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What we're into

Keep-Up Balloon

For someone who loves sports as much as I do, I wish I was better at them.

In high school I played on varsity sparingly but still made the basketball team. Not a terrible career, but when your younger brother comes after you and sets the record for career points — 1,137 to my 50 — you don't feel like a great athlete.

So when my siblings and I started hitting a balloon around, maybe it was the built-up competitiveness from all the minutes I never played that kicked in. In minutes, a simple hit had developed into a full-blown game, as we dove over everything to keep the balloon in the air. And if it hits the ground, too bad. That's a point for the other team.

After a few months, we played some

games on TikTok for our enjoyment. Two years later, it has become our favorite pastime.

Over time, we've built an army of 430,000 followers on the site, a following that caught the attention of Ellen DeGeneres, who had us on her show in December.

The videos also inspired a Spanish influencer and his friend FC Barcelona player Gerard Pique to create an international competition of Keep-Up Balloon, the Balloon World Cup.

We were invited to Barcelona to play, and while we lost in the first round to Cuba, I can finally call myself an athlete. High school me may have been a bit surprised by the course it took to get there, but hey, I'm not arguing.

— ANTONIO ARREDONDO,
NEWSROOM INTERN, EAST OREGONIAN



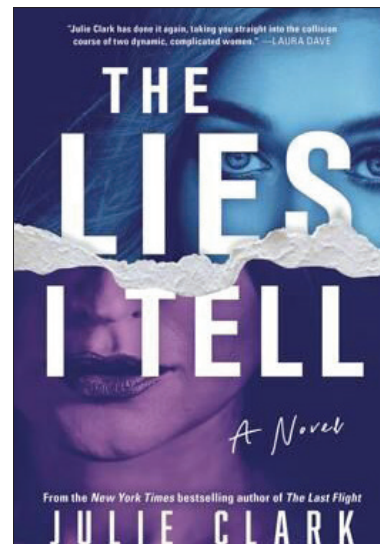
Antonio Arredondo/Contributed Photo
Diego Arredondo, left, and Antonio Arredondo pose for a photo Oct. 13, 2021, before playing for the Balloon World Cup in their game Keep-Up Balloon.

New releases
'The Lies I Tell'

Clear your schedule to read "The Lies I Tell" because this book is nearly impossible to put down from the first page.

It begins from the perspective of Kat Roberts, an unsatisfied journalist, who has waited 10 years to expose the many grifts of Meg Williams, a con artist whom she blames for altering the course of her own life when she was on an uphill trajectory. She spots Meg across the room at a crowded political fundraiser and finally feels her revenge fantasy is within reach.

The story then shifts to Meg's first-person narrative. On the surface, she's attending the fundraiser at the invitation of a new friend to mingle and network. In reality, she's been plotting for weeks to get invited.



Meg is skilled at putting herself in the path of all the right people to open doors and gain access to others. She's got her own plan for retribution in the works against the candidate for state senator whom the fundraiser is for.

The book shifts perspectives between Kat and Meg so the reader is in on their true inten-

tions from the start. For the reader, these revelations lead to questions about the possible gray area of doing what's "wrong" in order to make things right.

Julie Clark, the best-selling novelist of "The Last Flight," also has created a cautionary tale about the internet and so-

cial media. If someone is adept at sleuthing, they can build an entire profile of a person based off their digital footprint. This book may want you to think twice about sharing your every move with the world, because you never know who is paying attention.

— THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Brian Purnell

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