Hunter Ensmley hyped up the crowd and Blake Burke shows off the championship trophy Tuesday as the Tennessee Vols baseball team celebrates its College World Series title with a parade down Gay Street in Knoxville. Thousands of fans descended on downtown for the parade and a celebration in Market Square. Vols enjoy the celebration; White excited about future, 1-2B.

Scores, except math, beat pre-pandemic numbers

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Tennessee public school students continued slow but steady gains in math, English language arts and social studies on this year’s standardized tests. Math scores in grades 3-8 statewide also showed modest growth. However, due to standards changes, high school math scores will not be available until later this year, according to the Tennessee Department of Education.

The scores, released Monday, show a continued rebound from disruptions caused by the coronavirus pandemic, with social studies and English language arts scores exceeding 2019 levels before the pandemic. The state education department praised district and school leaders, educators, families and elected officials for their support in addressing learning loss from the pandemic.

“Tennessee’s strategic education investments have resulted in steady
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New rules coming for AI, delta-8, gun access

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