

3-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

MONDAY

77 / 62 Scattered Showers

TUESDAY

78 / 59 Sunny

WEDNESDAY

81 / 58 Sunny

Scattered showers stay in the area through Monday with highs reaching the low 80s by Wednesday.

TRENDING

Michaels completes acquisition of Joann’s intellectual property

NEW YORK (AP) — Craft labels from the now-shuttered fabrics seller Joann are making their way to a new home: Michaels. The Michaels Companies announced on Thursday that it had completed its purchase of Joann’s intellectual property and private label brands — in an acquisition that arrives as the Texas-based arts and crafting chain works to expand its own fabric, sewing and yarn offerings. “We’re honored to have the opportunity to welcome JOANN customers into our creative community and are committed to delivering the selection, value, and inspiration they are looking for at Michaels,” Michaels CEO David Boone said in a statement. The deal, he added, allows the company to better “respond to rising demand” among both new and existing customers. Financial terms of the acquisition were not disclosed. The Associated Press reached out to Michaels for further information on Friday.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 160th day of 2025. There are 205 days left in the year. In 1973, Secretariat won the Belmont Stakes by 31 lengths, winning horse racing’s Triple Crown and setting a still-standing record by running the 1 1/2-mile dirt course in 2 minutes, 24 seconds. In 1732, James Oglethorpe received a charter from Britain’s King George II to establish the colony of Georgia. In 1954, during the Senate Army-McCarthy hearings, Army special counsel Joseph N. Welch berated Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, a Republican from Wisconsin, asking: “Have you no sense of decency, sir? At long last, have you left no sense of decency?” In 1972, heavy rains triggered record flooding in the Black Hills of South Dakota. The resulting disaster left at least 238 people dead and more than 1,300 homes destroyed. In 1978, leaders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints struck down a policy of excluding Black men from the Mormon priesthood that had been in place for more than 125 years. In 1986, the Rogers Commission released its report on the Challenger disaster, criticizing NASA and rocket-builder Morton Thiokol for management problems leading to the explosion that claimed the lives of seven astronauts. In 2013, Rafael Nadal became the first man to win eight titles at the same Grand Slam tennis tournament after beating fellow Spaniard David Ferrer in the French Open final. (Nadal would finish his career with 14 French Open titles.) In 2022, at its first public hearing on the matter, the House panel investigating the Jan. 6 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol placed blame squarely on Donald Trump, saying the assault was not spontaneous but an “attempted coup” and a direct result of the defeated president’s effort to overturn the 2020 election.

Today’s birthdays: Sportscaster Dick Vitale is 86. Baseball Hall of Famer Dave Parker is 74. Film composer James Newton Howard is 74. Author Patricia Cornwell is 69. Actor Michael J. Fox is 64. Writer-filmmaker Aaron Sorkin is 64. Actor Johnny Depp is 62. Actor Gloria Reuben is 61. Actor Michaela Conlin is 47. Actor Natalie Portman is 44. Musician Anoushka Shankar is 44. Olympic gymnastics gold medalist Laurie Hernandez is 25. — The Associated Press

Russia awaits Ukraine confirmation of exchange

By The Associated Press

Russian officials said Sunday that Moscow is still awaiting official confirmation from Ukraine that a planned exchange of 6,000 bodies of soldiers killed in action will take place, reiterating allegations that Kyiv had postponed the swap. On the front line in the war, Russia said that it had pushed into Ukraine’s Dnipropetrovsk region. Russian state media quoted Lt. Gen. Alexander Zorin, a representative of the Russian negotiating group, as saying that Russia delivered the first batch of 1,212 bodies of Ukrainian soldiers to the exchange site at the border and is waiting for confirmation from Ukraine, but that there were “signals” that the process

of transferring the bodies would be postponed until next week. Citing Zorin on her Telegram channel, Russian Foreign Ministry spokesperson Maria Zakharova asked whether it was Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy’s “personal decision not to take the bodies of the Ukrainians” or whether “someone from NATO prohibited it.” Ukrainian authorities said plans agreed upon during direct talks in Istanbul on Monday were proceeding accordingly, despite what Ukraine’s intelligence chief, Kyrylo Budanov, called Russian attempts to “unilaterally dictate the parameters of the exchange process.” “We are carefully adhering to the agreements reached in Istanbul. Who, when and

how to exchange should not be someone’s sole decision. Careful preparation is ongoing. Pressure and manipulation are unacceptable here,” he said in a statement on Telegram on Sunday. “The start of repatriation activities based on the results of the negotiations in Istanbul is scheduled for next week, as authorized persons were informed about on Tuesday,” the statement said. “Everything is moving according to plan, despite the enemy’s dirty information game.” Russia and Ukraine each accused the other on Saturday of endangering plans to swap 6,000 bodies of soldiers killed in action, which was agreed upon during the talks in Istanbul, which otherwise made no progress toward ending the war.

Man told to take time after wife’s passing

DEAR ABBY: I lost my wife of 20 years four months ago after a prolonged illness. I retired at 62 and became her primary caretaker. The job of caretaker is endless and stressful, and yet rewarding. A female friend of many years (“Dinah”) came to the memorial. I grieved, attended Grief Share and read articles about grief. I experience grief every day and will for my whole life. Recently, Dinah and I began spending time together, including worship. For clarification, we have never been intimate and won’t be until our wedding night (if that ever happens). The difficulty is how my late wife’s family have reacted. They are becoming more and more distant. I don’t feel I’m doing anything wrong. Others have said, “You should wait for at least a year.” My financial planner and I spoke about not making any major financial

decisions for a while, but what is this “one year” thing? — **READY IN TENNESSEE** **DEAR READY:** The “one year thing” is the same as the suggestion your financial planner offered. The reasoning is that after one loses a spouse, the widower is often emotionally vulnerable. Out of loneliness, some have made hasty decisions in their romantic lives that they later regret. While it isn’t wrong that you are dating, your former in-laws may be upset that you started so soon after your wife’s death and regard it as “disrespectful” to her memory. What they may not have taken into account is that your grieving started while you were taking care of your wife rather than after her death. **DEAR ABBY:** My brother has been married for 25 years

DEAR ABBY



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to “Gayle,” who has alienated herself and their family from everyone, including her own siblings, our siblings and the rest of our family as well. She limits when, where and with whom he can spend time. Gayle nearly always has a nasty comment or barb and picks someone to fight with at every family gathering. Rather than deal with this, my family and our siblings’ families have distanced ourselves, which is especially sad because my brother and Gayle have college-aged children with whom we enjoy spending time. Abby, something happened recently that makes me wonder if it’s time for someone to intervene. My brother has an increasing number of false memories about things that never hap-

pened in his life — particularly ones in which he has supposedly been grievously wronged by me. Please share some advice. — **MISSING MY BROTHER IN NEW ENGLAND** **DEAR MISSING:** The topic of false memories is not one about which I am knowledgeable enough to comment. I do, however, know they happen sometimes as people age. Your brother may be experiencing symptoms of dementia and should be examined physically and neurologically by his doctor. Discuss this with the rest of your siblings in the hope that if ALL of you suggest this to your brother’s wife and adult children, it may get through to her. But don’t count on it if she has worked during their entire marriage to isolate him from all of you.

HOROSCOPE

Honesty, integrity will prevent trouble, Cancer

By EUGENIA LAST

Happy birthday for June 10: Your emotions, imagination and desire to create something magical will help you expand your purpose and lifelong goals. Your numbers are 4, 17, 26, 31, 38, 44, 49. **ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Keep situations, thoughts and feelings in perspective. Put your time and effort into taking care of business and advancement. An offer will lack substance. **TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Contain your emotions and actions to avoid controversy. Take care of financial and medical issues by paying attention to detail and researching your options thoroughly. Your charm will help you gain favors. **GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Use your gifts to build wealth, position and reputation among your peers. The less chaos, the simpler the plan and the more efficient the outcome. A change of space, direction and associates will change your perspective and vision. **CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Honesty and integrity will prevent trouble. Listen, elaborate and align yourself with people who share your values. An unexpected change will disrupt your plans or cost you if you are too abrupt. Size down rather than elab-

orate mentally or financially. Expect delays while traveling. **LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** What you put out into the world, you will get back. Focus on what’s important to you, and refrain from letting what others do create a barrier that sends your efforts in a futile direction. Know what you want to achieve and make it so. **VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Refuse to let life’s little dramas dominate your energy and cause you to lose sight of what’s important to you. Events, interactions and travel will lead to interesting encounters and connections. Romance, research and reunions are favored. **LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Promising too much will backfire. Share thoughts, feelings and plans with someone you feel aligned with, and you’ll find out where you stand and how best to proceed. Only offer what’s tangible. Exaggeration and empty promises will be damaging. **SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Put your energy into educating yourself in areas that will enhance your earning, investing and financial maintenance. A business partnership works best if you saddle up with someone with potential in areas you lack. Allowing one another to do their part without interference will lead to victory. Personal growth is

in the stars. **SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Let go of the past. Pay attention to domestic matters and personal relationships. Look for opportunities, research what’s entailed, change your routine and how you handle responsibilities, and raise your income and status to meet your demands. **CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Communication will require specifics to avoid trouble. Be clear, deal directly with the source and listen, digest and formulate your response carefully before you engage in talks. Proceed with caution, precision and detail. **AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Anxiety will sprout and cost you if you act hastily. Discipline and hard work will pay off. Life is simple when you consider what’s happening around you and confirm your findings before responding. Take a deep breath and a backseat while the show unfolds; you’ll find it easier to control the outcome. **PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Situations will escalate if you are aggressive or unpredictable. Refuse to let emotional interference cloud your vision or prompt you to engage in banter that can hurt you personally or publicly. Make home improvements, budgeting and saving your goals.

Your faith won’t automatically build on its own

QUESTION: I’m an athlete and a new Christian. I know what it means to be disciplined in exercising and taking care of myself so that I can be a winning champion, but I’m not sure how to apply this to my new faith. My Christian friends tell me that spiritual growth will come in time by exercising my faith. How is this done? — E.F. **ANSWER:** No one wants to grow physically weak and frail, but when we stop eating and exercising, this is what happens. This is the same con-

cerning our spiritual life. When our faith grows weak, we should ask if we are lacking repentance, neglecting the reading of God’s Word, and fellowshiping with Him through prayer. These disciplines bring us close to the Lord. Faith doesn’t grow automatically; it requires spiritual food for its nourishment. It also requires exercise as we put it into action

MY ANSWER



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what we learn through studying God’s Word. Without it, our faith grows weaker and weaker. It mustn’t be this way. Christ’s work is too important, and we shouldn’t want to be spiritual weaklings. What is the main food God has given to strengthen us? It is the Bible. Jesus prayed, “Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth” (John 17:17, NKJV). We must read it, study

it, meditate on it, listen to it preached and taught. It builds faith and brings assurance that will grow. Faith comes by hearing God’s message (see Romans 10:17) and obeying. Our faith may be just a little thread. It may be small and weak, but we must act on that faith, placing our trust in Jesus. Faith is not measured by size, but rather where we place our faith - and that is in Christ the Lord. — This column is based on the words and writings of the late Rev. Billy Graham.

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