

MoDOT to install temporary stoplights at Rebar Road, State Highway HH

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After conducting studies, the Missouri Department of Transportation has decided to install temporary stoplights at two Pettis County/Sedalia intersections.

MoDOT will be installing temporary stoplights at the intersection of state Route H and state Route HH as well as at the intersection of Rebar Road and U.S. Route 65 this spring while they work on more permanent solutions for the two intersections.

“Back at the end of November, the beginning of December, we had a couple of accidents at Rebar Road going into Nucor,” said MoDOT Kansas City District Area Engineer Richard Shipley. “We had several requests for us to do work as far as putting a signal in there. We’d already looked at H and HH there to the north and had done a study there. Once the studies were completed it showed that there were times that it warranted a signal at those two locations.”

Shipley said MoDOT had already been looking at putting the temporary signals at Routes HH and H so it made sense to coordinate the two together. Shipley explained the stoplights would only be temporary.

“They will be like regular signals, it’s just that they’re on span wire,” he said. “They’re the tempo-

rary type that we can put up a little quicker than we can the others. The other ones take a longer time to design and properly put in. We have to do them under contracts and so it takes a lot more to do that. Our internal forces do the work on this instead of having a contractor do it.”

Shipley also said permanent signals are not the best options when it comes to these locations but he hopes they help while MoDOT looks for the best permanent solution.

“Now on the kind of highway that 65 is it’s not really a very good solution because of speeds and things...” Shipley explained.

“They’re not (the best solution). Kind of like the one we have over at MM there on the west side of town. We have a lot of rear-end accidents there but they do help prevent the right-angle crashes. Those are the most serious, those are the ones where we have fatalities or serious injuries so the idea is to reduce those as much as possible. It’s not a perfect solution for right now but it’s the best we can do until we get a more permanent solution in place.”

The signs should be up in a couple of months, according to Shipley, and will probably stay up for at least two years. There will also be speed limit reductions in the area.

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Sacred Heart School Dean of Students Sam Jones holds two index cards as he helps anatomy student Juan Pablo Suarez Vargus collect data for his class project Wednesday afternoon. As an administrator at SHS, Jones teaches at least one class. The school has announced it will be moving to a President-Principal Leadership Model for the 2020-21 school year.

Sacred Heart to change administrative structure

By Hope Lecchi
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As Sacred Heart School continues to move forward with its Strategic Growth Plan Initiatives, school leaders have announced a restructuring of the administrative team.

Beginning in the 2020-21 school year, SHS will implement a President-Principal Leadership Model. Principal Dr. Mark Register will assume the role of president of the school. Sacred Heart is searching for a principal and an assistant principal to complete the leadership team.

“The Sacred Heart School community including many of St. Vincent de Paul parishioners invested in an outside firm to assist in a Strategic Growth Plan,” Fr. Joe Corel explained. “One of the goals that came from the plan was to increase the administrative team of our pre-K through 12th grade school so that more time could be devoted to faith formation, student development, academic excellence, professional development and still have an active visible face to the community. In today’s culture and atmosphere, it is too much to ask one administrator with a dean of students to accomplish all of these components of a pre-K through 12 grade school to the excellent standards we desire to give to our families and faculty.”

Register notified parents of the proposed changes in late December. “I will assume the President’s role,” Register wrote in a letter to parents. “In doing this I will cut back to part-time status and my salary will reflect that reduction in hours. I will also continue to teach one high school religion class.” Register’s letter states the school will hire a full-time principal who will most likely teach one high school or dual-credit course. A part-time principal will also be hired and will be assigned three hours in the classroom in addition to part-time administration responsibilities.

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Sacred Heart Dean of Students Sam Jones listens to Kaleb Woolery explain his timeline for completing his project for Jones’ anatomy class.

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Women’s Service League impacts Sedalia



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Tim Washington, of Marshall, watches his daughter Alivia Washington, 8, make a bead bracelet at the 22nd annual Cupid’s Ball in 2019. The Women’s Service League in Sedalia does many beneficial things throughout the community including hosting the annual Cupid’s Ball. The ball will be hosted Saturday, Feb. 29.

WSL to host annual Cupid’s Ball

By Faith Bemiss
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The Women’s Service League of Sedalia has been making an impact on the local area for decades in many multi-faceted ways.

WSL was formed in 1983 as a philanthropic organization that has continued to reach out and grow through a variety of charitable projects. Officers include President Kari Mergen, Vice President Julie Childers, Secretary Madeline Kempton,

Treasurer Rebecca Moss and Parliamentarian Janet Vincent. The organization has 30 members.

Kempton and member Ashley Raetz told the Democrat the organization’s biggest project is its W.O.R.T.H.Y project.

“W.O.R.T.H.Y stands for Women Organized and Resourceful Together Helping Youth,” Kempton explained. “So, it’s mainly a philanthropic branch of what we do that affects the youth in the community.”

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New fitness center to open in Sedalia

By Nicole Cooke
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Residents will have another fitness option when a national franchise opens a new Sedalia location later this year.

Planet Fitness has announced it will open a location at 3117 W. Broadway Blvd. in late spring or early summer. It will be housed in the Thompson Hills Shopping Center retail space formerly occupied by Sears.

According to a news release, the Sedalia location will be 13,000 square

feet and feature “state of the art cardio machines and strength equipment, 30-Minute Express Circuit, fully equipped locker rooms with day lockers and showers, numerous flat-screen televisions, HydroMassage loungers, massage chairs, tanning beds, a Total Body Enhancement booth, and more.”

“As we looked at the market, there seemed to be an opportunity to provide affordable fitness,” Seth Henson, regional director for Planet Fitness, told the Democrat.

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OBITUARIES

Shirley Karen Bowers

SEDALIA — Shirley Karen Bowers, 70, of Sedalia, passed peacefully Tuesday, February 11, 2020, surrounded by her family. She was born July 29, 1949, in Syracuse, MO, a daughter of Albert and Anna Griffitt Edwards. On February 4, 1972, she was married



of Sedalia; her son Jonathan Bowers, and his wife Emily, of Liberty; sisters Sharon Kessner, Stacey Burlingame, and Sandra Gentry; brothers Tim Edwards, Butch Edwards, and Rick Edwards. She was predeceased by her father, Albert Edwards, and brother, Bob Edwards.

to Steven Bowers, who preceded her in death. Mrs. Bowers was raised and educated in Sedalia and was a 1967 graduate of Smith-Cotton High School. A friendly face to many in the community, Shirley happily worked at Pizza Hut for more than 35 years. Surviving is her mother, Anna Edwards,

The family will receive guests starting at 1 p.m. Friday at McLaughlin Funeral Chapel with service following at 2:30 p.m. Pallbearers will be Brecken Bowers, Jonathan Bowers, Tyler Burlingame, Chaz McAloose, Josh Woody and Gary Yancey. Burial will be in Crown Hill Cemetery.

Thomas Paul (Duck) Clifford

COLUMBIA — Thomas Paul (Duck) Clifford, 69, of Cole Camp, MO, passed away February 11, 2020, at Boone Hospital Center in Columbia, MO.



a brother, Tim Clifford (Mary) of Kingsville, MO; a sister, Debbie Bentzin (Bob) of Otterville, MO; many nieces, nephews, cousins, other family, and close friends.

He was born on June 13, 1950, in Sedalia, MO, the son of Donald Max and Mildred Virginia (Richardson) Clifford, who preceded him in death.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Joseph Kevin Clifford.

On July 3, 1976, at St. John's Catholic Church, Bahner, MO, he was united in marriage to Barbara Ann Clifford, who survives of the home.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, February 17, 2020, at the First Methodist Church Celebration Center with Deacons, Tony Hartfield and Turf Martin officiating.

Tom was a member of St. John's Catholic Church in Bahner, MO, where he was Baptized and Confi med. He worked as a Journeyman Carpenter for many years. Tom worked for Home Builders Corp. in Sedalia. He worked with audio electronics.

The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. Sunday, February 16, 2020, at the Celebration Center.

Tom worked at Maxion Wheels where he was employed for 36 years. The last position he held was Gaging Specialist before retiring.

Burial will be at Crown Hill Cemetery, Sedalia, MO.

Tom had a passion for Crappie fishing and enjoyed hunting. He enjoyed riding around in his side by side four wheeler, playing pool, traveling, and spending time with his family and friends.

Pallbearers will be Patrick Beanland, Derick Beanland, Bryan Beanland, Wes Hall, Patrick Clifford, Matt Dieckman, Aaron Dieckman.

In addition to his wife, Barb, survivors include

Honorary bearers will be Lisa Monteer, Ashley Ahnert, Sarah Clifford, LyDeana Roe, Eric Beanland, Adam Beanland, Matt Beanland, Daniel Beanland, Tom Beanland, Mike Beanland, Amy Montgomery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association in care of Rea Funeral Chapel, Sedalia.

DEATH NOTICE

Mittelhauser

SEDALIA — Herbert W. Mittelhauser, 90, of Sedalia, died Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2020, at his home. Arrangements are pending at Heckart Funeral Home in Sedalia.

CRASH REPORTS

Four injured in Johnson crash, one arrested
A woman was arrested and four individuals were injured, one seriously, at 4:26 p.m. Tuesday in Johnson County.

According to a Missouri State Highway Patrol report, Margaret J. Benitez, 27, of Warrensburg, was traveling north on state Route 58, 871 feet north of state Route VV, when a southbound vehicle driven by Jeffrey E. Brown, 33, of Warrensburg, crossed the center of the road into the eastbound lanes and collided with Benitez's vehicle.

Brown suffered serious injuries and was taken to Western Missouri Medical Center in Warrensburg by Johnson County Ambulance District. Benitez and one of his passengers, Krystopher M. Costanzo, 22, of Centerview, both suffered moderate injuries and were taken to WMMC by JCAD. Her other passenger, Nathaniel G. Rodgers, 19, of Warrensburg, suffered minor injuries and was also taken to WMMC.

Benitez was arrested at 7:09 p.m. for driving while intoxicated (drugs) and possession of marijuana.

Man injured in Pettis crash

A Green Ridge man was injured in a crash at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday in Pettis County.

According to a Missouri State Highway Patrol report, Bryan A. McKim, 45, of Green Ridge, was driving west on state Route B at Ragar Road when he lost control of his vehicle due to the weather. His vehicle traveled off the left side of the road and struck a tree.

McKim suffered minor injuries and was taken to Bothwell Regional Health Center by private party.

Information is taken from preliminary Missouri State Highway Patrol reports, which do not necessarily contain statements from all parties involved.

Compiled by Emily Walton.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Registration open for Blaine Whitworth 5K

The Blaine Whitworth Foundation is now accepting registrations for the eighth annual Blaine Whitworth Go Big or Go Home 5K Race, Walk and Relay, planned for 9 a.m. Saturday, March 28 in downtown Warrensburg.

Deadline for early bird registration is Feb. 29. Individual registration fee is \$25 until Feb. 29; \$30 until March 21; and \$35 race day. Participants are welcome to run, walk or register as a relay team or a regular team of eight or more. The relay teams will consist of six or more members who will run/walk a half-mile each. Registration fee for each team member is \$20 until Feb. 29; \$25 until March 21; and \$35 race day. Participants may register at blainewhitworthfoundation.com.

Attendees will enjoy a free breakfast of pancakes, sausage, snacks and drinks following the race. A free kids fun run will be hosted immediately following the race. A silent auction and raffle re planned for 7 to 11 a.m.

The annual race and walk will follow a USATF-certified course through downtown Warrensburg. A pre-race party and packet pick-up are planned for 6 to 9 p.m. March 27 at Fitter's Pub, 131 W. Pine St. Participants also may register and pick up packets prior to the race from 7 to 8:30 a.m. on West Pine Street.

The 5K also provides numerous volunteer opportunities. All organizations, clubs or individuals wanting to assist and support the foundation and its mission of giving back to the community are welcome. For more information, visit blainewhitworthfoundation.com.

Volunteers needed to lead class on healthy living

Care Connection for Aging Services is looking for volunteer leaders in its 13-county service area for the "Living a Healthy Life" class.

Living a Healthy Life is for people who have challenges with a chronic illness or condition such as high blood pressure, back pain, diabetes, or heart disease, and also for individuals who are helping loved ones with any chronic issue.

The four-day leader training will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 20, 21, 27 and 28 at the Warrensburg Senior Center, 445 E. Gay St. Potential leaders must attend all four sessions, which are free, and Care Connection will reimburse travel expenses. To register, call 1-800-748-7826 or email sgilkeson@goaging.org.

Once they finish the training, leaders are asked to co-teach one six-week workshop within a year. New volunteer leaders will be paired with a seasoned leader for their first sessions.

The Living a Healthy Life curriculum uses proven practices based on a series of studies conducted at Stanford University School of Medicine. Topics include nutrition, making healthy choices, exercise, coping techniques to deal with frustration, fatigue, pain and isolation; medication management, communication with family, friends and health professionals, and the evaluation of new treatments.

For more information, visit www.goaging.org.

FUNERALS

Twenter, Bernard T. (Ted)

9:45 a.m. today at St. John's Catholic Church in Clear Creek. Arrangements are under the direction of Howard Funeral Home in Boonville.

Meyer, Elizabeth A.

10 a.m. today at Sacred Heart Church. Arrangements are under the direction of McLaughlin Funeral Chapel in Sedalia.

Streb, Steven D.

10 a.m. today at Heckart Funeral Home in Sedalia. Arrangements are under the direction of Heckart Funeral Home.

Bowers, Shirley K.

2:30 p.m. Friday at McLaughlin Funeral Chapel in Sedalia. Arrangements are under the direction of McLaughlin Funeral Chapel.

White, Kerry L.

10 a.m. Saturday at Heckart Funeral Home in Sedalia. Arrangements are under the direction of Heckart Funeral Home.

Purchase, Carolyn J.

1 p.m. Saturday at Green Ridge Presbyterian Church. Arrangements are under the direction of Rea Funeral Chapel in Sedalia.

Garrison, Woodie D.

1 p.m. Saturday at McLaughlin Funeral Chapel in Sedalia. Arrangements are under the direction of McLaughlin Funeral Chapel.

Sanders, Jerry E.

2 p.m. Sunday at the Medford Church south of Holden. Arrangements are under the direction of Complete Cremation of Harrisonville.

Clifford Thomas P. (Duck)

10 a.m. Monday at the First Methodist Church Celebration Center. Arrangements are under the direction of Rea Funeral Chapel in Sedalia.

Wood, Paul E.

11 a.m. Saturday, March 7 at Heckart Funeral Home in Sedalia. Arrangements are under the direction of Heckart Funeral Home.

Spry, Rose "Ann"

2 p.m. Saturday, March 14 at Green Ridge Cemetery in Green Ridge. Arrangements are under the direction of Heckart Funeral Home in Sedalia.

STATE BRIEFS

6 Kansas City employees plead guilty to overtime fraud

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Six employees of the Kansas City public works department admitted they conspired over three years to collect about \$58,000 in overtime pay they had not earned.

When the city receives calls about downed or damaged signs that are considered essential — such as stop signs or yield signs — public works employees are called to work overtime to repair or replace the signs.

Prosecutors said the defendants admitted they or their friends and relatives reported damaged signs on evenings or weekends in order to be called out to fix them. They then submitted time sheets and work orders indicating they fixed the signs, when they had not done so. Signs that were actually damaged often were not fixed until the next working day.

The conspiracy lasted from January 2013 to November 2016. An internal investigation found about 75% of callouts for damaged signs between Aug. 23, 2016, and Nov. 13, 2016, were fraudulent. City officials then alerted the FBI.

Prentis M. Rayford, 37, Eric McKamey, 47, and Edward Lee Ellingburg, 48, all of Kansas City, pleaded guilty Wednesday to participating in a conspiracy to commit wire fraud. Co-defendants Paul Myers, 62, Kenneth Gethers, 34, and Julio Prospero, 49, all of Kansas City, have also pleaded guilty to their roles in the conspiracy.

Rural Missouri gets millions for broadband internet access

ROLLA, Mo. (AP) — The federal government is providing more than \$60 million in grants and low-interest loans to Missouri as part of a program to increase broadband internet access in rural areas.

KWMU reports that six businesses are receiving the grants to install fiber optic internet lines that will bring high-speed service to areas that have little to no access.

Among the businesses to benefit is the Gascoage Electric Cooperative, which provides electricity to rural areas of Camden, Maries, Miller, Phelps and Pulaski counties in the south-central part of the state. It is receiving \$7 million in grants and \$7 million in low-interest loans to lay fiber optic cable in three phases.

Other Missouri companies receiving funding for rural broadband access include Mid-States Services of Trenton, Green Hills Telephone in Caldwell and Livingston counties, Total Highspeed in Greene County and Marshall Municipal Utilities in Saline County.

Photo Submissions

We invite readers to submit photos for "Community Snapshot," which features images of local residents and events. Images must be current, in JPEG format and must be the property of the person submitting the photo. Please include your name, city and a contact telephone number with your submission (phone numbers will not be published). Please also include the names of all persons in the photo and any additional information. Email your submissions to news@sedaliademocrat.com.

POLICE REPORTS

This list is a sampling of crime in Sedalia and the surrounding area. Information is taken from official police reports, which do not necessarily contain statements from all parties involved in each case.

Sedalia Police Department

Arrests

Feb. 2
10:02 a.m.: An officer received a report of a theft that occurred on a previous day at a business in the 3200 block of West Broadway Boulevard. The suspect was identified and contact was made. Mark A. Brookfelt, 26, of the 1600 block of South Engineer Avenue, was arrested for second-degree burglary and stealing.

Feb. 11
1:11 a.m.: Officers responded to the 1800 block of South Barnett Avenue for a reported domestic disturbance. Contact was made with the subjects. Anthony J. Henson, 35, of the 1800 block of South Barnett Avenue, was arrested for fourth-degree assault and harassment to frighten or disturb another person.

Incidents
Feb. 11
11:26 p.m.: An officer responded to the 200 block of South Massachusetts Avenue for a report of a burglary. The victim stated they were in the process of moving out but while they had been away someone entered their residence and stole a black powder rifle valued at \$200. There were no suspects at the time of the report.
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Report: Census Bureau at risk of not being ready for count

By Mike Schneider

Associated Press

With the start of the 2020 census just a month away for most U.S. residents, the U.S. Census Bureau is behind in recruiting workers and establishing partnerships with civic groups, and it is at risk of missing some informational technology testing goals, according to a report released Wednesday.

While the Census Bureau has succeeded so far in early tasks of verifying addresses across the U.S. and launching an advertising campaign, the agency's readiness for upcoming operations is mixed, according to the report from the Government Accountability Office.

The report was made public Wednesday during a hearing by the House Committee on Oversight and Reform.

The GAO report said the bureau was at risk of missing testing milestones for five IT operations, including one that will allow people to self-respond and another for following-up with households that haven't answered the questions on their own.

"Where the risk is, is just time. We are in a pressure cooker of time to get things done," said Nick Marinos, the GAO's director of information technology.

Lawmakers held the hearing Wednesday to get an update from Census Bureau director Steven Dillingham and other agency officials on its readiness for the largest and most complex head count in U.S. history.

Dillingham testified that the bureau was on its way toward reaching its goals for hiring and partnerships.

"We are confident that we are on mission, on budget and on target," Dillingham said. "The 2020 census is positioned for success."

The chairwoman of the House Committee on Oversight and Reform said the GAO report was sending "flashing red lights" that the bureau wasn't ready.

"Whether through incompetence or intentional action, this administration's failures risk causing grave harm to this year's census that could jeopardize a complete and accurate count," Democratic Rep. Carolyn Maloney of New York said.

U.S. Reps. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez of New York and Debra Haaland of New Mexico, both Democrats, asked what the Census Bureau was doing to overcome misperceptions that there was a question about citizenship on the 2020 questionnaire. The U.S. Supreme Court last year rejected a Trump administration attempt to add a citizenship question to the form.

Research indicates that people respond to positive messages about the 2020 census, so instead of focusing on what could be considered a negative, like the citizenship question, "we enforce the positive," Dillingham answered.

Other lawmakers, led by Democratic Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz of Florida, were unhappy that the bureau hadn't yet shared with them a breakdown by con-

gressional district of the partnerships the agency had established in each congressional district. Dillingham said some partners hadn't given permission to make their affiliation with the Census Bureau public.

Democratic Rep. Katie Porter of California told Census Bureau officials that some of her constituents had received mail from the Republican National Committee that resembled a census form and she worried they would be confused by it. Maloney called the RNC mailings "outrageous."

Dillingham promised to look into the problem. "We don't want any confusion whatsoever," he said.

A party spokeswoman said Wednesday that the mailings clearly state they are from the Republican National Committee. They are labeled "2020 Congressional District Census" and state "the Republican Party is conducting a Census of key members and supporters in Congressional Districts all across our nation."

The 2020 Census started last month in a remote part of rural Alaska. But the rest of the nation won't be able to start answering the questionnaire until the middle of next month. For the first time, the U.S. Census Bureau is encouraging most participants to fill out the form online, although they can still answer the questions by telephone or by returning a paper form.

The 2020 count will help determine the allocation of \$1.5 trillion in federal spending and how many congressional seats each state gets.

Missouri S&T honors list

The following area students were recently named to the Missouri University of Science and Technology honor list for the Fall 2019 semester.

To be included on the honor list, students must have carried a minimum of 12 hours and had grade point averages of 3.2 or above out of a possible 4.0.

Boonville: Sebastian Butler, Andrew Matteson.

Bunceton: Lucas Gerke.

California: Hayden Green, Dania Isidro, Aaron Spillars.

Clinton: Thomas Dehart.

Concordia: Seth Rodewald, Daniel Steen.

Gravois Mills: Connor Kagy.

Green Ridge: Ryan Dove.

Higginsville: Nathaniel Smith.

La Monte: Alicia Davis.

Lexington: Katelin Eagan, Morgen Nicodemus.

Malta Bend: Andrew Edwards.

Marshall: Sarah Bentley.

Montrose: Grady Gatzemeyer.

Sedalia: Ethan Hisle, Akaycia Mather, Matthew Walker, David Wester.

Warrensburg: Sean Anderson, Brett Ballard, Spencer Brown, Zachary Copus, Ryan Duffendack, Caeley Nuss, Elizabeth Smith, Joshua Sterling, Noah Weyrauch.

Warsaw: Dallas Larsen, Bailey Sharp, Tanner Wilson.

Barr agrees to testify as Democrats question his leadership

By Mary Clare Jalonick

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General William Barr has agreed to testify before the House Judiciary Committee next month, appearing for the first time before the panel as questions swirl about whether he intervened in the case of a longtime ally of President Donald Trump.

House Judiciary Committee Chairman Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y., released a letter Wednesday to Barr "to confirm your agreement to testify" on March 31. In the letter, Nadler and committee Democrats write that they have concerns that Barr has misused the criminal justice system for political purposes.

"In your tenure as attorney general, you have engaged in a pattern of conduct in legal matters relating to the president that raises significant concerns for this committee," Nadler and the Democrats wrote.

The Justice Department confirmed Barr would testify. His appearance will be the first before the House Judiciary panel since he became attorney general a year ago, and since he declined an invitation to testify about special counsel Robert Mueller's report after it was released.

The Democrats said they plan to ask Barr about the department's decision this week to overrule four federal prosecutors and lower the amount of prison time it would seek for Trump's confidant Roger Stone. The four prosecutors immediately quit the case, in which Stone was convicted of lying to Congress, witness tampering and obstructing the House investigation into whether the Trump campaign coordinated with Russia to tip the 2016 election.

They said they will also ask Barr about

his department's announcement that it is taking information that Trump's personal lawyer Rudy Giuliani is gathering in Ukraine about the president's Democratic rival Joe Biden and his son. The House voted in December to impeach Trump because of his pressure on Ukraine to investigate Democrats; the GOP-led Senate acquitted him this month.

"In the past week alone, you have taken steps that raise grave questions about your leadership," the Democrats wrote.

After the department indicated it would overrule the prosecutors, Trump tweeted congratulations to Barr "for taking charge of a case that was totally out of control and perhaps should not have been brought," suggesting the prosecutors had gone rogue.

The department insisted the decision to undo the sentencing recommendation was made Monday night, before Trump began tweeting about it, and that prosecutors had not spoken to the White House about it.

The Senate has shown less interest in grilling Barr on the Stone episode, defending the department's decision to reduce the sentence and saying they didn't expect to call him specifically to discuss it.

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., said Wednesday that he had spoken to the Justice Department and was told that their sentencing guidelines call for three and a half or four and a half years, instead of the seven to nine years the prosecutors had recommended.

"I don't think any of us should tweet about an ongoing case, but having said that, I appreciate the Department of Justice making sure that their recommendations to the court are to seek justice for the law as it's written," Graham said.

Associated Press writers Michael Balsamo and Padmananda Rama contributed to this report.



Clark drops out of SFCC board race

By Democrat Staff

The field of candidates for the State Fair Community College Board of Trustees has narrowed after a candidate decided to withdraw.

Yvonne Clark told the Democrat via email this week that she is withdrawing her candidacy and will be endorsing another candidate. She

did not specify who she planned to endorse.

The April 7 municipal election race for SFCC now includes Justin Hubbs, Richard Parker, Chris Paszkiewicz and WyAnn Lipps. All four candidates are newcomers to the board and are vying for two seats after Board of Trustees members Jerry Greer and Ron Wineinger decided not to seek re-election.



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After impeachment: Congress adrift, oversight uncertain

By Lisa Mascaro
AP Congressional Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — Inside the Capitol, it's as if the impeachment of President Donald Trump never happened.

One week after the historic undertaking shuttered to a close, Congress is feverishly back at work emboldened but also arguably diminished by the outcome.

Senate Republicans are flexing their new status as Trump's unshakable allies, hitching their election pursuits to his and looking the other way as the president seems to dole out favoritism for friends and payback for critics with apparent impunity. They're back to confirming record numbers of judicial nominees viewing impeachment politically as a net gain.

"We won and they lost," declared Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell.

House Democrats are frantically reviving their kitchen-table agenda of health care and pocketbook priorities, a direct appeal to voters after spending the past months focused on erecting a firewall against potential wrongdoing by the president.

What has become clear in the aftermath of the impeachment proceedings is the stark realization that the legislative

branch can only carry the country so far as a check on the executive. It's now up to voters to decide.

The outcome leaves Congress adrift, its legislative agenda uncertain, its oversight role challenged. Both parties are in flux as the nation's political energy turns toward the presidential primaries ahead of the November election, when voters will also decide control of the House and Senate.

"Everything is at stake in November," said Rep. Hakeem Jeffries of New York, the Democratic caucus chairman, as he implored Americans to prepare to vote "as if your life depends on it."

Democrats warn that Trump, far from having learned lessons from becoming the third impeached president, is in fact engaged in an escalating pattern of retribution and political favoritism that started as soon as he was acquitted by the Senate.

In a matter of days, the White House reassigned an Army officer, Lt. Col. Alex Vindman, a key witness in the impeachment inquiry, from the National Security Council, and pushed his twin brother, a council lawyer, out with him. Ambassador Gordon Sondland was recalled from his post.

Then, Trump tweeted it was "very unfair" that

associate Roger Stone was being recommended for up to nine years in prison after being convicted of witness tampering, obstruction and lying to Congress in the Russia probe.

The Justice Department swiftly backed off, four government prosecutors withdrew from the case and the White House nixed the nomination of Jessie Liu, the supervising attorney, who was in line for a Treasury post.

On Wednesday, Sen. Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer called on the Justice Department's inspector general to look into the matter. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., agreed there needs to be an investigation.

"What we are witnessing is a crisis in the rule of law in America," Schumer said.

"Republicans thought the president would learn his lesson. The lesson the president learned was that the Republican Party will not hold him accountable no matter how egregious his behavior," he said.

Some Republicans who indicated the president might temper his behavior acknowledged Wednesday the limits.

Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, said, "There haven't been very strong indicators this week that he has."

"I said before that I

would hope that the president would learn from that experience," said Sen. Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn.

"The president is his own person, and I'm my own person, and you can judge whether you think he has."

Asked if the president has learned any lessons from impeachment, Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., said: "He seems the same as he did two weeks ago."

Democrats, though, are displaying only tepid enthusiasm for digging deeper into Trump's alleged wrongdoings after the Senate voted last week to acquit him of the charges of abuse of power and obstruction of Congress in the Ukraine matter.

Privately, Democrats say there is little expectation the House will issue a subpoena for John Bolton, the former national security adviser whose forthcoming book holds fresh revelations about Trump's pressure on Ukraine to investigate Democratic rival Joe Biden that was central to the impeachment charges.

Attorney General William Barr is scheduled to testify before the House Judiciary Committee in late March, it was announced Wednesday.

But at a House hearing, Democrats declined to grill budget director

Russell Vought, a key White House figure in Trump's Ukraine effort. He had defied a congressional subpoena in the impeachment inquiry, but appeared Wednesday to discuss the budget.

Otherwise, House Democrats are returning their focus to the health care, infrastructure and oversight issues that helped bring them to the House majority, and they hope in November will keep them in power.

"We certainly still have an oversight role to play," said Rep. Pramila Jayapal, D-Wash., a progressive caucus leader. "But what that looks like exactly is difficult to know."

Republicans, meanwhile, have a Senate calendar full of more confirmation votes on Trump's judicial nominees — poised to reach 200 federal judges since the start of his presidency in a matter of days.

At a private lunch with GOP senators this week, Vice President Mike Pence extolled the nation's economic numbers and faced hardly any criticisms, senators said.

Senate Republicans who were eager during the impeachment proceedings to launch their own investigations into Ukraine and Joe Biden now are unclear on next steps.

Instead, a bipartisan group with Sens. Ron

Johnson, R-Wis., and Chris Murphy, D-Conn., announced Wednesday it will travel again to Ukraine to shore up relations as the ally confronts Russian aggression.

Meanwhile, there's a push from both parties for legislation to lower prescription drug prices and to rein in surprise medical bills, which are campaign priorities. There's an energy bill in the Senate and lands bill in the House.

Those are all legislative longshots in an election year, but perhaps better than the alternative, which is spending their days in the Capitol as many did Wednesday answering questions about Trump in the White House.

One Democrat, Sen. Sherrod Brown of Ohio, opened a Banking Committee hearing with the Federal Reserve Board chairman to register his concerns about the post-impeachment environment.

"So many senators said we know he'll get better, we know the president has learned something from this," Brown told reporters later. "We know if they don't call him out, it will get worse."

Associated Press writers Mary Clare Jalonick, Matthew Daly, Andrew Taylor and Padmananda Rama contributed to this report.

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STATE BRIEFS

Missouri dad sues over crash that killed 3 of his children

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (AP) — A southwest Missouri father who lost three of his children in a traffic accident last July has filed a wrongful death lawsuit against the mother of his children, who he says was speeding, and a tractor-trailer driver.

The Springfield News-Leader reports that Ionel Dobos alleges in the suit filed this month that the driver of the rig failed to signal when he re-entered Interstate 44 after having been parked beside the road near Springfield.

According to Dobos' lawsuit, Claudia Dobos was negligent and speeding when her van hit the front of the rig then slammed into the guardrail. The impact tore a large hole in the side of the van. Six-year-old Julia Dobos, 7-year-old Angelina Dobos and 8-year-old Olivia Dobos were ejected from the vehicle and killed. Five of their other children also were in the van, and some of them suffered significant injuries.

The News-Leader was unable to reach attorneys for Claudia and Ionel Dobos. The report did not explain the status of their relationship. No criminal charges have been filed in the crash.

The lawsuit also named companies that were in charge of employing and supervising the rig's driver. The suit alleged that he violated rules that prohibit truckers from driving more than 70 hours in an eight-day period and eight-straight hours in a day.

3 charged in Missouri banquet hall shooting that wounded 5

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo. (AP) — Three convicted felons have been charged in a southwest Missouri banquet hall shooting that left five people wounded.

Cape Girardeau police said in a tweet that 25-year-old Jaquavion Anderson and 25-year-old Myron Andrews have been taken into custody, but that 23-year-old Marquelis Andrews remains at large. No attorney is listed for Jaquavion Anderson or Myron Andrews in online court records. They are jailed without bond.

Each of the three are charged with one count each of first-degree assault, unlawful use of a weapon and unlawful possession of a firearm charge, as well as varying numbers of counts of armed criminal action and second-degree assault in last month's shooting at The River, also known as the River Valley Banquet Center.

None of the three are legally allowed to be in possession of a weapon because of past felony convictions. Myron Andrews' conviction was for delivery of a controlled substance, while Marquelis and Jaquavion Anderson's convictions were for unlawful use of a weapon.

In the wake of the shooting, City Manager Scott Meyer moved to revoke the license of the banquet center, citing the failure to "prevent or suppress a violent quarrel, brawl, or fight on the premises." The business has appealed.

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Install

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“They won’t go in for a couple of months because they’re ordering materials and getting all of the logistics taken care of plus we have weather and whatnot...” he said. “We’ll also slow the speed limit down so as you’re coming

out of town it’s 55, we’ll keep it at 55 until you get north of H and HH. Then as you’re coming south it will be 55 as you come to H and HH and then carry on the way through into town to where it turns into 45.”

Shiple said MoDOT will coordinate with the county to come up with the best solution.

“Once they’re (temporary stop lights) in place the idea is then we’ll look

at a more permanent solution for that area,” Shiple said. “Try to come up with something that is non-signalized. That needs to kind of coordinate with what Pettis County wants to do with this Governor’s Cost Sharing things. We’re trying to coordinate that all together.”

Emily Walton can be contacted at 660-530-0146.

STATE BRIEFS

3rd person pleads to federal charges in Missouri man's death

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — A third person has pleaded guilty to federal charges related to the death of a developmentally delayed Missouri man whose body was found encased in concrete.

Anthony R.K. Flores pleaded guilty Wednesday to lying to authorities about seeing Carl DeBrodie at a barbecue he hosted in April 2017. Flores' mother, Sherry Paulo, told him to tell authorities DeBrodie was at the party, according to the plea agreement.

DeBrodie's body was found inside a crate at a Fulton storage locker in April 2017, but authorities believe he died in the fall of 2016.

DeBrodie lived at Second Chance Homes in Fulton, which cared for developmentally delayed adults. Paulo, 54, and her husband, Anthony R. Flores, 59, worked with their son at the home.

The elder Flores and Paulo pleaded guilty in November to federal charges of failing to provide medical care for DeBrodie. Paulo also pleaded guilty to health care fraud for trying to hide that DeBrodie had died. They still face state charges related to DeBrodie's death.

Anthony R.K. Flores helped move a "heavy wooden crate" from the Second Chance Homes to the storage unit, according to the plea agreement, which does not indicate if he knew DeBrodie's body was inside the crate, KMIZ reported.

The younger Flores pleaded guilty in February 2019 to a state charge of making a false report and was sentenced to eight months in prison.

No injuries or hazards after barges break loose at St. Louis

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Towing vessels are working to gather up several barges that broke away from a floating area on the Mississippi River at St. Louis.

The U.S. Coast Guard said the incident was reported at 3 a.m. Wednesday near the MacArthur Bridge. Officials with the Coast Guard, Missouri Department of Transportation, Illinois State police and local agencies responded.

The Coast Guard said there were no injuries or reports of pollution. The river was closed briefly before reopening.

The exact number of barges that broke loose was not disclosed.

The cause of the accident is under investigation.

After Iowa, NH, Democrats seek path through diverse states

By Brian Slodysko, Julie Pace and Kathleen Hennessey

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democratic presidential candidates plotted their paths Wednesday into state primaries now expanding to include voters of color, while the party's establishment braced for a long and increasingly uncertain nomination fight ahead.

Sen. Bernie Sanders' win in the New Hampshire primary set off a new round of strategizing among moderate party stalwarts searching for a way to knock the Vermont independent off course. Former Vice President Joe Biden made a personal appeal to donors nervous about his dismal showing in the first two contests, while Sen. Amy

Klobuchar hustled to take advantage of a burst of momentum and money. Pete Buttigieg, second to Sanders in New Hampshire and slightly leading in delegates, made a pitch to pull critical union members away from the progressive senator.

"This is far from over, and this is going to be a pretty extended process," said Jim Margolis, who advised California Sen. Kamala Harris' defunct campaign.

The race rolls ahead to Nevada, which holds a caucus on Feb. 22, and South Carolina, whose primary is a week later. That lineup sets up an immediate fight over the voters largely left out of contests in Iowa and New Hampshire, namely Latino, black and union voters.

That put immediate pressure on leading

candidates to show they could compete outside of the largely white states that launched the nominating procession.

Buttigieg, the former South Bend mayor, argued that Sanders' Medicare for All plan would unravel some unions members' gold-standard healthcare plans, pointing to the influential Culinary Union that represents workers on the Las Vegas Strip.

"If the choice is between Sen. Sanders telling them they're going to have to give that up and me saying that we can enhance and increase choice without asking them to sacrifice what they have worked so hard for, I think that is a very good debate for us to have and I'm looking forward to having that debate," Buttigieg said on NBC's "Morning Joe."

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The dual teaching and administrative duties are in line with current procedures as Register and Dean of Students Sam Jones both teach at the school. "By utilizing the savings incurred from my salary reduction and having each of the administrators assume some teaching responsibility the administrative salaries line item in the budget is projected to remain at the same level in 2020-21 that it is currently at in the 2019-20 budget," Register noted in his letter. "It is with enthusiasm that I tell you this implementation should have very little impact on the budget's bottom line! We remain committed to holding firm with expenditures." According to information from Corel, the

role of the president is to take responsibilities of the school outside classroom and student issues. "For example, ensuring the school is seen as a ministry of St. Vincent de Paul Parish, budgets, fundraising, maintenance, representing the school at professional organizations," Corel said. "The two administrators within the building can then focus on all areas of the day to day operations of the school: developing the whole student into being a Disciple of Jesus Christ using his or her God given abilities to make this a better world as they cooperate with God's graces to get to Heaven and assist as many people on the journey as possible. Corel added the administrators will also work with teachers by offering professional development, evaluations and other ways to

improve. Corel noted that as a pre-K through 12th grade school, the administrative needs differ from other Catholic schools in the Diocese. "Our primary reason for needing two administrators inside the building for the day to day operations of the school is because of the needs to bring out the best in a first grader and the teacher who teaches first grade at the same time bringing out the best in a junior and senior in high school while bringing out the best in advanced math and science teachers, our religion teachers and every teacher on our school family team," he continued. "At the same time, we still need the other components of running the Catholic school at the highest professional level possible without anyone or any part being neglected."



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Anatomy students Caten Lucchesi and Juan Fernandez-Martinez respond to teacher and Dean of Students Sam Jones during their Wednesday afternoon anatomy class at Sacred Heart School.

The school's leadership hopes to see a number of improvements as they move forward with the changes. "This school management model provides us with continuity and a potential line of leadership succession moving into the future," Register noted to parents. "If one member of the leader-

ship team moves on for any reason, other members of the team remain in place to keep school improvement initiatives going forward. It is also reasonable to assume that individuals in one role of administration might accept promotions into larger roles as skills and experiences are developed."

Sacred Heart hopes to offer contracts for both the principal and assistant principal by May. Those interested in applying for either position can contact Register at 660-827-3900 or mregister@gogremlins.com. Hope Lecchi can be reached at 660-826-1000 ext. 1484.

Ball

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The project in the past has helped obtain playground equipment at Washington and Horace Mann elementary schools, helped with the upkeep of service

dogs for Sedalia School District 200, provided equipment for the Pettis County Early Childhood Cooperative and a pavilion for Green Ridge R-VIII School District. "At Whittier (High School) we made a space for a library because they didn't have one," Kempton noted.

The project has also been instrumental in helping with the RE-FUEL Summer Food Program. "So, all those have been W.O.R.T.H.Y. because they affect the youth," Raetz added. WSL also offers one \$500 college scholarship to a woman either from Sacred Heart School or from Sedalia School District 200 each year. "Throughout the school year WSL members also assemble kits with personal care products for students, donate new pajamas for CASA, donate gently used purses filled with self-care items and provide Thanksgiving din-

ners for many families in need," added Susan Mergen, a member and former vice president. Kempton and Raetz are first-time co-chairs of the 23rd annual Cupid's Ball fundraiser. The ball, hosted from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 29 at Smith-Cotton High School, is the main fundraiser for the organization. The theme this year is "Once Upon a Dream" and tickets can be purchased at wslsedalia.yapsody.com. Information provided by WSL said girls 5-12 years are invited to ask their favorite guy — father, stepfather, uncle, or grandfather — to the

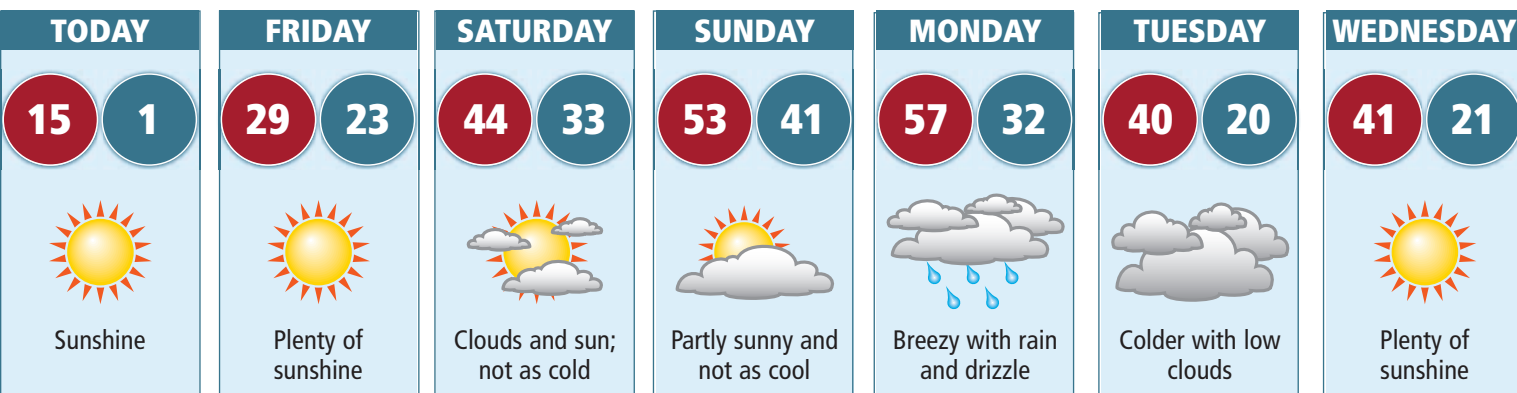
dance. Tickets are \$20 per person which includes light refreshments, professional photographs, crafts and dancing. All proceeds are donated to local charities. "We are definitely learning new things about Service League and fundraising and the ball," Kempton said of co-chairing. "But, it's been really fun." The organization not only helps others in the community, but they help each other by making connections. "We have a program committee and we change the location of our meetings based on getting our name out,

(and) based on learning something new about our community ..." Kempton said. Meetings are hosted at members' homes, at schools and this month at Inter-State Studio to plan for Cupid's Ball. Meetings also involve having a speaker who provides motivational information on topics pertaining to women. WSL meets the third Tuesday of the month, except June, July, August and December. For more information about WSL, visit aslsedalia.org. Faith Bemiss can be reached at 660-530-0289 or on Twitter @flbemiss.

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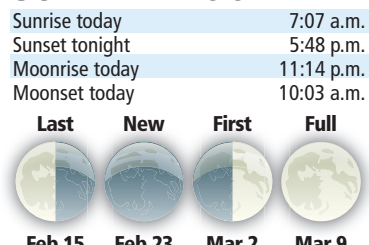
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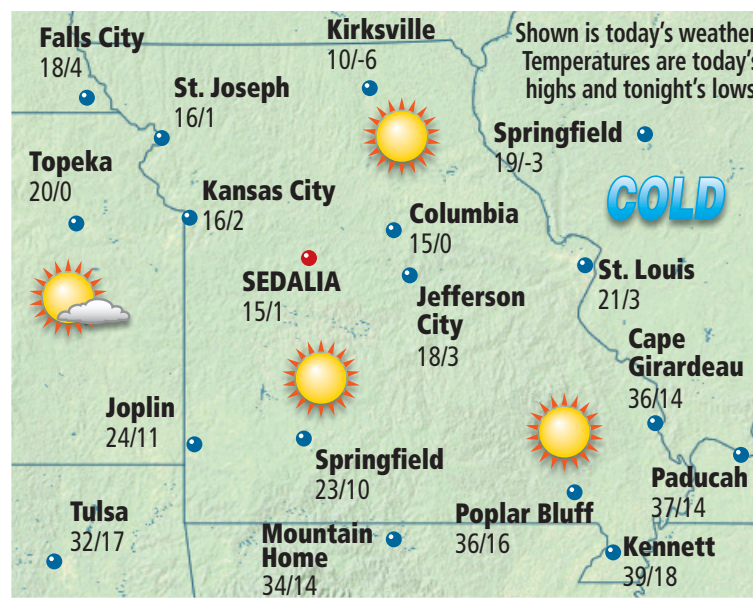
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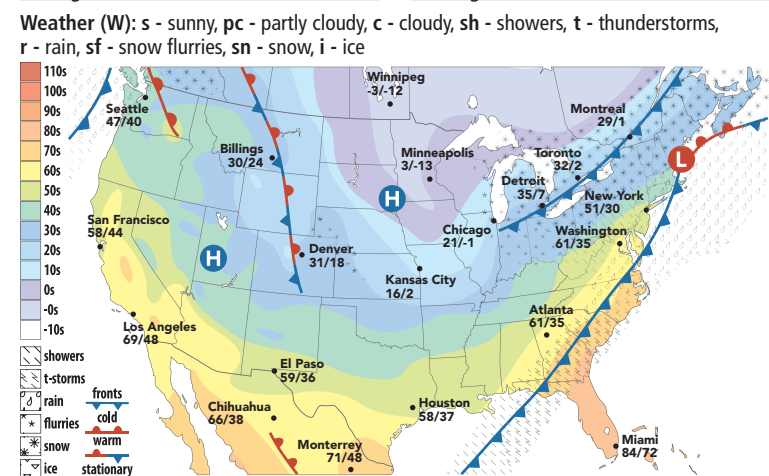
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Pérez catches bullpen, ready to return after season absence

By The Associated Press

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Preparing to return to the major leagues after a one-season absence, Salvador Pérez caught a bullpen session from prospect Brady Singer in the Kansas City Royals' first spring training workout on Wednesday.

Pérez hurt his ligament in his right elbow during drills in spring training last year, and Los Angeles Dodgers team physician Dr. Neal ElAttrache performed Tommy John surgery on the six-time All-Star on March 6. Pérez is hitting and throwing to bases.

"I'm like 90%, very close to 100% to be able to do anything," Pérez said. "We'll see what he says, so I can do some more stuff on the field. I feel good."

Pérez said it was difficult to watch last year and not play as the Royals skidded to their second straight 100-loss season.

"You start to think too much sometime," Pérez said. "It's a good thing I'm back. I'm ready. Hopefully, I can stay healthy for the opening day."

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PHOTO BY CHARLIE RIEDEL | AP PHOTO

Kansas City Royals' Salvador Pérez gets ready to bat during spring training baseball practice Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2020, in Surprise, Ariz.

AREA ROUNDUP: S-C Tigers score season-high at Clinton



DEMOCRAT FILE PHOTO

Smith-Cotton junior Dane Foster drives to the basket during a Jan. 19 game against Republic in Sedalia.

By Democrat staff

S-C senior Brett Grupe scored 24 points, junior Dane Foster had 21 and the Tigers overcame a five-point halftime deficit Tuesday en route to a 90-66 victory at Clinton.

Tigers junior Matt Thompson added 16 points to help S-C reach a season-best single-game points total. S-C seniors Chris Staten-Ballance scored eight, Christian Finley had six points and PJ Allred

finished with four points.

Smith-Cotton (10-8) travels Tuesday to Bolivar.

Cole Camp 51, Sacred Heart 43
The Bluebirds won their 12th straight game Tuesday 51-43 at Sacred Heart in Sedalia.

Hosting Versailles on Friday, Cole Camp (18-4, 8-0) looks to avenge its most recent loss, suffered Jan. 4 against the Tigers in the Stover Tournament championship.

The Gremlins (11-10, 4-3) play Tuesday at Northwest in Hughesville.

Green Ridge 78, Northwest 56
Green Ridge improved to 15-5 overall and 6-2 in Kaysinger play with a 78-56 victory Tuesday at Northwest in Hughesville.

The Tigers move forward Friday at Smithton.

The Mustangs (8-12, 1-7) host Sacred Heart on Tuesday.

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Blues' Bouwmeester remains hospitalized after bench collapse

By Joe Reedy

AP Sports Writer

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Jay Bouwmeester remains in Southern California, but the veteran St. Louis Blues defenseman was alert and talking with teammates one day after collapsing on the bench during a game.

"He was in good spirits with us, typical Jay, so I think it certainly made us all feel a lot better knowing that we had the opportunity to talk to him. Typical Jay is a very good Jay," defenseman Alex Pietrangolo said.

The 36-year-old Bouwmeester suffered a cardiac episode during the first period of Tuesday night's game against the Anaheim Ducks. General manager Doug Armstrong said during a news conference in Las Vegas on Wednesday that Bouwmeester was unresponsive after collapsing on the bench. A defibrillator was used and he regained consciousness immediately before being taken to an Anaheim hospital.

"He is doing very well and is currently undergoing a battery of tests. Things are looking very positive," Armstrong said.

Pietrangolo — who was one of the first to call for help after Bouwmeester slumped over with 7:50 left in the first period — said he visited Bouwmeester in the hospital Tuesday night and the rest of the team got to see him via FaceTime. The team stayed overnight in Southern California before taking a chartered flight to Las Vegas, where they will play the Golden Knights on Thursday.

Bouwmeester's father was at the game as part of the team's annual dads trip and accompanied his son to the hospital.

The team had a meeting at the hotel in Las Vegas before the media was allowed in. Several players remained for the news conference and appeared shaken and tired after



PHOTO BY MARK J. TERRILL | AP PHOTO

St. Louis Blues defenseman Vince Dunn, left, of center wipes his faces as Anaheim Ducks defenseman Josh Manson kneels on the ice while blues defenseman Jay Bouwmeester, who suffered a medical emergency, is worked on by medical personnel during the first period of an NHL hockey game Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2020, in Anaheim, Calif.

a long night and morning.

"It's hard to even explain, it happened so fast, it felt like it was an eternity for us," Pietrangolo said. "It's not easy to see anybody go through it, let alone your close friend and teammate that you spend every day with. Certainly, we're lucky to have each other anytime you're going through something like this."

While Bouwmeester remains hospitalized, the Blues are trying to refocus on hockey. The defending Stanley Cup champions lead the Western Conference with 73 points but the gap between the top three teams in the Central Division was only four points going into Wednesday's games.

Armstrong and players lauded the Ducks and Blues medical staffs for their quick work.

"How quickly they got on there to revive Jay to get him back is a testament to the work that is done and a testament to the NHLPA and the NHL for making sure that teams do all the proper work behind the scenes and have the people

in the right spots, that are there to help the guys if anything happens," Armstrong said.

The NHL has had standards in place to deal with potential life-threatening cardiac problems for several seasons. They include having a team physician within 50 feet of the bench. An orthopedic surgeon and two other doctors are also nearby.

Defibrillators must also be in close range. The home team has one on its bench and the away team must have theirs no further away than their locker room. Each medical team regularly rehearses the evacuation of a severely injured player before the season and all players are screened for serious cardiac conditions.

The last player to collapse on an NHL bench before Bouwmeester was Dallas forward Rich Peverley in 2014. Peverley had an irregular heartbeat, and the quick response of emergency officials made sure he was OK. Detroit's Jiri Fischer had a similar episode in 2005.

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St. Louis rotation questions revolve around Carlos Martinez

By Chuck King

Associated Press

JUPITER, Fla. (AP) — As far as the St. Louis Cardinals are concerned, how Carlos Martinez feels on days he's not throwing may be as important as how well he performs on the mound.

A healthy Martinez is likely the final piece in the Cardinals' starting rotation. A Martinez whose shoulder, like last year, doesn't recover quickly from starts could reprise his role as the Cardinals' closer.

"We're looking for consistency in how he's doing, how he's recovering," St. Louis manager Mike Shildt said. "It's a big thing for Carlos, making sure the strength is there."

Shoulder weakness last spring following off-season surgery prompted the Cardinals to shift Martinez to the bullpen. He eventually replaced the injured Jordan Hicks as Shildt's closer, saving 24 games.

"It is time last year he wasn't in as good a spot from a throwing standpoint and being able to compete. But he's really done everything he needs to do to set himself up for success, to have that opportunity to compete as a starter," Shildt said.

An All-Star as a starter in 2015 and 2017, Martinez says he "always" considers himself a starting pitcher.

"I feel stronger," said Martinez, who lost 15 pounds during the off-season while conditioning with greater focus. "One day after I throw I don't feel tired."

Barring unforeseen circumstances, Jack Flaherty, Miles Mikolas, Dakota Hudson and Adam Wainwright enter the spring as near certainties in the Cardinals' rotation. Martinez leads a group that includes newly signed Korean import Kwang-Hyun Kim, former top prospect Alex Reyes and current prospect Daniel Ponce de Leon as candidates for that final rotation spot.

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St. Louis Cardinals pitcher Kwang-Hyun Kim throws during spring training baseball practice Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2020, in Jupiter, Fla.

MLB goes ahead with 3-batter minimum, roster changes

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Major League Baseball went ahead with its planned rules changes for this season, including the requirement a pitcher must face at least three batters or end the half-inning, unless he is hurt.

The changes were agreed to by MLB and the players' association last March 8, subject to the study of a joint committee. The three-batter minimum will start in spring training games on March 12.

There were 2,162 pitching appearances of three batters or fewer last year, according to the Elias Sports Bureau, but 1,471 of them finished with the end of a half-inning or a game.

The active roster limit will

increase by one to 26 from opening day through Aug. 31, will drop from 40 to 28 through the end of the regular season and return to 26 for the postseason. Each team may have a maximum 13 pitchers through Aug. 31 and during the postseason, and 14 from Sept. 1 through the end of the regular season.

Two-way players who have at least 20 innings pitched or 20 games started at a position or designated hitter with at least three plate appearances in the previous season may pitch without counting against that game's pitcher limit. For this year, a player can use 2018 or 2019 to meet the requirement.

What had been a 26th player for certain day-night doubleheaders through Aug. 31 will become a

27th player in those situations, and that player won't count against the pitcher limit.

Position players are prohibited from pitching through the ninth inning unless the player's team is winning or losing by six or more runs when he takes the mound.

The injured list and option recall minimum period for pitchers will increase from 10 days to 15, an effort to slow the use of relievers by teams who shuttle out pitchers between the majors and minors. There still is a seven-day concussion IL.

Managers' time to challenge a play with a video review has been cut from 30 seconds to 20.

MLB did not say whether it was going ahead with its right to cut between-innings breaks from 2 minutes to 1:55.

SPORTS CALENDAR

Thursday

ON TAP HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

7 p.m. Smith-Cotton at Bolivar
Sacred Heart at North-west

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL

7 p.m. Bolivar at Smith-Cotton
Sacred Heart at North-west

COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

5:30 p.m. Fort Hays State at Central Missouri
Green Ridge at Smithton

COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL

7:30 p.m. Fort Hays State at Central Missouri
Tipton at Windsor

ON AIR AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL (WOMEN'S)

2:30 a.m. (Friday)
FS2 — Melbourne vs. Western

AUTO RACING

3 p.m. FS12 — NASCAR Gander RV & Outdoors Truck Series: Practice, Daytona Beach, Fla.

BIATHLON

Noon NBCSN — IBU World Championships: 2x6km+2x7.5km Mixed Relay, Antholz-Anterselva, Italy (taped)

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5 p.m. ACCN — Duke at Pittsburgh
BTN — Iowa at Maryland

COLLEGE BASKETBALL (WOMEN'S)

6 p.m. SECN — Auburn at South Carolina
7 p.m. ACCN — Louisville at North Carolina State

COLLEGE BASKETBALL (WOMEN'S)

8 p.m. SECN — Vanderbilt at Texas A&M
9 a.m. ACCN — The St. Pete Clearwater Elite Invitational: Virginia Tech vs. Oklahoma State, Clearwater, Fla.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL (WOMEN'S)

11:30 a.m. SECN — The St. Pete Clearwater Elite Invitational: Texas Tech vs. South Carolina, Clearwater, Fla.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL (WOMEN'S)

Noon ESPN — The St. Pete Clearwater Elite Invitational: Kansas vs. Missouri, Clearwater, Fla.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL (WOMEN'S)

3 p.m. ESPN2 — The St. Pete Clearwater Elite Invitational: Washington vs. Alabama, Clearwater, Fla.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL (WOMEN'S)

4:30 p.m. FS1 — NASCAR Gander RV & Outdoors Truck Series: Final Practice, Daytona Beach, Fla.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL (WOMEN'S)

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NHL, players schedule more labor talks for next week

By John Wawrow

AP Hockey Writer

The NHL and NHL Players' Association have scheduled another round of labor talks next week after concluding two days of negotiations in Toronto on Wednesday.

In an email to the Associated Press, NHL deputy commissioner Bill Daly wrote he wasn't prepared to comment on what was discussed and whether the additional meetings reflect any signs of progress being made.

"I'm not sure the fact that we scheduled ad-

ditional meetings reflects anything more than we have a lot of topic areas to discuss," Daly wrote.

"We look forward to resuming discussions with the league next week," the NHLPA said in a statement to the AP. The current labor agreement runs through September 2022, after both sides last year elected not to use an opt-out clause that would have terminated the CBA this September.

There remains a sense of urgency in reaching an agreement to extend the current deal through either 2025

or 2026, which would mark the league's longest period of labor peace in decades. The NHL has had seasons disrupted by lockouts in each of the past three decades, most recently in 2012-13, when the regular season was shortened from 82 to 48 games.

One of the more pressing issues, however, is whether the NHL elects to send players to compete in the 2022 Beijing Games after not participating in the 2018 Olympics in South Korea. The league participated in the five previous Olympics.

The NHL continues to be reluctant to reverse course, despite Olympic officials providing assurances of being ready to lift various major stumbling blocks during a meeting that included NHLPA representatives.

On Monday, Daly called the meeting "positive," but said the league continues to have "valid reservations" over how Olympic participation disrupts its schedule by having to shut down the regular season for two weeks once every four years.

"We aren't there yet. In fact, we aren't even close to being there," Daly said. "At this point in time, we continue to believe that the negatives outweigh the positives."

He raised another concern by suggesting the issue of Olympic participation might be resolved easier if it were

tied to a labor agreement.

A person familiar with discussions told the AP that the subject of the 2022 Games was not discussed this week, and not expected to be brought up in talks next week.

The person spoke on the condition of anonymity because the negotiations are private.

The NHLPA is in favor of going to China especially after the assurances provided by International Ice Hockey Federation chief Rene Fasel last week.

Among the longstanding issues Fasel addressed included paying for players' travel and insurance costs. Another issue was providing the league and union access to video and still images to allow both to market its players.

NHLPA executive director Don Fehr questioned why the NHL can't address the Beijing Games separately, rather than fold it into labor talks.

"I can't figure out why anybody would not want to go and take advantage of this opportunity because it doesn't come around every day," Fehr said. "We think and have always thought that a matter like this should be addressed on its own merits, and it seems to us that the merits on this one are crystal clear."

AP Hockey Writer Stephen Whyno contributed to this report.

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HOROSCOPES

By Jacqueline Bigar

A baby born today has a Sun in Aquarius and a Moon in Libra until 5:17 p.m., when the Moon enters Scorpio.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Feb. 13, 2020:

This year, you express the nimble, often wise, personality that draws others and their understanding. In between, you can, and probably will, be sullen and quiet. If single, you will want to be with a person who enjoys the many facets of your personality. Try to avoid a critical person. If attached, your sweetie will quickly adjust to your multifaceted personality. As a couple, you will make better decisions. SCORPIO can be demanding and precise.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have:
5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ You give off a sense of intensity and determination as the day proceeds. You could find a key person challenging yet charming. Some of the more positive qualities will wear off as the day ages. Tonight: Settle in for a determined talk.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You might feel as if you are making a statement with your work and attitude. Do not forget to make a much-needed appointment. You can put certain matters on the back burner for only so long. Tonight: Listen to what a dear friend suggests.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Your sense of humor returns, allowing you to quickly clear the air if you hit a misunderstanding. Try not to take others' comments so personally; remain upbeat. Someone is pushing you to get certain tasks done. Tonight: Know when to call it a night.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ You might feel restricted by another person and his or her suggestions. This person seems to hold you back and is not in touch with your personal needs. Soon enough you will see eye to eye with this person. Tonight: As you like it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Return calls. Reach out for another person and manifest more of what you need or desire. A conversation reminds you how much you have in common with this person and why you are heading in the right direction. Tonight: Relax. Stay close to home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ You become more aware of the financial implications of continuing down a specific path. You also have a clearer view of the big picture. With this information in mind, you will make better choices. Tonight: Kick back and relax.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You can make a difference wherever you go. You have an extremely diplomatic style that helps you moderate a conversation. Others listen. You find that you have a receptive audience. Make an important move now. Tonight: Run an errand on the way home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ As odd as you might feel during the daylight hours, you could feel just as great later. If you feel uneasy making a decision, postpone doing so until evening at the earliest. Tonight: Let a dear friend play devil's advocate.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Make an extra effort toward your friends. You could be too tired to continue on a pre-terminated path. Slow down. Get others' opinions. Sometimes when stepping back, you gain important information. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You have been so uneasy trying to make a decision that you could opt to rethink the whole matter. Some of you will choose to make time to have a conversation with someone who has more expertise than you do. Tonight: Letting off steam.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You may have looked at an issue every way possible only to see that idea fall apart. You keep finding a new reason not to proceed in a certain direction. Call a halt to your meanderings. Tonight: Out and about.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ One-on-one relating is highlighted. You see a personal matter from another perspective given time. What is clear is that you cannot force your ideas or another person's ideas to work. Give the issue in question some space. Tonight: Escape to the movies.

BORN TODAY

Football player Randy Moss (1977), actress Stockard Channing (1944), musician/author Henry Rollins (1961)

Browns' Garrett reinstated by NFL after 6-game suspension

By Tom Withers

AP Sports Writer

CLEVELAND (AP) — Browns star defensive end Myles Garrett has been reinstated by the NFL after he was suspended indefinitely for hitting Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Mason Rudolph over the head with a helmet.

Garrett missed Cleveland's final six games last season after his disturbing attack on Rudolph in the closing seconds of a Nov. 14 game that was nationally televised. Garrett has been remorseful since the incident and Monday he met with Commissioner Roger Goodell and league officials in New York.

Garrett is cleared to return to all activities with the

Browns.

"We welcome Myles back to our organization with open arms," Browns vice president of football operations and general manager Andrew Berry said. "We know he is grateful to be reinstated, eager to put the past behind him and continue to evolve and grow as a leader. We look forward to having his strong positive presence back as a teammate, player and person in our community."

As the Browns were wrapping up a rare win over the Steelers, Garrett pulled down Rudolph after a pass attempt and the two wrestled on the ground. Rudolph tried to pull off Garrett's helmet but couldn't. Garrett ripped off Rudolph's helmet and swung and struck him with it, triggering a brawl between the teams.

Betts and Price arrive in Los Angeles eager for new starts

By Beth Harris

AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Mookie Betts and David Price finally turned up in Dodgers jerseys on Wednesday, completing the journey from Boston to Los Angeles, where they're expected to help end a World Series title drought dating to 1988.

Neither seemed fazed by the trade that dragged out for over a week before it was finalized.

Betts described the waiting game as "fun at times, kind of stressful at times." Price said being moved from one storied franchise to another was "something special."

"It wasn't as easy for us," joked Andrew Friedman, Dodgers president of baseball operations. "It was definitely a roller coaster."

Betts, the 2018 AL MVP, joins current NL MVP Cody Bellinger in the Dodgers' outfield. Price, the 2012 AL Cy Young Award winner, joins three-time NL Cy Young winner Clayton Kershaw in the starting rotation.

"Definitely going to be pretty special," Betts said. "He's going to put on a show and I'll do my best to keep up with him."

Friedman sees the 2020 Dodgers as "quite possibly our most talented team."

Betts was traded for the first time in his career. The 27-year-old right fielder was drafted by the Red Sox in 2011 and made his big-league debut three years later.

"I have a lot of memories in

Boston. The most fun is the World Series," he said, alluding to the 2018 title won by the Red Sox at Dodger Stadium. "That was a great chapter in my life."

Price said, "I know it's tough for Red Sox nation to see Mookie leave."

Friedman first discussed trading for Betts with then-Boston counterpart Dave Dombrowski last July. But then the Red Sox won several games in a row and ended the talks. Things heated up again in the fall.

A casualty of the deal that brought Betts and Price to the Dodgers was another one that would have sent outfielder Joc Pederson and right-hander Ross Stripling to the rival Angels for infielder Luis Rengifo. It didn't happen.

"Our thing was putting ourselves in the best position to acquire the two guys we acquired," Friedman said. "That had a lot of different combinations and a lot of different things that were potentials. The way it ended up playing out we're happy with."

Betts can become a free agent after the season. He brushed off a question on whether he would discuss a contract extension during the season.

"We're hoping that he falls in love with the team, the city, the fans, and wants to be here for a long time," Friedman said.

Friedman has admired Price since he was in Tampa Bay's front office and the team selected the pitcher with the first pick in the

2007 draft.

Friedman joked that he's had his eye on Betts from afar for so long he "may want to get a restraining order against me."

"He embodies everything that we really value about a position player — the impact he has on defense, the instincts on the bases, in the batter's box," Friedman said.

Another big factor was the positive things teammates and those who have dealt with Betts said about him. "He would blush if he heard all the nice things," Friedman said.

Both players said they look forward to getting to know their new teammates.

"Those relationships translate to in between the lines and that's when you see a team really become a team, and that's how you win a World Series," Betts said.

The players were introduced at Dodger Stadium before catching an evening flight to Arizona, where the team opens spring training Thursday. Beyond Betts and Price in center field, construction crews worked on the outfield pavilions where a major renovation project is underway. They were led on a brief tour.

Betts wore a hoodie under his jersey, explaining it protected his head from the winter sun on a 67 degree day.

Betts will keep his No. 50 jersey, a number chosen long ago because "nobody wants it," he said.

"I'd like to celebrate again here in this jersey for sure," he said.

Shohei Ohtani fine with Angels' plan to delay mound return

By Greg Beacham

AP Sports Writer

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Shohei Ohtani has no problem with the Los Angeles Angels' plan to delay his return to the mound so they can preserve his pitching arm for later in the season. The two-way star also wouldn't have minded if the Angels wanted him to start on opening day, either.

Ohtani reacted positively Wednesday to the Angels' announcement of their plan to delay his return to the mound until mid-May.

"I was getting prepared to start the year on opening day," Ohtani said through his interpreter. "But if that's what the team wants me to do, then I'll be prepared to delay my debut. I don't see any problems."

The Angels are exercising caution with the 2018 AL Rookie of the Year, who hasn't pitched

since undergoing Tommy John surgery after his rookie season stateside.

The team is also apparently planning to keep Ohtani to an innings limit over the season, and delaying his return to the mound allows the Angels to concentrate his innings later in the regular season, when the Halos hope to be in a pennant race.

Ohtani declined to specify his innings limit, but acknowledged he is unlikely to hit it.

"Since I'm going to be waiting until mid-May, I won't be close to (throwing) 200 innings," said Ohtani, who pitched at least 140 innings in three straight seasons with the Hokkaido Nippon-Ham Fighters. "From there on out, I'm planning on

finishing out the year. I think that's one of the biggest responsibilities of a pitcher, to stay in the rotation healthy and try to finish out the year."

Ohtani finished his elbow rehabilitation in December, completing a process that was delayed by knee surgery three months earlier.

Ohtani will be ready to resume his everyday role as the Angels' designated hitter from opening day, however.

Ohtani will take days away from the Angels early in the season to pitch in minor league starts designed to build his arm strength, general manager Billy Eppler said Tuesday.

Thanks to a baseball rule change confirmed Wednesday, Ohtani

won't count against the limit of 13 pitchers on a 26-man roster. Ohtani will qualify for a special designation as a two-way player.

Ohtani isn't neglecting his hitting while he prepares for his pitching return. He reported to spring training with plans to hone his swing after he batted .286 with 18 homers, 62 RBIs and a .848 OPS last season.

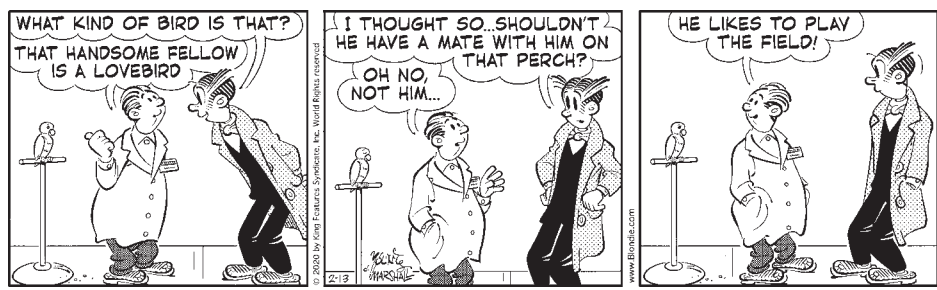
"Here's some stuff I need to work on," Ohtani said. "I'm trying to use spring training to get over those hurdles. We also added three position players, so I don't know where I'm going to be hitting in the lineup. ... I think we made a lot of good additions. Our team is growing in the right direction."



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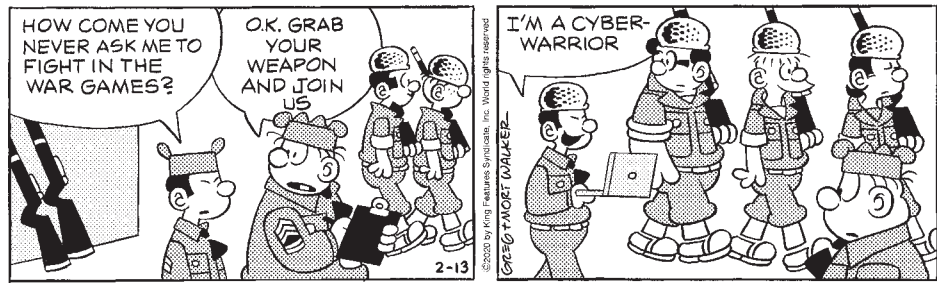
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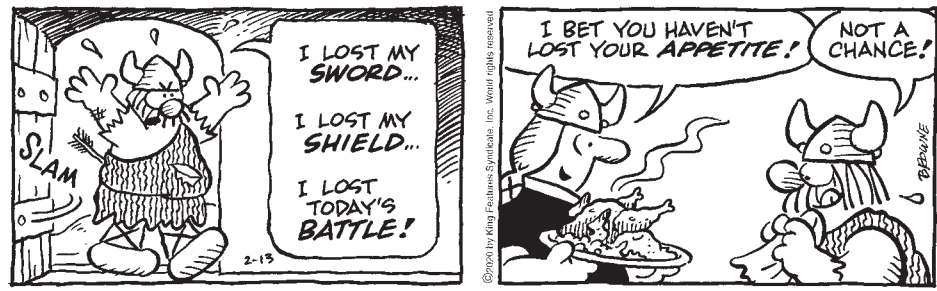
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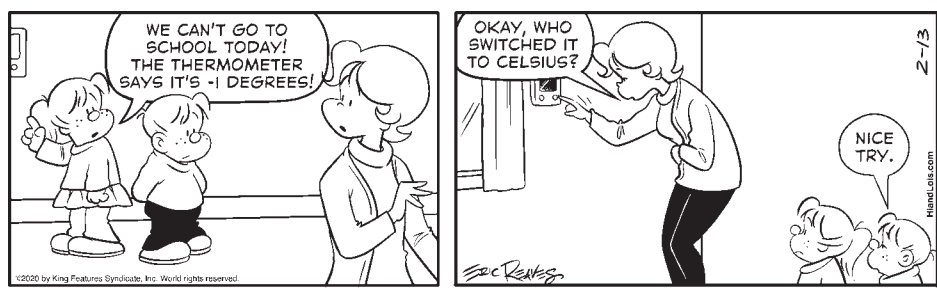
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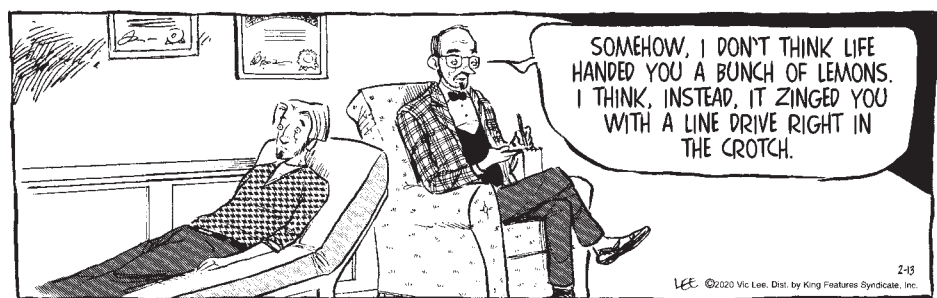
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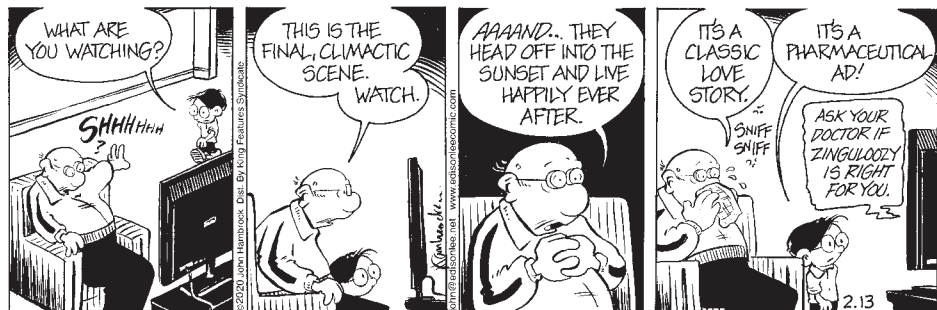
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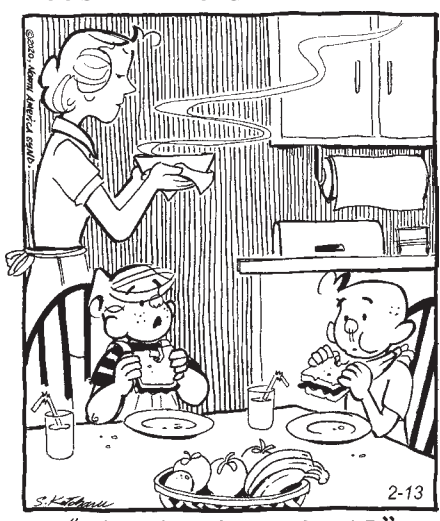
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- 26 Reply to a knock
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- 30 Pain in the neck
- 31 Takes a gander
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BABY BLUES

BY JERRY SCOTT & RICK KIRKMAN



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Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★

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Answer to previous puzzle

9	7	6	2	5	3	4	1	8
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4	6	3	5	8	7	1	9	2
5	8	2	3	1	9	7	6	4
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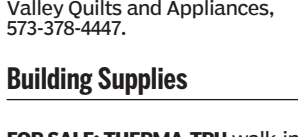
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PHYLLIS CADENCE HAYS
Date of birth: June 6, 2007
Case No.: 19PT-JU00100
BRM and ADM
Petitioners
vs.
JAKE (last name unknown)
Natural Father of
Jonnie Love Walker
JOHN DOE #1
Unknown Natural Father of
Jonnie Love Walker
JOHN DOE #2
Unknown Natural Father of
Phyllis Cadence Hays
Respondents

NOTICE UPON ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF MISSOURI TO RESPONDENT:
JAKE (last name unknown), Natural Father of Jonnie Love Walker; JOHN DOE #1, Unknown Natural Father of Jonnie Love Walker; JOHN DOE #2, Unknown Natural Father of Phyllis Cadence Hays. You are notified that an action has been commenced against you in the Circuit Court of Pettis County, Missouri, the object and general nature of which is to secure a Decree of Adoption for your child and to change their names. The names of all the parties to said action are stated above and the name and address of the attorney for petitioners is:

JAMES A WAITS,
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By: /s/Mary Eberting,
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Dated January 21, 2020

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of the decedents may be paid by the Trustee upon receipt of proper proof thereof.
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AP Source: Michigan State hires Colorado coach Mel Tucker

By Larry Lage
AP Sports Writer

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) — A person familiar with the decision says Mel Tucker has agreed to lead Michigan State's football program. The person spoke Wednesday morning to the Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the hiring had not been announced. Colorado hired Tucker in December 2018, and gave him a shot to run a program after he was Georgia defensive coordinator. He was given a five-year, \$14.75 million contract to lead the Bulldogs and they were 5-7 last season.

Roys

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Approaching his 30th birthday in May, Pérez is a five-time Gold Glove and the 2015 World Series MVP. He has a .266 average with 141 homers and 503 RBIs in eight major league seasons. "I really don't need to remind people," he said. "They already know. They know who I am. They know I love to play baseball. When the light is on, it's my time." Manager Mike Matheny said he is not ruling out using Pérez at first base at times. "If they need me for a couple of games, I don't have any problem to do that," Pérez said. "I don't like to think I'm going to be the first baseman or DH. I'm the catcher. I prepare myself to catch 162 games, more than that if we're in the playoffs." Pérez hit 27 home runs in both 2017 and 2018, his fourth straight season with at least 21 homers. "He looks great and ready to go," Matheny said.

Blues

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"The Peverley and Fischer incidents and now Bouwmeester reminded us all how important it is to have team doctors close to players' benches and dehydrators easily accessible in short notice," said Edmonton Oilers general manager Ken Holland, who was with Detroit in 2005 when Fischer collapsed on the bench. "It has probably saved all their lives. Incredible job by league and team medical people." Bouwmeester — who is in his 17th NHL season — was skating in his 57th game this season and the 1,241st of his NHL career. He had skated 1:20 in his last shift before collapsing and logged 5:34 of ice time as the game got going. The Blues and Ducks are talking with the league about making up the game, which was postponed. Armstrong said a full 60 minutes will be played and it will resume with the game tied at 1. *AP Hockey Writer Stephen Whyno contributed.*

Cards

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All of the rotation contestants — in fact every pitcher and catcher scheduled to report to Cardinals camp — did so, taking the field Wednesday for their first scheduled workout in temperatures that exceeded 80 degrees. Choosing the young starter is one of several major questions the defending Central Division-champion Cardinals must address during the coming weeks. President of baseball operations John Mozeliak rattled off a few others, including identifying a closer; Hicks, who the Cardinals transferred to the 60-day injured list on Wednesday, is on schedule in his recovery from elbow ligament replacement surgery and isn't expected to be available until midseason. St. Louis must determine a starting outfield, choose a cleanup hitter, and select

a lead-off hitter. "I think when you get to camp it's always more fun because you can now start to address some of these questions, whereas in the off-season it's something where all we do is talk about it," Mozeliak said. Signing Kim was the Cardinals' most notable off-season addition. The loss of cleanup-hitting lefty Yonder Marcel Ozuna to free agency and Jose Martinez via trade created a void in the middle of the Cards' lineup that Mozeliak, at least for the moment, intends to fill internally. "We certainly are keeping our eyes open," Mozeliak said. "If something makes sense for us in the near future we'll pursue it." **NOTEWORTHY:** St. Louis agreed to terms with free agent utility infielder Brad Miller, the club announce on Wednesday. Miller hit .260 with 13 homers and 25 RBIs in 79 games last year split between Cleveland and Philadelphia.

Girls sue to block participation of transgender athletes

By Pat Eaton-Robb
AP Sports Writer

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — The families of three female high school runners filed a federal lawsuit Wednesday seeking to block transgender athletes in Connecticut from participating in girls sports. Selina Soule, a senior at Glastonbury High School, Chelsea Mitchell, a senior at Canton High School and Alanna Smith, a sophomore at Danbury High School are represented by the conservative nonprofit organization Alliance Defending Freedom. They argue that allowing athletes with male anatomy to compete has deprived them of track titles and scholarship opportunities. "Mentally and physically, we know the outcome before the race even starts," said Smith, who is the daughter of former Major League pitcher Lee Smith. "That biological unfairness doesn't go away because of what someone believes about gender identity. All girls deserve the chance to compete on a level playing field." The lawsuit was filed against the Connecticut Association of Schools-Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference and the boards of education in Bloomfield, Cromwell, Glastonbury, Canton and Danbury. "Forcing girls to be spectators in their own sports is completely at odds with Title IX, a federal law designed to create equal opportunities for women in education and athletics," attorney Christiana Holcomb said. "Connecticut's policy violates that law and reverses nearly 50 years of advances for women." The Connecticut Association of Schools-Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference says its policy follows a state anti-discrimination law that says students must be treated in school by the gender with

which they identify and the group believes the policy is "appropriate under both state and federal law." The lawsuit follows a Title IX complaint filed last June by the girls' families and the Alliance Defending Freedom with the U.S. Education Department's Office for Civil Rights, which is investigating the policy. The lawsuit centers on two transgender sprinters, Terry Miller and Andraya Yearwood, who have frequently outperformed their cis-gender competitors. The two seniors have combined to win 15 girls state indoor or outdoor championship races since 2017, according to the lawsuit. The three plaintiffs have competed directly against them, almost always losing to Miller and usually behind Yearwood. Mitchell finished third in the 2019 state championship in the girls 55-meter indoor track competition behind Miller and Yearwood. "Our dream is not to come in second or third place, but to win fair and square," Mitchell said. "All we're asking for is a fair chance." Yearwood, a senior at Cromwell High School, and Miller, a senior at Bloomfield High School, issued statements vehemently defending their right to run in girls events. "I have faced discrimination in every aspect of my life and I no longer want to remain silent," Miller said. "I am a girl and I am a runner. I participate in athletics just like my peers to excel, find community, and meaning in my life. It is both unfair and painful that my victories have to be attacked and my hard work ignored." Yearwood said she also is a girl and has been hurt by the efforts to "tear down my successes." "I will never stop being me!" she said in her statement. "I will never stop running! I hope that the next

generation of trans youth doesn't have to fight the fights that I have. I hope they can be celebrated when they succeed not demonized. For the next generation, I run for you!" The American Civil Liberties Union said it will represent the transgender teens and defend the Connecticut policy in court. Attorney Chase Strangio, deputy director for Trans Justice with the ACLU LGBT & HIV Project, said transgender girls also are protected by Title IX. "The idea that the law only protects the individuals with XX chromosomes as compared to individuals with XY chromosomes is found nowhere in the legislative history of Title IX, in any implementing regulation or in any other aspect of the interpretation of Title IX over the last 50 years by the courts," he said. The attorneys for Alliance Defending Freedom is asking the court to prevent the transgender girls from competing while the lawsuit moves forward. No hearing date on that request had been scheduled Wednesday, the day before the state's indoor track championships begin. Connecticut is one of 17 states that allowed transgender high school athletes to compete without restrictions in 2019, according to Transathlete.com, which tracks state policies in high school sports across the country. Eight states had restrictions that make it difficult for transgender athletes to compete while in school, such requiring athletes to compete under the gender on their birth certificate, or allowing them to participate only after going through sex reassignment procedures or hormone therapies, according to Transathlete. Yearwood and Miller have said they are still in the process of transitioning but have declined to provide details.

Braves' Hamels to miss start of season with sore shoulder

By The Associated Press

NORTH PORT, Fla. (AP) — Atlanta Braves left-hander Cole Hamels won't be ready for the start of the season after hurting his pitching shoulder during an off-season workout. General manager Alex Anthopoulos says Hamels will be shut down for at least three weeks. Antho-

poulos said Wednesday the 36-year-old Hamels hurt his shoulder while throwing a weighted ball in an attempt to build strength for spring training. Hamels signed an \$18 million, one-year deal with Atlanta on Dec. 4 to add experience to a young rotation that also includes Mike Soroka, Max Fried and Mike Foltynewicz. Hamels was not present

when pitchers and catchers reported to the team's new spring facility for their first workout. Anthopoulos says Hamels will be evaluated in three weeks. Hamels would miss the start of the season even if he is cleared to begin a throwing program in three weeks. "He said he overdid it," said Anthopoulos of Hamels. "He was doing weighted ball drills and was apologetic." Hamels was 7-7 with a 3.81 ERA in 27 starts with the Cubs last season. He was 6-3 with a 2.98 ERA in the first half before suffering an oblique injury. He said last month he rushed his return, failing to build sufficient strength in the shoulder before making his return to post a 5.79 ERA in the second half.

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Lincoln 77, Smithton 37
The Cardinals bounced back from a four-point loss to Smithton in the conference tournament with a 77-37 result Tuesday in Lincoln. Lincoln (10-7) travels to La Monte on Friday. Smithton (12-7, 4-2) hosts Green Ridge on Friday. **Windsor 62, Stover 54**
Windsor picked up a 62-54 home win Tuesday against Stover. The Bulldogs (4-16, 0-6) host Otterville on Valentine's Day. Windsor (7-14, 3-6) plays at Tipton on Friday. **Tipton 82, La Monte 38**
The Cardinals (12-8, 5-2) host Windsor on Friday. La Monte (0-20, 0-7) return home

Friday to host Lincoln. **HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL LATE TUESDAY RESULTS**
Tipton 82, La Monte 21
Lady Cardinals senior Abby Backes led the team with 21 points, freshman Briar Cox followed with 20 and Tipton defeated La Monte 82-21 Tuesday at home. It was Tipton's third win over La Monte this season. The Lady Cardinals (18-4, 7-0) travel Thursday to Windsor. La Monte (8-13, 2-5) hosts Lincoln on Valentine's Day. **Lincoln 51, Smithton 49**
Lincoln senior Chloe Reese scored 19 points and the Lady Cardinals finished the game with four players on the court Tuesday during a 51-49 home win over Smithton. The Lady Cardinals (4-14, 3-5) travel to La Monte on Friday. Smithton (8-12, 3-4) moves forward Thursday at Green Ridge.

Stover 49, Windsor 26
Stover (14-5, 4-1) hosts Otterville on Friday. Windsor (6-17, 1-8) welcomes Tipton on Thursday. **Green Ridge 43, Northwest 12**
The Lady Tigers (15-6, 5-3) host Smithton on Thursday. Northwest (1-19, 0-8) hosts Sacred Heart on Thursday. **LATE MONDAY RESULTS**
Sacred Heart 57, Cole Camp 43
Lady Gremlins senior Grace Goodwin scored 36 points Monday during a 57-43 victory at Cole Camp. Sacred Heart (12-10, 5-2) plays Friday at Tipton. Cole Camp (10-10, 4-4) continues Monday, Feb. 17 at St. Paul Lutheran in Concordia. **Tipton 63, Crest Ridge 52**
Lady Cardinals seniors Alexa Jurgensmeyer and Abby Backes logged 17 and 16 points, respectively, Monday during a 63-52 win at Crest Ridge in Centerview.

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	Cole Camp	18-4	8-0	1.000	-	Tipton	18-4	7-0	1.000	-
	Lincoln	10-7	6-0	1.000	1	Otterville	14-6	5-1	0.833	1.5
	Green Ridge	15-5	6-2	0.750	2	Stover	14-5	4-1	0.800	2
	Tipton	13-8	5-2	0.714	2.5	Sacred Heart	12-10	5-2	0.714	2
	Smithton	12-7	4-2	0.667	3	Green Ridge	15-6	5-3	0.625	2.5
	Sacred Heart	11-10	4-3	0.571	3.5	Cole Camp	10-10	4-4	0.500	3.5
	Otterville	11-10	2-4	0.333	5	Smithton	8-12	3-4	0.429	4
	Windsor	7-14	3-6	0.333	5.5	Lincoln	4-14	3-5	0.375	4.5
	Northwest	8-12	1-7	0.125	7	La Monte	8-13	2-5	0.286	5
	Stover	4-16	0-6	0.000	7	Windsor	6-17	1-8	0.111	7
	La Monte	0-20	0-7	0.000	7.5	Northwest	1-19	0-8	0.000	7.5

