Clinton scored 39 points to runner-up Evansville's 60. The Blue

Devils' Baden Schrab finished third (18:32). Big Foot's Gus Foster finished sixth in 18:41.

In the girls race, Turner junior Lydia Seifarth won the individual title in 21:16, with Evansville's Rosemary Gallagher second (22:03), Edgerton's Jessi Salimes third (22:05) and Clinton's Paige Dammann fifth (22:45). Jefferson won the team title with 49 points, one better than Evansville.

BRIEFS

Compiled from Gazette wire services and staff reports

Soccer, volleyball playoffs are set

Pairings were announced by the WIAA this week for next week's regional tournaments in boys soccer and volleyball. Both tournaments get under way next Tuesday.

In boys soccer, Division 1 Oconomowoc Sectional action will feature No. 16 Janesville Parker at No. 1 Verona; No. 15 Janesville Craig at No. 2 Hartland-Arrowhead; and No. 10 Lake Geneva Badger at No. 7 Madison West. Verona is ranked No. 7 in the state.

Division 2's Sauk Prairie Sectional will feature semifinal matchups sending No. 10 Milton to No. 7 Monona Grove and No. 15 Wilmot to No. 2 Elkhorn. The Elks are ranked 13th in the state.

All matches are slated for a 7 p.m. kickoff.

The Division 1 girls volleyball tournament doesn't start until next Thursday, Oct. 21. No. 7 Janesville Parker will host No. 10 Lake Geneva Badger; No. 11 Elkhorn traveling to No. 6 Milton; and No. 13 Beloit Memorial at No. 3 Janesville Craig.

Division 2 and Division 3 action starts on Tuesday, Oct. 19. In the Division 2 McFarland sectional, No. 9 Walworth Big Foot will be at No. 8 Whitewater; No. 13 Beloit Turner travels to No. 4 Edgerton; No. 14 Clinton will be at No. 3 Lake Mills; No. 11 Delavan-Darien is at No. 6 Lakeside Lutheran; and No. 10 Evansville heads to No. 7 Mount Horeb.

Division 3 action in the Waterloo Sectional will see No. 16 Boscobel at No. 1 Brodhead and No. 12 Orfordville Parkview traveling to No. 5 Mineral Point.

All postseason matches are set for 7 p.m. starts.

OSU's Day best-paid Big Ten coach

Ryan Day is now the highest-paid football coach in the Big Ten, overtaking Michigan's Jim Harbaugh for the designation.

According to USA Today's annual survey of college coaching salaries, his compensation of \$6.61 million in 2021 leaves him as the top-earning coach in the conference.

Leading Ohio State's program for a third season, Day was scheduled to make an additional \$135,307, but accepted a 5% salary reduction as part of the variety of cost-cutting measures implemented by the athletic department last year in response to the coronavirus pandemic. His full salary was restored in July.

Battered Bucs hang on in Philly

PHILADELPHIA—After winning their third game in 11 days Thursday night, the Bucs looked like a team on bruise control.

Tom Brady, or Tom Thumb as he may be known for the most scrutinized injured digit in the NFL, passed for 297 yards and two touchdowns in a 28-22 win over the Eagles.

The Bucs lost another defensive back, veteran Richard Sherman, whose right hamstring blew out in the first quarter. Receiver Antonio Brown gutted out another solid performance despite struggling with a foot injury in the first half. That didn't include the three starters the Bucs left at home — Rob Gronkowski (ribs), Lavonte David (knee) and Antoine Winfield Jr. (concussion).

Tennis/Tourney continues today

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Elizabeth Wu of Madison Memorial, 6-2, 6-1.

Christensen advanced easily with a 6-1, 6-2 victory over Madison Memorial's Sophia Jiang.

Also winning her first match—after an opening-round bye—was fourth-seeded Zaya Iderzul of Lake Geneva Badger. Iderzul (31-3) took a 6-0, 6-0 victory over Julia Gurholt of Kimberly.

In a Division 1 doubles opening-round match, Badger's Emma Fasano and Ellie Hirn (15-11) lost in a tiebreaker to Anna Harmann and Mia Fairbairn of De Pere, 3-6, 6-3,

10-7.

In area Division 2 singles openers, senior Emily Gauger of Big Foot/Williams Bay (28-5), seeded third, drew a bye until Friday and teammate Jamison Gregory of Big Foot/Williams Bay (18-3) opened against Lake Mills' Claudia Curtis. Curtis advanced after Gregory retired leading in the third set, 4-1.

In Division 2 doubles, Edgerton juniors Ashley Ulset and Sylvia Fox (15-4) took on fifth-seeded Ella Schroeder and Marissa Stolt of Stevens Point Pacelli. The Pacelli pair won, 6-2, 6-1.

NLDS/Late heroics lift Dodgers over Giants

Continued from 1B

failure or potential criticism," Roberts explained. "You have to do your job given whatever you feel is the best way to win the game."

Betts had the Dodgers' initial three hits, all singles at the top of the lineup, before Corey Seager hit an RBI double in the sixth as the Dodgers finally got to Game 1 winner Logan Webb.

Then Darin Ruf's first hit of the series for San Francisco after starting 0 for 9 was a tying home run in the bottom half. The 452-foot drive is the longest of this postseason.

Webb was done after seven more brilliant innings, allowing one run on four hits, striking out seven and walking one as he once more delighted a sellout crowd of 42,275 with their swirling orange rally towels and those deafening "Beat LA!" chants.

The 24-year-old right-hander and two relievers shut out the Dodgers 4-0 here last Friday, and Webb's Sierra Elementary School to the north in Rocklin held a day in his honor earlier this week.

Betts led off the game with a single but the Giants got out of it with an inning-ending double play and Webb faced the minimum through two.

Right-hander Corey Knebel opened for the Dodgers and gave up Buster Posey's two-out double in the first, then pumped his



Associated Press

Los Angeles Dodgers players celebrate after defeating the San Francisco Giants in Game 5 of a baseball National League Division Series Thursday night in San Francisco.

first striking out Brandon Crawford in a seven-pitch at-bat.

Betts is only the second batter with three hits in a game against Webb this year, joining San Diego's Eric Hosmer on April 30.

The LA right fielder also is the first player in Dodgers history with four hits in a winner-take-all post-season game.

Hall of Fame broadcaster Vin Scully, who retired following the 2016 season after 67 years calling Dodgers games, weighed in on the magnitude of this

Game 5 matchup in the clubs' storied histories.

"To my knowledge, tonight's game between the Dodgers and Giants is the most important game in the history of their rivalry. With nearly identical records, and so much at stake, I believe this to be the case," Scully posted on Twitter.

"Many of you might consider the 1951 game for the NL pennant to be bigger. Perhaps, but that was more about the greatest moment with Bobby Thomson's game-winning home run."

Roberts was told before the game of the 93-year-old Scully's remarks.

"Now I feel pressure. Gosh darn it, man," Roberts said with a grin.

A moment of silence and a thoughtful big screen tribute were held for two-time All-Star catcher Ray Fosse, who died Wednesday at age 74 after a 16-year battle with cancer.

He had worked earlier this season as a broadcaster across the bay for the Oakland Athletics.

AROUND THE BIG TEN

Ferentz trying to keep Iowa grounded

Win over Penn State elevates Hawkeyes to No. 2 in AP poll

Associated Press

IOWA CITY

Kirk Ferentz is trying to keep his University of Iowa football team grounded after the No. 2 Hawkeyes achieved the program's highest ranking since 1985.

The Hawkeyes (6-0, 3-0 Big Ten) are on a 12-game winning streak after their victory last week over fourth-ranked Penn State. They now stand in control of the Big Ten West race entering their Saturday game against Purdue (3-2, 1-1) on Saturday.

"We're just at the halfway mark," Ferentz said. "I have no idea how many Kentucky Derby winners won that were leading at halftime."

If there's one team that should be able to keep the Hawkeyes focused, it's Purdue. Jeff Brohm's Boilermakers have won three of the last four meetings.

The Boilermakers have beaten Iowa with their passing game, averaging 292.8 yards over the last four matchups.

"We have at times had the ability to throw the



Associated Press

Iowa defensive backs Matt Hankins and Jack Koerner celebrate an interception in the final seconds of the Hawkeyes' 23-20 victory over Penn State last Saturday.

football, maybe more so than some other Big Ten teams, so that probably has helped us to a certain degree," Brohm said.

Ferentz said the Boilermakers have hurt his team with deep balls: "And it sounds pretty basic, but a lot of people won't try it that way and they have done a good job of that."

Purdue's longest completion in last year's 24-20 win was 22 yards, but the year before the Boilermakers hit on passes of 54 and 42 yards, and in 2019 they had completions of 82, 36 and 57 yards.

Iowa's secondary leads the nation in interceptions (16), takeaways (20) and turnover margin (plus-15).

"If a team isn't performing well at all 11 positions on offense and there's some weak link, they're going to find it," Brohm said.

Iowa will be without cornerback Riley Moss, who injured his knee on an interception against Penn State. Moss, who leads the Hawkeyes with four interceptions, should return in a couple weeks, Ferentz said.

Terry Roberts will move into Moss' spot. Roberts has an interception and two pass breakups and has been a key contributor on special teams.

Indiana keeps QB secret

Indiana coach Tom Allen is staying relatively quiet this week.

He's not talking about his options at quarterback for Saturday's home game against No. 10 Michigan State, and he's certainly not going to provide practice updates on injured starter Michael Penix Jr. or backup Jack Tuttle.

Allen thinks it's more beneficial to keep his decision secret until kickoff.

"Jack, as always, will be ready to go," he said, declining to expand on Penix's status. "That's been something that's one of his strengths, his ability to be locked in and focused."

Penix's separated throwing shoulder joint could keep him out as the Hoosiers (2-3, 0-2 Big Ten) try to right their season.

A year ago, Indiana recaptured the Old Brass Spittoon by shutting out Michigan State 24-0 in East Lansing. But this season, they've lost three times to teams currently ranked in the top seven and they're about to face a foe making one of the nation's biggest turnarounds.

Kenneth Walker leads the nation in rushing at 152.2 yards per game. Quarterback Payton Thorne and receiver Jalen Nalor appear to be in perfect alignment after last week's impressive showing against Rutgers.



Contributed/Evan Halpop, UW-Whitewater Athletics
Ryan Wisniewski caught six passes for 106 yards and two touchdowns in UW-Whitewater's 65-21 victory over UW-Platteville before a crowd of more than 15,000 at Perkins Stadium last Saturday.

PREVIEW: UW-WHITEWATER AT UW-OSHKOSH

What: No. 3 UW-Whitewater (5-0 overall, 2-0 WIAC) at No. 18 UW-Oshkosh (3-1, 1-1).

When: 1 p.m. Saturday.

Where: Titan Stadium, Oshkosh.

Tickets: Tickets will be available at the gate.

TV/radio/internet: A telecast will be streamed live by portal.stretchinternet.com/uwosh. WKCH radio (106.5 FM) will broadcast the game, with an online stream at kix1065.com.

Last week: The Warhawks remained unbeaten in WIAC play with a 65-21 victory over UW-Platteville played before a crowd of more than 15,000 at Perkins Stadium. ... The Titans, in their fourth consecutive road game, lost 30-21 at now-No. 11 UW-La Crosse after letting a 21-7 halftime lead slip away.

The series: Whitewater leads, 77-30-5, with the teams splitting the last six meetings. Four of those games were decided by one score.

About the Warhawks: Coach **Kevin Bullis** (sixth season, 62-9 record) saw his team give up its first first-half touchdown of the season against Platteville, but it hardly mattered as Whitewater rolled to a 44-7 halftime lead and has outscored its five opponents by a combined 149-7 in the first half. ... Senior quarterback **Max Meylor** had his best game to date, posting career highs in completions (22 of 27) and passing yards (314) and matching his career best with four touchdown passes. He also ran for a score. On the year, Meylor ranks in the top 10 in Division III in several categories. He has completed 81 of 110 passes (73.6%) for 1,229 yards and 16 touchdowns with no interceptions. ... **Ryan Wisniewski** has 20 catches for 357 yards and six TDs. Senior running back **Alex Peete** leads the rushing attack with 370 yards and 10 scores. ... Sophomore defensive back **Egon Hein** leads the defense with 22 tackles and a forced fumble, followed by senior defensive back **Mark McGrath** and junior linebacker **Aaron Sturdevant** of Burlington with 21 stops each and junior linebacker **Shane McGrail** with 20. Whitewater ranks 17th in NCAA Division III with an average of 43.6 points per game and 11th with a defensive average of 11.0 points allowed.

About the Titans: Coach **Pat Cerroni** (14th season, 106-43) had some work to do this week after his Titans collapsed in the second half at La Crosse. Oshkosh gamed 227 yards in the first half to open a 21-7 lead, but allowed 23 unanswered points and was held to 74 yards of offense in the second half. The La Crosse defense stopped Oshkosh on a fourth-and-1 play at its own 34 late in the game. ... Sophomore quarterback **Kobe Berghammer** has completed 60% of his passes for 793 yards and six touchdowns, with two interceptions, and has rushed for 167 yards and four scores. Sophomore **Peter MacCudden** leads the rushing attack with 260 yards and a score on 44 attempts. Sophomore **Tony Steger** has 14 catches for 231 yards and a touchdown. Sophomore **Jimmy DuVal**, a Whitewater High School product, has eight catches for 60 yards. ... Freshman defensive back **Carson Raddatz** leads the defense with 33 tackles and an interception. ... The Titans average 28 points scored and 370 yards of offense per game, and allow averages of 24 points and 349.8 yards per game.

—Art Kabelowsky

Badgers/Mertz improves on third downs

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Thursday. "And I'm pretty sure there's always going to be that."

Mertz finished 10 of 19 (52.6%) for just 100 yards with an interception as UW relied on its ground game—which produced 391 yards and three touchdowns in 61 carries.

Nevertheless, Mertz made several important throws and put together his best third-down performance of the season.

Mertz was directly involved in seven third-down opportunities and he converted four times (57.1%). Not surprisingly, UW converted 7 of 13 chances overall (53.8%).

Mertz completed four of six passes on third down for 31 yards, with three conversions. He also scrambled 10 yards for a first down on third-and-8 play during UW's second-quarter touchdown drive.

"Overall, he did a lot

of things that helped us," Chryst said. "We had some big third-down conversions."

He was at his best on UW's first touchdown drive of the third quarter, including the miss to Ferguson.

UW faced third and 12 on the third play of the drive and Mertz found Ferguson for 13 yards to the UW 36. UW faced third and 2 on the eighth play of the drive and Mertz hit Brady Schipper in the flat for 4 yards to the Illinois 38.

UW faced third and 6 three plays later and Mertz hit Dike near the sideline for 7 yards to the Illinois 27. Braelon Allen then ripped off a 12-yard run to the 15 and Mellusi scored on the next play to help UW push its lead to 17-0.

"What I have liked from Graham is that he is owning everything that he is doing," Chryst said. "And when you do that it helps you do something about the things we want to clean

up and can clean up."

Army's defense solid

UW's ability to contend with Army's triple-option offense has been discussed at length. But Chryst noted Thursday the Black Knights also field a solid defense that has been particularly stingy against the run.

Army is allowing 20.8 points per game, ranking 34th nationally. But the Black Knights are third nationally against the run (61.2 yards per game).

"The more you watch them and study them, I think it is a really good defense," Chryst said. "Well coached."

One player whose stats jump off the page is outside linebacker Andre Carter, a 6-foot-7, 250-pound junior.

Carter has 7½ of the Black Knights' 13 sacks, an average of 1.5 per game.

"A really good football player," Chryst said. "Talented. Plays with a great

motor. There's times when they'll move him (around) but he is winning on talent and effort."

Army still a bit salty

Army was off while UW throttled Illinois last week, but it appears Black Knights coach Jeff Monken hasn't quite gotten over his team's 28-16 loss at Ball State two weeks ago.

The Black Knights allowed a 99-yard kickoff return to open the game and trailed, 21-0, after one quarter.

"I'm still pissed and I am going to remain pissed," he said this week. "But that's just who I am, and hopefully the guys will feel a little bit of that sting. I think it's OK to have that. That's competitiveness."

"A guy that just walks out of the locker room and (thinks) everything is fine—that's the way it goes, put it behind us—I don't know if that's a guy that's very competitive."

Packers/Top performers struggle, hampering red zone attack

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didn't play."

That theme might sound similar as the Packers prepare to take on the Chicago Bears at noon Sunday. It's their sixth game, and Adams again is sitting on only two touchdowns this fall, his latest coming last week on a 5-yard fade from Aaron Rodgers against the Cincinnati Bengals.

Maybe it was a sign of things to come.

Seeking return to form

The Packers badly need Adams to do what he did starting October of last season, which was make the end zone his permanent home on his way to cementing best-receiver-on-the-planet status. Adams scored two touchdowns in that sixth game at Houston. He scored three more a week later, the day after Halloween. He scored in every game after that until a week before Christmas—breaking a franchise record with a stretch of eight consecutive games with a score.

Adams did not score in the Packers' 14th game last season, a win against the Carolina Panthers. He scored three

touchdowns a week later. Off to the races again.

"The funny thing," Adams said, "is I'm really in the same spot that I was in last year."

The Packers' red-zone offense, however, is in a very different spot from last year. They were the NFL's gold standard last season, scoring touchdowns on 76.8 percent of their red-zone trips, the highest success rate since the league started tracking the data in 2003. It was perhaps an impossible level to duplicate, and the Packers have been unable to keep that pace through the first five games of 2021.

Alarming drop in numbers

Still, it's stunning how far their red-zone offense has plummeted. The Packers have scored touchdowns on just 55% of their trips inside the 20-yard line, tied for the NFL's sixth-worst percentage.

Coach Matt LaFleur was uninterested with where his red-zone offense ranked through five games.

"Stats are for losers," LaFleur said, shaking his head in disgust. "Sorry. You guys can have a heyday with that. All I care about is

wins and losses."

Yes, the Packers are 4-1, having recovered from their blow-out loss against the New Orleans Saints with four straight wins. But they must be wondering whether their red-zone production is enough to win a Super Bowl, because that's the only thing that matters in this season where nothing is guaranteed in 2022.

There's a reason coaches emphasize situational football, whether it's third down or turnovers or the red zone.

It wasn't a coincidence the Packers lost the NFC championship game against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers last season after scoring touchdowns on only half of their four red-zone trips.

Tonyan underproducing, too

Their red-zone issues extend past Adams. When Adams was injured early last season, tight end Robert Tonyan used the opportunity to explode onto the scene. Tonyan scored five touchdowns in the first four games last season, including three in a Monday Night Football game against Atlanta.

This fall, Tonyan has one

touchdown through the first five games.

One factor in Tonyan's declining production has been opportunity. He had 20 targets in his first five games last fall. Although Tonyan has 17 targets this season, seven came in the victory over Pittsburgh.

After tying a franchise record for tight ends with 11 touchdown catches last season, part of his breakout 52 receptions for 586 yards, fewer targets through the first five games this year than last was not the plan.

"If you look at some of the things that we've done the last few weeks to help alleviate some of the pressure up front," LaFleur said, "we've been using those guys more in chip roles. It's just hard to, unless you're getting the late outlets in the flat, it's hard to get as involved in the passing game."

"I will say that says a lot about him, just in terms of his willingness to buy into the total team concept. Because it doesn't come easy."

"Certainly I know he wants his targets, and certainly we'd love to get him the football. But we've had to use him, unfortunately, in

some other ways the last couple weeks."

The Packers need their top pass catchers back at full capacity. A year ago, Adams and Tonyan combined for 29 touchdowns, both tying franchise records at their position. There was only one game last season when neither scored a touchdown, their Week 5 loss at the Buccaneers.

Keys to red zone success

But it was more than the sheer volume of scores. Between them, Adams and Tonyan scored 21 of their 29 touchdowns inside the red zone. All but four of their touchdowns came within the 25-yard line.

This year, the duo has combined for only three touchdowns in five games.

"It starts in the red zone," quarterback Aaron Rodgers said. "The number of touchdowns I had last year, obviously, many of those went to those two guys. And us being at 50-whatever percent, compared to 80% last year, there's a number of touchdowns just kind of missing from the stat line there. And I think that's probably the biggest reason."

PACKERS GAMEDAY

THIS WEEK'S OPPONENT:



When
Noon Sunday

Where
Soldier Field, Chicago



David Vantress: This old, fierce rivalry hasn't been fierce or a rivalry for a while. These days, it's just one of the NFL's longest running matchups. I don't see anything changing that here.
Packers 38, Bears 14



John Barry: Kyrie Irving thinks the earth is flat and that the Federal Reserve is responsible for the assassination of JFK. And now he wants to be the voice for the voiceless. He's clueless.
Packers 34, Bears 13



Art Kabelowsky: Last week's Doink Fest may have set NFL kicking back to the days of Lou Groza. But the Packers survived. They might be able to do the same again at Soldier Field.
Packers 21, Bears 20



Tim Seeman: I don't think it'll be pretty because the Bears defense is real good (again), but the Packers will find a way to pull it out like they have 17 of the last 20 meetings of this old rivalry.
Packers 23, Bears 16



Chicago's Robert Quinn (top) and Khalil Mack.
Associated Press

5 THINGS TO WATCH

1 Windy City reputation: Seemingly since the Decatur Staleys moved a few dozen miles to the northeast in 1921, the distinguishing characteristic of successful Chicago Bears squads has been stingy defense.

While it hasn't been totally dominant as it has in some years, the 2021 edition of the Bears defense has been very good. They lead the NFL with 18 sacks, including five from Khalil Mack and 4.5 from Robert Quinn, and have done so while blitzing just 13% of the time, the third-lowest rate in the league, according to Pro Football Reference.

They're also top 10 in the league in both points and yards allowed, and while the raw turnover numbers haven't been eye-popping, they do have that time they intercepted three consecutive Joe Burrow pass attempts in Week 2.

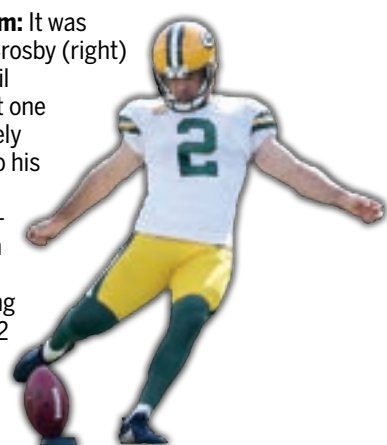
Aaron Rodgers has historically struggled against teams that can pressure him with just four pass rushers, so the Bears could theoretically follow that model to victory on Sunday.

2 Early edge: After each was handily beaten in Week 1 and the Bears were handily beaten again in Week 3, fans might not have looked at this game and seen a potential early showdown for the NFC North lead.

But that's exactly what's at stake. With a win, the 3-2 Bears would improve to 4-2 and drop the 4-1 Packers to that same mark. By virtue of the head-to-head victory, Chicago would be atop the division standings—for at least one week.

3 The real kicking problem: It was brutal watching Mason Crosby (right) and the field goal unit flail in Cincinnati. But the last one went in, and it's more likely than not that Crosby gets back to his reliable self.

What is more worrying is kick-off coverage. Convinced they can outgain a touchback, opponents have not been shy about returning kickoffs against the Packers. In 12 returns on 26 kickoffs (a 53.8% touchback rate, 23rd in the NFL), the Packers are allowing 31.4 yards a pop, 30th in the NFL.



4 Playing the Fields: Drafting quarterback Justin Fields generated a lot of excitement among the Bears faithful. The franchise has been starved for a quality quarterback for nearly its entire history.

When veteran Andy Dalton got hurt in Week 2, Fields produced one of the worst offensive stat lines in NFL history: nine sacks allowed, 47 total yards, 1 passing yard. Fields' last two games have been better, and he threw his first passing touchdown last week against the Raiders. The Bears haven't asked him to do a lot, and the defense has afforded the offense that luxury.

5 Know the situation: The story of this game might be told by what happens on third downs and when each team reaches the red zone.

Green Bay has struggled inside the 20s in both phases. The Packers have given up a touchdown every single time an opponent has reached the red zone this season, and the Bears have scored 61.5% of the time they get

there, which ranks 17th in the NFL.

On offense, Rodgers and company have scored a touchdown on just 55% of their red zone drives, ranking 27th in the league. Chicago's defense, meanwhile, has stiffened in such situations, ranking third in the league by allowing just 37.5% of opponents' red zone drives to end in touchdowns.

The Packers might fare better in the middle of the field, more so when

they have the ball. The offense has converted 42.9% of its third downs into first downs (11th) while the Bears defense allows conversions on 43.9% of third downs (23rd). When the Bears have the ball, they've only converted 32.8% of their third-down situations (28th). Green Bay's defense has given up a 45.5% success rate when getting opponents to third down (27th).

—By Tim Seeman

PACKERS IN 2021 (4-1)

Sept. 12: @New Orleans, L, 38-3
Sept. 20: DETROIT, W, 35-17
Sept. 26: @ San Francisco, W, 30-28
Oct. 3: PITTSBURGH, W, 27-17
Oct. 10: @ Cincinnati, W, 25-22 (OT)
Oct. 17: @ Chicago, noon
Oct. 24: WASHINGTON, noon
Oct. 28: @ Arizona, 7:20 p.m.
Nov. 7: @ Kansas City, 3:25 p.m.
Nov. 14: SEATTLE, 3:25 p.m.
Nov. 21: at Minnesota, noon
Nov. 28: L.A. RAMS, 3:25 p.m.
Dec. 12: CHICAGO, 7:20 p.m.
Dec. 19: @ Baltimore, noon
Dec. 25: CLEVELAND, 3:30 p.m.
Jan. 2: MINNESOTA, 7:20 p.m.
Jan. 9: @ Detroit, noon

BEARS IN 2021 (3-2)

Sept. 12: @ L.A. Rams, L, 34-14
Sept. 19: CINCINNATI, W, 20-17
Sept. 26: @ Cleveland, L, 26-6
Oct. 3: DETROIT, W, 24-14
Oct. 10: @ Las Vegas, W, 20-9
Oct. 17: GREEN BAY, noon
Oct. 24: @ Tampa Bay, 3:25 p.m.
Oct. 31: SAN FRANCISCO, noon
Nov. 8: @ Pittsburgh, 7:15 p.m.
Nov. 21: BALTIMORE, noon
Nov. 25: @ Detroit, 11:30 a.m.
Dec. 5: ARIZONA, noon
Dec. 12: @ Green Bay, 7:20 p.m.
Dec. 20: MINNESOTA, 7:15 p.m.
Dec. 26: @ Seattle, 3:05 p.m.
Jan. 2: N.Y. GIANTS, noon
Jan. 9: @ Minnesota, noon

TV/RADIO

TV: FOX will carry the broadcast, with Joe Davis on play-by-play, Greg Olsen on analysis and Pam Oliver on the sidelines.

Radio: Wayne Larrivee will describe the action with Larry McCarren providing analysis on the 50-station Packers Radio Network, which includes WCLO (1230 AM and 92.7 FM) and WJVL (99.9 FM).

LINE

Spread: Packers by 4.5
Money line: Packers -210
Bears +175
Over/under: 46
From DraftKings.com

LAST MEETING

In the 202nd all-time meeting between the NFL's oldest rivals (the Packers are 101-95-6), Aaron Rodgers capped the third MVP campaign of his career with four touchdown passes in a 35-16 win in the 2020 regular season finale.

THE COACHES

Bears: In his fourth year as Bears head coach, Matt Nagy is 31-24, including an 0-2 mark in playoff games.

Packers: Matt LaFleur is 32-9 in his third season with the Packers, including a 2-2 postseason record.

LAST WEEK

The Bears racked up 143 rushing yards in Las Vegas to beat the controversy-enveloped Raiders 20-9. Green Bay somehow survived a bevy of missed field goals by Mason Crosby, who finally put one through in overtime to beat Cincinnati 25-22.

KEY STATS

Packers: Star wide receiver Davante Adams has only two touchdown catches through five games—the same total he had at this point last year, when he went on to record a league-best 18 TDs on 115 catches for 1,374 yards.

Bears: After flailing to a 41.3 quarterback rating in his starting debut against Cleveland three weeks ago, rookie quarterback Justin Fields has completed 23 of 37 passes for 320 yards and one score. His quarterback ratings the last two games have been 91.9 and 82.7.

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BUDGET PUBLICATION, 2021-22 Required Published Budget Summary Format

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the School District of Janesville that the 2021-22 budget hearing will be held at the Educational Services Center (527 S. Franklin Street, Janesville, Wisconsin) during the Board of Education meeting on the 26th day of October, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

The summary of the budget is printed below. Detailed copies of the budget are available for inspection at the Educational Services Center during normal business hours (Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.).

Table with 4 columns: Fund Name, Audited 2019-20, Unaudited 2020-21, Budget 2021-22. Rows include GENERAL FUND [10] and SPECIAL PROJECTS FUNDS [21 | 27].

Table with 4 columns: Fund Name, Audited 2019-20, Unaudited 2020-21, Budget 2021-22. Rows include DEBT SERVICE FUNDS [38 | 39] and CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS [46 | 49].

Table with 4 columns: Fund Name, Audited 2019-20, Unaudited 2020-21, Budget 2021-22. Rows include FOOD SERVICE FUND [50] and COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND [80].

Table with 4 columns: Fund Name, Audited 2019-20, Unaudited 2020-21, Budget 2021-22. Rows include PACKAGE & COOPERATIVE PROGRAM FUND [99] and ALL FUNDS.

Table with 4 columns: Fund Name, Audited 2019-20, Unaudited 2020-21, Budget 2021-22. Rows include GROSS TOTAL EXPENDITURES -- ALL FUNDS and NET TOTAL EXPENDITURES -- ALL FUNDS.

Table with 4 columns: Fund Name, Audited 2019-20, Unaudited 2020-21, Budget 2021-22. Rows include PERCENTAGE INCREASE -- NET TOTAL FUND EXPENDITURES FROM PRIOR YEAR.

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PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY

Table with 4 columns: FUND, Audited 2019-20, Unaudited 2020-21, Budget 2021-22. Rows include General Fund, Referendum Debt Service Fund, etc.

The below listed new or discontinued programs have a financial impact on the proposed budget:

Table with 2 columns: Program Name, Financial Impact. Rows include DISCONTINUED PROGRAMS and NEW PROGRAMS.

Table with 4 columns: Metric, Fiscal Year 2021, Fiscal Year 2022, Fiscal Year 2023. Rows include ENERGY EFFICIENCY EXEMPTION metrics.

Savings Reported for 2021

Table with 4 columns: Metric, Project Cost Including Financing, Utility Cost Savings, Non-Utility Cost Savings. Rows include Specific Energy Efficiency Measure or Products.

TOWN OF HARMONY NOTICE

The Town of Harmony Board will meet on October 20th at 7:00pm to take question and comments from residents of Harmony on the Fire/EMS services for the future and to review the forecasted impact the change will have on future tax rates.

Tim Tollefson
Harmony Town Clerk
October 15, 2021 WNAAXLP

NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING

STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT ROCK COUNTY
In the Matter of the Name Change of Austin Anthony William Davis.

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: Austin Anthony William Davis, To: Austin Anthony William Weeks, Birth Certificate:

IT IS ORDERED: This petition will be heard in the State of Wisconsin Circuit Court of Rock County Courthouse, 51 S. Main St., Janesville, WI 53545, on October 25, 2021 at 1:30 pm, before Judge Daniel T. Dillon. This hearing will take place via video hearing and/or telephone conferencing, if you wish to appear at the hearing, contact Judge Dillon's Judicial Assistant at 608-743-2242 at least 48 hours before the hearing.

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 608-743-2200 at least ten (10) working days prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Janesville Gazette a newspaper published in Rock County, State of Wisconsin.

NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING

STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT ROCK COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF: Yariel Antonio Torres Gonzalez. By: Arlyn Gonzalez and Daniel Antonio Torres Alvarez.

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: Yariel Antonio Torres Gonzalez, To: Yariel Antonio Torres, Birth Certificate: Yariel Antonio Torres Gonzalez.

IT IS ORDERED: This petition will be heard on November 22, 2021 at 10:00 a.m., in the State of Wisconsin, Rock County Circuit Court Courthouse, 51 S. Main St., Janesville, WI 53545 before Judge Derrick A. Grubb. This hearing will take place via video hearing and/or telephone conferencing. If you wish to appear at the hearing, contact Judge Grubb's Judicial Assistant at 608-743-2254 at least 24 hours before the hearing.

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, call 608-743-2200 prior to the scheduled court date. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Janesville Gazette a newspaper published in Rock County, State of Wisconsin.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE Case No. 2019CV001247 STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT ROCK COUNTY

U.S. Bank, National Association Plaintiff, v. Annisa Elshatshat, Defendants.

By virtue of a judgment of foreclosure made in the above-entitled action on February 26, 2020 in the amount of \$55,472.57, I will sell at public auction, located at Rock County Courthouse, 51 South Main Street, Janesville, WI 53545, on October 27, 2021

At 10:00 AM, all of the following described premises, to wit:

THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTH HALF OF THE NORTH HALF OF LOT NUMBER THIRTY-EIGHT IN MITCHELL'S SECOND ADDITION TO THE CITY OF JANESVILLE, ROCK COUNTY, WISCONSIN.

Street Address: 231 N. Terrace Street, Janesville, WI 53548 Tax Key No. 0135200483

THE PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD AS IS AND SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL REAL ESTATE TAXES, SUPERIOR LIENS OR OTHER LEGAL ENCUMBRANCES.

TERMS OF SALE: CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK OR CERTIFIED FUNDS, payable to the Clerk of Courts (10% down payment at sale, balance due within ten (10) days of Court approval; down payment to be forfeited if payment not received timely). Buyer must comply with minimum bidder qualifications as set forth in Wis. Stat. § 846.155. Buyer to pay applicable Wisconsin Real Estate Transfer Tax in addition to the purchase price.

Troy Knudson Sheriff of Rock County, Wisconsin

Codilis, Moody & Circelli, P.C. Attorneys for Plaintiff (414) 775-7700 50-19-01976 NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector. October 1, 8, 15, 2021 WNAAXLP

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE Case No. 2019CV000527 STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT ROCK COUNTY

U.S. Bank National Association successor by merger to U.S. Bank National Association ND Plaintiff, v. Estate of Betty L. Vesterfelt, et al. Defendants.

By virtue of a judgment of foreclosure made in the above-entitled action on December 30, 2019 in the amount of \$246,734.80, I will sell at public auction, located at Rock County Courthouse, 51 South Main Street, Janesville, WI 53545, on October 27, 2021

At 10:00 AM, all of the following described premises, to wit:

LOT 62, ARNPRIOR ESTATES SECOND ADDITION TO THE CITY OF JANESVILLE, ROCK COUNTY, WISCONSIN.

Street Address: 2637 Alexandria Place, Janesville, WI 53545 Tax Key No. 241 0134200642

THE PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD AS IS AND SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL REAL ESTATE TAXES, SUPERIOR LIENS OR OTHER LEGAL ENCUMBRANCES.

TERMS OF SALE: CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK OR CERTIFIED FUNDS, payable to the Clerk of Courts (10% down payment at sale, balance due within ten (10) days of Court approval; down payment to be forfeited if payment not received timely). Buyer must comply with minimum bidder qualifications as set forth in Wis. Stat. § 846.155. Buyer to pay applicable Wisconsin Real Estate Transfer Tax in addition to the purchase price.

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Pheasant season opens in shadow of pandemic

Pheasant season opens tomorrow across Wisconsin, with COVID-19 a major consideration in hunter success this year.

The pandemic forced spring bird surveys to gauge over-winter survival to be cancelled.



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indication of hunter participation this year, you certainly won't be alone on the Evansville-Footville PHG.

Due to a long-standing tradition of celebrating opening day, daily bag limit on roosters is one bird through opening weekend, with two birds allowed daily after that.

According to Cotter, both the PHG's and Poyette game farm birds are in "excellent shape" as hunters get ready for the opener which kicks off at 9 a.m. Saturday morning.

For those who want to enjoy the outdoors but avoid crowds, social distancing by boat is a terrific option.

Water temperatures across southern Wisconsin are generally hovering in the upper 50's ahead of fall turnover.

Bass fishing is on fire on the Madison chain, which has also been producing muskies at or above 50 inches, in the "fish of a lifetime" range.

Smallmouth bass fishing here on the Rock River is overlooked, with those chasing smalljaws as tight-lipped as the bronzebaks they are chasing.

The general response from the few folks cashing in on this bonanza is "There is no good smallmouth bass fishing in the Rock River to speak of."

Southern Wisconsin woodlands are at peak fall color right now, just one stiff breeze away from the realization that bare limbs mean winter is right around the corner.

A substantial number of mourning doves have moved into the area over the past several days, providing a solid option for shotgunners who don't want to fight weekend warriors in pursuit of multi-colored birds.

When the inevitable northwest wind begins to howl it will be much easier for bowhunters to see deer sneaking through the woods. Peak rut is only about three weeks away.

There are many outdoor options beyond raking leaves this time of year.

Ted Peck, a certified merchant marine captain, is an outdoors columnist for The Gazette. Email him at tedpeck@acegroup.com



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Steve Colsch shot his first ringneck pheasant on opening day last year.

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Panel eyes action against Bannon

Trump adviser defying summons from Jan. 6 panel

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

A congressional committee investigating the Jan. 6 Capitol insurrection moved aggressively against close Trump adviser Steve Bannon on Thursday, swiftly scheduling a vote to recommend criminal contempt charges against the former White House aide after he defied a subpoena. The chairman of the



Bannon

special committee, Rep. Bennie Thompson, D-Miss., said the panel will vote Tuesday to recommend charges against Bannon, an adviser to Donald Trump for years who was in touch with the president ahead of the most serious assault on Congress in two centuries.

“The Select Committee will not tolerate defiance of our subpoenas,” Thompson said in a statement. Bannon, he said, is “hiding behind the former president’s insufficient, blanket and vague statements regarding privileges he has purported to invoke. We reject his position entirely.”

If approved by the Democratic-majority committee, the recommendation of criminal charges would go to the full House. Approval there would send them to the Justice Department, which has

final say on prosecution. The showdown with Bannon is just one facet of a broad and escalating congressional inquiry, with 19 subpoenas issued so far and thousands of pages of documents flowing to the committee and its staff. Challenging Bannon’s defiance is a crucial step for the panel, whose members are vowing to restore the force of congressional subpoenas after they were routinely flouted during Trump’s time in office.

The committee had scheduled a Thursday deposition with Bannon, but his lawyer said Trump had directed him not to comply, citing information that was potentially protected by executive privileges afforded to a president. Bannon, who was not a White House staffer on Jan. 6, also failed to provide documents

to the panel by a deadline last week.

Still, the committee could end up stymied again after years of Trump administration officials refusing to cooperate with Congress. The long-time Trump adviser similarly defied a subpoena during a GOP-led investigation into Trump’s Russia ties in 2018, but the House did not move to hold him in contempt.

Even though President Joe Biden has been supportive of the committee’s work, it is uncertain whether the Justice Department would choose to prosecute the criminal contempt charges against Bannon or any other witnesses who might defy the panel. Even if the department does prosecute, the process could take months, if not years. And such contempt cases are notoriously difficult to win.

Schumer sounds warning to party

Democratic Senate leader makes call for party unity

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer warned fellow Democrats on Thursday they “must put aside our differences” as the party struggles to coalesce around President Joe Biden’s huge but now-scaled-back package of social services and climate change strategies.

Schumer’s letter to colleagues comes as progressive leaders in Congress are steering them away from what the progressives call a “false choice” over what to keep or cut as Democrats labor to trim what had been a \$3.5 trillion proposal to about \$2 trillion.

“As with any bill of such historic proportions, not every member will get everything he or she wants,” Schumer wrote.

The New York Democrat implored his colleagues to “find the common ground.”

With the calendar slipping toward a new deadline, the Democrats who control Congress are facing mounting pressure to reach a deal or risk the collapse of Biden’s signature domestic policy undertaking.

The debate that has been raging behind the scenes is now spilling into public as Biden and his allies in Congress hit another impasse, working to chisel the legislation to a still sizable sum—all to be paid for with taxes on corporations and the wealthy.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has warned that “difficult decisions” must be made to reach consensus ahead of a self-imposed Oct. 31 deadline for passage.

Progressive leaders in their own letter to Pelosi, Biden and Schumer, argued the package should not simply be narrowed as centrist lawmakers prefer but instead kept as Biden’s bigger vision but for fewer than 10 years—“shorter, transformative investments” that could be started quickly and then revisited.

Hearing set for Stoneman Douglas High suspect Cruz

Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA.

A last-minute court hearing is set today in Florida for Nikolas Cruz, the man police said has confessed to the 2018 massacre of 17 people at a suburban high school.

The hearing in Broward County Circuit Court was scheduled abruptly Thursday and does not describe the purpose. But WSVN-TV reported without citing sources by name that Cruz will plead guilty to all 17 murder counts against him. Cruz’s attorneys did not respond to calls, texts and emails from The Associated Press.

Cruz also would plead guilty to 17 counts of attempted murder at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High in Parkland, according to the report. No trial date had been set.

Cruz would still face a jury to determine whether he gets the death penalty or life in prison, the report said. Prosecutors have always insisted that Cruz deserves death for the slayings.

The Broward County state attorney’s office issued a statement Thursday night saying Cruz’s lawyers would have to comment on any possible guilty plea.

Preparations have been ongoing for what would be the biggest murder trial in Broward County history and one of the most infamous crimes ever in Florida.

Cruz, 23, was arrested about an hour after the attack with an AR-15 semiautomatic rifle on Valentine’s Day 2018.

His lawyers have repeatedly offered to plead guilty in return for a guaranteed sentence of life in prison, but prosecutors have refused to drop their pursuit of the death penalty. A guilty plea would both avoid a traumatic, lengthy trial and still allow a jury to decide Cruz’s fate.

Nursing schools report more applicants despite burnout

Students see pandemic as a challenge and opportunity

Associated Press

STORRS, CONN.

Nurses around the U.S. are getting burned out by the COVID-19 crisis and quitting, yet applications to nursing schools are rising, driven by what educators say are young people who see the global emergency as an opportunity and a challenge.

Among them is University of Connecticut sophomore Brianna Monte, a 19-year-old from Mahopac, New York, who had been considering majoring in education but decided on nursing after watching nurses care for her 84-year-grandmother, who was diagnosed last year with COVID-19 and also had cancer.

“They were switching out their protective gear in between every patient, running like crazy trying to make sure all of their patients were attended to,” she said. “I had that moment of clarity that made me want to jump right in to health care and join the workers on the front line.”

Nationally, enrollment in bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral nursing programs increased 5.6% in 2020 from the year before to just more than 250,000 students, according to the American Association of Colleges of Nursing.

Figures for the current 2021-22 school year won’t be available until January, but administrators say they have continued to see a spike in interest.

Marie Nolan, executive vice dean of the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing in Baltimore, said it has seen its biggest number of applicants ever, many of them applying even before a vaccine was available, despite

her worries that COVID-19 would scare off students.

Students at those and other schools have been able to gain valuable hands-on experience during the pandemic, doing COVID-19 testing and contact tracing and working at community vaccination clinics.

“We’ve said to the students, ‘This is a career opportunity that you’ll never see again,’” Nolan said.

Emma Champlin, a first-year nursing student at Fresno State, said that like many of her classmates, she saw the pandemic as a chance to learn critical-care skills and then apply them. And she is young and her immune system is fine, she said, “so the idea of getting the virus didn’t scare me.”



Champlin

“It’s just time for us to step in and give it our all and figure out how we can help, because there has to be a new generation and that’s got to be us,” the 21-year-old said.

The higher enrollment could help ease a nursing shortage that existed even before COVID-19. But it has brought its own problems: The increase, combined with the departure of too many experienced nurses whose job is to help train students, has left many nursing programs without the ability to expand.

The rise is happening even as hospital leaders around the U.S. report that thousands of nurses have quit or retired during the outbreak, many of them exhausted and demoralized because of the pressure of caring for the dying, hostility from patients and families, and the frustration in knowing that many deaths were preventable by way of masks and vaccinations.

Advisers to FDA unanimously recommend Moderna boosters

Older people, others with health issues would be first up for shots

Associated Press

U.S. health advisers said Thursday that some Americans who received Moderna’s COVID-19 vaccine at least six months ago should get a half-dose booster to rev up protection against the coronavirus.

The panel of outside advisers to the Food and Drug Administration voted unanimously

to recommend a booster shot for seniors, as well as younger adults with other health problems or jobs or living situations that put them at increased risk from COVID-19.

The recommendation is non-binding but it’s a key step toward expanding the U.S. booster campaign to millions more Americans. Many people who got their initial Pfizer shots at least six months ago are already getting a booster after the FDA authorized their use last month—and those are the same high-risk groups that FDA’s advisers said should get a Moderna booster.

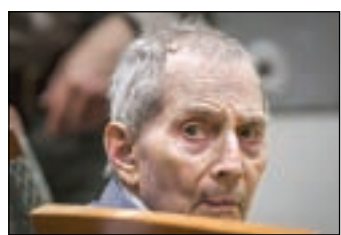
Durst sentenced to life in prison for 2000 murder

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES

Robert Durst will live out the rest of his days in a California prison for killing his longtime confidante, Susan Berman, inside her Los Angeles home in 2000, a judge ordered Thursday.

Durst’s sentence was effectively set last month as soon as a jury convicted him of murdering Berman and upheld the special circumstances allegation that the 78-year-old real estate scion shot his



Associated Press

Robert Durst looks around the courtroom during his murder trial in Los Angeles in March 2020.

friend in order to cover up the killing of his first wife, Kathie, in New York in 1982.

Under California law, defendants convicted of special circumstances murder can only be sentenced to life without parole or execution, and the Los Angeles County district attorney’s office chose not to seek the death penalty against Durst.

The sentencing followed a five-month trial that saw Durst take the witness stand for 15 days after prosecutors spent weeks arguing that he was guilty of not just Berman’s murder but also his

wife’s 1982 disappearance and the 2001 shooting death of his Texas neighbor, Morris Black.

Several of Berman’s relatives, including her daughter and stepson, delivered victim impact statements at the hearing inside a packed courtroom at the Airport Courthouse in Inglewood on Thursday afternoon. They described a vibrant, talented writer whose life was “savagely” cut short at the age of 55 by Durst, leaving their own existences wrecked.

BRIEFS

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Biden signs debt limit hike, but standoff looms

WASHINGTON—President Joe Biden on Thursday signed into law a bill raising the nation's debt limit until early December, delaying the prospect of an unprecedented federal default that would cause economic disaster.

The House passed the \$480 billion increase in the country's borrowing ceiling Tuesday, after the Senate approved it on a party-line vote last week. The eventual approval came after a protracted standoff with Senate Republicans, who derailed initial Democratic efforts with filibusters, delays that require 60 votes to halt.

Court lets Texas continue banning most abortions

AUSTIN, Texas—Texas can continue banning most abortions after a federal appeals court on Thursday rejected the Biden administration's latest attempt to undo a novel law that has become the nation's biggest curb to abortion in nearly 50 years.

The ruling keeps in place the Texas law that since early September has banned abortions once cardiac activity is detected, usually around six weeks. No exceptions are made in cases of rape or incest.

Since then, Texas women have sought out abortion clinics in neighboring states, some driving hours through the middle of the night and including patients as young as 12 years old.

Bill Clinton in hospital for non-COVID-19 infection

WASHINGTON—Former President Bill Clinton was admitted to a Southern California hospital Tuesday with an infection but he is "on the mend," his spokesman said Thursday.

Clinton, 75, was admitted to the University of California Irvine Medical Center on Tuesday evening for a non-COVID-19-related infection, Angel Ureña said in a statement.

"He is on the mend, in good spirits and is incredibly thankful to the doctors, nurses, and staff providing him with excellent care," Ureña said.

A second statement from Clinton's spokesman quoted physicians Dr. Alpesh Amin and Dr. Lisa Bardack, who said the former president has been "administered IV antibiotics and fluids."

At least 46 killed in Taiwan apartment building inferno

KAOHSIUNG, Taiwan—At least 46 people were killed and another 41 injured after a fire broke out early Thursday in a

run-down mixed commercial and residential building in the Taiwanese port city of Kaohsiung, officials said.

Neighbors said the 13-story building was home to many poor, elderly and disabled people, and it wasn't clear how many of the 120 units were occupied.

Witnesses said they heard something that sounded like an explosion at about 3 a.m. when the blaze erupted in the building's lower floors, which housed a closed movie theater, abandoned restaurants and karaoke clubs.

Tsai Hsiu-Chin, 70, had lived in the building for 15 years. At 3 a.m., she heard someone screaming "fire." She said she took the elevator down, escaping with just the clothing on her back.

6 killed in fighting during protest of blast probe

BEIRUT—Heavy gunfire broke out Thursday in Beirut during a protest organized by the Hezbollah group against the judge leading the probe into last year's blast in the city's port. At least six people were killed and dozens wounded in the most violent street fighting in the Lebanese capital in years.

The exchanges of fire along a former front line from the 1975-90 civil war involved pistols, automatic rifles and rocket-propelled grenades and were reminiscent of that conflict. Gunfire echoed for hours, and ambulances rushed to pick up casualties. Snipers shot from buildings. Bullets penetrated apartment windows in the area.

The chaos raised the specter of a return to sectarian violence in a country already embroiled in multiple crises, including one of the world's worst economic crises of the past 150 years.

Bow-and-arrow killings seen as an 'act of terror'

KONGSBERG, Norway—The bow-and-arrow rampage by a man who killed five people in a small town near Norway's capital appeared to be a terrorist act, authorities said Thursday, a bizarre and shocking attack in a Scandinavian country where violent crime is rare.

Police identified the attacker as Espen Andersen Braathen, a 37-year-old Danish citizen, who was arrested on the street Wednesday night about a half-hour after authorities were alerted.

They said he used the bow and arrow and possibly other weapons to randomly target people at a supermarket and other locations in Kongsberg, a town of about 26,000 where he lived.

Witnesses said their quiet neighborhood of wooden houses and birch trees was turned into a scene of terrifying cries and turmoil.



Associated Press

A child sleeps on a hammock next to packed suitcases of the Jawed family in Kabul, Afghanistan, on Sept. 27.

ANXIOUSLY WAITING

Many Afghans staying alert for their chance to leave

By Bernat Armangué and Lee Keath

Associated Press

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN

Ask almost anyone in the Afghan capital what they want now that the Taliban are in power, and the answer is the same: They want to leave. It's the same at every level of society, in the local market, in a barbershop, at Kabul University, at a camp of displaced people. At a restaurant once popular with businessmen and upper-class teens, the waiter lists the countries to which he has applied for visas.

Some say their lives are in danger because of links with the ousted government or with Western organizations. Others say their way of life cannot endure under the hard-line Taliban. Some are not as concerned with the Taliban themselves but fear that under them, an already collapsing economy will utterly crash.

Tens of thousands of people were evacuated by the United States and its allies in the frantic days between the Aug. 15 Taliban takeover and the official end of the evacuation Aug. 30. After that wave, the numbers slowed, leaving many who want to leave but are struggling to find a way out. Some don't have the money for travel, others don't have passports, and the Afghan passport offices reopened only recently.

The exodus is emptying Afghanistan of many of its young people who had hoped to help build their homeland.

"I was raised with one dream, that I study hard and be someone, and I'd come back to this country and help," said Popal, a 27-year-old engineer.

When Popal was 5 years old, his father sent him to Britain with relatives to get an education. Growing up, Popal worked low-skill jobs, sending money back to his family, while studying engineering. He eventually gained British citizenship and worked in the nuclear sector.

A few weeks before the Taliban takeover, Popal returned to Afghanistan in hopes of getting his family out. His father once worked at a military base in Logar Province, where his mother was a teacher. His sisters have been studying medicine in Kabul.

The recent weeks have been tumultuous. His family's home in Logar was destroyed by the Taliban, and they moved to Kabul. They believe it was because they refused to give information to relatives who are linked to the Taliban. One of his sisters went missing as she commuted between Kabul and Logar and has not been heard from in weeks. The family fears it could be connected to warnings they received from relatives to stop the daughters from studies, Popal told the AP.

Popal has been in contact for weeks with British officials trying to arrange evacuations. But he said they told him he could not bring his parents and siblings. In early October, Popal managed to get out to Iran. Complaining that he has had no help from the British Foreign Office, he is making his way back to Britain, where he will try to find a way to bring out his family.

The British Foreign Office said in a statement that it is working to ensure British nationals in Afghanistan are able to leave.

ADVICE

Rid yourself of relationship with ghosting boyfriend



DEAR ANNIE

Send questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com.

Dear Annie:

I was in a nine-month relationship up until about a month ago. Without going into a lot of detail, the guy I was seeing decided to ghost me without any warning. We had a great conversation on Thursday, and then on Friday morning, he blocked my calls, emails, etc.

I have no idea what happened. Later that Thursday night, I had accidentally FaceTimed him (my phone was in my pocket), and his son answered. Keep in mind I had never met his son the whole time we were together.

This is not the first time he has stopped speaking to me for reasons only he knows, but this is the first time he has gone this far. I'm trying to move past what he has done, but I am having a hard time. Even though we dated for only nine months, I talked to him about

everything, and we had such great times together. I want to know why he did what he did to get some closure, but I don't know what to do. Do I need to just let this go?

—Ghosted

Dear Ghosted:

Resist the temptation to speculate. Whatever his reasons are, the end result is the same: He's not reliable, not communicative and, most important, not around. And he is a total jerk in the way he treated you.

Write him a letter explaining your confusion and your hurt feelings. Send it to him to get any pent-up feelings off your chest, but don't expect a response.

If he changes his mind and reaches out, and you take him back, it will only be a matter of time before he cuts you off again. That's

him, not you. After writing your letter, run 100 miles from this guy.

Dear Annie:

Several years ago, a friend and I took some art classes at the local senior center. My friend truly excelled and completed two beautiful paintings. I enjoyed the classes but did not do nearly as well.

I signed up again this past spring. With a lot of individual help from the instructor, I painted a pretty good painting of my house. I had it framed and hung it on my living room wall.

My friend saw it, and on her next visit, she presented me with a painting she did of my house. There is no question that hers is a better rendering of my house, but I want my painting to remain on the wall.

When I told her this and refused to switch paintings, she became

annoyed and hasn't spoken to me since. My husband feels I should have hung her picture and taken it down when she left. This friend occasionally stops by unannounced, so I don't think that is a great solution. What are your thoughts?

—I've Peeved Picasso

Dear I've:

The painting your friend gifted you was exactly that—a thoughtful gift. This doesn't give her the right to decide where it belongs in your home. Find a nice place to keep her painting and share it with her.

You can be appreciative and impressed with her painting while also being proud of your own and the progress you've made in class. Express this to her as well as another thanks for her gift. It's far too silly a matter to lose touch over.



DR. KEITH ROACH

Dr. Roach is unable to answer individual letters. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu.

Challenging the rule about 'no food after midnight before surgery'

Dear Dr. Roach:

Why is it that no matter when a surgery is scheduled, the rule is "no food or drink after midnight"?

My recent procedure was scheduled for 12:30 p.m. I was told I could have no food after midnight. My procedure would take two hours and recovery was for two hours. That's more than 16 hours without eating!

When I told the scheduler that I would have a sick headache due to no food for 16 hours, I was told that was the policy. Period. No food after midnight. "Besides," she said, "they

will give you something to eat in recovery."

Well, I'm sorry, but a bathroom-cup-sized drink of juice and some crackers has no effect. It's too late by that time. And as it happened, they gave me nothing in recovery anyway. I ate when I got home, but I was sick for hours.

If my surgery had been scheduled for 6 a.m., it would have been 10 hours without food. At noon, 16 hours without food. And so on. Why the one-size-fits-all policy? The food cutoff time should be tailored to the surgery time. Maybe midnight is

just an easy time to remember.

—M.B.

Answer:

I agree that 16 hours without food is both cruel and unnecessary and might actually lead to harms, such as worsened postoperative nausea and vomiting. Even 10 hours is longer than necessary.

The American Society of Anesthesiologists, like most expert societies, recommends for adults no heavy food (including fats and meat) eight hours prior to surgery;

fasting from any solid food or milk six hours prior to surgery; and fasting from clear liquids two hours before surgery.

In your case, with a procedure at 12:30 p.m., you should have been able to wake up early (say 6 a.m.) and have a light breakfast; then been allowed water, black coffee or tea until 10:30 a.m. I can't say why your surgical center was so dogmatic. Some individuals might have medical conditions that necessitate longer periods of fasting, so you should ask your surgeon or anesthesiologist what you can eat, when.

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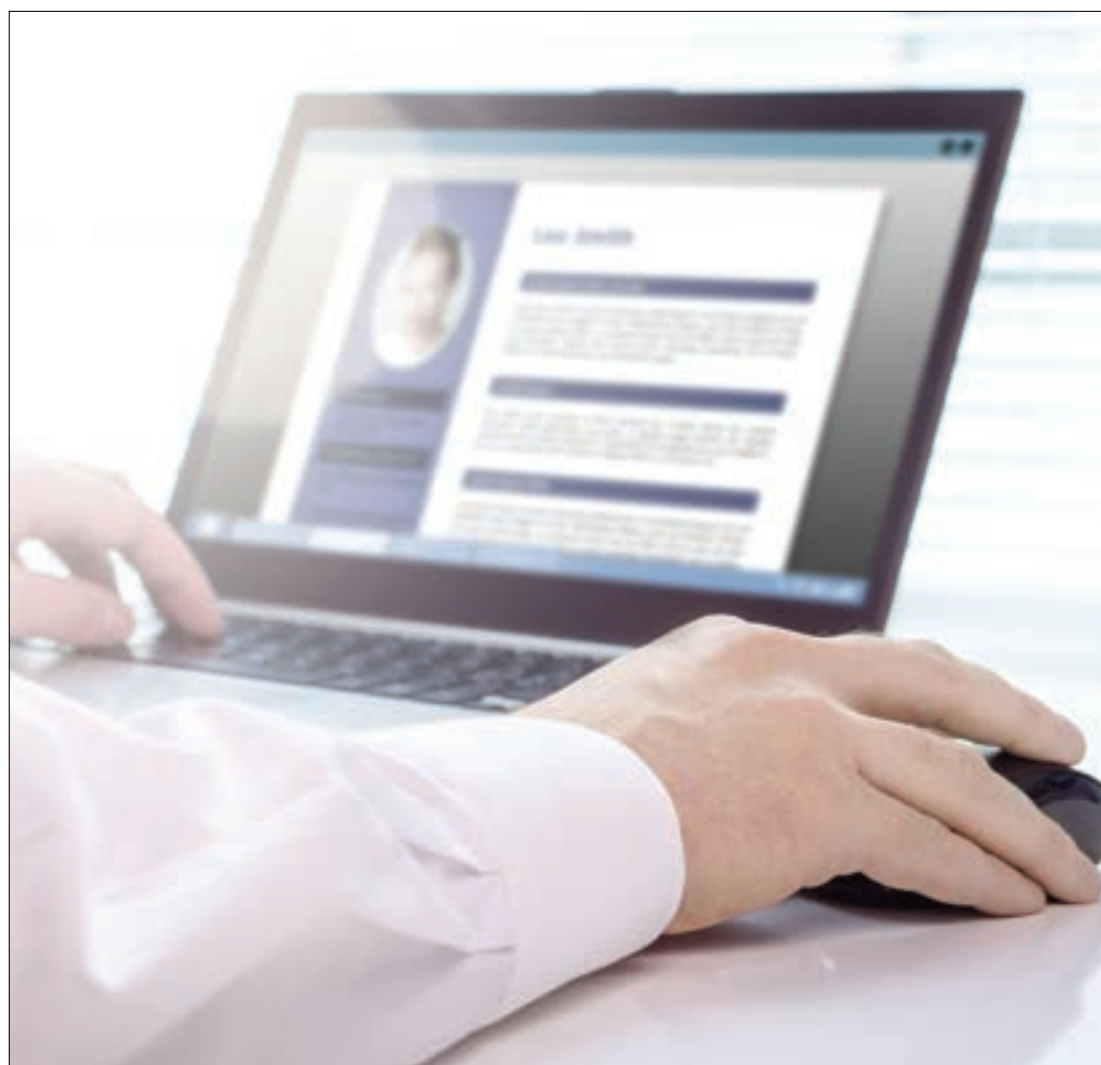
Résumé Truths

Now that we've listed résumé myths, it's important we highlight important truths you want to make sure you emphasize in your résumé to get the job of your dreams.

Everyone has email and chances are you more than likely have two or three. When applying for a job you want everything to be spot on and leave no room for recruiters to assume things about you. That being said, create a professional sounding email for you to send links, résumés and contact information to jobs. A good rule of thumb for a professional-sounding email is your first and last name followed by a number of some sort.

Do not add a headshot to your résumé. There was an odd trend for job seekers to include a headshot in their résumé, but that trend has since faded. Some recruiters even automatically reject résumés with headshots attached to them.

You want to think about the sections you want to include in your email carefully. Career summary, statements, accom-



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plishments, volunteer work and hobbies are all things people add to their résumés but some of those things are just not as important as others.

You want your résumé to be clean and to the point; it doesn't matter how many

pages your résumé is, but you want to make sure every word and sentence in it will help you get the job.

As we said above, you want your résumé to be as clean and neat as it can be. Some fonts can help you do that

better than others. Surprisingly, fonts are very important to recruiters because it can mean the difference between whether they take the time to look at it or not. Recruiters probably look at hundreds of résumés a

week and most of them want it to be clean and skimmable. Use a straight-forward font that is easy to read such as a cambria, tahoma or helvetica.

What you may not know is today recruiters filter through the bad résumés using applicant tracking systems.

These systems scan keywords and phrases in your résumé that recruiters want to see. So even if you are highly qualified for a position, failing to understand how applicant tracking systems work can cause you to lose an opportunity.

Keywords are key to making through the clutter ATS filters through when you apply for a position.

Think about the job description and the words associated with that job. Use those keywords in your skills summary and other parts in your résumé to appeal to that job. You may have to do this over and over again depending on the job you are applying for. Not all companies use the same ATS and there are hundreds of different versions of it.

Tables and columns are usually a great way to organize large portions of information, but they are not the right things to use in your résumé. Although formatting isn't everything in a résumé, you still want your résumé to be consistent and clean.



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Overgrown clumping perennials such as iris can be rejuvenated and brought down to size by dividing the clumps into smaller pieces for planting and giving away.

Should I hire a handy person or specialist?

By Paul F. P. Pogue

Ask Angi

Everything from that squeaky door to the leaky faucet has been getting on your nerves, and you've decided it's time to take care of them all at once. Hiring a handy person service is an excellent way to cross everything off this to-do list in a hurry.

However, even if you've got a reliable handy person on speed-dial, you might not be sure if you should hire them or a licensed trade specialist for the work. How can you tell the difference?

First up, go ahead and ask your handy person if they're capable of handling the work. An honest pro should be able to give a clear answer. You can also research local regulations and find out what needs a license. Many cities have their licensing requirements online or staff who will be happy to answer specific questions.

Licensing requirements vary significantly by state, but generally speaking, small jobs such as fixing leaky faucets or replacing a light switch don't require a license. However, anything that gets into the guts of the pipes or wiring is likely to need a license.

Large jobs that involve multiple workers and/or significant investment, such as a remodel or addition, usually require a licensed general contractor to oversee.

Here are typical jobs you can usually hire a handy person to take care of:

- Replacing small electrical components, such as thermostats, light switches and outlets.
- Repairing drywall.
- Fixing leaks.
- Hanging shelving.
- Hanging doors.
- Repairing woodwork.
- Replacing window glass.
- Wiring home theater components.

Here are some examples of jobs that commonly require a licensed specialist:

- Adding a stairway.
- Installing a new roof.
- Installing a fireplace or wood stove.
- Building a raised deck.
- Installing or replacing certain plumbing fixtures such as water heaters.
- Major remodeling.
- Putting in new windows.
- Building a retaining wall to block soil or erosion.
- Any work requiring the repair or modification of the existing electrical, plumbing or gas systems.

A few additional tips:

Some handy services do carry specialty licensing or have particular trades on staff, so don't hesitate to ask if they have a plumber or electrician available for licensed work.

Whether you hire a handy service or specialty contractor, make sure they carry liability insurance and acquire whatever permits are required for the job.

Most handy service companies charge by the hour, and often their jobs take much less time than that. To get the most out of your handy person's time, prepare a list in advance of all the small jobs you would like them to cover in one visit. The person you hire to fix some drywall and mount a TV might also be able to repair a leak or hang a light fixture while they're already at your house. They'll get more done for you and will appreciate your respect for their time.

Make sure you know ahead of time who will be responsible for supplying materials. If you have specific materials you would like to be used for your project, you'll save time by purchasing them in advance and not have to be charged for the handy person's time to pick them up.

Tweet your home care questions with #AskAngi and we'll try to answer them in a future column.



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Some jobs, such as shelf installations, usually don't require a trade license to complete. Make sure you know your local regulations before hiring.

Fall is a good time for a FLOWER-BED MAKEOVER

By Lee Reich

Associated Press

Nobody ever said gardening offers instant gratification. With this limitation in mind, I dug and made over one of my flower beds last weekend.

For the plants, fall is a fine time for a flower-bed makeover. Cooler temperatures slow water loss from leaves, so plants can better tolerate being ripped out of the ground and roughed up before having their roots nestled back into dirt. Leaves still on these plants stimulate new root growth, helping plants re-establish in their new homes.

Try subjecting most plants to this brutal treatment in summer and many would die.

Why a makeover might be needed

The major impetus for my flower-bed makeover was some Siberian irises that had run amok, threatening to take over the entire bed. Perhaps you can't have too many iris flowers, but after the flowers fade, you surely can have too many iris leaves. Mine were taking up space in which other, later flowering plants could be strutting their stuff.

Much the same could be said for the daffodils in that bed. These bulbs evidently found the bed much to their liking, and bore many offspring who, in turn, bore many of their own offspring, and so on over the years. They presented a glorious and welcome sea of yellow each spring, but the yellowing leaves that followed were a sorry sight for too long. At least

the iris leaves look reasonably prim the whole season.

Fall is also a good time for a flower-bed makeover because any deficiencies—lack of midsummer bloom, garish color combinations, too many irises and daffodils—are still fresh in mind.

My bed further suffered from becoming too much of a hodgepodge of various flowering plants. It had become a home, although it was supposed to be only a temporary one, for many flowers that I had been given or purchased on impulse.

Make a plan

Diving into this opportunity to redo the whole flower garden, I make a plan on paper. A good

idea is to sketch not only the usual bird's-eye view, delineating groups of each kind of flower, but also to sketch from a human's-eye view—that is, the garden as you would see it from ground level, emphasizing the height, texture and form of each plant.

In this human's-eye view, I was able to rough out pleasant-looking undulations of spiky irises, delphiniums and gayfeathers, soft mounds of asters and spireas, and tall and pompom-topped cone-flowers and black-eyed Susans. A backdrop of butterfly bush and the lacy leaves and flowers of baby's-breath should—I hope—knit everything together.

And then the actual work begins. To thin out clumping plants such as irises, slide a garden fork beneath a clump and give the clump a slight lift. Then, pushing two forks or two shovels back to back down the center of the clump, pull the tops of the two forks or shovels apart to pull apart the clump. Replant parts of the clump and give away the rest to a fellow gardener for planting.

And the daffodils? Just dig them up, separate the bulbs by hand and replant the largest ones.

Readying the bed for winter and beyond

Everybody's back in now, and to ensure that roots start growing right away, I've given the bed a thorough soaking. Following that came a topdressing of a couple of inches of wood chips—except for the delphiniums,

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Town of La Grange

N8136 Rose Terrace; \$565,500 on 10/1/2021
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Town of Lyons

7036 Grand Geneva Way; \$5,000 on 10/2/2021
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Town of Sharon

W8528 Highway 67; \$310,000 on 9/29/2021

Town of Spring Prairie

N6427 Horse Hollow Lane; \$447,427 on 10/1/2021
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Town of Sugar Creek

W5279 Tippecanoe Trail; \$264,000 on 10/1/2021
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Village of Bloomfield

W1004 Golden Glow Road; \$225,000 on 10/1/2021
 W127 Tombeau Blvd.; \$180,000 on 9/27/2021
 W1178 Flamingo Drive; \$150,000 on 9/29/2021

Village of Darien

333 Duck Pond Lane; \$12,000 on 9/30/2021

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Ask the Fool

Spousal IRAs and Leveraged ETFs

Q: What's a spousal IRA?
- C.R., Alpharetta, Georgia
 A: It's a traditional or Roth IRA, but one belonging to a partner in a marriage with little or no income in a given year.

In general, IRAs may only be funded with earned income—not with, say, dividend or pension income, or an inheritance. So those who may be out of the regular workforce, perhaps in order to care for children or parents, are largely out of luck—unless they're married.

A married person with little or no income may qualify for a "spousal IRA" if their spouse has sufficient earned income. The contribution limit for IRAs is \$6,000 for the 2021 tax year, plus an additional \$1,000 for those 50 and older. So most married couples filing jointly (there's an income cap) may park between \$12,000 and \$14,000 in their IRAs for 2021. IRAs are a powerful way to save for retirement.

Q: What are leveraged ETFs?
- B.W., Coeur D'Alene, Idaho
 A: They're stocklike investments that can prove ruinous to your wealth if you don't understand them well.

To back up a bit, remember that in the finance world, the word "leverage" refers to debt. Leveraged ETFs will often track an industry or a stock index, investing in those stocks with a lot of borrowed dollars in order to amplify returns. A "2X" leveraged ETF, for example, will aim to deliver doubled returns.

The use of debt can amplify losses as well as gains, though, and leveraged ETFs are meant to be held for very short periods; holding on longer can lead to massive compounded losses.

Fortunately, most ETFs are not leveraged, and many are solid investments to consider.

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1. Buy to hold. The investing advice you'll often hear is to "buy and hold," but that suggests that you might just buy and forget about your holdings. Don't do that unless you're investing in the stock market via low-fee broad-market index funds. With individual stocks, you should plan to hold them for at least five years—if not decades—to give them time to create all the value you expect from them. But keep up with their progress so that you don't end up surprised if their fortunes change.

2. Aim to build a well-diversified portfolio of at least 25 stocks to balance risk and reward. You want to own enough different stocks to ensure that one

underperformer doesn't sink your portfolio or your investing confidence, while increasing the odds that you'll have one or more strong outperformers. If your money was evenly distributed between five stocks and one of them crashed hard, it would make a meaningful dent in your portfolio; if 1 in 25 or 30 stocks crashes, the impact will be much smaller. Meanwhile, if one of your stocks soars 1,000% or 10,000%, it will significantly boost your net worth.

3. Expect stock market volatility—it's normal. On average, the market drops 10% once a year, 20% every four years and 30% every decade, for all kinds of reasons—which often have nothing to do with the underlying value of the companies in which you've invested. It's smart to avoid selling based on share price alone, but do sell if your reasons for investing in a company no longer apply.

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My Dumbest Investment

Only a Short-Term Gain
 My dumbest investment was in Netflix. I bought my shares at \$7 and then sold them at \$15. I thought I was a genius.

— L.C., online

The Fool Responds: Well, you did double your money, which is a lot better than many people do with their stocks—especially those who invest for relatively short periods, as you likely did. But you're right to regret having sold the shares, because Netflix has been a phenomenal long-term investment.

Over the past 10 years, its shares have gained more than 3,600%—or close to 44% annually, on average. Over the past 19 years (Netflix went public in 2002), they have gained more than 150,000%, or 47% annually—far more than the S&P 500's average annual gain of 11% over the same period. Netflix's 19-year gain is enough to have turned a \$10,000 investment into more than \$5 million. Wow.

Stop banging your head on the table, though—you couldn't have known 10 or 19 years ago how Netflix would perform. Indeed, in 2011, after the company announced it would spin off its DVD-by-mail operation to focus on video streaming, its stock sank some 75%. It was hard to imagine how well it would recover. You can't know just how your stocks will perform over the long run, but aim to hang on to them for a long time while keeping up with each company's developments.

The Motley Fool Take

A Growing Software Giant

Shares of cloud-based customer-relationship management (CRM) software giant Salesforce.com (NYSE: CRM) have recently been trading near all-time high levels, and they still appear to have plenty of room for growth.

Salesforce.com recently lifted its revenue forecast for this fiscal year and offered investors an optimistic outlook for its next fiscal year, expecting year-over-year revenue growth of about 20%.

The company has been a major beneficiary of the growing work-from-home trend. As businesses have closed their offices due to coronavirus-related safety concerns, they have ramped up their spending on cloud software. Even post-pandemic, spending on remote-work solutions is expected to remain elevated.

The company also offers artificial intelligence and data integration technology, supplying tools that help companies collect and effectively analyze ever-growing amounts of data from disparate sources. It is also home to the widely used business collaboration platform Slack, which it recently acquired. Salesforce has made Slack the central platform for its Salesforce 360 CRM software suite, and it's expected to help bring in customer deals and expand on existing ones.

Salesforce has been delivering strong profit growth for shareholders, and it appears to present a compelling opportunity for long-term investors. (The Motley Fool owns shares of and has recommended Salesforce.com.)

Name That Company

I was founded back in 1986, but I'm now a combination of several fitness brands, including Bowflex, Schwinn and JRN. (Schwinn dated back to the late 1890s, making successful racing bicycles in its early days and introducing indoor exercise bikes in 1965.) Based in Vancouver, Washington, I rake in more than \$700 million annually, and am aiming for \$1 billion by fiscal year 2026. I recently sported a market value near \$270 million. I offer products including elliptical machines, home gyms, indoor bikes, treadmills and adjustable all-in-one free-weight systems, as well as the JRN fitness app. Who am I?

Think you know the answer? We'll announce it in next week's edition.



LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

I trace my roots back to 1906, when a teenager in Japan turned his family's tailoring business into a specialty sock maker. After he added rubber soles to the socks in the 1920s, he began manufacturing tires, establishing me in 1931. I was making golf balls by 1935 and rubber hoses by 1937. I merged with Firestone in 1988. Today, based in Tokyo and with a U.S. division headquartered in Nashville, I'm a global giant in tires and rubber. I employ about 140,000 people and operate in more than 150 countries and territories. My brands include Primewell and Fuzion.

Who am I? (Answer: Bridgestone)

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Yellowwood well suited to today's families

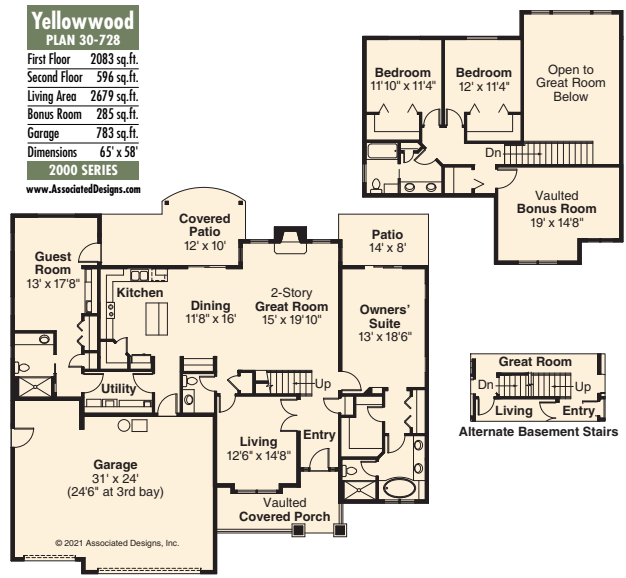


The Craftsman Yellowwood has an inviting nostalgic look, while its interior boasts a floor plan designed with a contemporary family in mind. This two-story, four-bedroom home has an expansive great room on the ground floor, as well as a vaulted bonus room on the second level.

A railed porch extends to the left of the vaulted entry, which is framed by tapered columns and crowned by a king post and struts. Natural light spills into the entry hall through a geometrically framed glass panel in the top half of the door, plus slender sidelights and transom windows.

Double doors open into a living room on the left. Informal families might prefer to furnish it as a home office or study instead. Just past the coat closet and stairway, the hallway opens out into a great room with a ceiling that is two stories in height. A wealth of windows on the far side frames and overarches the gas fireplace on two levels.

Ceiling height drops to nine feet where the great room segues into the dining room and kitchen. Sliding glass doors offer access to a partially covered patio, and a spacious kitchen fills the left end. A raised eating bar rims the



FOR PLAN

Associated Designs is the original source for the Yellowwood 30-728. For more information or to view other designs, visit AssociatedDesigns.com or call 800-634-0123.

The spacious owners' suite fills the Yellowwood's entire right wing. Amenities here include a large walk-in closet and another smaller one, plus a luxurious bathroom with a spa tub, oversized shower, double vanity and totally private toilet.

large work island where it fronts the dining area, and a roomy walk-in pantry completely fills one corner.

Direct access to the garage is just around the corner from the kitchen, along with a pass-through utility room that leads to a bathroom and a guest room.

The spacious owners' suite fills the Yellowwood's entire right wing. Amenities here include a large walk-in closet and another smaller one, plus a luxurious bathroom with a spa tub, oversized shower, double vanity and totally private toilet. Two more bedrooms and a bathroom are upstairs.

Winter heating bills set to jump

Bills estimated to rise 49% in Midwest

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Get ready to pay sharply higher bills for heating this winter, along with seemingly everything else.

With prices surging worldwide for heating oil, natural gas and other fuels, the U.S. government said Wednesday it expects households to see their heating bills jump as much as 54% compared to last winter.

Nearly half the homes in the U.S. use natural gas for heat, and they could pay an average \$746 this winter, 30% more than a year ago. Those in the Midwest could get particularly pinched, with bills up an estimated 49%, and this could be the most expensive winter for natural-gas heated homes since 2008-09.

The second-most used heating source for homes is electricity, making up 41% of the country, and those households could see a more modest 6% increase to \$1,268. Homes using heating oil, which make up 4% of the country, could

see a 43% increase—more than \$500—to \$1,734. The sharpest increases are likely for homes that use propane, which account for 5% of U.S. households.

This winter is forecast to be slightly colder across the country than last year. That means people will likely be burning more fuel to keep warm on top of paying more for each bit of it. If the winter ends up being even colder than forecast, heating bills could be higher than estimated, and vice versa.

The forecast from the U.S. Energy Information Administration is the latest reminder of the higher inflation ripping across the global economy. Earlier Wednesday, the government released a separate report showing that prices were 5.4% higher for U.S. consumers in September than a year ago. That matches the hottest inflation rate since 2008, as a reawakening economy and snarled supply chains push up prices for everything from cars to groceries.

The higher prices hit everyone, with pay raises for most workers so far failing to keep up with

inflation. But they hurt low-income households in particular.

"After the beating that people have taken in the pandemic, it's like: What's next?" said Carol Hardison, chief executive officer at Crisis Assistance Ministry, which helps people in Charlotte, North Carolina, facing financial hardship.

She said households coming in for assistance recently have had unpaid bills that are roughly twice as big as they were before the pandemic. They're contending with more expensive housing, higher medical bills and sometimes a reduction in their hours worked.

"It's what we know about this pandemic: It's hit the same people that were already struggling with wages not keeping up with the cost of living," she said.

To make ends meet, families are cutting deeply. Nearly 22% of Americans had to reduce or forego expenses for basic necessities, such as medicine or food, to pay an energy bill in at least one of the last 12 months, according to a September survey by the U.S. Census Bureau.

Makeover/Mulches can be beneficial

Continued from 6C

hungry plants that they are, which had compost tucked around their stems before the chips went down.

Mulches seal moisture into the soil and also keep soil temperatures from dropping as low or as fast as in unmulched ground. That gives roots more time to grow before

temperatures turn frigid. Mulches also reduce the alternate freezing and thawing of the soil that during the winter can heave newly rooted plants up and out of the ground.

There is a downside to this autumn flower-bed makeover: The bed does look forlorn, for now. But a makeover isn't an annual affair, and

everything will look perky in spring. Yes, I could have waited until spring for this makeover. But there are too many other things to attend to in the spring garden.

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PILOTING PROBLEMS

Mysteries remains as to why Tesla's auto-braking function didn't stop these crashes

By Russ Mitchell
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On a rainy winter night in December 2019, college student Maria Smith found herself followed by a state trooper, police lights flashing, on Massachusetts' Route 24. She pulled over to the side of the road. Then: Smack! Something had hit her car from behind, shattering her rear window. "I was scared," she said.

A Tesla running in Autopilot mode had slammed into the state trooper's cruiser, knocking it into Smith's car.

No one was injured in that crash, but it's part of a sweeping investigation launched in August by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. NHTSA is looking into a dozen similar episodes over three years in which Tesla vehicles traveling at a range of speeds ran into stationary police cars, firetrucks, ambulances and other emergency vehicles, injuring 17 people and killing one.

Announcing the probe,

NHTSA noted that all of the Tesla vehicles involved were running on either Autopilot or Traffic Aware Cruise Control, software systems that allow the driver to relinquish control of speed and sometimes steering while—in theory, at least—staying ready to intervene. NHTSA said it would be looking into such factors as how the vehicle makes sure drivers are paying attention and how it detects visual cues of a crash scene such as flashing lights and flares—details that an alert human driver would be unlikely to miss.

But its investigators will also be digging into a question involving a more basic technology: Why isn't Tesla's forward collision avoidance system better at preventing crashes like Smith's—at least when the computer is driving?

Compared with so-called advanced driver assistance systems such as Autopilot, a forward collision avoidance system is relatively crude. It is designed to answer one

question—is a frontal impact imminent?—and respond to danger by sounding a warning and, if necessary, triggering a subsystem called automatic emergency

braking. Unlike Autopilot, which must be selected manually and is available only under some driving conditions, automatic emergency braking runs by default unless manually turned off.

First developed in the mid-1990s, automatic emergency braking is effective at preventing or reducing the severity of crashes, said David Aylor, manager of active safety testing for the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. IIHS has found that automatic braking systems

can reduce the incidence of front-to-rear crashes by 50%, with better performance at lower speeds and in good visibility conditions.

"We think it's a great technology and all cars should have it," Aylor said. "The benefits are pretty astounding," said Kelly Funkhouser, head of connected and automated vehicles for Consumer Reports. "It's the one technology I would never let a family member or friend buy a car without."

Tesla calls its vehicles "the safest cars in the world," citing their combination of structural engineering and advanced technology. But when it comes to the forward collision avoidance system, Tesla owners have been reporting problems at a substantially elevated

rate compared with similarly equipped cars.

In 2020 and the first three quarters of 2021, NHTSA received 131 complaints about Tesla's system, compared with 55 for Mercedes-Benz, 28 for Audi and 14 for Volvo. Each of the four automakers made collision avoidance systems standard on all its cars ahead of a voluntary industry deadline late next year.

The rate of complaints about Tesla, relative to the number of its cars sold in the U.S. in 2020, was more than three times that of the other automakers.

Tesla does not have a media relations department and Chief Executive Elon Musk did not respond to attempts to seek comment.

The pattern of crashes and complaints is raising alarms among safety advocates and experts in automotive technology.

"Teslas are running into stationary objects," said Alain Kornhauser, who heads the



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Adapting your car's air circulation in age of COVID-19

Q: *I'm retired but had been driving with Uber for the past couple of years. I haven't driven since COVID-19 started but plan to resume.*

In what position would you recommend that a 2018 Mazda CX-5's air conditioning system be put to minimize the amount of in-car air being circulated? Thanks.

—Jim

A: Well, I'd suggest you turn off "recirculate," Jim.

There are two buttons on the left side of your air conditioning control panel. One has a diagram of air (represented by an arrow) coming into the car from outside the front windshield. That's the "fresh air" setting.

The other button shows the air in a circle, recirculating inside the car. Don't press that one.

The recirculate button reuses all but 5% to 10% of the air inside your car. It's useful when you want to cool the car quickly, because you're not continually introducing new, hot, humid air from outside.

The fresh air setting will introduce much more new air, and that's what you want. I'm guessing you want to minimize the amount of passenger air you're breathing. And to be fair, your passengers probably want to do the same since for all they know, you just got back from the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally and Group Hug.

So even better—regardless of the AC settings—open at least two windows. Open your driver's window and the window diagonally opposite that, on the passenger side in back. You don't have to open them all the way, but even by opening them a quarter of the way, you'll usually create a cross current and move air through the car. Even better, crack all of the windows a quarter of the way, if your passengers are amenable.

That doesn't mean you have to forgo the air conditioning (or heat). You can run those anyway, even with the windows open, and make the in-car temperature more comfortable.

And if I were you, I'd explain to your passengers exactly what you're doing and why. I'd say: For your safety and for mine, too, I'm following safety recommendations and keeping several windows ajar. Is that OK with you?

Most people will say "of course" and be grateful for your consideration. Unless you're picking them up from the hair salon, Jim.

Q: *I own a 2011 Lexus ES350 with 150,000 miles. The car has been dealer maintained from day one and has never given me a problem. It's the best car (reliability) I have ever owned.*

The missus thinks I should trade it in for a 2021 model because of the enhanced safety features. I feel the 2011 is safe enough and paid for! What say you?

—Jesse

A: Is this dealer open today, Jesse? Your wife is right. The deployment of new safety equipment over the past decade has been revolutionary.

Cars today have what are essentially self-driving technologies. Through increased processing power and miniaturization, we now have computers and sensors in cars that really can prevent or minimize crashes.

They'll stop the car when you're not paying attention. They'll nudge you back into your lane when you drift out of it. They'll keep you from changing lanes when there's a UPS truck in your blind spot. Maybe your wife has noticed that you can use a little help in some of those areas, Jesse?

The truth is we all can. Computers are just better at some of this stuff than we humans are. And a computer never gets distracted by a text message or a spouse making the case that you need some help with your driving. For older drivers, these things are even more helpful, as our reflexes inevitably slow down.

You got 150,000 trouble-free miles out your Lexus ES350. Go get a new one. Get a hybrid and, in addition to the safety enhancements, you'll get 44 miles to the gallon.

You'll also be pleasantly surprised at how much you can get for your 2011. With the computer chip shortages caused by the pandemic, used car prices have gone way up. So cash in, use that as a down payment, keep your wife happy and make both of you safer. Enjoy the new car, Jesse.

P.S. You're miffed that you wrote to me now, aren't you?

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CARGAZING BY DEREK PRICE

Throwback scales new heights

New Wagoneer extends Jeep into bigger, pricier, fancier territory

By Derek Price

Cargazing

Jeep is reaching into loftier territory—both in terms of luxury and sheer size—with an all-new vehicle: Wagoneer.

It's actually an old nameplate that Jeep put into storage for decades, then polished up to create a premium sub-brand for its truck-based vehicles in 2022.

The goal is to create a more upscale experience for luxury buyers, both in the vehicles themselves and in the service owners get at the dealership.

While I can't vouch for the customer service—Wagoneers are just now arriving at dealers, if you're lucky enough to find one—I can describe what it's like to drive after spending a week behind the wheel.

Three words sum it up: roomy, supple and silent.

The Wagoneer is noticeably bigger and portlier than the three-row Grand Cherokee L I tested a couple of weeks ago. It's about 6 inches wider and 10 inches longer, which makes the cabin feel downright cavernous in comparison.

It also feels more substantial from the driver's seat. The true, truck-based frame gives it more heft than the lighter, car-based, unibody Grand Cherokee, which makes the Wagoneer feel larger over the road but also helps it tow up to 10,000 pounds.

A 5.7-liter HEMI V-8 engine makes 392 horsepower and 404 pound-feet of torque, enough to do a good job pulling all that weight.

The downside is the same demon that haunts all truck-based SUVs: fuel economy. My tester was rated for 15 mpg in city driving and 20 on the highway.

Wagoneer's mission isn't efficiency, though, but comfort, and it's absolutely spectacular at that job.

This is one of the smoothest, silkiest luxury SUVs in the world, matching and even surpassing established contenders such as the Cadillac Escalade and Lincoln Navigator.

Part of my tester's smoothness came from its optional air suspension, which not only raises and lowers the vehicle for loading cargo or driving off road, but also smooths out bumps on the pavement for a cotton-candy experience on highways.

I also wonder how much its 18-inch wheels helped with the ride. You can



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A seven-slot grille gives the Wagoneer a classic Jeep look in front, and the vehicle's spacious cabin gives off a premium vibe—even if you don't pony up an extra \$30,000 for an over-the-top Grand Wagoneer.

AT A GLANCE

What was tested? 2022 Jeep Wagoneer Series II (\$70,995). **Options:** Advanced all-terrain group (\$2,295), convenience group (\$3,295), heavy-duty trailer tow package (\$795). **Price as tested** (including \$2,000 destination charge): \$79,380.

Wheelbase: 123 in.

Length: 214.7 in.

Width: 94 in.

Height: 75.6 in.

Engine: 5.7-liter HEMI V-8 with E-Torque Hybrid Assist (392 hp, 404 lbs.-ft.).

Transmission: Eight-speed automatic

Fuel economy: 15 city, 20 highway.

Ratings

Style: 8

Performance: 9

Price: 6

Handling: 5

Ride: 9

Comfort: 9

Quality: 8

Overall: 9

Why buy it? It's a premium SUV with the look and rugged reputation of a Jeep. A silky-smooth ride and quiet, well-executed cabin make it stand out.

get it with up to 22-inch wheels, which are popular and trendy, but it's my experience that those giant rapper

wheels completely wreck the ride on luxury SUVs.

The 18s on my tester felt supple and still looked sharp—even more so on a vehicle ostensibly built for off-road driving.

The interior of the Wagoneer is nice, even luxurious, by normal-car standards. Fit and finish are better than the last Navigator and Escalade I drove, although the materials and design aren't quite as flashy.

If you want something flashy, you have to step up to the Grand Wagoneer, which might be the most opulent cabin ever installed in a domestic-brand vehicle. It seems to be covered entirely in a mixture of digital screens, real wood and soft-touch leather.

The Grand Wagoneer also comes with a bigger, 6.4-liter engine and price tag to match, starting at about \$30,000 more than the Wagoneer's \$57,995 base price.

Realistically, the Wagoneer is an alternative to the Chevy Tahoe or Ford Expedition, while the Grand Wagoneer competes with their luxury-brand cousins from Lincoln and Cadillac, along with a host of European and Japanese products.

It's also priced accordingly. A Wagoneer with four-wheel drive starts at \$70,995, while the fancier Grand Wagoneer starts at \$88,190 and tops out uncomfortably close to \$110,000.

Tesla/Crash test data includes disclaimers

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driverless car engineering program at Princeton University. "They shouldn't be." If the company's cars can't avoid crash scenes marked by flares or traffic cones, he said, "how can you trust anything else they do with Autopilot?"

In tests, Tesla Models S, X and 3 scored "superior" grades from IIHS for their forward collision avoidance systems. (The Model Y has not yet been tested.) IIHS said 84% of automatic braking systems across all automakers achieved a superior designation.

But those tests are conducted only at 12 mph and 25 mph, according to Aylor. IIHS doesn't test at high speeds or with Autopilot or similar systems engaged.

In the operating manuals given to Tesla owners, the company states that its automatic emergency braking is designed to work at speeds from 3 mph to 90 mph. That language comes with several disclaimers, including the admonition that automatic braking is "designed to reduce the severity of an impact. It is not designed to avoid a collision."

A 2020 report by the National Transportation Safety Board summarizing investigations into four Tesla crashes highlighted "the limitations of [forward] collision avoidance systems ... when vehicles ...

are traveling at high speed or are faced with vehicle shapes or objects that the system has not been designed to detect. ... The systems are not designed or tested to operate consistently at speeds over 50 mph."

Best known for its airline disaster probes, the NTSB lacks regulatory authority, but its investigations have highlighted issues around automated vehicle development and performance, including frontal collision avoidance.

In a fatal crash in Mountain View, California, in 2018, a Tesla running on Autopilot drove head-on into a concrete abutment. NTSB determined Tesla hadn't designed its system to avoid such road obstructions, according to its report. "Consequently, the forward collision warning system did not provide an alert and the automatic emergency braking did not activate."

In a high-speed crash in Texas earlier this year, a Tesla that according to court documents was in Autopilot mode caused a chain reaction that sent five state troopers to the hospital. According to a plaintiff's filing, the car was traveling at 70 mph and "did not apply its 'Automatic Emergency Braking' to slow down to avoid or mitigate the accident." Tesla has not yet filed a response to the lawsuit.

An NTSB report on a 2018 crash on the 405 Freeway in Culver City, in which a Tesla on Autopilot plowed into the back of a parked firetruck, said the NTSB determined the car was traveling at 30.9 mph on impact. Not only did the automatic emergency braking not engage, the car sped up just before the collision, investigators said, from 21 mph.

That is the speed range in which automatic emergency braking is supposed to excel, Aylor said.

Based on such findings, the board since 2018 has been recommending that NHTSA develop and apply tests to evaluate performance of forward collision avoidance systems at several velocities, including high speeds. NHTSA has not yet done so. "NHTSA has taken no action toward gaining a better understanding of how these lifesaving technologies perform in real-world high-speed crash scenarios," the NTSB said in a report on how its recommendations have been received.

Asked for comment, a NHTSA spokesperson said in a statement that the agency is "continuing to collect data and conduct research that will inform and are necessary precursors to several regulatory actions" on its agenda. The agency declined a request for an interview with a NHTSA official.

In its investigation of the crashes involving emergency vehicles, NHTSA appears to be intent on understanding the interaction between Autopilot and automatic emergency braking and which one has control of the brakes when an obstacle is detected. In an Aug. 31 letter addressed to Eddie Gates, Tesla's director of field quality, the agency instructed him to describe Autopilot's control over functions including braking and acceleration "during routine and crash-imminent operations."

One possibility, according to Missy Cummings, a former Navy fighter pilot who studies human-machine interaction at Duke University, is that Autopilot is designed to preempt or suppress emergency braking to minimize what's known as phantom braking. "I haven't seen the code to say how Tesla works, but I suspect the AEB is turned off in some situations," she said. "If it were left on it may detect what are called phantom objects and would be slamming on the brakes."

Mahmood Hikmet, an autonomous vehicle research engineer in New Zealand, said automatic emergency braking can interfere with testing of truly driverless systems—something Tesla is currently doing at scale with a public beta test of its so-called Full Self Driving software.