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- Pension alternatives, for short Hustle
- "Odds are ..." Drive around the office? **Actress Watts**
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- Bahrainis Speedboat's
- speed Fake account Dead ends? James in the National
- Rhythm & Blues Hall of Fame Piano études, essentially

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- Trusty Alternative to a fingerprint, maybe
- Golfer McIlroy, the first European male to achieve a career Grand Slam

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- The Jazz, on sports tickers Coming
- 34 35 Small band Jazz pianist with a memorable recording of
- Tea for Two" Plant eater? What the British call people who make crosswords
- Prepared statement? One-named rock idol who
- was born Paul David Hewson Locking horns
- Guess alternative
- Vegges out Restaurant sommelier's offering
- Foundational skateboard trick
- Doesn't exactly ham it up
- Sings (out)
- Stereotypical eye-roller
- Informal get-together

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CAROLYN HAX Mom ignores warnings about safety

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Carolyn Hax is away. The following first appeared July 13, 2011.

Dear Carolyn: My mom is in her late 50s, very intelligent except she disregards basic safety advice that even a 5-yearold knows! She has a key under the front doormat and ignores my advice to hide it in a better place (or, better yet, not leave one

out at all). Worse, she'll take the dog out for walks at night, dressing in nothing but her nightgown with a coat thrown over it, and leave the front door unlocked. I caution her that anybody could just walk in the house and be there waiting for her, but she insists she "would see them." Sometimes, I'll stop by the house and find the door unlocked and the windows open ... and nobody home!

Finally, she refuses to lock her car doors when she drives around, which not only gives carjackers easy access but is also unsafe in an accident.

She says I'm "paranoid" and that "nothing will ever happen." Daily, on the news, I see reports of older women being sexually assaulted or killed, with the attacker gaining access to their homes through

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unlocked doors.

I've gone from asking nicely to literally begging her to follow some basic safety rules. I told her, even if SHE doesn't care, my sister and I do, and we're the ones who would have to live with the trauma for the rest of our lives if anything happened to her. She finally said she was going to "buy a gun" and that would keep her safe, but I say that she'd be more likely to shoot somebody else by mistake and that it would make more sense to take basic precautions.

So, Carolyn, any advice? I know she's an adult and can make her own choices, but I wish she'd make better ones.

- Worried About My Mom

Worried About My Mom: The simplest precaution of all: Stop watch-

ing the news. Older women aren't succumbing in droves to

violent intruders. It happens, of course, and it's horrific when it does, but your mom has far more to fear from her own car than from malevolent strangers.

Meanwhile, the chances your relationship with your mom, and your quality of life in general, will be hampered by violent-crime alarmism are running at about 100%. Your preoccupation with uncommitted crimes is a dull ache that you already live with every day - despite your mother's stubborn, insouciant well-being.

Even if she lived in Crimeville, the fact of her considering a gun purchase ought to be enough to scare you off scaring her as a means of persuasion. It's one thing when all your tactics come to naught; it's quite another when they come to irrational overreaction.

Your mother is fine, and she will be fine until she isn't — and the same goes for her dog, for you, for your sister and for every other occupant of this mortal sphere. To lose someone is painful, and to lose someone to preventable causes acutely so. But that doesn't justify writing a new definition of "preventable." It means something you can stop from happening, and you can't stop your mother from living as she chooses. Accept that, please, and enjoy her. If you try but can't, then consider treating your anxiety as a problem of its own.

Report: Mammoth's Keller among newcomers on US Olympic team

Field Level Media

A trio of NHL players -Utah Mammoth captain Clayton Keller, Buffalo Sabres forward Tage Thompson and Florida Panthers defenseman Seth Jones - will make their Olympic debuts with Team USA at February's Winter Games, ESPN reported on Wednesday.

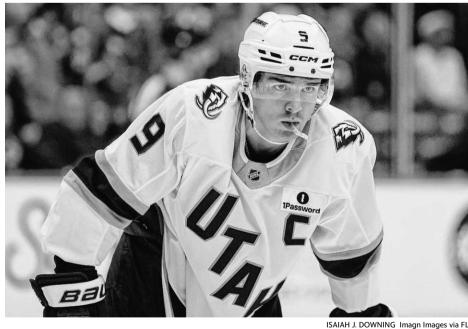
Olympic rosters had to be submitted by Wednesday. USA Hockey plans to announce its roster Friday morning on NBC's "Today." This is the first time in 12 years that NHL players will compete in the Olympics.

The tournament begins in Milan, Italy, on Feb. 11. The U.S. is scheduled to oppose Latvia on Feb. 12, Denmark on Feb. 14 and Germany on Feb. 15.

The aforementioned trio joins six players previously named to the U.S. team forwards Jack Eichel of the Vegas Golden Knights, Auston Matthews of the Toronto Maple Leafs, Brady Tkachuk of the Ottawa Senators and Matthew Tkachuk of the Panthers and defensemen Quinn Hughes of the Minnesota Wild and Charlie McAvoy of the Boston Bruins.

Except for Hughes, who was injured at the time, those players were part of the 4 Nations Face-Off team that lost to Canada in the tournament final last February in Boston.

Under head coach Mike Sullivan of the New York Rangers, Team USA seeks



Utah Mammoth right wing Clayton Keller, shown on Dec. 23 in Denver, will make his Olympic debuts with Team USA at February's Winter Games, ESPN reported on Wednesday.

its first Olympic gold medal since the 1980 "Miracle on Ice" team won gold in Lake Placid, N.Y.

"The expectation is to go to Milan and win the gold medal," Eichel said at the U.S. Olympic orientation camp in September. "I think anything short of that, it would be disappointing.'

Keller, 27, is no stranger to Team USA. He served as captain at the World Championships last May when the Americans earned their first gold medal at the event since

Keller, a St. Louis area native who was the No. 7 overall pick of the Arizona Coyotes in 2016, posted a career-best 90 points last

season and is currently tied for the Mammoth's team scoring lead with 33 points (12 goals, 21 assists) in 40 games. Keller's 10th NHL season has already been filled with emotions after his father, Bryan, died unexpectedly in No-

Thompson, 28, was selected No. 26 overall by the St. Louis Blues in 2016 and is enjoying another strong season with the Sabres, who acquired the Phoenix native in the 2018 trade that sent forward Ryan O'Reilly to the

Thompson leads the Sabres in scoring with 34 points (18 goals, 16 assists) in 38 games this season, his ninth in the NHL. He

scored in overtime against Switzerland to lift Team USA to a 1-0 win in the gold-medal game at last May's World Championships.

Jones, 31, the son of former NBA player Popeye Jones, is playing in his 13th NHL season and earned his first Stanley Cup ring with the Panthers in June.

An Arlington, Texas, native, Jones has posted 24 points (six goals, 18 assists) this season in 39 games. He was the No. 4 overall pick of the 2013 draft by the Nashville Predators and has also played for the Columbus Blue Jackets and Chicago Blackhawks.

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Summons

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION CV42-25-2290 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS IDAHO POWER COMPANY, Plaintiff vs RLM UNDERGROUND, LLC,

Defendant RLM UNDERGROUND, LLC,

Third-Party Plaintiff vs.
MEJIA'S CONSTRUCTIONS LLC,
Third-Party Defendant
TO: MEJIA'S CONSTRUCTIONS LIMITED LIABLITY COMPANY REGISTERED AGENT: Franklin Mejia 1563 La Salle Rd. Lexington, Kentucky 40511

You have been sued by RLM Underground, LLC, the Third-Party Plaintiff, in the District Court in and for Twin Falls County, Idaho, Case No. CV42-

The nature of the claims against you is for contractual indemnity and equitable indemnity related to work you performed in Boise, Ada County, Idaho on or between March 30, 2023, through September 16, 2024, under contract with RLM Underground, LLC.

Any time after 21 days following the last publication of this summons, the court may enter a judgment against you without further notice, unless prior to that time you have filed a written response in the proper form, including the Case No., and paid any required filing fee to the Clerk of the Court at Twin Falls County Courthouse, 427 Shoshone Street N., Twin Falls, ID 83301 - phone number - 208-736-4025 and served a copy of your response on the Third-Party Plaintiff's attorney at Casey Hemmer, Tolman Brizee & Cannon, P.C., 132 Third Avenue East, Twin Falls, ID 83301, 208-

A copy of the Summons and Com-plaint can be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the Court or the attorney for Third-Party Plaintiff. If you wish legal assistance, you should immediately retain an attorney to advise you in this matter

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