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Sedalia men save the lives of a young couple

By Faith Bemiss

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On an unseasonably warm January day last week, it was business as usual for two Sedalia fishing buddies who set out to the Lake of the Ozarks, but little did they know their trajectory would cross paths with a young couple and their cap-sized kayaks.

Whether it be fate, providence or the hand of God, Kenny Schlup, a custodian at Whittier High School, and Earl Rasa, who is retired from Sedalia School District 200, found Seth Arvesen 20, and Camille Vandergriff, 19, before they succumbed to the 37-degree water Jan. 21 at Turkey Creek Cove in Benton County.

Sedalia 200 Superintendent Steve Triplett noted on Thursday both Schlup and Rasa "were people who will always lend a hand to someone in need."

"What happened at the lake was surprising but the way they responded wasn't surprising to me because that is who they are," he added. "I'm so glad they were in the right place to make a difference that day. We would all benefit from having more people like Kenny and Earl around."

Rasa told the Democrat earlier in the week they began their day by the mouth of Cole Camp Creek where they fished for three hours.

"We weren't catching anything up in there so we decided to go over to Turkey Creek," he noted.

They arrived around 1:30 or 2 p.m. and the first crappie bed they found was close to a dock so they stopped and spoke with a man and his wife. Afterward, they went a little further and found a second crappie bed and then began to hear voices in the distance. Rasa said he didn't hear the voices at first but Schlup said he heard someone yelling.

As they began to fish along the docks, Rasa said Schlup became increasingly worried and told Rasa he heard someone call for help. They both decided to investigate.

"We went slow through there looking because where they were, was a bluff with nothing but trees," Rasa said. "There were no houses."

As they traveled through the cove, the men inadvertently passed by the couple because only their heads were above the water. Rasa and Schlup said they were looking up at the bluff and at the bank trying to find where the calls were coming from and that's when they saw the overturned kayaks. Rasa added he didn't realize the couple was still in the water and thought they were somewhere on the bank.

"We knew we were almost at the end of the bluff anyway so we shut the motor down, so we



PHOTO BY FAITH BEMISS | DEMOCRAT

Earl Rasa, left, and Kenny Schlup, both of Sedalia, saved the lives of a young couple Jan. 21 at the Lake of the Ozarks after their kayaks capsized. The couple was in the 37-degree water for about 40 minutes before the men found them.

could listen," Rasa said. "And we heard them back behind us yelling for help and the girl was moaning."

As they neared the kayaks a hand came up out of the water. Arvesen was holding an unconscious Vandergriff against the bluff to keep her from drowning, and Rasa said both were in shock. Rasa turned off the motor and trolled over as Schlup called 911.

Rasa was able to grab Vandergriff, who had a coat on, by the back and pulled her into the boat.

"The adrenaline was flowing so hard that I lifted her straight up out

of the water," Rasa said.

Both men then pulled Arvesen into the boat but feared Vandergriff would die before help could arrive. Knowing hyperthermia was closing in, the men decided to go back to the dock where they had visited with the man and wife earlier to get blankets and call an ambulance.

Thursday afternoon Arvesen spoke to the Democrat by phone from Lawrence, Kansas. He said he and his girlfriend had been kayaking for about two hours when he began to feel like something "bad" was going to happen.

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PHOTO COURTESY OF SETH ARVESEN

Camille Vandergriff, 19, of Prairie Village, Kansas, and Seth Arvesen, 20, of Westwood, Kansas, were rescued by Sedalians Kenny Schlup and Earl Rasa last week after their kayaks overturned. Both Vandergriff and Arvesen have recovered.

EXPLAINER: Why it's hard to make vaccines and boost supplies

By Lauran Neergaard

AP Medical Writer

With demand for COVID-19 vaccines outpacing the world's supplies, a frustrated public and policymakers want to know: How can we get more? A lot more. Right away.

The problem: "It's not like adding more water to the soup," said vaccine specialist Maria Elena Bottazzi of Baylor College of Medicine.

Makers of COVID-19 vaccines need everything to go right as they scale up production to hundreds of millions of doses — and any

little hiccup could cause a delay. Some of their ingredients have never before been produced at the sheer volume needed.

And seemingly simple suggestions that other factories switch to brewing new kinds of vaccines can't happen overnight. Just this week, French drugmaker Sanofi took the unusual step of announcing it would help bottle and package some vaccine produced by competitor Pfizer and its German partner BioNTech. But those doses won't start arriving until summer — and Sanofi has the space in a factory in Germany only

because its own vaccine is delayed, bad news for the world's overall supply.

"We think, 'Well, OK, it's like men's shirts, right? I'll just have another place to make it,'" said Dr. Paul Offit of Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, a vaccine adviser to the U.S. government. "It's just not that easy."

DIFFERENT VACCINES, DIFFERENT RECIPES

The multiple types of COVID-19 vaccines being used in different countries all train the body to recognize the new coronavirus,

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Humane Society offers tips on keeping pets safe this winter

By Emily Walton

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As temperatures fall below freezing during the night and early morning hours this winter, the Humane Society of Missouri is urging people to remember how dangerous this weather can be for their four-legged friends.

"One of the things we try to do is just make an easy to remember tagline or motto: '35 and Below Protect Fido,'" said Dr. Travis Arndt, Director of the Humane Society of Missouri's Animal Medical Center of Mid-America.

"So what that's trying to say is that just as the temperature drops below 35 (degrees) that's when you have to really start watching your pets and start observing them for signs that the cold is affecting them."

It's particularly important to make sure young puppies and older dogs are brought inside since they have more difficulty regulating their body heat and are at high risk for frostbite and hypothermia. Frostbite warnings also apply to pets as well who often experience it on their ears and paws. If a pet

seems cold when outside, Arndt recommended using a jacket or sweater but to make sure it stays dry. Pets' paws should also be checked frequently for any redness, cracking or irritation as well as keeping them away from chemicals used in the winter.

Arndt said many pet owners often think their long-haired, larger pets or dogs like huskies or malamutes are able to withstand cold weather, which Arndt said isn't necessarily true in Missouri due to the sharp changes in temperatures.

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OBITUARIES

Gerald "Jerry" Ross Olsen

COLUMBIA — Gerald "Jerry" Ross Olsen, 75, of Sedalia, MO passed away Thursday, January 21, 2021, at Boone Hospital Center in Columbia, MO. He was born on April 8, 1945, in Sedalia, MO the son of Darrell W. and Virginia (Ross) Olsen, who preceded him in death.

On October 26, 1968, in Pilot Grove, MO he was united in marriage to LaVona Jones, who

preceded him in death on March 12, 2002.

He is survived by one daughter, Virginia Wolfe, of Hughesville, MO.

A graveside memorial will be announced at a later date at Crown Hill Cemetery, Sedalia.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Bothwell Hospice in care of Rea Funeral Chapel, Sedalia.

DEATH NOTICE

Landon

SEDALIA — Brian Wade Landon, 51 of Sedalia, died Friday, Jan. 29, 2021, at his home.

A celebration of life gathering of family and friends will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3 at Rea Funeral Chapel. Arrangements are under the direction of Rea Funeral Chapel in Sedalia.

FUNERALS

Human, Jennettie (Jan) Mariee

10 a.m. Saturday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Sedalia. Arrangements are under the direction of Reser Funeral Home in Warsaw.

Veulemans, Jack Francis

10 a.m. Saturday funeral will be live streamed on Meisenheimer Funeral Home Facebook page. Arrangements are under the direction of Meisenheimer Funeral Home in Tipton.

Bell, Benjamin Wayne

2 p.m. Saturday graveside service at Memorial Park Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Rea Funeral Chapel.

Wagner, Michael "Waggy,"

2 p.m. Saturday at Pleasant Valley Baptist

Church in Liberty. Arrangements are under the direction of Park Lawn Northland Chapel in Liberty.

Sager, Doyle Max

5 p.m. Saturday friends and family may watch the service, visit fbcjc.org/doylesager for links and information. Arrangements are under the direction of Freeman Mortuary in Jefferson City.

Bridges, Martha A.

2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13 at Wesley United Methodist Church. Arrangements are under the direction of Heckart Funeral Home in Sedalia.

Landon, Brian Wade

6 p.m. Wednesday a celebration of life at Rea Funeral Chapel. Arrangements are under the direction of Rea Funeral Chapel in Sedalia.

LOCAL BRIEFS

FCS Financial scholarship applications available

Since 2004, FCS Financial has provided more than \$670,000 to Missouri high school seniors seeking higher education. Up to 35 scholarships, each at \$1,500, will be awarded to children or grandchildren of FCS Financial members. The scholarship deadline is March 1 and recipients will be notified in April.

Applicants must be a graduating senior at a Missouri high school and a child or grandchild of an FCS Financial member. Additionally, the student must attain a grade point average of 2.5 or higher, an ACT score of at least 26 or rank in the top 20% of their senior class. The scholarship applicants are then judged by a non-partisan committee on leadership roles, work experience, community involvement and essays.

Apply at www.myfcs-financial.com. Click on About Us at the top of the web page and choose the Scholarships link. Relatives

of FCS Financial board members or employees are not eligible.

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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

Jan. 24

12:27 a.m.: Joshua Madison Morrill, 33, of the 1800 block of East Seventh Street, was issued a municipal court summons near the intersection of East Seventh Street and South Arlington Avenue for possession of marijuana. A traffic stop was conducted for a vehicle

speeding and failing to maintain its lane. A probable cause search revealed marijuana.

Jan. 28

9:11 p.m.: Wade R. Supernault, 38, of the 2600 block of Plaza Avenue, was arrested in the 2400 block of West Second Street Terrace for third-degree assault and first-degree endangering the welfare of a child. Officers responded to a report of an assault not in progress. The juvenile victim and a witness said the victim was assaulted by an adult unrelated to him. Several witness statements were gathered. The subject was named and later located.

Jan. 29

1:38 a.m.: Anthony Rojas, 18, of the 2500 block of Kay Avenue, was arrested in the 1400 block of East 12th Street for fourth-degree assault and misdemeanor possession of marijuana. Officers responded to a 911 call. They made contact with a male who said someone was trying to kill him and he needed to go somewhere safe. He eventually agreed to go home. He was being transported home in the back of an officer's patrol car when he started to yell and bang his hands against the partition. The subject opened the partition and slapped the officer in the face while driving. The officer

pulled over and put the subject in handcuffs.

Missouri State Highway Patrol Arrests Jan. 28

3:55 p.m.: John M. Wolfe, 54, of Stover, was arrested in Morgan County for driving while intoxicated, driving with a revoked license, failure to register a vehicle and failure to drive on the right half of the road.

4:26 p.m.: Rebecca A. Bell, 37, of Sedalia, was arrested in Pettis County for felony possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana, speeding and no seat belt.

Compiled by Nicole Cooke.

CRASH REPORTS

Windsor man hurt in accident

A Windsor man was injured in a two-vehicle accident at 6:58 p.m. Thursday in Pettis County.

According to a Mis-

souri State Highway Patrol report, Emalie G. Oehrke, 24, of Otterville, was driving south on U.S. Route 65 at Glazebrook Road when she slowed to make a right turn. Her

vehicle was rear-ended

by another southbound vehicle driven by Parker B. Mathis, 24.

Mathis was taken to Bothwell Regional Health Center with minor injuries.

Information is taken

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

Compiled by Nicole Cooke.

STATE BRIEFS

Patrol: Wrong-way driver leads to fatal crash near St. Louis

ST. LOUIS (AP) — A wrong-way driver on Highway 367 led

to a crash that killed a Florissant man and injured two others, the Missouri State Highway Patrol said.

The crash happened Wednesday night in north St. Louis County, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported.

Investigators said a sport utility vehicle traveling south in the northbound lanes of the highway hit two northbound vehicles, including one car hit head-on.

The driver of that car, 27-year-old Te Lindsey, died at the scene of the

crash, officials said.

Investigators say Lindsey was not wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash.

The 47-year-old driver of the SUV and the 28-year-old driver of the other car suffered injuries, officials said.

Biden faces scrutiny over reliance on executive orders

By Aamer Madhani
Associated Press

President Joe Biden and aides are showing touches of prickliness over growing scrutiny of his heavy reliance on executive orders in his first days in office.

The president in just over a week has already signed more than three dozen executive orders and directives aimed at addressing the coronavirus pandemic as well as a gamut of other issues including environmental regulations, immigration policies and racial justice.

Biden has also sought to use the orders to erase foundational policy initiatives by former President Donald Trump, such as halting construction of the U.S.-Mexico border wall and reversing a Trump-era Pentagon policy that largely barred transgender people from serving in the military.

Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell said Thursday that Biden's early reliance on executive action is at odds with the Democrat's pledge as a candidate to be a consensus builder. The New York Times editorial board ran an opinion piece headlined "Ease up on the Executive Actions, Joe."

Biden on Thursday

framed his latest executive actions as an effort to "undo the damage Trump has done" by fiat rather than "initiating any new law." During a brief exchange with reporters in the Oval Office after signing two more executive orders, he noted he was working simultaneously to push his \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 aid package through Congress. After being asked by a reporter if he was open to splitting up the relief package, the president responded: "No one requires me to do anything."

Earlier in the day, White House communications director Kate Bedingfield bristled at the criticism of Biden's executive orders in a series of tweets, adding, "Of course we are also pursuing our agenda through legislation. It's why we are working so hard to get the American Rescue Plan passed, for starters."

In his Senate floor speech Thursday morning, McConnell offered a misleading broadside that Biden as a candidate had declared "you can't legislate by executive action unless you are a dictator."

In fact, Biden at an October ABC News town hall had said there are certain "things you can't do by executive order unless you're

a dictator" during an exchange about how quickly he'd push his plan to raise taxes on corporations and wealthy Americans.

Biden and aides, including top White House economists, have said that they believe executive action is a pale substitute for legislative action. At the same time, they've defended the heavy use of executive action at the start of the administration as a necessary stopgap to address the worst public health crisis in more than a century and reverse some of Trump's policies.

"There are steps, including overturning some of the harmful, detrimental and, yes, immoral actions of the prior administration that he felt he could not wait to overturn, and that's exactly what he did," White House press secretary Jen Psaki said.

While Biden has used executive action more frequently out of the gate than recent White House predecessors, he's not alone in being a heavy user of presidential fiat -- or being criticized by the opposition party for doing so.

Bill Clinton had 364 orders over two terms, George W. Bush signed 291 over his eight years in office and Barack Obama issued 276. Trump

in his one term signed 220 orders.

McConnell on Thursday scoffed that Biden in his first week in the White House "signed more than 30 unilateral actions and working Americans are getting short shrift." He similarly criticized Obama for "imposing his will unilaterally" through executive orders and memoranda.

But McConnell was far more understanding of Trump's decision to use executive orders to get around Congress at various points in the Republican's presidency.

For example, in August, after coronavirus relief negotiations collapsed, Trump signed a series of executive orders that called for deferring payroll taxes for Americans earning less than \$100,000 per year, pausing student loan payments, continuing eviction moratoriums and extending, albeit smaller, enhanced unemployment benefits that had expired.

"Since Democrats have sabotaged backroom talks with absurd demands that would not help working people, I support President Trump exploring his options to get unemployment benefits and other relief to the people who need them the most," McConnell said.

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.



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COVID-19 UPDATE

By Democrat Staff

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services reported a seven-day total of

8,786 cases on Friday or an average of 1,255 per day. There were a total of 53 deaths attributed to COVID-19 in Missouri during the last seven days,

representing an average of eight deaths per day.

The Pettis County Health Center did not issue a local COVID report on Friday.

Commission makes progress on bridge projects

By Democrat Staff

During daily meetings Jan. 25-29, the Pettis County Commission completed the following:

Jan 25: The commissioners approved a contract with SAM LLC for GIS Mapping Equipment and Software for the price of \$139,721.00 to be paid through a Service Board Grant.

Jan 26: The Commission signed Temporary Construction Right-of-Way Easement paperwork with landowners Jimmie and Michael Ross for Bridge Project BRO No. 39.

The Commission went into closed session to discuss personnel issues.

Jan 27: The Commission approved the 2020 Pettis County Financial Statement as presented.

Treasurer Kim Lyne informed the Commission about a reimbursement awarded to the County from COX Health.

MAC Trust Risk

Manager Sean McGo-nigle presented the Workers Compensation Quarterly Report to the Commission.

County Clerk Nick La Strada discussed the 2021 Yearly Bid process.

Jan 28: The commissioners hosted a bid opening for "Inmate Medical Services" for the Pettis County Jail. No bids were received.

The Commission went into closed session for land acquisition discussion.

The Commission approved hiring Anderson Engineering for work on Harding Road Bridge (Bridge Project BRO-B080) for the amount of \$83,200.

The Commission passed Commission Order 01-2021 No. 1829 to proceed with the TAP Grant Application process in relation to road improvements for 32nd Street.

Jan 29: The Commission signed an Open Let-

ter to the Public regarding the second amendment.

Sedalia City Administrator Kelvin Shaw discussed the 911 Joint Communications project.

Also present were Pettis County Sheriff Brad Anders, Sedalia Chief of Police Matt Wirt and Pettis County Prosecuting Attorney Phillip Sawyer.

Citizen Jeremy Kiso addressed the Commission regarding a box culvert on Millers Chapel Road. Also present were Sawyer and Anders.

The census for the Pettis County Jail for the week of Jan. 25 is 167 inmates.

The Pettis County Commission meets at 9 a.m. Monday through Friday in Commission Chambers on the second floor of the Pettis County Courthouse. To make an appointment or to request an issue be placed on the commission's agenda, call the Pettis County Clerk's Office at 660-826-5000 ext. 410.

CMU students Dean's List

Central Methodist University provost Dr. Rita Gulstad recently announced the students included on the Fall 2020 dean's list.

More than 1,000 students across all CMU campuses met the requirements for placement, including a grade point average of 3.50 or higher for the semester.

The following local students were among those receiving

recognition:

- Pilot Grove:** Bailey Bader.
- Sedalia:** Odmund Bautista, Emily Beltran, Diana Granados, Morgan Hoehns, Tanner Mc-Fatrich, Calyssa Plymell.
- Cole Camp:** Maddison Cook.
- Knob Noster:** Lindsey Gantz.
- Otterville:** Alissa Malone.
- Syracuse:** Emma Stone.
- Concordia:** Grace Stumbaugh.
- Lincoln:** Peyton Warren.

STATE BRIEFS

Kansas City man charged in stabbing deaths of aunt and uncle

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — A 29-year-old Kansas City man has been charged in the stabbing deaths of his aunt and uncle in Raytown, Jackson County Prosecutor Jean Peters Baker announced Friday.

Desmond C. Richardson, was charged with two counts each of first-degree murder and armed criminal action.

Raytown police were called to the home of Kenneth and Etta McKenzie on Jan. 13. Officers found a naked man inside suffering from several gunshot wounds and covered in blood.

Officers then found the McKenzies' bodies. Blood and multiple knives were found throughout the house. The victims several stab wounds, investigators said.

On Jan. 12, Richardson committed a carjacking in Kansas City, prosecutors said, and drove that car to his aunt's and uncle's home.

Prosecutors requested a bond of \$500,000 cash.

Man charged in Kansas City death of stranger after robbery

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — A Kansas City man was charged in a 2019 robbery and killing of an apparent stranger who was walking home from his bus stop.

Douglas Griffin, 27, was charged with second-degree murder in the November 2019 death of David Como, Jackson County prosecutors announced Friday. He was also charged with first-degree robbery and two counts of armed criminal action.

Prosecutors matched DNA from the back pocket of Como's pants to Griffin's DNA, prosecutors said.

Griffin was in custody on an unrelated robbery in October when he was questioned about Como's death. He told detectives he reached into Como's pocket to get his wallet but another person shot Como, prosecutors said.

After the interview, Griffin was returned to the Jackson County jail where he called several people, including his mother. He allegedly admitted to his mother that he participated in the killing.

Biden seen likely to keep Space Force, a Trump favorite

By Robert Burns

AP National Security Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — To the last moments of his presidency, Donald Trump trumpeted Space Force as a creation for the ages. And while President Joe Biden has quickly undone other Trump initiatives, the space-faring service seems likely to survive, even if the new administration pushes it lower on the list of defense priorities.

The reason Space Force is unlikely to go away is largely this: Elimination would require an act of Congress, where a bipartisan consensus holds that America's increasing reliance on space is a worrying vulnerability that is best addressed by a branch of the military focused exclusively on this problem.

The new service also is linked to an increasing U.S. wariness of China, which is developing capabilities to threaten U.S. satellites in space and which has become, in the minds of some, the singular national security challenge. Russia, too, stands accused by Washington of seeking to challenge American dominance in space.

"They're building capabilities to use space against us. We have to be able to respond to that," Gen. John Hyten, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told the National Security Space Association, an advocacy group, last week, referring to Russia and China.

As a career space officer, Hyten says he often gets asked what will become of Space Force under Biden. And while he offered no prediction, he clearly believes Space Force should remain.

Biden has not publicly

commented on his intentions with Space Force. His defense secretary, Lloyd Austin, has been noncommittal while stressing the strategic importance of space. The White House did not respond to a request for comment on Biden's view.

Although some see it as a Trump vanity project, Space Force is not the farcical force of the public imagination. In the military, it's seen soberly as an affirmation of the need to more effectively organize for the defense of U.S. interests in space — especially satellites used for civilian and military navigation, intelligence and communication.

While far smaller than any other branch of the military, Space Force is acquiring the standard trappings of a service, including an official flag, logo, seal and doctrine. It has launched commercials to attract recruits. After lengthy debate, it was decided last month that Space Force members would be called guardians, although they don't yet have an official dress uniform. The force is planning to expand its ranks from 2,400 active-duty members to 6,400 by the end of this year.

Kaitlyn Johnson, an expert on space policy at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, says bipartisan congressional support for Space Force makes it likely that Biden will not push for its undoing.

"I think this is a good thing, as the Space Force has had barely a year to set itself up and get to work," she said. Adds her think-tank colleague, Todd Harrison, "The odds of it being repealed are close to zero."

Space Force was launched in December

2019 as the first new military service since establishment of the Air Force as an independent entity in 1947. Its leader, Gen. John W. "Jay" Raymond, has a seat at the table with the other Joint Chiefs, although Space Force operates as part of the Department of the Air Force, much like the Marine Corps is a separate service but is overseen by the Department of the Navy.

The push for more emphasis on space has gone beyond Space Force. A separate but related move in August 2019 reestablished U.S. Space Command; it is not a military service but a central command for military-wide space operations. Space Command had been dissolved in 2005 and absorbed by U.S. Strategic Command, a post-9/11 move aimed at freeing up resources to strengthen homeland defenses.

Trump also reconstituted the National Space Council, which coordinates policy in civil, commercial and national security space matters. It had been dormant since the administration of President Bill Clinton.

The push to create a military space service began well before Trump entered the White House. But his relentless advocacy dulled what remained of opposition inside the Pentagon, where some officials — especially in the Air Force — believed a separate service was unwarranted and duplicative. Gen. Charles Q. Brown, who became the Air Force chief of staff after Space Force was born, says it is time to stop debating and instead focus on making the best possible use of Space Force.

Biden has said little about the military's role

in space, but he did bring with him to the Oval Office a symbol of his interest in space exploration — a moon rock brought home by Apollo 17 nearly half a century ago.

Austin, the new defense secretary, has been noncommittal on the question of keeping Space Force. Asked by the Senate Armed Services Committee prior to his confirmation hearing whether he thought creation of the new service was "warranted," Austin demurred. He noted dryly that Space Force emerged after years of study by Congress and other groups. He sounded unenthused.

Austin didn't suggest he would recommend scrapping it. He said he would study it, noting that space is a vital interest.

"Looking ahead, the DOD space enterprise is still not well-integrated with other services and terrestrial commands, and there are several other challenges that will need to be addressed, as would be expected when establishing a brand new military service," Austin wrote.

The nonpartisan Secure World Foundation, which advocates for the peaceful and sustainable use of outer space, has urged Biden to build on the space policy decisions of the Trump administration, including Space Force.

"Consistency across key national space efforts ... will help move the United States forward and demonstrate stability to international partners by avoiding the constant reset and lack of strategic direction that has happened in the past during presidential transitions," it said in a report last month.

Fauci sees vaccination for kids by late spring or the summer

By Ricardo Alonso-Zaldívar and Darlene Superville

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government's top infectious disease expert said Friday he hopes to see some kids starting to get vaccinated for COVID-19 in the next few months. It's a needed step to securing widespread immunity to the virus.

Vaccines are not yet approved for children, but testing already is underway for those as young as 12.

If those trials are successful, Dr. Anthony Fauci said they would be followed by another round of testing down to those 9 years old.

"Hopefully by the time we get to the late spring and early summer we will have children being able to be vaccinated," Fauci said at a White House coronavirus briefing.

Fauci was looking ahead to a time vaccines will be plentiful. Even older adults are having difficulty getting shots at the moment. As of Thursday, only about 1.3% of Americans had been fully vaccinated with the required two doses of the currently

available vaccines.

Children represent about one-fourth of the population, and for the U.S. to reach "herd immunity," or widespread resistance, about 70% to 85% of the population must be vaccinated.

"Children tend to not become as severely ill as adults but they can still become ill and some have tragically died," said Dr. Leana Wen, a public health expert and emergency room physician, who supports Fauci's goal. "Children can also be vectors of transmission, and getting children vaccinated is important as we strive for herd immunity."

The Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine has emergency approval for use in people 16 and older. Moderna's vaccine is for those 18 and older.

Pfizer's clinical trial for children 12 to 15 is fully enrolled, and the drugmaker could seek emergency authorization from the Food and Drug Administration for children 12 and up sometime in the first half of this year. Moderna's trial for ages 12-17 is still recruiting.

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FBI: Pipe bombs at RNC, DNC were planted night before riot

By Michael Balsamo
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two pipe bombs left at the offices of the Republican and Democratic national committees, discovered just before thousands of pro-Trump rioters stormed the U.S. Capitol, were actually placed the night before, federal officials said Friday.

The FBI said the investigation had revealed new information, including that the explosive devices were placed outside the two buildings between 7:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. on Jan. 5, the night before the riot. The devices were not located by law enforcement until the next day.

It is not clear whether

that means the pipe bombs were unrelated to the next day's riot or were part of the riot planning. Both buildings are within a few blocks of the Capitol.

The incident has been particularly concerning for law enforcement as officials step up security preparations ahead of the Senate's impeachment trial of former President Donald Trump. For weeks, investigators have been worried about the potential for attacks on soft targets in the nation's capital.

U.S. Capitol Police and agents from the FBI and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives were called to the Republican National Committee's office around 12:45 p.m. on Jan. 6. About 30 minutes

later, as the agents and bomb technicians were still investigating at the RNC, another call came in for a second, similar explosive device found at the Democratic National Committee headquarters nearby.

The two explosive devices were very similar, and both were about a foot long with end caps and wiring that appeared to be attached to a timer, two law enforcement officials familiar with the matter have told The Associated Press. Investigators are still examining the devices and their components to determine the specific compounds inside the pipe bombs, but they both appeared to contain an unknown powder and some metal, the officials said.

The officials could not

discuss an ongoing investigation publicly and spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity.

The FBI released additional photos of the explosive devices on Friday, including a photograph that showed one of the devices placed underneath a bush. Officials have also increased the reward in the case to \$100,000.

Steven D'Antuono, the assistant director in charge of the FBI's office in Washington, said earlier this week that locating the person who planted the pipe bombs was a top priority for federal agents, though officials have only released grainy surveillance camera images of a potential suspect.

STATE BRIEF

Inmates attack 8 staff members in southeast Missouri prison

CHARLESTON, Mo. (AP) — Eight staff members at a southeast Missouri prison were injured earlier this week when inmates beat them, The Missouri Department of Corrections said.

One of the staff members remained hospitalized Friday with a head injury suffered in the attack Tuesday at the Southeast Correctional

Center in Charleston. The other seven received outside medical attention, corrections spokeswoman Karen Pojmann said.

Thirteen inmates who were returning to their housing unit after evening meal attacked the staff and "beat them badly for about 10 minutes," Pojmann said.

It was not clear what led to the attack, KMIZ-TV reported.

The prison was placed on lockdown during the incident and the inmates who were involved were placed in administrative segregation.

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Biden visits wounded soldiers at Walter Reed, where son died

By Alexandra Jaffe and Zeke Miller

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Joe Biden made his first major foray outside the White House on Friday with a visit to Walter Reed National Military Medical Center to meet with wounded soldiers.

Biden met with both active duty and retired service members receiving treatment at the facility, before touring the vaccine distribution center there. "These kids are amazing, and thank God there's not as many people to visit," he said, calling those at the hospital "real heroes."

Biden has a long and personal history with the hospital, which treats thousands of military service members, veterans and their families. His son Beau,

who served as a major in the Delaware Army National Guard, died at Walter Reed in 2015 of brain cancer. Biden said Friday that the hospital took care of Beau "in his final days with great grace and dignity."

Even before Beau's treatment at the hospital in Bethesda, Maryland, just outside Washington, Joe Biden and his wife, Jill, were frequent visitors during his time as vice president, making multiple Christmas Day stops to meet with soldiers there. Jill Biden focused in part on promoting awareness of issues affecting military families during that time, and on Friday, she participated in a virtual event with military-connected students.

At the White House, the first lady tried to encourage military high school students who told her they

want people to know that they serve the country, too. The students participate in a peer support program in which they help other military students settle into a new school.

Jill Biden told the students during the virtual roundtable that both she and the president appreciate the sacrifices they make.

"I don't want you to feel like we don't see you," she said. "We see you and we appreciate every single day all that you're doing and, you know, especially during this pandemic, when acts of kindness are especially so important to other people, other students."

Walter Reed also features a specially outfitted suite for presidents to receive treatment, and President Donald Trump was admitted there for a few days last October to receive treatment



PHOTO BY ALEX BRANDON | AP PHOTO

President Joe Biden tours the COVID-19 vaccine center at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center with Col. Andrew Barr, director of Walter Reed, Friday, Jan. 29, 2021, in Bethesda, Md.

for the coronavirus. It was one of just a few trips to the hospital made by Trump, who broke with predecessor President Barack Obama in terms of visiting troops there. Obama made

nearly two dozen trips to the hospital to meet with wounded soldiers.

Biden's early visit to Walter Reed marks one of his first departures from the gated White House campus. Throughout the transition

and even during the campaign, Biden has pared back his travel and in-person meetings, doing as much work as possible virtually to minimize the risk of spreading the coronavirus.

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EDITORIAL

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The price of fame

It hadn't been a great day. I mean, I guess it had been OK. I woke up on the right side of the topsoil. But I was having a chronic pain flare-up. My arms and legs were swollen and achy. I hadn't gotten much done in the way of chores, and the house was cluttered with clothes, toys, and Christmas decorations I still hadn't gotten back into the boxes. On top of all that, the dog had waited until I had my back turned, put his paws up on the kitchen counter, and ate half a stick of butter, wrapper and all. Then he got sick on the living room floor, necessitating emergency carpet cleanup. I was overtired and grouchy by 3 p.m. So I got the kids a snack and set them up with some screen time. Then I went into retreat mode. Soft comforter and pillows? Check. Electric blanket? Check. Book? Phone? Check and check.

No sooner than I had gotten settled in, I heard a vehicle. Already an uncommon occurrence on our back road; it's news if we get more than two or three passersby per day. Then I heard it stop. Maybe the UPS man? I was expecting a few packages. Usually I meet him at the door, but I was just too tired. I decided to let him leave the package on the step this time.

Knock, knock.

It was not the UPS man.

It was the piano tuner.

I had forgotten that my husband had scheduled him to take a look at our beloved, banged-up instrument, which in all honesty is probably beyond the consolation of repair. It is out of tune, middle E sticks slightly, and it's faintly stained where someone drew with marker on the keys. There is a giant butt print on the bench where someone (inexplicably) sat down while damp. I don't even want to know why they were damp. It sits proudly in our living room, crowned with houseplants, pictures and dust. Also some coasters, Christmas decorations, and "cool" rocks that my kids find in the driveway.

Anyway, I threw off my electric blanket and hobbled out to answer the door. As I opened it, I realized that the top button of my shirt was undone. Not scandalously, mind you, but I suddenly became afraid that my brassiere might be showing. So of course, being the awkward character I am, I tried to say hello while buttoning it.

"Good grief," said my internal monologue. "He's going to think you were just getting dressed!"

If he noticed, he was too nice (or embarrassed) to say anything. I ushered him into the living room, past the stacked Rubbermaid



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totes of Christmas decorations.

"Uh, I guess you're going to need me to take all this stuff off the piano," I said.

Internal monologue: "Of course he is, you dweeb! Why did you even say that?"

I grabbed the pictures off the piano as the piano tuner made pleasant small talk. Then I hurried about the room, surreptitiously pulling down Christmas stockings. The only good news was the adrenaline rush I got from being embarrassed about my house was potent enough to act as a painkiller. I was no longer achy.

After a few minutes I realized I ought to go find the kids. They were in their room, and I didn't want them rushing out only to find a strange man in the house.

"Kids," I called, "Come and say hello to Mr. R. He's here to take a look at our piano."

My children love visitors. "Hello!" said my 6-year-old daughter sweetly.

"Hi!" yelled the 3-year-old cheerfully, at the top of his lungs. "OUR DOG PUKED ON THE FLOOR TODAY!"

My internal monologue said nothing. It could not. It was speechless.

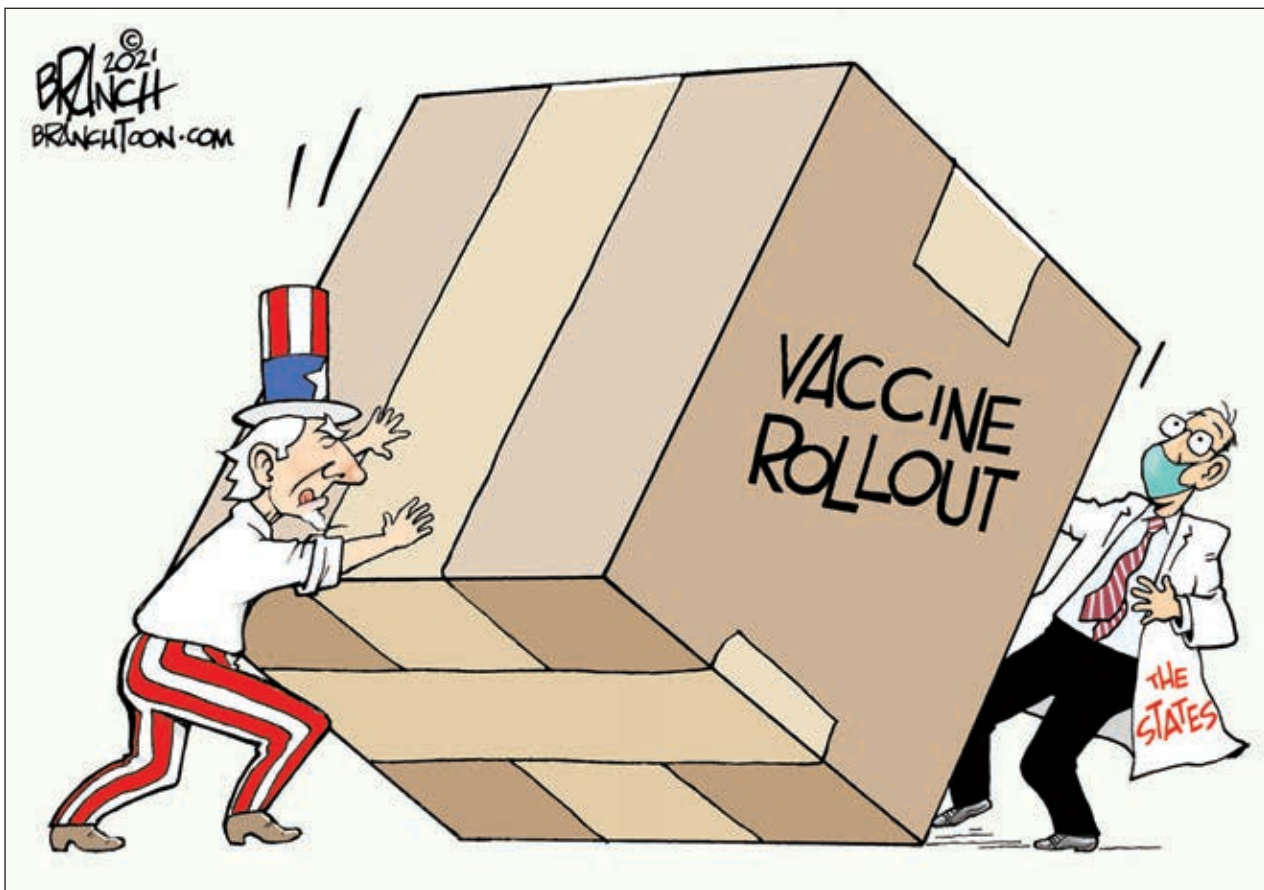
I hustled the kids back to their room and tried my best not to sob while the tuner completed his consultation. The soonest he could come back to get it fixed was March, he said. I wondered if we could schedule him for about a decade later, when my children were no longer so interested in dog vomit. At least he might forget who I was before March.

"Don't you write for the paper?" the tuner asked suddenly. "I recognize your face. I've seen your picture."

Take it from me. The price of fame is too damn high. You start out writing a column and end up remembered as the dog puke mom whose Christmas decorations are still up in late January.

I swear they'll be down by the next time the tuner comes in March. No promises on the Valentine's Day decorations.

Liz Schleicher is a wife, stay-at-home-mother, writer and rare cancer survivor.



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Marking a new kind of New Year's

The news has been so frustrating lately that I find it necessary to focus on lighter things. Why would I want to dwell on the fact that Republican Senators are saying, "Let's just forget about what happened in Washington on Jan. 6! Let's just turn the page! Let's just forget about trying to overturn an election! Let's just go on!" Did they forget about Benghazi? Uh, no. The last hearing on that tragedy was finalized in 2016, four years after it occurred and after the 2016 election. Did they forget about Hillary's emails? Again, no. The final report on that controversy was issued in 2019, seven years after Hillary Clinton was Secretary of State.

But, by all means, let's just forget that the President of the United States: 1) urged people to march to the Capitol; 2) used invective to insist that Mike Pence overturn the election; and then, when the mob descended, seriously injuring 140 police officers and killing five people, and constructing a gallows to lynch Mike Pence, 3) watched the whole thing on television, not finding it necessary to do anything to attempt



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to stop the destruction, even when urged to do so (<http://wapo.st/3qZgklm>), until later in the afternoon.

So on to something cheerier.

Good news! Max got The Vaccine! I stay in the house most of the time, as most of my work can be done online, but Max goes to Court at least once, if not twice, per week, and some of the people in the courtroom, though they are supposedly required to wear masks, do not.

Because she works in a hospital setting, Emily has also had the vaccine – both shots. Though Max has had no unpleasant effects from the vaccine, Emily has not been so lucky. She is experiencing all the bad things we hear about –

chills, fever, aches – but they have been temporary. As her mother, I can now breathe a little more easily.

I am on the list, but I am not sure what that means as far as timing. I hope I will get a call soon. Though I know things will not change immediately, I hope to feel more like myself as I go about my business. It will feel strange to go out more, to walk more freely down the grocery store aisle, to hold choir practice, to go out to dinner, maybe to take a trip, after having been mostly confined for a year. I assume that wearing a mask will be advisable for a while longer, but perhaps this will be the beginning of the end of this pandemic that has changed us all.

Even better, February is upon us – the shortest month of the year! And then comes March and spring. Even as I say that, I realize that this all began last March, when we realized that life would not go on as we had known it, at least not for a while. I remember feeling as if each of those days was a blur that lasted forever, and then all of a sudden, it was fall. Then Thanksgiving. Then Christmas.

None of these days has been normal. I think it is somewhat easier for me to accept the non-normalcy, though, because our lives were going to change anyway. We were preparing to move from our home of 30 years, we were going through our 30-year accumulation of belongings and pitching everything that did not have a serious purpose, we were cutting our living square footage almost in half, and we were, in a sense, starting over.

So we started over.

Most people begin their new years on Jan. 1. I typically begin my new year on my birthday, marking my achieved goals, my failings, my hopes, my dreams, over the year past and the one to come. Now, however, I think I will begin my new year on March 15, when last year, our outlook on life itself was changed by something beyond our control.

Perhaps on March 14, New Year's Eve, I will cook a special dinner and we will have a glass of champagne. We've made it.

Deborah Mitchell is a local attorney.

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We are still a strong community

I sit before a blank piece of paper and think "wow, what a year it's been." We have lost so much and gained so much.

It's difficult to not think about the extreme losses we have all suffered in this year of pandemic. Losses also take into account those who have passed away not due to COVID, such as dear friend and fellow reporter Hope Lecchi, personal losses that only family speak about in hushed voices, and losses of friendships due to differences in opinions.

Being a glass-is-half-full person, most of the time, I believe all of us have gained something this past year, too. Whether it be a new perspective on life in general or one found on a smaller scale. A quarantined-perspective obtained in a world that is slowly turning upside down with COVID-19, civil unrest and political upheaval, a perspective



FAITH BEMISS

Guest Columnist

that makes us question, "is it the end of days?" With all the bad, I believe this past year has led us to circle the wagons, to protect our human connections. It's made us appreciate family, with all its flaws, and made us reflect on slowing down and finding the quiet places to energize our tired techno brains.

As 2020 came to an end, I couldn't even wrap my mind around 2021, and what it will bring. But I pray just like a tapestry, among the dark, cloudy threads there will be light, and color, and a pattern for us to follow.

Humans are resilient and in the face of a virus that keeps evolving, we have learned to evolve and find ways to stay connected, stay together. As a reporter, I have gained strength in writing the stories and thoughts of people in my community this past year. Your stories of keeping the arts alive, of evolving with this pandemic to keep businesses afloat have boosted my spirits and given me an insight into the strength and heart of my community.

Your stories of loss have also caused me to mourn with you. Each day as more death notices and obituaries come in, and as I place each one in the Democrat for publication, I feel the community's loss.

The true life of any community is the stories of its people, their achievements and their pain. Although many may say Sedalia isn't the place it used to be, I, on the other hand, see resilient people

who have preserved through a year no one could prepare for. Much of what we've encountered has been new territory, a learning curve for all. At times we've seen impatience, at times upheaval, but also grace under fire and a reason to continue.

Because of the difficulties faced this past year, I hope I have learned to be more compassionate, more empathic and more considerate of others. And as I move into the new year I hope whatever adversity I meet, I can meet it with grace and strength. As a New Year unfolds before us, as we look into the midst of uncertainty may we all spot a glimmer of hope and hold close the belief that we are not forgotten, all is not lost. We have each other. We are community.

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STATE BRIEF

Kansas City settles lawsuit filed by Black firefighter

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Kansas City will pay a Black firefighter \$250,000 to settle a lawsuit he filed after being passed over for promotions in favor of white colleagues.

The City Council on Thursday approved the settlement for Stephen Seals, a battalion chief in the department. He sued in federal court in 2019, saying white colleagues were chosen over him for promotion to deputy chief several times. In one instance, then-Chief Gary Reese promoted a white firefighter without posting the position.

The lawsuit said Seals was discriminated against because of his age and race, and in retaliation for reporting previous discrimination, The Kansas City Star reported.

Attorney Athena Dickson said Seals plans to continue his firefighting career while helping to make the department a better place to work.

Fire department leaders are working to change the department after The Star published a series last year showing how city and fire officials tolerated racism and sexism in the department for decades.

Two men face federal charges in fatal shooting in St. Louis

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Two men are accused by federal prosecutors of playing roles in the shooting death of a man near Forest Park in St. Louis.

Authorities on Thursday announced the indictments of 25-year-old Cevone Weeden and 35-year-old Herschell Perkins. Weeden faces a fentanyl conspiracy charge and a count of possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime causing death. Perkins is accused of a gun charge.

Prosecutors say 22-year-old Joel Phillips of St. Louis County was shot on Aug. 20. Court documents say Phillips robbed Weeden of fentanyl two days before the shooting.



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Smith-Cotton High School had 18 instrumental music students earn 19 places in West Central Missouri Music Educators All-District honor ensembles this year. Honored were, front row from left: Patience McGinnis, Julianna Sonnik, Madeline Allen, Lennyn De Leon, Alisa Sonnik, Ethan Fones, Savannah Simon, Maria Sheremet and Leyton Burt. Back row: Kylie Neal, Darren Sanchez, Tyler Soendker, Malacki Ehlers, Caleb Ehlers, Isaiah Acosta, Caden Brewington, Wyatt Flandermeyer and Anamaria Magana.

18 S-C musicians earn all-district honors

Smith-Cotton High School had 18 instrumental music students earn 19 places in West Central Missouri Music Educators' All-District honor ensembles this year. They are as follows:

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Second chair: Madeline Allen
Fourth chair: Patience McGinnis
Fifth chair: Julianna Sonnik
11th chair: Caleb Ehlers
13th chair: Savannah Simon

Viola

First chair: Anamaria Magana
Third chair: Darren Sanchez
Fourth chair: Lennyn De Leon

Cello

First chair: Alissa Sonnik
Second chair: Malacki Ehlers
Fourth chair: Kylie Neal
Sixth chair: Isaiah Acosta
Seventh chair: Ethan Fones

All-District Jazz Band

Tenor Sax first chair: Tyler Soendker

Guitar first chair: Leyton Burt All-District Honor Band

Tenor Sax first chair: Tyler Soendker

Trombone first chair: Wyatt Flandermeyer

All-District Honorable Mention Band

Oboe second chair: Caden Brewington

Bassoon first chair: Maria Sheremet

Boost

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mostly the spike protein that coats it. But they require different technologies, raw materials, equipment and expertise to do so.

The two vaccines authorized in the U.S. so far, from Pfizer and Moderna, are made by putting a piece of genetic code called mRNA — the instructions for that spike protein — inside a little ball of fat.

Making small amounts of mRNA in a research lab is easy but "prior to this, nobody made a billion doses or 100 million or even a million doses of mRNA," said Dr. Drew Weissman of the University of Pennsylvania, who helped pioneer mRNA technology.

Scaling up doesn't just mean multiplying ingredients to fit a bigger vat. Creating mRNA involves a chemical reaction between genetic building blocks and enzymes, and Weissman said the enzymes don't work as efficiently in larger volumes.

AstraZeneca's vaccine, already used in Britain and several other countries, and one expected soon from Johnson & Johnson, are made with a cold virus that sneaks the spike protein gene into the body. It's a very different form of manufacturing: living cells in giant bioreactors grow that cold virus, which is extracted and purified.

"If the cells get old or tired or start changing, you might get less," Weissman said. "There's a lot more variability and a lot more things you have to check."

An old-fashioned variety — "inactivated" vaccines like one made by China's Sinovac — require even more steps and stiffer biosecurity because they're made with killed coronavirus.

One thing all vaccines have in common: They must be made under strict rules that require specially inspected facilities and frequent testing of each step, a time-consuming necessity to be confident in the quality of each batch.

WHAT ABOUT THE SUPPLY CHAIN?

Production depends on enough raw materials. Pfizer and Moderna insist they have reliable suppliers.

Even so, a U.S. government spokesman said lo-

gistics experts are working directly with vaccine makers to anticipate and solve any bottlenecks that arise.

Moderna CEO Stéphane Bancel acknowledges that challenges remain.

With shifts running 24/7, if on any given day "there's one raw material missing, we cannot start making products and that capacity will be lost forever because we cannot make it up," he recently told investors.

Pfizer has temporarily slowed deliveries in Europe for several weeks, so it could upgrade its factory in Belgium to handle more production.

And sometimes the batches fall short. AstraZeneca told an outraged European Union that it, too, will deliver fewer doses than originally promised right away. The reason cited: Lower than expected "yields," or output, at some European manufacturing sites.

More than in other industries, when brewing with biological ingredients, "there are things that can go wrong and will go wrong," said Norman Baylor, a former Food and Drug Administration vaccine chief who called yield variability common.

HOW MUCH IS ON THE WAY?

That varies by country. Moderna and Pfizer each are on track to deliver 100 million doses to the U.S. by the end of March and another 100 million in the second quarter of the year. Looking even further ahead, President Joe Biden has announced plans to buy still more over the summer, reaching enough to eventually vaccinate 300 million Americans.

Pfizer CEO Albert Bourla told a Bloomberg conference this week that his company will actually wind up providing 120 million doses by the end of March — not by speedier production but because health workers now are allowed to squeeze an extra dose out of every vial.

But getting six doses instead of five requires using specialized syringes, and there are questions about the global supply. A Health and Human Services spokesman said the U.S. is sending kits that include the special syringes with each Pfizer shipment.

Pfizer also said its factory upgrade in Belgium is short-term pain for longer-



PHOTO BY PAUL SANCYA | POOL VIA AP

In this Sunday, Dec. 20, 2020 file photo, boxes containing the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine are prepared for shipping from the McKesson distribution center in Olive Branch, Miss. Makers of COVID-19 vaccines need everything to go right as they scale up from early-stage production to hundreds of millions of doses — and any little hiccup could cause a delay.

term gain, as the changes will help increase worldwide production to 2 billion doses this year instead of the originally anticipated 1.3 billion.

Moderna likewise recently announced it will be able to supply 600 million doses of vaccine in 2021, up from 500 million, and that it was expanding capacity in hopes of getting to 1 billion.

But possibly the easiest way to get more doses is if other vaccines in the pipeline are proven to work. U.S. data on whether Johnson & Johnson's one-dose shot protects is expected soon, and another company, Novavax, also is in final-stage testing.

OTHER OPTIONS

For months, the chief vaccine companies lined up "contract manufacturers" in the U.S. and Europe to help them crank out doses and then undergo the final bottling steps. Moderna, for example, is working with Switzerland's Lonza.

Beyond rich nations, the Serum Institute of India has a contract to manufacture a billion doses of AstraZeneca's vaccine. It's the world's largest vaccine maker and is expected to be a key supplier for developing countries.

But some homegrown efforts to boost supplies appear hobbled. Two Brazilian research institutes plan to make millions of doses of the AstraZeneca and Sinovac vaccines but have been

set back by unexplained delays in shipments of key ingredients from China.

And Bottazzi said the world simultaneously has to keep up production of vaccines against polio, measles, meningitis and other diseases that still threaten even in the midst of the pandemic.

Penn's Weissman urged patience, saying that as each vaccine maker gets more experience, "I think every month they're going to be making more vaccine than the prior month."

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Save

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"Then, I turned my kayak around and faced away from my girlfriend," he added. "Then the next thing I know she's in the water, I'm not entirely sure how it happened. But then she instantly started drowning."

Arvesen jumped in to save her and found her unresponsive. He began to realize the gravity of the situation and that he

might drown also and he tried to get them both back in the kayaks but they capsized.

"I held on to her with one arm and the kayak with the other and kicked up over to the (10-foot bluff)," he explained. "This whole time she was unresponsive and her motion had seized, however, her eyes were still open."

"I was convinced I was going to die," he continued. "But thankfully those fishermen came just at the right time and saved our lives."

After Schlup and Rasas rescued the couple they were transported to Research Medical Center in Kansas City. Arvesen said when Vandergriff arrived, her core body temperature was 85 and his was 92. Since being hospitalized, both have recovered, returned to college and they and their families have stayed in contact with Schlup and Rasa.

Schulp said Arvesen's mother, Lillian Fennessy, contacted him and thanked them for saving her son and Vandergriff.

"She said, 'I hate to think what could have happened if you guys hadn't got them out,'" Schulp recalled. "Please thank everyone you know that was involved. We are thankful we have our kids back."

He added that both Arvesen and Vandergriff also called and expressed their gratitude.

"The grace of God is what saved them," Rasa added. "If it wasn't for Him putting us there, we didn't see another boat on the lake the whole day."

And we were the only ones in the cove. If we hadn't went back there, it would have been a whole different story."

Both men said the incident has changed their lives also.

"It wasn't about rewards for us," Schlup noted. "We were just there for a reason and it was to save them kids. The Water Patrol told me he said, 'you guys were there by the grace of God, if you hadn't been they would have died.'"

Arvesen added the

near-death experience has changed their lives in many ways — both have found a deeper appreciation for being alive, having all their fingers and toes and being able to walk and talk and function "proficiently."

"I'm able to play guitar with no hindrance whatsoever," he said. "We're both able to speak to each other, we're just very grateful to be here on this planet."

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Tips

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"The real tricky thing I think with Missouri is that we tend to have a lot of temperature swings," he explained. "So we can have one week where we're above freezing and it's great it's like springtime and then the next week it's like living in Antarctica. So the hard thing with pets is that they generally become climatized to change where it happens very and very gradually. The Missouri weather doesn't always help facilitate them becoming climatized."

"People oftentimes develop a false sense of security thinking that their long-haired dog is going to be OK in the sudden cold snap and they're likely to be just as susceptible to having problems as a short-haired dog because their body hasn't had time to start adapting to it," he added.

If a dog has to be left outside for an extended period of time Arndt stressed making sure they have access to insulated, draft-free, appropriately-sized shelter to keep them out of the wind.

Hay or straw is a better alternative for insulation to blankets and cloth materials since those materials can become wet. Having access to water that will not freeze over and plenty of food is also important.

When letting your pet outside for a while, Arndt said it is important to pay attention to the temperature, how the temperature feels for you and how the pet is acting.

"The big thing is look at your dog and see how they're responding to the temperatures and how they're responding to the environment outside," he said. "If they look uncomfortable, they're probably uncomfortable."

While some pets may enjoy the cold weather or snow, Arndt said it is still important to protect them and monitor their time so the pet doesn't overdo it.

"Dogs probably have the cognitive ability of a toddler so they're smart and they will want to do what they want to do," he said. "They don't always have the ability to understand consequences. That's where we as their owners have to step in and we have to protect them from them-

selves. Making sure that the activity that they're doing is appropriate. Making sure that the exposure that they have outside to the environment is appropriate and not putting them in danger."

Winter is also a perfect time to schedule a wellness check for a pet, especially since cold weather can make some things act up.

"You tend to see arthritis bothering animals a lot more," Arndt said. "So upwards of 50% of dogs over 8 years of age have some degree of arthritis. Those changes in temperatures, changes in weather really tend to exacerbate that. So it's always a good idea if you haven't been to the veterinarian in over 12 months to schedule an exam for your pet and just make sure you get them checked out."

If people see an animal in distress and they're concerned, The Humane Society of Missouri recommends they call their local police department or call The Humane Society of Missouri's Animal Cruelty Hotline at 314-647-4400. More tips on cold weather tips can be found at www.hsomo.org.

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Mass vaccination sites seek to inoculate 18,000 in one day

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Nine mass vaccination sites operated by the Missouri National Guard are aiming to inoculate at least 18,000 residents statewide on Friday.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported that the new sites are mostly in small towns such as Sedalia, Cape Girardeau and Troy. State officials expected to vaccinate 2,000 to 2,500 people at each of the nine clinics on Friday, and were planning to set up additional pop-up vaccination sites elsewhere in the state next week.

Dr. Hilary Babcock, an infectious disease specialist at Washington University and BJC HealthCare in St. Louis, called the mass vaccination clinics "important."

"We need to get a lot of vaccine out, in a lot of different ways," Babcock said. Vaccinations have gone slower than expected in Missouri and across the country.

President Joe Biden on Tuesday announced plans to ramp up vaccine distribution to states, promising a roughly 16% increase over the next three weeks.

Earlier this week, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's COVID-19 dashboard showed Missouri with the lowest percentage of residents getting a first vaccine dose. Republican Gov. Mike Parson criticized the data but, that same day, announced he was diverting 25,000 doses away from CVS and Walgreens pharmacies for distribution by hundreds of other state-approved vaccinators.

Missouri's vaccination numbers have since improved. The percentage of residents receiving at least one shot — 4.3% on Tuesday — was at 5.7% on Friday, according to data on the state's COVID-19 website. All told, 350,555 Missourians have received at least one shot and 106,885 have

received the second, according to state data.

All nine regions of the state will host additional vaccination clinics next week, in different locations, said Lisa Cox, spokeswoman for the Department of Health and Senior Services. She said the National Guard sites on Friday targeted rural areas in part because many of the state's large health systems are in urban areas, which have already vaccinated tens of thousands of health care workers.

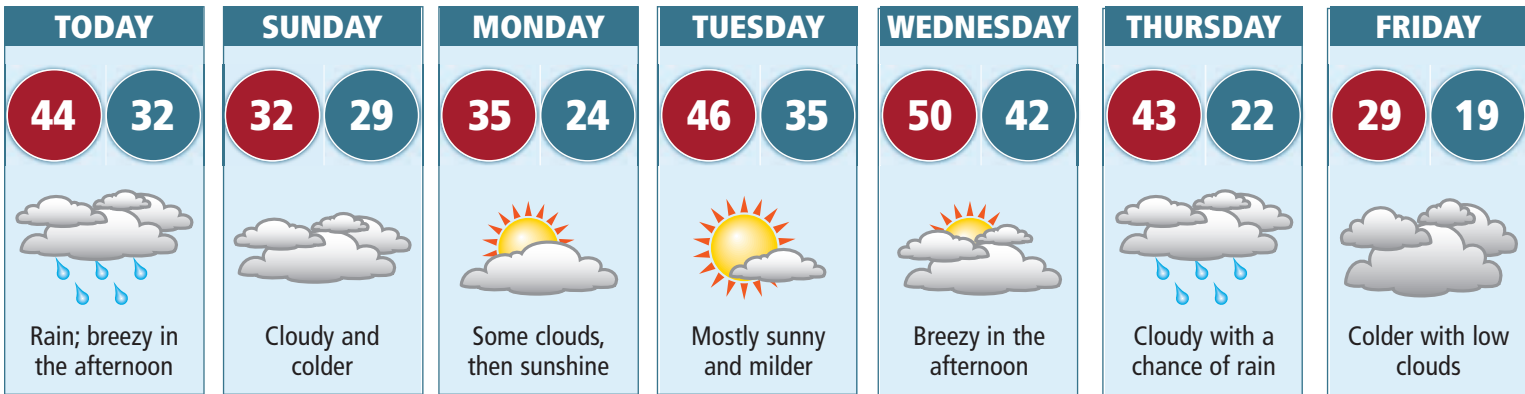
Cape Girardeau County Public Health Center Director Jane Wernsman said appointments were filled for all of the approximate 2,000 vaccinations planned in Cape Girardeau on Friday.

The state reported 1,957 new confirmed coronavirus cases on Friday and 14 more deaths. Missouri has cited 456,530 cases and 6,739 deaths since the onset of the pandemic.

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST



SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	7:20 a.m.
Sunset tonight	5:33 p.m.
Moonrise today	7:47 p.m.
Moonsset today	8:51 a.m.



WEATHER HISTORY

The temperature at La Junta, Colo., rose from 5 degrees on the morning of Jan. 30, 1991, to a high of 50 degrees in the afternoon. Pueblo, Colo., began the day at 2 degrees but rose to 58 degrees.

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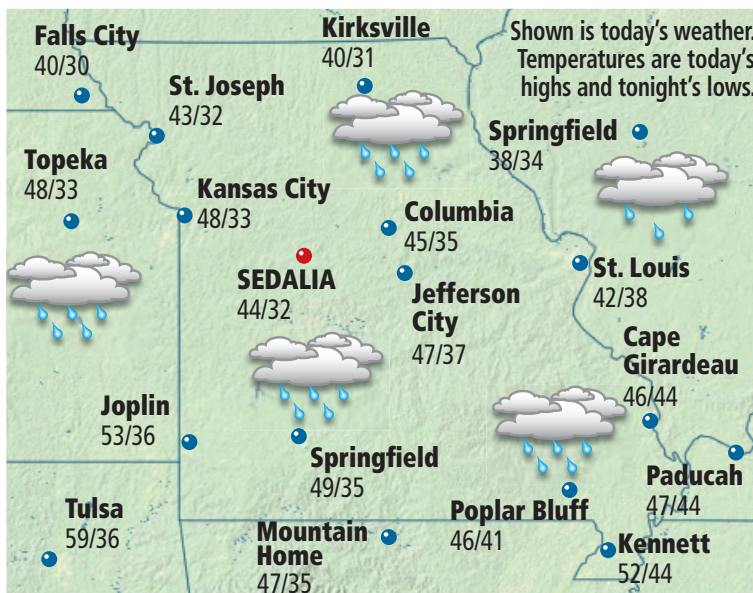
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Low	16
Normal high	39
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Record high	76 in 2013
Record low	-11 in 1948

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HEATING DEGREE DAYS	
Thursday	38
Month to date	852
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Last season to date	2743

RIVER LEVELS				
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Blackwater	Stage	Chg	Fld	Stg
Blue Lick	11.27	-4.77	24	
Valley City	6.19	-1.09	22	
Lamine				
Otterville	2.38	-0.64	15	
Missouri				
Boonville	6.09	-0.47	21	

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BRANSON
High: 48. Low: 33. Periods of rain and a thunderstorm today; breezy during the afternoon. Breezy tonight with low clouds. Low clouds tomorrow.

KANSAS CITY
High: 48. Low: 33. Periods of rain today; breezy in the afternoon. Breezy with rain and drizzle this evening followed by a shower late.

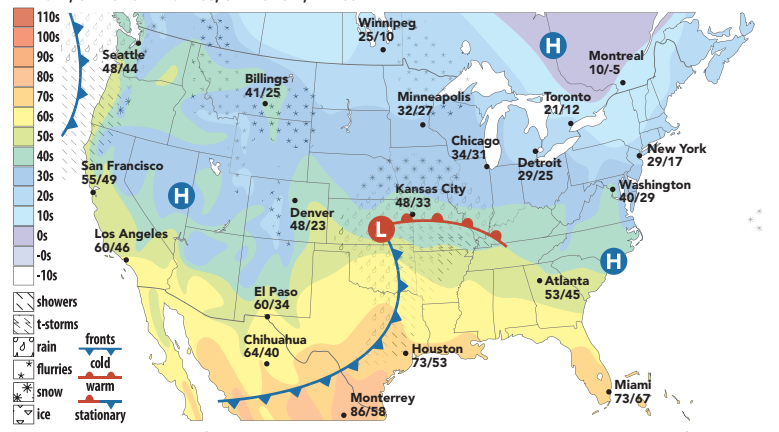
ST. LOUIS
High: 42. Low: 38. Cloudy, becoming breezy this afternoon with rain overspreading the area. Rain tonight. A couple of showers tomorrow.

NEW YORK CITY
High: 29. Low: 17. Cold today with plenty of sunshine. Partly cloudy and cold tonight. Cold tomorrow with increasing cloudiness.

LOS ANGELES
High: 60. Low: 46. Mostly sunny today. Mainly clear tonight. Clouds and sun tomorrow. Monday: mostly cloudy. Tuesday: periods of rain late in the afternoon.

NATIONAL WEATHER

	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sunday Hi/Lo/W		Today Hi/Lo/W	Sunday Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	53/45/pc	63/38/r	Milwaukee	34/31/c	33/24/sn
Baltimore	38/24/s	34/31/sn	Nashville	51/45/c	55/34/c
Billings	41/25/c	46/28/s	New Orleans	72/64/c	70/45/pc
Boston	21/9/s	26/19/s	Norfolk	39/30/s	49/41/r
Buffalo	22/11/c	26/23/c	Oklahoma City	63/33/sh	48/28/pc
Charlotte	47/35/pc	45/36/r	Orlando	71/54/pc	76/58/pc
Chicago	34/31/c	34/28/sn	Phoenix	62/44/pc	71/50/pc
Cleveland	31/27/pc	35/29/sn	Pittsburgh	31/25/pc	32/30/sn
Dallas	72/44/pc	56/36/s	Portland, ME	20/6/s	28/14/s
Denver	48/23/pc	48/24/s	Portland, OR	49/46/sh	52/46/r
Detroit	29/25/pc	31/23/sn	Sacramento	56/44/c	61/48/pc
Honolulu	82/71/s	81/70/pc	St. Louis	42/38/r	39/30/sh
Houston	73/53/c	67/43/s	San Francisco	55/49/c	59/50/pc
Indianapolis	37/33/sn	38/26/sn	Seattle	48/44/sh	50/44/r
Las Vegas	53/37/s	56/44/s	Washington, DC	40/29/s	35/33/sn



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Bluebloods feeling black and blue as hoops hits homestretch

By **Dave Skretta**

AP Basketball Writer

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — Bill Self had never found himself in this position in nearly two decades as the head coach at Kansas.

Sure, there have been teams that have struggled to assimilate new players. Teams with deficiencies on offense or defense. He's had teams that flamed out the first weekend of the NCAA Tournament, despite having one-and-done prodigies on the roster.

But this is different. Entering the final week of January, the Jayhawks are staring at a stretch run in which they could be a nonfactor in the Big 12 race — the byproduct of both a brilliant rival in No. 2 Baylor and their own shortcomings.

"We're trying to gear ourselves up to have a storybook or a very happy end to our season and you can't do that unless you play well in the postseason," Self said. "The only thing that's changed is the disappointment being midway through your league play, you're already significantly behind your league leader, and they're probably not going to lose much, if any."

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PHOTO BY ALEX AGUEROS | DEMOCRAT

Tipton senior Conner Wolf goes up with the ball Friday during a Kaysinger Conference Tournament play-in game against La Monte at Sacred Heart School in Sedalia.

Tipton boys, Green Ridge girls advance in Kaysinger play-ins

By **Alex Agueros**

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Look out for the No. 7 seed.

After a close contest through two periods, Tipton dismantled La Monte in the second half of a 71-38 victory Friday in the Kaysinger Conference Tournament at Sacred Heart School in Sedalia.

Tipton senior Conner Wolf scored a game-high 34 points, including 17 points in the third period, when the Cardinals outscored the Vikings 26-7.

Cardinals boy's basketball head coach Mike Beeman said the team was not defending well enough to

pull away in the first half.

"They beat us to every loose ball, every rebound," Beeman said. "Honestly that's kind of what happens when you're not playing hard, not hustling, doing the right things, teams make shots."

La Monte junior Brett Green gave the Vikings a 16-14 edge with a 3-pointer at 6:42 in the second quarter. Wolf used an inside move to tie the game on the ensuing possession.

Vikings freshman Tyler Weber knotted the game at 19 via 3-pointer with 3:43 remaining in the first half. Weber paced La Monte with 10 points, followed by

junior Logan Mahin with nine.

The Cardinals allowed just seven points in the third quarter to lead 58-32 entering the final period. Tipton freshman Jackson Bailey followed Wolf with 14 points, landing two of the Cards' five 3-pointers.

Tipton (12-7) plays Lincoln 2 p.m. Saturday in Stover. The Cardinals are two years removed from winning the conference tournament and finished third last season.

Beeman said the Cardinals should be motivated by a high seed and a long road to the final.

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In this Saturday, Feb. 8, 2020, file photo, Kansas head coach Bill Self looks on as Kansas plays TCU during the second half of an NCAA college basketball game in Fort Worth, Texas.



PHOTO BY CHARLIE RIEDEL | AP PHOTO

Kansas City Chiefs running back Clyde Edwards-Helaire runs onto the field before the AFC championship NFL football game against the Buffalo Bills Sunday, Jan. 24, 2021, in Kansas City, Mo.

Defending champion Chiefs building dynasty around core group

By **Dave Skretta**

AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — It was never much of a surprise that the Kansas City Chiefs eventually would sign Patrick Mahomes to the largest contract in NFL history. Especially so after the brilliant young quarterback had just led the franchise to its first title in 50 years.

What did surprise some people? That Mahomes left some money on the table.

You see, the Chiefs found themselves in salary cap purgatory after beating the San Francisco 49ers in the Super Bowl last February. Along with signing their quarterback, general

manager Brett Veach knew tight end Travis Kelce was due a salary bump, and that defensive tackle Chris Jones was going to walk in free agency if he didn't get a long-term deal.

So yes, Mahomes signed a 10-year contract that could pay him a half-billion dollars by the end of it. But he also was willing to give up some cash — and structure it in such a way — that the Chiefs could keep their entire core under contract.

"Veach and his team, it's remarkable how they were able to manipulate the contract situation to keep this team together," Jones said this week, "especially when Pat texted me that he

left money on the table. That baffled me. How the hell do you leave money on the table when you have a half-billion dollar contract? But somehow they figured it out."

Kelce got his bump with a four-year, \$57.25 million deal. Jones got his four-year, \$85 million deal. The Chiefs fortified the rest of the roster with draft picks and wise, inexpensive free-agent acquisitions. And they began the defense of their Super Bowl championship largely with the same group of players that had won it.

That turned out to be especially helpful when COVID-19 wiped out most of the offseason.

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NFL's revenue dip in pandemic significant, but not crippling

By **Schuyler Dixon**

AP Pro Football Writer

New York Giants co-owner John Mara could have been speaking for all in the tight-lipped world of NFL finances by saying his club's pandemic-induced losses in revenue have been substantial but not crippling.

The biggest positive in this season of COVID-19 might not be measurable: the value of finishing on time in Tampa with the Super Bowl between Tampa Bay and Kansas City on Feb. 7.

"They got all the games in," said Marc Ganis, co-founder of Chicago-based consulting group SportsCorp and a confidant of many NFL owners. "They got 'em all in on time, within the 17-week window. That's enormous."

"We're not taking it for granted, but the effort that was necessary by tens of thousands of people, family members, to make that happen, the sacrifices that were necessary, the union stepping up together with the league, that's an incredible accomplishment done without bubbles."

The biggest negative, said Ganis, was revenues on the lower end of what was hoped since the majority of stadiums either didn't have fans at all or just a few thousand at most.

In keeping with a previous estimate that revenues could be down by at least \$100 million for each of the 32 teams, Ganis says the league missed out on \$3 billion to \$4 billion while playing in the pandemic. But Mara says the losses are manageable.

"It was a huge financial hit for us this year, no question about it," Mara said. "But it's not going to affect our ability to be active in free agency or to do what we have to do to improve the team. Hopefully this is a one-year thing and we'll be able to have fans back in the building next season."

It remains to be seen whether a legacy of cooperation will last between owners and the union after essentially negotiating two collective bargaining agreements in a matter of months.

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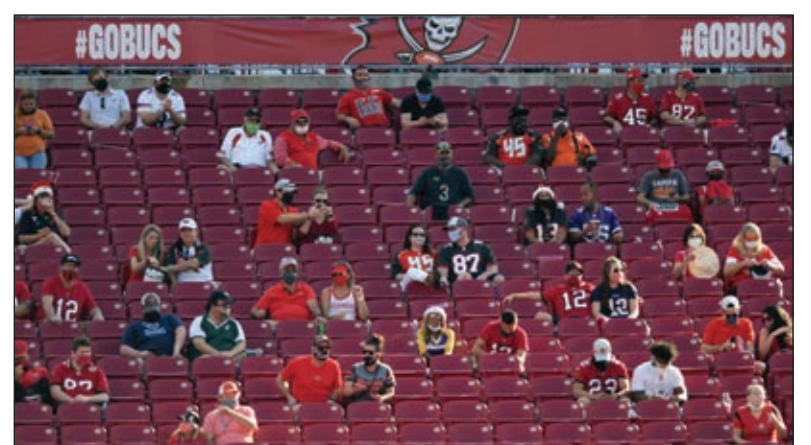


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In this Dec. 13, 2020, file photo, socially distanced fans watch the second half of an NFL football game between the Minnesota Vikings and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in Tampa, Fla.

Why some people don't always catch fish



Fishing season is close at hand.

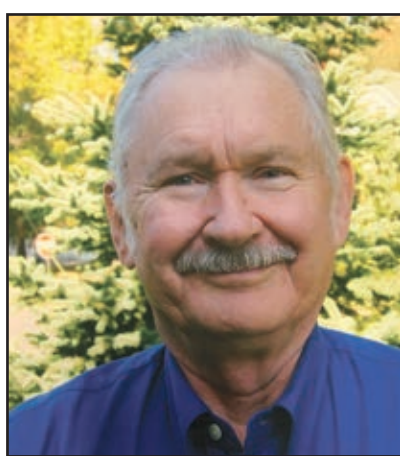
Among other more pleasant things, the season's arrival will bring with it endless questions about how many fish you and I caught on our last outing. That's a pretty personal question, if you ask me, and not just when the questioner is a Conservation Agent. Nevertheless, we can count on being queried by nonanglers. We can also bet that most of those questions will include the implication that no real angler would come home short of a limit.

It goes without saying that you and I do catch our limits every time out. However, some of our brother and sister anglers do not. These less fortunate — I would never say less gifted — anglers need to have ready answers for their detractors. As always, I stand ready to offer my assistance.

Very few people — including experienced anglers—are aware of this fact, but fishing rods wear out. I'm not referring to broken tips, line-scarred guides and chipped reel seats. Any of these conditions requires immediate attention to be sure, but all are fixable.

A rod isn't truly worn out until it loses its ability to attract fish. This condition, unfortunately, is not repairable. Moreover, a rod can wear out at any time. There are 30 year-old rods in my rack that catch fish as well as they did when they were new. I've also owned rods that lost their zip in a season or less. Sometimes a rod slowly fails over a period of time, but some rods go from powerhouses to duds in an instant. When that happens in the middle of a fishing trip, even you or I might come home smelling more like Crappie Nibbles than crappie.

Or at least we might if we didn't have at least five pre-rigged outfits lying within easy reach. That's only



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a temporary solution, of course. The only long term solution is to buy a new rod. Being forced to replace a rod isn't all bad, of course, because it makes a perfectly sound reason to purchase a new reel and possibly a new kind of line as well.

For questioners who think they're too scientifically minded to accept the rod failure excuse, the Solunar Tables provide an excellent foil. For the benefit of those of you who don't already know, Solunar is a compound word formed by joining Sol (sun) and lunar (nincompoo).

Believers in the Solunar Tables can explain poor results by noting that circumstances beyond their control forced them to go fishing when the table said to stay home. Or they explain that other Solunarites were camped out on all the best spots, waiting for the moon to appear either directly overhead or directly beneath their boats. Sadly, many believers in these tables drown while trying to locate the moon in the latter position.

So-called "fishing boats" aren't just a hole in the water into which you pour money; they're also an excellent source of all-too valid reasons your last fishing trip didn't include as much catching as you had

intended. Some boat owners are lucky enough to own leaky boats, balky outboard motors or both. Mine's disgustingly dependable. In fact, I've had to resort to running out of both fuel and battery power to shorten otherwise productive outings. But you can take my word that had we not suffered the aforementioned disaster, my partner and I would have caught our limits.

As a last resort you can employ the factor of "too." Water is always too high, too low, too clear, too murky, too warm or too cold for good fishing. The weather is always too hot, too cold, too windy or too calm. Last but not least, no matter how hard you try, you're always going to be either too early or too late.

So what's the answer? Always tell anyone who asks that you caught your limit and that they were all nice fish. As for me, I use a sliding scale which defines the term "daily limit" as the number of fish I caught on that particular day. There are days when my limit includes fish that had to be released to keep me within the legal limit. There are also days when my limit is one fish or even no fish at all. It doesn't matter, because I still caught my limit.

By the same token, how could a fish that was decent enough to bite my lure and stubborn enough to stay hooked until I get it into the boat not be a nice fish? I'm certainly not going to hold a fish I just caught up in front of my face, look it in the eye and say "Bad fish!" before spanking its finny little backside and tossing it overboard.

I know people — one person actually — who thinks my sliding scales are a form of lying. Well maybe it is and maybe it isn't. It doesn't do any harm, because nobody believes anything a fisherman says anyway.

Catch-and-keep trout fishing begins Feb. 1 at Liberty Park

By The Missouri Department of Conservation

Anglers can catch and keep rainbow trout at Sedalia's Liberty Park Pond starting Monday, Feb. 1. The Missouri Department of Conservation stocked rainbow trout last autumn. Anglers fished for them on a catch-and-release basis. But starting Feb. 1, anglers with proper permits can keep up to four trout.

Also on Feb. 1, anglers may begin using scented lures and natural baits. Though fly fishing and spin fishing remain options.

MDC stocked the trout in partnership with the Sedalia Parks and Recreation Department. Trout are not native to Missouri, although MDC has stocked them in some spring-fed streams in the Ozarks. But the pond water cools enough in winter to support them. MDC's winter trout program gives anglers a chance to catch trout a short drive from home.

All Missouri residents over age 15 and under 65 must have a valid fishing permit, and all non-residents over age 15 must have a Missouri fishing permit. Anglers keeping fish must have a Missouri Trout Permit.

Information about fishing at Liberty Park Pond is available by calling MDC's Sedalia Office, 660-530-5500. For more information on winter trout fishing throughout Missouri, visit <https://short.mdc.mo.gov/ZoH>.

MDC to reopen Runge Nature Center and HQ in Jefferson City Feb. 1

JEFFERSON CITY — The Missouri Department of Conservation announces it will reopen its Runge Conservation Nature Center and Conservation Commission Headquarters in Jefferson City to the public starting Feb. 1. County-level reductions in COVID-19 cases have allowed for the reopenings. Masks or other appropriate face coverings and social distancing will be required when in buildings at both locations.

Runge Nature Center is located at 330 Commerce Drive in Jefferson City and provides visitors educational and interpretive opportunities to view, learn about, and appreciate the variety of habitats found in Missouri. Five hiking trails, including two wood-chipped and three hard surface trails, totaling 2.4 miles, loop through woodlands, prairies, glades, and next to ponds and a beautiful wet-weather stream. Runge Nature Center offers public programs, nature exhibits with live animals, a large fish aquarium, a wildlife viewing area, and gift shop.

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HOROSCOPES

By Jacqueline Bigar

A baby born today has a Sun in Aquarius and a Moon in Leo until 2:02 a.m., when the Moon enters Virgo.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Jan. 30, 2021:

Commanding, astute and socially conscious, you were born to lead. Persuasive in your work, this year you become more transparent, and make a fortune. Your creative intelligence is the best in your field. If single, trust is key, and you come through for a special someone beginning in June. If attached, keep your cards less close to your chest; you and your partner will experience bliss. AQUARIUS thinks you're an idealist.

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)

★★ Your birth sign has a unique association with the head. Headaches induced by stress or diet can be a real health concern. Take precautions. Today is one of those days. Tonight: Take it easy and be good to yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Your attachments are deep and lasting. Learning to let go of a relationship that has become addictive or outlived its usefulness is a must. Often you will manage the finances when involved in a close relationship. Tonight: Letting go of a toxic friendship.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Today finds you reviewing the past. Memories are poignant. Focus your attention on the happy times and enjoy old photos or other keepsakes that make you smile. Clear up clutter around your home and feel so much lighter. Tonight: A sense of relief.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Your eloquence allows you to resolve old misunderstandings. Speaking and writing are truly inspired. You've been accused of being tactless, but you won't be today. If you've wanted to write for publication, now is the time to make the dream a reality. Tonight: Writing.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ There is something of a gambler in you. Don't let risks or false optimism get you into difficulty today. A project or your creative gifts can generate extra income. The entertainment and recreation industries are profitable. Tonight: Contemplating a higher standard of living.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ A reputation as the zodiac's worrier and worker can make Virgos complain that their birth sign isn't too exciting. Today brings you the opportunity to display just how warm and talented you really are. Tonight: You express a zest for life.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★ Others find it hard to relate to your inner fantasy life today. Communicate about important issues, but don't try to convert others to your way of thinking. Dreams have interesting symbolism regarding your own needs. Tonight: Keep a positive state of mind.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Today finds you brimming with ideas. An old problem is solved, and you gain a deep understanding of a new subject or task. Concentrate; you will discover new mental potentials you did not know you had. Tonight: In amazement.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You will be more visible today. Welcome opportunities to speak in public or assume new responsibility for the future. Listen to ideas proposed by others, but do not be coerced against your better judgment by aggressive types. Tonight: Keep good company.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Today your intellectual horizons widen through exposure to studies, publications or other learning experiences. An email or call from afar suggests a worthwhile idea. Entries made in your journal will prove valuable when reviewed in the future. Tonight: Welcome opportunity.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★ You enjoy learning and are something of a perpetual student. Today might bring some frustration regarding educational plans. Be patient and receptive to changes. Temporarily, at least, it might be best to abandon formal education for self-teaching. Tonight: Relax.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ The health and wealth of those you are closest to will improve today. Partnerships are entering a more nurturing phase for you. And you will become even more focused on helping those you love. Tonight: The long-term implications of commitments will be in your thoughts.

BORN TODAY

Actor Gene Hackman (1930), actress Vanessa Redgrave (1937), actress Olivia Colman (1974)



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Missouri's Kobe Brown, right, is fouled by South Carolina's T.J. Moss, center, as Keyshawn Bryant watches during the second half of an NCAA college basketball game Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2021, in Columbia, Mo. Missouri won 81-70.

Big 12/SEC Challenge highlights play this upcoming weekend

By Pete Iacobelli

AP Sports Writer

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP)

— A look at the weekend action around the Southeastern Conference:

GAME OF THE WEEKEND

Much of the conference is participating in the Big 12/SEC Challenge this weekend, that features 10 games between the leagues. The featured contest is No. 9 Alabama at No. 24 Oklahoma, one of two showdowns between ranked teams in the challenge. The Crimson Tide, at 9-0 in SEC play, have a three-game lead on second place teams LSU and Florida. Alabama, which hasn't been ranked this high since 2006-07, cemented its hold on the top with an 70-59 win over Kentucky earlier this week and will get the chance to show the country its talent against an Oklahoma game that's won four straight. Alabama is led by John Petty, who is averaging 13.9 points a game this season. The other matchup of ranked teams is 15th-ranked Kansas at No. 18 Tennessee. No. 2 Baylor will host Auburn as part of the challenge. It's the eighth annual challenge and over the last four years, each league has won 20 games.

SEC vs. SEC

There are four SEC teams not

playing Big 12 teams this week with Ole Miss at Georgia and South Carolina at Vanderbilt playing Saturday.

PLAYER TO WATCH

Keyshawn Bryant, G, South Carolina: The Gamecocks junior swingman is having himself a time since returning from the team's two COVID-19 pauses since early December. Bryant is averaging 22 points and seven rebounds over his past four games. He had his first double-double of the season with 19 points and 10 rebounds in South Carolina's 83-59 victory over Georgia this past Wednesday. That game didn't start off so great for Bryant, who early on blew an open dunk attempt. Bryant, asked his thoughts after the miss, said, "Don't make contact with Frank" Martin, South Carolina's coach.

INSIDE THE NUMBERS

Arkansas held Mississippi to 1-of-16 shooting on 3-pointers in a 74-59 victory, its third in a row, this week. The Razorbacks came in seventh in the league in three-point defense. ... Florida kept up its hot shooting, connecting on 52% in a 78-71 win over Vanderbilt where all five starters for the Gators reached double figures. It's the third straight game Florida has shot 49% or better and its third straight victory. ... Tennes-

see took control near the basket, making 12 of 20 dunks or layups to outlast Mississippi State, 56-53, this past Tuesday. ... Kentucky continued its slide this season, losing for the fourth time in last five games with its 70-59 defeat to Alabama. The Wildcats are next-to-last in SEC offense at 67 points per game and dead last in league shooting. Sharife Cooper lifted Auburn to an 88-82 victory over 12th-ranked Missouri with 28 points, eight rebounds and seven assists. Auburn hadn't beaten a team ranked that high in nearly two years since an 84-80 victory over then-fifth-ranked Tennessee in 2019.

ON THE WOMEN'S SIDE

The weekend action for the women's teams is highlighted by a Top 25 matchup: No. 22 Georgia at No. 8 Texas A&M. For the Lady Bulldogs, its their fourth time in the last six games they've faced a ranked opponent — and so far, so good. Georgia prevailed in close games with No. 20 Tennessee, 67-66, on Jan. 14 and with No. 19 Arkansas, 75-73, this past Monday night. Senior Jenna Staiti leads the Lady Bulldogs with 14.7 points and 7.9 rebounds. The Aggies are the SEC's second-best shooting team at 48.3% and second in the league in average margin of victory.

AP source: Cardinals to acquire Arenado from Rockies

By Ronald Blum

AP Baseball Writer

The St. Louis Cardinals have agreed to acquire All-Star third baseman Nolan Arenado from the Colorado Rockies in a trade needing approvals before it can be finalized, a person familiar with the swap tells The Associated Press.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity Friday night because the trade had not yet been finalized.

Arenado, an eight-time Gold Glove winner, signed a \$260 million, eight-year deal with Colorado in February 2019 and is owed \$199 million for the six re-

maining seasons.

Colorado would pay St. Louis a large amount of cash as part of the trade, the person said, and Major League Baseball must approve a cash transaction of more than \$1 million.

Arenado's contract has a no-trade provision that requires his approval for any assignment.

He may restructure his contract as part of a trade, the person said, which could require approval of the players' association.

The 29-year-old Arenado has hit .293 with an .890 OPS over eight seasons, averaging 35 home runs and 114 RBIs per 162 games. Aided in

part by hitter-friendly Coors Field, he's led the National League in home runs three times and led the majors in RBIs twice.

The Cardinals finished second in the NL Central last season and lost a first-round playoff matchup against the San Diego Padres. Arenado will bump Matt Carpenter out of his role as the starting third baseman and play in an infield with All-Stars Paul DeJong at shortstop and Paul Goldschmidt at first base.

Arenado slumped during the pandemic-shortened 2020 season, hitting .253 with eight home runs and a .738 OPS over 48 games. He

earned \$12,962,963 in prorated pay.

Colorado general manager Jeff Bridich acknowledged last offseason that he was listening to trade offers on the five-time All-Star, and Arenado said in February of 2020 that "there's a lot of disrespect around there" and "there is no relationship anymore" between him and Bridich.

Arenado's contract called for salaries of \$35 million annually from 2021-24, \$32 million in 2025 and \$27 million in 2026. His deal included a provision allowing him to opt out after the 2021 season to become a free agent.



Defense could be decisive in Super Bowl of dynamic offenses

By Barry Wilner

AP Pro Football Writer

Suggesting that defense could decide this Super Bowl might seem like heresy.

With Patrick Mahomes and the explosive Kansas City offense on one side, Tom Brady and Tampa Bay's resourceful attack on the other, expecting either D to be dominant or dangerous or definitive appears like folly.

Read on, though.

WHEN THE CHIEFS HAVE THE BALL

Having clearly established itself as a force whether Mahomes is throwing to All-Pro Travis Kelce and Tyreek Hill, an impressive group of other targets, or handing off to Clyde Edwards-Helaire — not to mention, the quarterback taking off himself — Kansas City excels at scoring quickly. And often.

So where would Tampa Bay have any chance of defending the speed demons and shifty targets?

For one, the Bucs have the league's best linebacker corps: sack master Shaq Barrett, run stuffer Lavonte David, all-around standout Devin White. They are capable of at least giving Kelce, the sport's best tight end, some trouble.

The Bucs showed how strong their pass rush can be in last week's NFC championship victory over Green Bay. They sacked Aaron Rodgers five times, bothered him a slew more, and that was operating against a solid offensive line.

Mahomes has similar escapability to Rodgers, and is far more of a threat to flat out run the ball himself. Keeping him in the pocket and pressured is a key, and the Chiefs will be without starting left tackle Eric Fisher (Achilles tendon). Barrett, edge rusher Jason Pierre-Paul and inside presence Ndamukong Suh must be controlled by Kansas City.

With a strong pass rush, the



Buffalo Bills quarterback Josh Allen is sacked by Kansas City Chiefs safety L'Jarius Sneed (38) and teammates during the first half of the NFL AFC championship football game, Sunday, Jan. 24, 2021, in Kansas City, Mo.

Bucs can protect a secondary that makes big plays, but also can give them up. If safeties Antoine Winfield Jr., a rookie, and Jordan Whitehead can't go or are limited by injuries, that could spell trouble, and Chiefs touchdowns.

Carlton Davis, Jamel Dean and Sean Murphy-Bunting are the key cornerbacks trying to slow the KC express. No one on the Tampa defense can match the speed of Hill or Mecole Hardman.

WHEN THE BUCCANEERS HAVE THE BALL

If Tampa Bay is on offense in the final minutes in a tight game, it's surely time for the Chiefs to worry.

There are only two ways to beat a Brady team in a Super Bowl. One is to outscore it in a shootout, as the Eagles did three years ago. The other is to mount consistent pressure up the middle and from the outside to make him throw before he wants to or can get set. Remember,

Brady was intercepted on three consecutive series in the NFC championship.

The onus for protecting him falls on a solid O-line featuring left guard Ali Marpet and rookie right tackle Tristan Wirfs. They must deal with Kansas City DT Chris Jones and DE Frank Clark, plus an assortment of linebackers and defensive backs coming after their quarterback on blitzes.

Brady won't be running around to extend plays the way Mahomes can, but he also will be getting the ball out of his hand quickly and, at times, reading the Chiefs' coverage before they even show it.

In Mike Evans, Chris Godwin and Scotty Miller, plus tight ends Rob Gronkowski and Cameron Brate, Brady has receivers he is comfortable with. While the Chiefs are exceptional at safety with All-Pro Tyrann Mathieu and Daniel Sorensen, cornerbacks Charvarius Ward, L'Jarius Sneed, Bashaud Breeland and Rashad

Fenton aren't at that level.

SPECIAL TEAMS

The Bucs settled on Jaydon Mickens as the punt returner after several changes, mainly because of injuries. Signing Ryan Succop has been their best off-season decision and he has been reliable on field goals, though he missed five extra points. Punter Bradley Pinion has a strong leg, but punt coverage has been problematic in the postseason.

Punt units have been a bit of an issue for KC. Hardman's muff against Buffalo was the latest in a string of questionable decisions. But he also had a return touchdown this season.

Harrison Butker, like Succop, is dynamic on field goals, less dependable on extra points. Rookie punter Tommy Townsend has done a solid job.

COACHING

Two 60-somethings who have defied the trend to hire young coaches, many of whom are in their first go-arounds as the top

guy. Andy Reid and Bruce Arians, both offensive masterminds who have contributed deeply to the fabric of pro football in the 2000s, are play-to-win types rather than the play-not-to-lose coaches who, inevitably, wind up losing.

Reid's Chiefs have the most innovative attack the NFL has seen since perhaps the Rams' Greatest Show on Turf. Credit OC Eric Bieniemy for some of that, but Reid always has tested the limits. DC Steve Spagnuolo is equally as aggressive, and his best teams always bring a potent pass rush. Ask Brady about how his 2007 unbeaten Patriots were manhandled by Spags' D in the Super Bowl.

Arians leaves the defense to coordinator Todd Bowles, and that arrangement has especially been effective the last two months. Brady has become more comfortable with the offensive schemes and OC Byron Leftwich, with many of the QB's favorite plays incorporated in game plans.

INTANGIBLES

Kansas City seeks to become the first repeat champion since New England (led by Brady) in the 2003 and 2004 seasons. Reid would solidify his already likely Hall of Fame credentials with a victory. Bieniemy would further display why he deserves a head coaching job.

Brady, of course, goes after a seventh ring in his 10th Super Bowl. He has already proven how overwhelmingly responsible he was for the Patriots' dominance, but that actually drives him even harder to equal such achievements with his new team.

Oh yeah, there's this: The Super Bowl is being played on the Buccaneers' home field, a first in this 55th edition of the game. The stadium won't be filled to anything near capacity, but familiar surroundings certainly can't hurt.

AP Sports Writers Fred Goodall and Dave Skretta contributed.



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SPORTS CALENDAR

Saturday
ON TAP
HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL
 2 p.m. No. 5 Sacred Heart at No. 4 Northwest (at Cole Camp)
 Tipton OR La Monte at No. 2 Lincoln (at Stover)
 6 p.m. Stover OR Cole Camp at No. 1 Smithton (at Stover OR Cole Camp)
 Windsor OR Green Ridge at No. 3 Otterville (at Stover OR Cole Camp)
HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL
 Noon Green Ridge OR Sacred Heart at No. 1 Tipton (at Cole Camp)
 La Monte OR Lincoln at No. 2 Otterville (at Stover)
 4 p.m. Northwest OR Windsor at No. 3 Stover (at Stover)
 No. 5 Smithton at No. 4 Cole Camp (at Cole Camp)
HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING
 8 a.m. Smith-Cotton at CMAC Tournament
COLLEGE MENS BASKETBALL
 3 p.m. Northwest Missouri at Central Missouri
COLLEGE WOMENS BASKETBALL
 1 p.m. Northwest Missouri at Central Missouri
ON AIR
AUTO RACING
 2:30 p.m. NBC — IMSA Sports-Car Championship: The Rolex 24, Daytona International Speedway, Daytona Beach, Fla.
 3:30 p.m. NBCSN — IMSA SportsCar Championship: The Rolex 24, Daytona International Speedway, Daytona Beach, Fla.
 7 p.m. NBCSN — AMA Supercross: FIM World Championship, Indianapolis
 10 p.m. NBCSN — IMSA Sports-Car Championship: The Rolex 24, Daytona International Speedway, Daytona Beach, Fla.
 5 a.m. (Sunday)
 NBCSN — IMSA SportsCar Championship: The Rolex 24, Daytona International Speedway, Daytona Beach, Fla.
BOXING
 5 p.m. FS1 — PBC Fight Night: Rances Barthelemy vs. All Rivera (Welterweights), Los Angeles
 7 p.m. FOX — PBC Fight Night: Caleb Plant Vs. Caleb Truax (Super-Middleweights), Los Angeles
COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)
 11 a.m. ESPN — SEC/Big 12 Challenge: Alabama at Oklahoma
 ESPN2 — Clemson at Duke
 ESPNU — SEC/Big 12 Challenge: Texas A&M At Kansas State
 Noon CBS — Providence at Georgetown
 NBCSN — La Salle at Virginia Commonwealth
 1 p.m. ACCN — Miami at Wake Forest
 CBSSN — George Mason at St. Bonaventure
 ESPN — SEC/Big 12 Challenge: Florida at West Virginia
 ESPN2 — SEC/Big 12 Challenge: Texas Tech at Louisiana State
 ESPNU — SEC/Big 12 Challenge: Texas Christian at Missouri
 1:30 p.m. PAC-12N — Utah at Colorado
 2 p.m. BTN — Wisconsin at Penn State
 FOX — Villanova At Seton Hall
 3 p.m. ACCN — Florida State at Georgia Tech
 CBSSN — Rhode Island at Dayton
 ESPN — SEC/Big 12 Challenge: Auburn at Baylor
 ESPN2 — SEC/Big 12 Challenge: Arkansas at Oklahoma State
 ESPNU — Central Florida at Wichita State
 4 p.m. PAC-12N — California at Arizona
 4:30 p.m. FS1 — Xavier at Butler
 5 p.m. ACCN — Virginia at Virginia Tech
 CBSSN — Pacific at Brigham Young
 ESPN — SEC/Big 12 Challenge: Kansas at Tennessee
 ESPN2 — SEC/Big 12 Challenge: Iowa State at Mississippi State
 ESPNU — Coastal Carolina at Georgia Southern
 SECN — Mississippi at Georgia
 6 p.m. PAC-12N — Oregon State at UCLA
 6:30 p.m. BTN — Minnesota at Purdue
 7 p.m. ACCN — Notre Dame at Pittsburgh
 CBSSN — Creighton at DePaul

ESPN — SEC/Big 12 Challenge: Texas at Kentucky
 ESPN2 — Gonzaga at Pepperdine
 ESPNU — Robert Morris at Wright State
 7:30 p.m. SECN — South Carolina at Vanderbilt
 9 p.m. CBSSN — Wyoming at San Diego State
 ESPN2 — Stanford at Arizona State
COLLEGE BASKETBALL (WOMEN'S)
 1 p.m. FS1 — Georgetown at Creighton
COLLEGE FOOTBALL
 1:30 p.m. NFLN — Senior Bowl: National Team vs. American Team, Mobile, Ala.
COLLEGE GYMNASTICS (WOMEN'S)
 9 p.m. ESPNU — Washington at Utah
COLLEGE HOCKEY (MEN'S)
 4 p.m. BTN — Minnesota at Ohio State
COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL (WOMEN'S)
 11 a.m. BTN — Wisconsin at Illinois
 2:30 p.m. SECN — Kentucky at Arkansas
GOLF
 2:30 a.m. GOLF — EPGA Tour: The Omega Dubai Desert Classic, Third Round, Majlis Course, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
 Noon GOLF — PGA Tour: The Farmers Insurance Open, Third Round, Torrey Pines South Course, San Diego
 2 p.m. CBS — PGA Tour: The Farmers Insurance Open, Third Round, Torrey Pines South Course, San Diego
 2:30 a.m. (Sunday)
 GOLF — EPGA Tour: The Omega Dubai Desert Classic, Final Round, Majlis Course, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
HORSE RACING
 12:30 p.m. FS2 — America's Day at the Races
 3 p.m. FS1 — America's Day at the Races
 4:30 p.m. FS2 — America's Day at the Races
LUGE
 1:30 p.m. NBC — FIL: World Luge Championships, Koenigssee, Germany (taped)
NBA BASKETBALL
 7:30 p.m. ABC — LA Lakers at Boston
NHL HOCKEY
 Noon NHLN — New Jersey at Buffalo
 6 p.m. NHLN — Toronto at Edmonton
 9 p.m. NHLN — Vancouver at Winnipeg
RODEO
 11 p.m. CBSSN — PBR: The Coors Banquet Invitational, Okeechobee, Fla. (taped)
SKIING
 2 p.m. NBCSN — FIS: Alpine Skiing World Cup, Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany (taped)
SOCCER (MEN'S)
 6:25 a.m. NBCSN — Premier League: Newcastle United at Everton
 8:55 a.m. NBCSN — Premier League: Sheffield United at Manchester City
 11:30 a.m. NBC — Premier League: Manchester United at Arsenal
 9 p.m. FS1 — Liga MX: Toluca FC at Club Tijuana Xolos
TENNIS
 5:30 p.m. TENNIS — Gippsland Trophy & Yarra Valley Classic Early Rounds
X GAMES
 Noon ABC — X Games: Aspen 2021, Aspen, Colo.
 9 p.m. ESPN — X Games: Aspen 2021, Aspen, Colo.
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 5 a.m. NBCSN — IMSA Sports-Car Championship: The Rolex 24, Daytona International Speedway, Daytona Beach, Fla.
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COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)
 Noon CBS — Michigan State at Ohio State
 ESPN — Southern Methodist at Houston
 2 p.m. CBSSN — Loyola (Chicago) at Missouri State
 2:30 p.m. FOX — St. John's at Marquette
 3 p.m. ESPNU — Sam Houston State at Stephen F. Austin
 4 p.m. CBSSN — Colgate at Holy

Cross
 5 p.m. ACCN — North Carolina State at Syracuse
 ESPN2 — Northern Iowa at Southern Illinois
 6:30 p.m. BTN — Rutgers at Northwestern
 7 p.m. PAC-12N — Washington State at Washington
 8:30 p.m. FS1 — Nevada (Las Vegas) at Nevada (Reno)
COLLEGE BASKETBALL (WOMEN'S)
 10 a.m. ACCN — Notre Dame at Syracuse
 11 a.m. ESPNU — Temple at Tulane
 Noon FOX — Connecticut at DePaul
 SECN — Missouri at Kentucky
 1 p.m. ACCN — Clemson at Wake Forest
 ESPNU — Florida at Tennessee
 PAC-12N — Oregon at Colorado
 2 p.m. SECN — Alabama at South Carolina
 3 p.m. ACCN — North Carolina at Virginia Tech
 ESPN2 — Baylor at Iowa State
 PAC-12N — Stanford at Washington
 3:30 p.m. BTN — Michigan State at Indiana
 4 p.m. SECN — Georgia at Texas A&M
COLLEGE FOOTBALL
 8:30 p.m. CBSSN — Hula Bowl: Kai vs. AINA, Honolulu
COLLEGE GYMNASTICS (WOMEN'S)
 7 p.m. ESPNU — West Virginia at Oklahoma
COLLEGE WRESTLING
 11 a.m. BTN — Illinois at Iowa
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 6 p.m. NBATV — Brooklyn at Washington
NFL FOOTBALL
 2 p.m. ABC — NFL Pro Bowl Celebration
 ESPN — NFL Pro Bowl Celebration
NHL HOCKEY
 Noon NHLN — New Jersey at Buffalo
 4 p.m. NHLN — Florida at Detroit
 7 p.m. NHLN — Colorado at Minnesota
RODEO
 9:30 a.m. CBSSN — PBR: The Coors Banquet Invitational, Okeechobee, Fla. (taped)
 11 a.m. CBS — PBR: The Coors Banquet Invitational, Okeechobee, Fla. (taped)
 6 p.m. CBSSN — PBR: The Coors Banquet Invitational, Okeechobee, Fla. (taped)
SAILING
 1 p.m. NBCSN — America's Cup: Prada Challenger Series (taped)
SOCCER (MEN'S)
 7:55 a.m. ESPN2 — Serie A: Lazio at Atalanta
 6 p.m. FS1 — International Friendly: U.S. vs. Trinidad and Tobago, Orlando, Fla. (taped)
 7 p.m. FS2 — Liga MX: Club America at Santos Laguna
TENNIS
 5:30 p.m. TENNIS — Murray River Open, Great Ocean Road Open, Gippsland Trophy & Yarra Valley Classic Early Rounds
 5 a.m. (Monday)
 TENNIS — Murray River Open, Great Ocean Road Open, Gippsland Trophy & Yarra Valley Classic Early Rounds
TRACK AND FIELD
 1 p.m. ESPN2 — American Track League: From Fayetteville, Ark
X GAMES
 Noon ABC — X Games: Aspen 2021, Aspen, Colo.
 7:30 p.m. ESPN — X Games: Aspen 2021, Aspen, Colo.

NCAA

From Page 1B

It's a situation a lot of perennial powerhouses are facing as the calendar flips to February. Duke, North Carolina and Kentucky are all facing the very real possibility of not making the NCAA Tournament and the last time that happened in the same year was 1974.

The Blue Devils (6-5) finally snapped their three-game losing streak with a win over Georgia Tech, but coach Mike Krzyzewski's team has struggled to incorporate their talented freshmen, they are still working Jalen Johnson into the mix after a foot injury and they rank 281st in field-goal percentage defense.

The Wildcats (5-10) have struggled to score. Their poor shooting combined with a penchant for turnovers has Kentucky in danger of their first losing season since 1988-89, when Eddie Sutton was in charge.

Don't talk to Tom Izzo about struggling to score. Michigan State (8-5) came back from a 20-day pause because of COVID-19 and was promptly walloped 67-37 by Rutgers — a team that had never beaten the Spartans.

"If you look across America, it could be any blueblood — any school at all — they have gone through this, some grind, dog-type days," said Self, whose Jayhawks narrowly beat TCU to avoid their first four-game skid in 32 years. "The next big thing is the postseason. You're probably playing for seeding, if you're fortunate to get in — we're playing for seeding much more than in years past, because in years past we controlled our own destiny."

There are plenty of reasons the bluebloods can point to for being beaten so often. Most rely on one-and-done stars or, at most, two-year players who have a narrow window for reaching their ceiling in college. Duke's had 19 players leave after one season over the past decade, and most of the 21 lottery picks that Wildcats coach John Calipari has produced in the past 11 seasons have departed after their freshman or sophomore seasons.

Kentucky, arguably the most disappointing of the perennial powers, had the nation's consensus No. 1 class this season, yet another group of athletic freshmen joined by talented transfer Olivier Sarr.

The peril of relying on such youth has been underscored this season by COVID-19, though. Those newcomers missed out on a typical summer program, then had their handful of soft non-conference games largely wiped out. They instead got thrown into real games almost immediately, and

many of them have struggled to adapt to playing at the college level.

"This has been a long journey and every team goes through it differently," Krzyzewski said. "We have not had a positive case yet ... knock on wood, but we've had interruptions. It's long for anybody, but for a young group it's really long."

Indeed, the pandemic has caused havoc with teams trying to find their footing. That was evident in the performance by the Spartans against Rutgers, and by Kansas during a three-game skid that included a pair of unranked opponents; the Jayhawks had a potential get-right game against lowly Iowa State postponed in the midst of it.

The Jayhawks matched a school record for margin of defeat in Allen Fieldhouse when Texas walloped them by 25 earlier this month, which brings up another point: Most schools are allowing few, if any, fans into the building, and that deprives some of college basketball's heavyweights of the typical advantage they have playing in the Phog, Rupp Arena at Kentucky, the Breslin Center at Michigan State and Cameron Indoor Arena at Duke.

There are more standard reasons for the struggles, too. Injuries is a big one. Johnson is finally back from his foot injury for Duke, and Terrence Clark has been out with the same problem for Kentucky. Kansas is without five-star freshman Bryce Thompson, who first missed time with a back injury and is now sidelined by a broken thumb.

One thing that has never changed? The intense focus on the bluebloods, especially when things are going poorly. "It's pretty intense, what people say and do," Kentucky assistant Bruiser Flint said. "The expectations are extremely high. I think sometimes they get a little crazy. But that's what you sign up for."

One blueblood, UCLA, is doing fine at 12-3 so far this season. And there are plenty of reasons to believe its brethren are going through a temporary lull.

Each of the schools has another group of talented players arriving in the fall, with Kentucky and Michigan State both ranked in the top 10 for 2021 recruits by 247 Sports. Vaccinations have begun amid hope that next season will look a whole lot more like normal — and normal would mean college basketball's bluebloods back in the national title mix.

"Winning can camouflage your ills and sometimes losing magnifies them and we've been in a situation where they've been magnified," Self said. "We can't get back what we've lost but we can do everything in our power to put ourselves in a position to finish what we start."

Wainwright, Cardinals finalize \$8M deal for 17th season

By Associated Press

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Pitcher Adam Wainwright is returning to the St. Louis Cardinals for a 17th season.

The 39-year-old right-hander and the Cardinals finalized an \$8 million, one-year contract on Friday, a deal agreed to earlier this week.

Wainwright will match Bob Gibson (1959-75) for the second-most seasons with the Cardinals among pitchers, one behind Jesse Haines (1920-37).

Wainwright was 5-3 with a

3.15 ERA last season, striking out 54 in 65 2/3 innings. He is 167-98 with a 3.38 ERA in his career, earning three All-Star selections and two Gold Gloves.

He made \$1,851,852 in prorated pay from a \$5 million base salary last year plus \$1.2 million in earned bonuses.

Wainwright's contract includes a full no-trade provision even though he already cannot be dealt without his consent as a 10-year veteran who has spent the last five years with his current club.



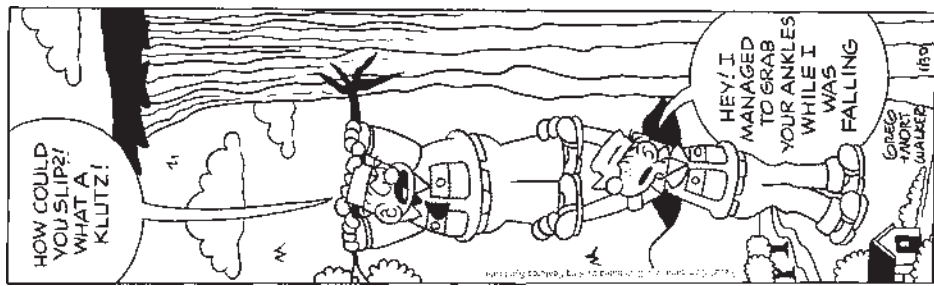
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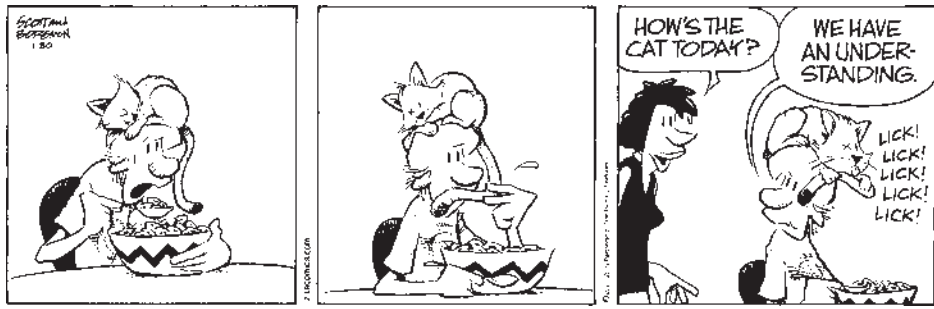
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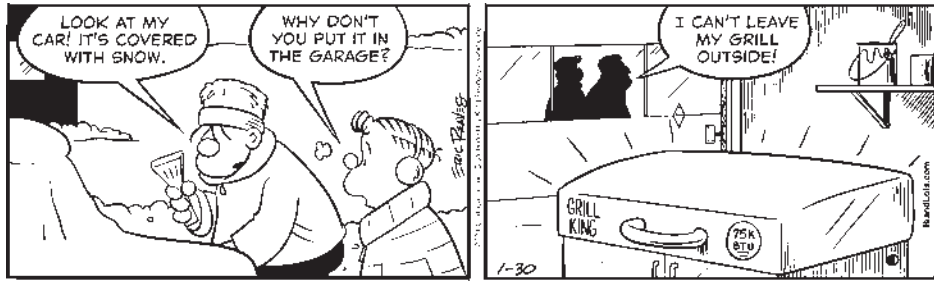
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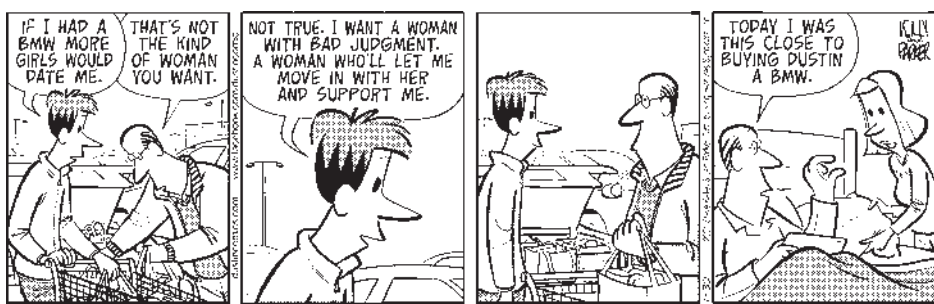
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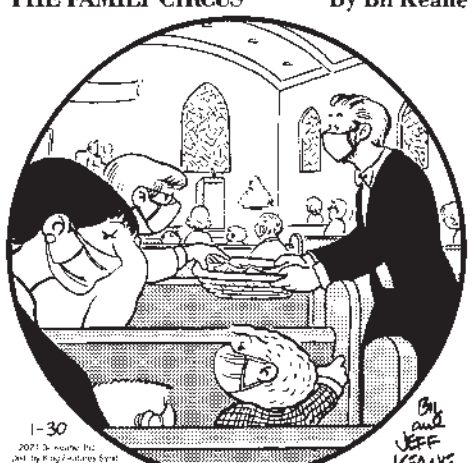
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BABY BLUES

BY JERRY SCOTT & RICK KIRKMAN



THE LOCKHORNS

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"LEROY HAS ALWAYS DONE HIS OWN STUNTS."

SUDOKU

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concepts Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Concepts Sudoku

By Dave Green

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		8	5	2	9			
		4	8	3	1			
6								4
		3	2	7	5			
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Answer to previous puzzle

7	3	9	5	4	2	8	6	1
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5	7	1	4	8	9	3	2	6
8	9	2	1	6	3	7	4	5

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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NFL

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The first was a new 10-year agreement that passed on a close vote by the players just as the pandemic was gripping the country. In retrospect, it looks like a good move given the financial uncertainty with ongoing COVID-19 concerns.

The second was a plan for playing in the pandemic, including an all-virtual offseason and the players' demands to dump pre-season games and be tested daily while accepting limits to social interaction in their personal lives.

Another part of the negotiation was assuring the salary cap would be no lower than \$175 million per team, with the league holding out hope of keeping it much closer to the 2020 figure of \$198.2 million.

"None of us are going to be surprised that there's going to be a significant drop-off from overall revenue," union executive director DeMaurice Smith said. "I'm just happy that we have a floor for the cap next year. And because of that floor, teams at least have a solid number in order to figure out how to restructure contracts, if that's what they want to do."

"One effect of the 2011 CBA was to allow teams to carry over money from previous years and put that money into the salary cap this year. And if there was ever a time where I was glad that we negotiated for that carryover effect, it's now."

With the majority of revenue tied to national TV contracts that benefit all teams equally, the NFL was well-positioned to handle the pandemic as long as games could be played.

While the TV ratings were down 7% during the regular season, Ganis said the NFL actually widened

the gap with other pro sports leagues and non-sports entertainment.

Other experts also say the ratings don't matter much because the league is poised for more huge TV contracts in the next couple of years. The next rounds of deals are likely to start at more than \$10 billion annually and grow from there.

"So the NFL, its position as the top broadcast property in the United States actually got stronger," Ganis said. "But they don't make more money off of that. That just helps going into the negotiations for the next media deal."

While the Dallas Cowboys led the NFL in attendance during the pandemic at nearly 30,000 fans per game, America's Team also had the most to lose. Forbes magazine estimated Dallas took in by far the most stadium revenue in the league at \$621 million in 2018, the most recent year analyzed.

The view from outside the NFL is quite a bit different, though, Ganis said. There aren't rich teams or poor teams, just rich players and richer owners, with millions around the U.S. dealing with their own much more dire financial pictures.

"Nobody is going to cry for teams that are worth an average of \$2 billion," Ganis said. "And they're not asking for people to feel sorry. And no one's going to cry for players who are going to get reductions in salaries over the next two or three years."

"Both the league and the players association recognize that there was something going on much bigger than their own interests. They did the right things the right way, and they gave the country a sense of normalcy that it desperately needed in the early fall and winter."

AP Sports Writer Tom Canavan contributed.

Basketball

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"On some nights we look pretty good," Beeman said. "Since we seeded this thing, we've managed to beat some of the teams seeded ahead of us. But we have Lincoln in the next round, and they beat us pretty handedly at their place. ... They outplayed us on both ends. They're a really, really good defensive team. We shot 22% from the field that night, and part of that is they guard that well."

"I'm not frustrated with our seed, we got what we deserved at that point," Beeman added. "But we've played better since then."

La Monte (3-14) is scheduled to play Windsor or Green Ridge 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 1, at Sacred Heart School.

Green Ridge 44, Sacred Heart 28

After avoiding an upset bid in Sedalia, Green Ridge girls' basketball is looking to notch an upset of its own. Lady Tigers junior Sophia Weis scored 16 points and senior Kailyn Hoos added 10 to help Green Ridge advance to bracket play in the Kaysinger Conference Tournament with a 44-28 victory over Sacred Heart in Sedalia.

With the win, Green Ridge (8-10) faces top-seeded Tipton at noon in Cole Camp. The Lady Cards (16-3) won last week's meeting 65-27 in Green Ridge.

"We're going to have to play our best game and hope for some breaks to go our way," said Lady Tigers head coach Andy Hoos. "I'm sure tomorrow we'll see a press, I'm sure they'll be up in our face, putting pressure on us. We just have to be patient and hit a few shots."



La Monte freshman Tyler Weber is blocked Friday during a Kaysinger Conference Tournament play-in game against Tipton at Sacred Heart School in Sedalia.



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Green Ridge senior Kailyn Hoos is fouled Friday during a Kaysinger Conference Tournament play-in game against Sacred Heart in Sedalia.

Green Ridge overcame an early nine-point deficit and trailed 16-12 at halftime. The Lady Tigers landed just three field goals in the first half, pulling to a four-point margin at halftime from the free-throw line. They finished 12-of-15 from the charity stripe.

Lady Gremlins sophomore Emma Siron and freshman Emily Hesse drained 3-pointers in the second quarter to extend Sacred Heart's lead to 14-5 with three minutes to halftime.

Hesse led the team with 10 points and Siron finished with seven.

The Lady Tigers used a 10-3 run in the third quarter to swing the game in their favor. Green Ridge sophomore Maria Heuman cleaned up a miss to give the Lady Tigers their first lead since 3-2, and Weis followed with a floater to make it 22-19.

Green Ridge entered the fourth period with a 28-20 lead.

Hoos said improved defense and shot selection helped the Lady Tigers outscore Sacred Heart 32-12 in the second half and log their second win against the Lady Grems. Green Ridge won a Jan. 15 matchup 55-22 in Sedalia.

"We just knew we had to pick up our defensive intensity a little bit," Hoos said. "Try to put some pressure on them so we could get some easier buckets."

Sacred Heart (1-14) plays again 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, in the ninth-place game.

Alex Agueros can be reached at sports@sedaliademocrat.com or on Twitter @ [abagueros2](https://twitter.com/abagueros2).

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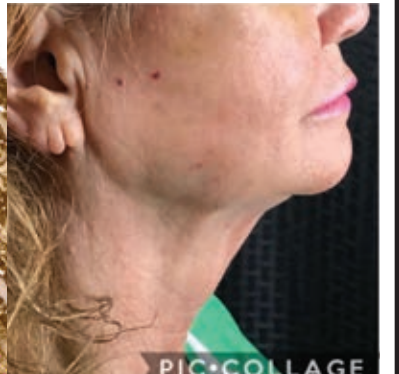
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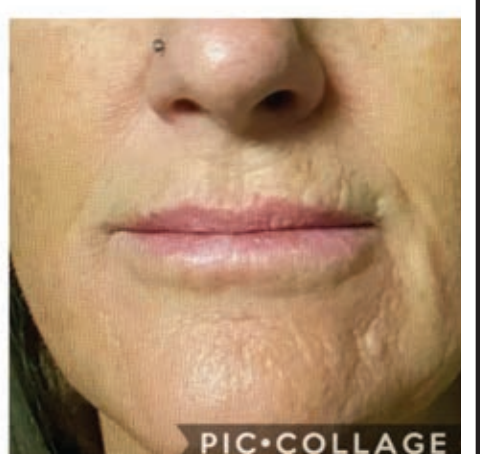
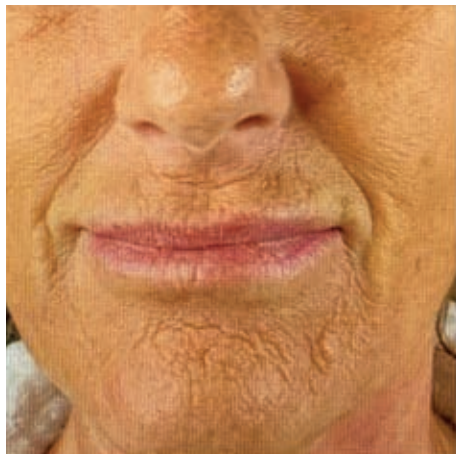
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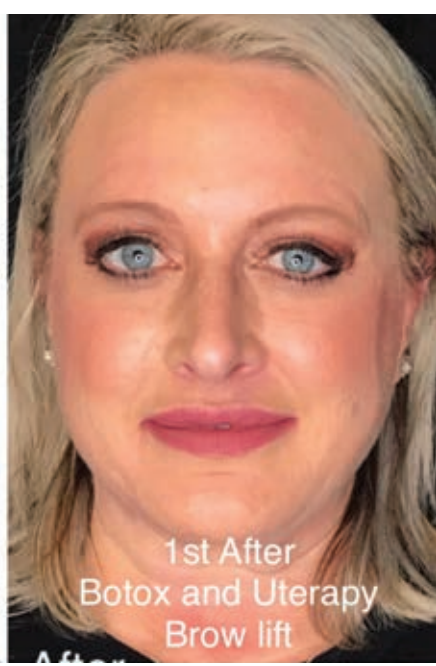


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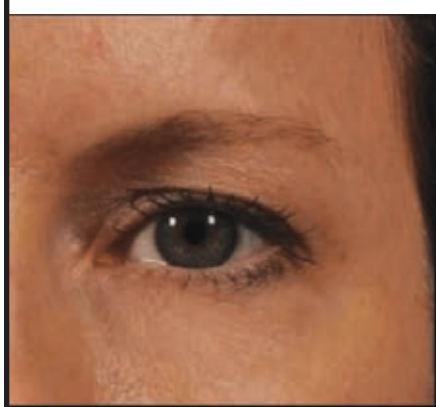
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The names of all parties to said action are stated above and the name and addresses of the attorneys for plaintiff are Tyson H. Ketchum, Kathryn C. Bascom, and Pamela J. Winter, Armstrong Teasdale LLP, 2345 Grand, Suite 1500, Kansas City, MO 64108 and their telephone number is (816) 221-3420.

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Susan Sadler,
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By: /s/Cindi Ross,
Deputy Clerk

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IN THE 18TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, PETTIS COUNTY, MISSOURI
Judge or Division:
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Case Number: 21PT-PR00002
CHARLES MICHAEL RILEY, Deceased.

Notice of Letters of Administration Granted

(Supervised Administration)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of CHARLES MICHAEL RILEY, Decedent: On 14-JAN-2021, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of CHARLES MICHAEL RILEY, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Pettis County, Missouri. The personal representative's name and business address is:

KYLE ANDREW RILEY,
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The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number is:

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Section 537.021, RSMo.
Date of the decedent's death:
26-JUN-2020
Date of first publication:
16-JAN-2021
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IN THE 18TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, PETTIS COUNTY, MISSOURI
Judge or Division:
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Case Number: 20PT-PR00189
In the Estate of

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EDITH YVONNE DONATH,
Deceased.

Notice of Letters Testamentary Granted

(Supervised Administration)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of EDITH YVONNE DONATH, Decedent: On 13-JAN-2021, the last will of the decedent having been admitted to probate, the following individual was appointed personal representative of the

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estate of EDITH YVONNE DONATH, decedent by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Pettis County, Missouri. The name and business address of the personal representative is:

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IN THE 18TH JUDICIAL
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Judge or Division:
R PAUL BEARD
Case Number: 21PT-PR00014
MARTHA L MORTON,
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Testamentary Granted**
(Supervised Administration)
To All Persons Interested in
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MORTON, Decedent:
On 28-JAN-2021, the last will
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admitted to probate, the follow-
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personal representatives of the
estate of MARTHA L MOR-
TON, decedent by the Probate
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names and business addresses of the personal representatives are:
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2902 SOUTHWEST BLVD,
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WILLIAM TRAVIS MORTON,
1011 E LANE,
LA MONTE, MO 65337
The personal representatives' attorney's name, business address and phone number is:
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112 W FOURTH ST,
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
PETTIS COUNTY, MISSOURI
**FRANCES ESPERANZA
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Case Number 20-PT-CC00104
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All experiences can hold a life lesson

In the course of life, we have opportunities to learn at least a little from all of our experiences. Sometimes we learn about ourselves, other times about human nature.



BOB SATNAN
Contributing Columnist

Through the various jobs I have had, I have learned a lot about people and how they respond to certain situations. It is surprising how frequently people react just as I expect them to based on what I have seen play out before.

My first job was as a caddie at a country club. The people who legitimately could afford to be members treated the caddies like members of their families. They learned our names and called us by them during their rounds of golf, made small talk with us and tipped us well. Those who were members just so they could try to impress others who "didn't belong" would call us "caddie" or, worse, "cad;" would speak down to us and short us on pay. It became clear that character is far more valuable than a bank balance.

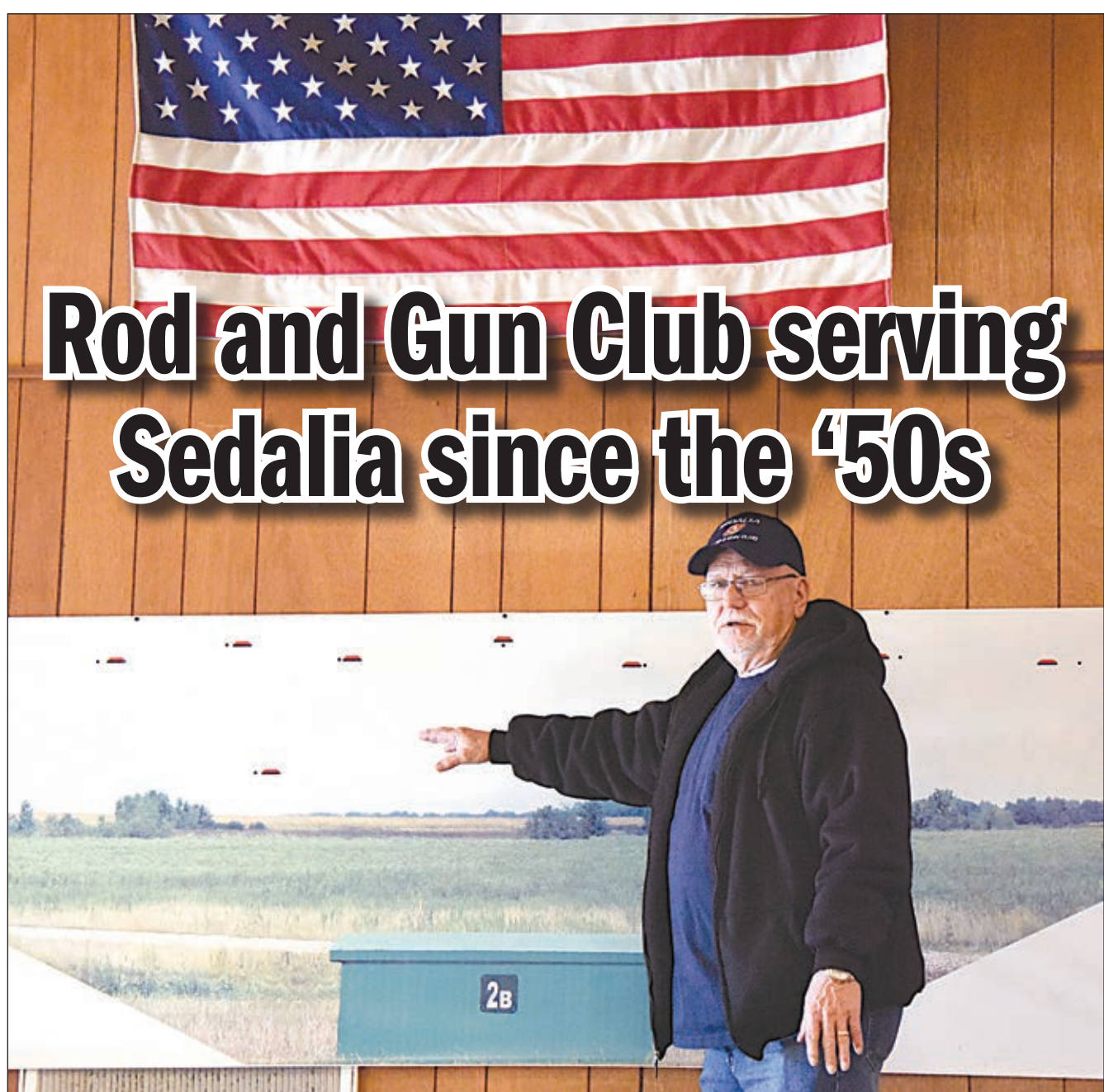
Through high school, I worked at a McDonald's located at the intersection of two major highways. We were always busy and the only way to keep orders filled and customers happy was to work together. I quickly learned that we could accomplish more in a more efficient manner with fewer people working on task than with greater staffing but a couple of slackers serving as distractions. While our manager's mantra was, "If there's time to lean, there's time to clean," another phrase borrowed from my grandfather also fit: "If you aren't going to work, go home."

At my first job out of college, I was the youngest person in my department by more than 20 years and the youngest person in the newsroom by seven years. Being the new person and having just moved to that city was hard enough, but my co-workers made no effort to make me feel welcome or provide any direction or feedback on my work. After a few months of frustration, the editor and my supervisor let me know I was being reassigned. I called one of my college professors and asked if I had wasted my time pursuing journalism; he said they wasted my potential and he helped me land an interview at another paper just a couple of days later. I was offered the job immediately and thrived at my new paper. The problem at the first paper wasn't so much the age gap, but the failure to value someone new as a contributor. If they had invested just a little time and effort in me, I could have done so much more for them.

When I came to the Democrat in 2009, one of the most popular standing features was Sedline, an anonymous voice message box where people would criticize just about anyone and anything imaginable. The previous administration let Sedline careen down the road with no brakes, no seat belts and no guardrails. I instituted more structure, eliminating personal attacks and playing up the more insightful or humorous contributions. There were regular callers and while they believed leaving a voice message protected their anonymity, we in the newsroom figured out who the majority of them were. In too many cases, what they said on Sedline would have embarrassed their family and friends. There was a whole lot of envy, spite, racism, entitlement and intolerance. It was sad to see people show their true colors when they thought they were hidden behind the Wizard of Oz's curtain.

All of these experiences raised my awareness of our collective humanity and reinforced my belief that the Golden Rule is simply the best standard to aspire to each day.

Bob Satnan is a former editor of the Sedalia Democrat.



Rod and Gun Club serving Sedalia since the '50s

Friday morning, Sedalia Rod and Gun Club board member Bob Spears talks about a trap shooting diagram in the club's meeting room. Spears noted the club began in the late 1950s with only a few members, but now has 535 active members.

By Faith Bemiss

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Since its beginnings in the late 1950s, the Sedalia Rod and Gun Club has grown in membership and offers a wide variety of activities and services to both members and the public.

Board member Bob Spears said Friday morning that as of January, the club has 535 active members — the largest number in its nearly 70-year history. Spears, a member since 1975, said the club is nonprofit and sits on 74.8 acres with a 2-acre stocked pond. The present building is 2,500 square feet and has a large meeting room for classes and holiday dinners. The kitchen was recently updated to include a new stove, refrigerator and floor.

The club has six trap fields and one skeet field open to the public. It also has a rifle and pistol range consisting of two 25-yard ranges, one 50-yard and one 100-yard range for members only. For the safety of members, each range is surrounded by an 18-foot tall earthen berm.

Spears said when he joined the club it was to use the pistol and rifle range.

"I never did shoot trap or skeet," he noted. "I basically joined to use the rifle and pistol range because I like to hunt and you can't go anywhere to sight your gun in."

Spears added the club is staying busy with trap shooting and noted during the year it goes through hundreds of thousands of clay targets.

"Last year we were down on targets because of COVID," he said. "But normally we go through two tractor-trailer loads. On a single tractor-trailer load, there are 23 pallets of targets, each pallet has 63 boxes.

"Each box has 135 targets in it," he continued. "So, a tractor-trailer load of targets has 195,615 targets."

Sedalia Rod and Gun Club member Bob Spears holds an old photo of one of the founders, Bernard Dove, standing beside a 4-H member. Both 4-H and FFA members host tournaments at the club.

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PHOTO COURTESY OF SEDALIA ROD AND GUN CLUB

Men prepare to trap shoot during the winter of 2018 at the Sedalia Rod and Gun Club south of Sedalia. Member Bob Spears said members aren't hindered by weather and shoot during all four seasons.

Spears added two loads is equal to 391,230 targets. He noted most people are surprised at the massive number of targets used each year.

The club is also known for providing classes and competitions. During February it will host a bird trap derby, a Quails Forever meeting, an intro into pistol and rifle class and on the third Sunday of the month, it hosts an IDPA (International Defensive Pistol Association) Pistol Shoot match.

Last week the club hosted a CCW class with T&S Solutions of Columbia. Spears said the class went so well they will offer it again from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 13. He added those interested need to sign up as soon as possible.

Along with the other



A section of the Sedalia Rod and Gun Club holds awards and photos from various 4-H clubs won over the years during competitions at the club.

activities, the club hosts area 4-H and FFA member competitions.

"The local 4-H, they use (the facility) for shooting trap, they shoot .22s and they shoot .22s," he noted. "Then Area 6 FFA, they hold their annual trap shoots in October, November and December.

"That brings in 75 to 100 kids at each shoot,"

he continued. "And each person shoots a hundred rounds of trap. They pay us for the use and the targets, they bring their own ammunition, their own guns. Their sponsors are with them. So, basically, all we do when we have an FFA shoot ... is we get all the traps open and keep the traps full for them."

See GUN | 4D

BRL2GO SCHEDULE

Boonslick Regional Library

Monday

9 a.m.: Hughesville City Hall.
9:15 to 11:30 a.m.: Hughesville Main Street.
1:45 to 4 p.m.: La Monte City Park

Wednesday

9 a.m.: Applewood Christian School.
9:30 a.m.: E.W. Thompson

State School.
10 a.m.: Green Ridge Post Office.
10:15 a.m.: Green Ridge R-III School.
10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Green Ridge City Park.

Friday

9 a.m.: Otterville R-VI School.
9:20 a.m.: Smithton R-VI School.
9:30 a.m. to noon: Smithton Diner.
2 to 4 p.m.: Pilot Grove, Katy Diner.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Meals on Wheels is a nonprofit organization that delivers meals to seniors, the homebound and handicapped citizens of Sedalia. The food is prepared by Superior Vendall and is delivered by volunteers. Meals cost \$3. For more information on receiving meals or to become a volunteer call 660-826-

5039. Meals are delivered this week by Christ and Trinity Lutheran Church.

Monday

Chicken and noodles, posh potatoes, tomato and zucchini, orange, roll and milk.

Tuesday

Spaghetti, corn, salad, brownie, roll and milk.

Wednesday

Pulled pork on bun, potato salad, baked beans, applesauce, milk.

Thursday

Ham and beans, cornbread, salad, tropical fruit, milk.

Friday

Pork tenderloin on bun, macaroni salad, apples, milk.

CLUB NOTES

Beta Alpha Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa

The Beta Alpha Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa, international honorary sorority for women educators, met Monday, Jan. 25 via Zoom. Twenty-five members were present plus State President Susan Nichols.

President Marina Scheiner presided and opened the meeting with a devotional poem from "Fifty Truths Worth Knowing."

Jennifer Crane, corresponding secretary, reported a thank-you note was received from CACTUS for the November donation.

Marina reported three persons have been nominated for membership and extended invitations to the February meeting.

Kristie Lorenz reported \$245 was donated for the Community Café.

The program was presented by Jennifer Crane. She shared her knowledge of Suri Alpacas and told about the related project she did at school with her statistics class. Crane and her husband plan to begin raising alpacas in the near future and enter into an agri-tourism business.

The door prize was won by Kylee Weber.

DIVORCES

These people were recently granted divorces in Pettis County Circuit Court:

Diana R. McCartney and James W. McCartney;
Amy C. Huber and Ross H. Huber.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Pettis County Recorder of Deeds Barbara Clevenger recently issued marriage licenses to: Joshua Ray Smith, 37, and Sarah Mae Miller, 36, both of Sedalia;

Quentin Logan Collins, 26, and Harlee Richelle Goodwater, 25, both of Warrensburg; Trent Levi Schock, 20, and Denise Joanne Knox, 19, both of Sedalia; Jarrett Michael Davidson, 25, and Jordyn Haley McMullen, 21, both of Knob Noster.

POPULAR BOOKS

Boonslick Regional Library Fiction

"The Wicked Hour," by Alice Blanchard.
"The Garden of Promises and Lies," by Paula Brackston.
"Wrong Alibi," by Christina Dodd.
"The Wrong Family," by Tarryn Fisher.
"Under the Alaskan Ice," by Karen Harper.
"Better Luck Next Time," Julia Claiborne Johnson.
"The Chanel Sisters," by Judithe Little.
"NYPD Red," by James Patterson.
"Eddie's Boy," by Thomas Perry.

"Violent Peace: The War with China-Aftermath of Armageddon," by David Poyer.

"Hush-Hush," by Stuart Woods.

Nonfiction

"Know Yourself, Know Your Money: Discover WHY You HANDLE Money the Way You Do, and WHAT to Do About It!" by Rachel Cruze.

"I Came As a Shadow: An Autobiography," by John Thompson.

"Biohack Your Brain: How to Boost Cognitive Health, Performance & Power," by Kristen Williumier.

"The One Wild and Precious Life: The Path Back to Connection in a Fractured World," by Sarah Wilson.

NEW BOOKS

New books at the Sedalia Public Library for Aug. 1. Fiction

"Into the Light," by David Weber.
"A Thousand Ships," by Natalie Haynes.
"The Forever Girl," by Jill Shalvis.

"The City of Tears," by Kate Scobie.

"The Scorpion's Tail," by Douglas J. Preston.

"Bone Canyon," by Lee Goldberg.

"At the Edge of the Haight," by Katherine Seligman.

"The Breaker," by Nicholas Petrie.

"Deep in the Dark," by P. J. Tracy.

Nonfiction

"Till Murder Do Us Part," by James Patterson.

"In Search of Wisdom," by Joyce Meyer.

"Time to Teach," by Julian Bond.

SEDALIA DEMOCRAT

Prizeweek Puzzle

This week's puzzle is worth:

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ACROSS:

- Executive salesman says on several occasions, his meetings involved strangers whose inebriation was obvious by way they _ .
- At times, it can be difficult to control the flow of _ .
- If in dire financial straits, to _ for money could, in some cases, assure a solution.
- When rural homeowner hires friendly locals to gather rocks for his planned wall, it turns out to be a big _ .
- When there are first signs of trouble, the inner workings of _ should be dealt with promptly if it is to function properly.
- In early morning, as father swims up to son at poolside, he asks for towel for warmth and tells teen to jump in _ .
- Uncle claims the satisfaction he gets when he _ is a good, long-lasting feeling.
- Publisher says timeless bestsellers often come from the diaries of famous women who have chronicled their _ with refreshing candor.
- You might find it wise to park your vehicle on a _ road if it's easy enough and time permits.
- To place.
- Crime writer credits her ability to write convincingly about the _ of criminals to her extensive knowledge of police tactics.

DOWN:

- Veteran mountaineer says she's had many mountaineering successes, partially due to her climbing peaks the _ way.
- Although diner is enjoying her meal, she comments that she prefers freshly harvested _ .
- While standing near garden bed, landscaper is careful to ensure caustic substance is a safe distance from _ .
- Many of those who _ the sport of professional car racing don't seem to be deterred by the number of serious accidents.
- Friend warns buddies to avoid the frustration of showing a joke to a woman who can't see the _ .
- After meeting with her adult child, mother admits she's flattered to know that her advice has been _ .
- Ten cents.
- The board meeting members feel sorry for nervous intern who inadvertently lets coffee he's delivering _ before reaching table.
- Alone.
- Placed in beverages to chill them.



NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
PHONE: _____

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THIS LIST INCLUDES, AMONG OTHERS, THE CORRECT WORDS FOR THIS PUZZLE.

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| BEG | FLOOD | PEAR | SLIP |
| BET | HEAP | PEAS | SLOP |
| BLOOD | HEEDED | POINT | SOLO |
| BRAVE | HELP | PRINT | TALKED |
| CAR | HOSE | PUT | WALKED |
| CRAVE | ICE | ROSE | WATER |
| DETECTION | LATER | SAFE | WEEDS |
| DETENTION | LIVES | SAME | WELDS |
| DIME | LOVES | SIDE | WIDE |
| EAR | NEEDED | | |

OFFICIAL RULES

- Solve the PRIZE WEEK PUZZLE (PWP) by filling in the missing letters to make the words that you think best fit the clues. Read the clue carefully, for you must think them out & give every word its true meaning.
- Check the word list given. It has all the contest answers, plus some that you will have to eliminate.
- You need not be a subscriber to the Sedalia Democrat in order to enter PWP, but you must be a resident of our circulation area. You may submit as many entries as you wish on the entry blank printed in the Sedalia Democrat. (MECHANICALLY PRODUCED OR CARBON DUPLICATE FACSIMILES OF ANY TYPE WILL BE REJECTED. PUZZLES IN 2 OR MORE PIECES WILL BE REJECTED.)
- Anyone is eligible to enter PWP meeting the above requirements except

employees of the Sedalia Democrat and family members of their household.
5. All entries must be received by mail at the Sedalia Democrat or deposited as instructed above by Noon Wednesday following the date of publication. The Sedalia Democrat will award prize money to the contestant who sends in an all-correct solution. In the event of more than one all-correct solution the prize will be divided equally among the winners. If no all-correct solution is received, the weekly grand prize will be increased by \$50.00 to Sedalia Democrat subscribers, \$25 to non-subscribers & added to the following week's PWP.
6. There is only one correct solution to each PWP & only the correct answer can win. The decision of the judges is final & all contestants agree to

abide by the judges' decision. All entries become the property of the Sedalia Democrat. Only one prize will be awarded to a family unit.
7. The winner & answers will be published in the Following Friday's paper. Every entry will be checked. No claiming is necessary.
8. The Sedalia Democrat reserves the right to correct any typographical errors which may appear during the PWP game. ERASURES OR CROSS OUTS WILL VOID ANY ENTRY.
9. PWP clues may be abbreviated & such words as AN, THE & A omitted.
10. In fairness to all, the Sedalia Democrat cannot answer questions or respond to phone calls or letters regarding the Prizeweek puzzle.
11. When you've completed your PWP, CUT IT OUT & BRING IT OR MAIL IT TO THE ADDRESS LISTED BELOW:

Sedalia Democrat- Prizeweek Puzzle
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Cicely Tyson paved way for Black actors to follow footsteps

By Jonathan Landrum Jr.

AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Cicely Tyson was a Black actor who knocked down doors so other women of color could walk through them.

Tyson strategically selected powerful roles with an intent to elevate how Black actors were perceived. With dignified grace, she starred in films such as "Sounder" and on TV with "The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman." She strived to shatter stereotypes and inspired many Black actresses along the way to follow her footsteps. A younger generation of Black actors — Viola Davis, Kerry Washington and Zendaya among them — all paid homage to Tyson after learning of her death at age 96 on Thursday.

Davis said Tyson made her feel "valued in a world where there is still a cloak of invisibility for us dark chocolate girls." Washington felt Tyson was a "foretaste of glory," while Zendaya, who made Emmy history last year as the youngest lead drama actress winner, called the actor "one of the greatest to ever do it."

"Thank you for kicking doors down for girls like me," actor Tika Sumpter said.

Tyson's death was announced by her family, via her manager Larry Thompson, who did not immediately provide additional details. The actor's passing comes just a few days after the release of her memoir "Just As I Am."

A onetime model, Tyson began her screen career with bit parts but gained fame in the early 1970s when Black women were finally starting to get starring roles. Tyson refused to take parts simply



PHOTO BY WA. HAREWOOD | AP PHOTO

Actress Cicely Tyson arrives at the unveiling of director and producer Tyler Perry's new motion picture and television studio in Atlanta on Oct. 4, 2008. Tyson, the pioneering Black actress who gained an Oscar nomination for her role as the sharecropper's wife in "Sounder," a Tony Award in 2013 at age 88 and touched TV viewers' hearts in "The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman," has died. She was 96. Tyson's death was announced by her family, via her manager Larry Thompson, who did not immediately provide additional details.

for the paycheck, remaining choosy.

Tyson desired to get away from the negative portrayals of Black women with the hopes of highlighting them with powerful prestige.

"Cicely decided early on that her work as an actor would be more than a job," Oprah Winfrey said in a statement. "She used her career to illuminate the humanity in Black people. The roles she played reflected her values; she

never compromised. Her life so fully lived is a testimony to Greatness."

Gayle King, who interviewed Tyson last week, said the actor was still full of life. She said Tyson expressed that she had more to offer with a desire to direct a project in the future.

"This was not a doddering old lady that I've heard many older people say, 'You know what? I'm just tired. I'm just tired. I'm ready to go. I'm done. I'm just

tired,'" King said. "That was not Cicely Tyson. She was talking about her desire to direct. She said, 'I may have something to share later on.'"

Tyson earned an Oscar nomination for her role in "Sounder," where she played a Depression-era loving wife of a sharecropper who is confined in jail for stealing a piece of meat for his family. She is forced to care for their children and attend to the crops.

In the 1974 television drama "The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman," based on a novel by Ernest J. Gaines, Tyson is seen aging from a young woman in slavery to a 110-year-old who campaigned for the civil rights movement of the 1960s. In the touching climax, she laboriously walks up to a "whites only" water fountain and takes a drink as white officers look on.

That role in "Pittman" earned Tyson two Emmys. She also won a supporting actress Emmy in 1994 for her character in the "Oldest Living Confederate Widow Tells All."

At the age of 88, Tyson won the Tony for best leading actress in a play for the revival of Horton Foote's "The Trip to Bountiful." The revival was the actor's first time back on Broadway in three decades. She refused to turn meekly away when the teleprompter told her to wrap up her acceptance speech.

A new generation of moviegoers saw her in the 2011 hit "The Help." More recently, she was seen on TV in a recurring role on "How to Get Away with Murder," which starred Davis. And in roles in Tyler Perry films — "Diary of a Mad Black Woman" and "Madea's Family Reunion" — her character gave sage advice on forgiveness and living with integrity.

"Often times the talent and success of Black girls and women are treated as gold in the pan — temporary and fleeting," inauguration poet Amanda Gorman, 22, said in a written statement. "Tyson showed the world that the Black woman is more than a moment. We are legends, myths in our own right."

Gil Robertson, the co-founder and president of the African American Film Critics Association, said Tyson was a pillar for the African American community.

"More than just an actor, she reframed the identity of what it meant to be Black and human on the screen, with special attention devoted to Black women," Robertson said. He went on to say that Tyson "became a vessel through which all the dignity of who she was as a Black person, a Black woman, could flow."

Tyson's fame transcended all media. Prominent figures from two former presidents, Barack Obama and Bill Clinton, and those from across the worlds of Hollywood, Broadway and professional sports showed their appreciation of Tyson, with many of them praising her careful approach to her career and activism. Obama awarded Tyson the Medal of Freedom in 2016.

Whenever Tyson made an appearance, she drew praise — even in the most common places.

Gun

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Spears added FFA members are "great" because they always clean up when they are done for the day.

"You cannot ask for a better group of kids," he said. "When they're done shooting, they pick up all their trash and you'd never even know they were here."

When asked why he thought membership is up, Spears said he believes it's because people are getting their children more involved in the outdoors.

"Which is good to see," he added. "I see a lot of kids who sit around, they're on their phones, they're on computers."

"Plus, it helps kids realize the danger of weapons," he continued. "I was brought up around rifles and shotguns and hunting. And I think you see a lot of these accidents that happen, especially with handguns, are usually people that have not been around them and they don't know how to handle them safely."

He added the club is offering an intro to pistol and rifle class with T&S Solutions of Columbia at noon Saturday, Feb. 20. He said those interested should sign up as soon as possible by calling Antonio Kelly at 660-473-0410.

For more information about the Sedalia Rod and Gun Club, visit sedaliarodandgun.com.

Faith Bemiss can be reached at 660-530-0289 or on Twitter @flbemiss.

2020 Baby Book

THESE PROUD PARENTS ARE PLEASED TO SHOWCASE THE BUNDLES OF JOY THEY WELCOMED INTO THEIR FAMILIES DURING 2020!

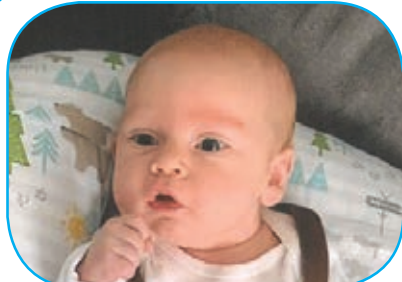


Benjamin Paul Williams
October 8, 2020
7 lbs. 3 oz.
Parents: Shane & Shelby Williams
Big Brother: Oliver Leo Williams



Chase Christopher Payne
February 21, 2020
6 lbs. 5 oz.
Parents: Linsey Denny & Austin Payne

Colt Carter Payne
February 21, 2020
5 lbs. 7 oz.
Parents: Linsey Denny & Austin Payne



Gatlin Jay Pangburn
January 23, 2020
7 lbs. 8 oz.
Parents: Brandon Pangburn
Grandparents: Joe & Pat Pangburn
Great-Grandmother: Ruth Perriguy
Uncle & Aunt: Justin & Christina Pangburn



Oakley Renee Kowalski
December 15, 2020
7 lbs. 7oz.
Parents: Matthew & Kennedy Kowalski
Grandparents: Sherry & Kevin Felker,
Christopher Kowalski, Great-Grandparents
Jeanne & Fam Mullen, Dorothy & Joe Kowalski



Charlize Rhett Guin
September 15, 2020
7 lbs. 2 oz.
Parents: Stephan (Skelton) & Ryan Guin
Grandparents: David & Connie Skelton
John & Linda Guin



Franklin D. Stephenson
November 10, 2020
7 lbs. 9 oz.
Parents: Mac & Sarah Stephenson



Princeton Jerell Le'Roy Covington
October 3, 2020
9 lbs. 3 oz.
Parents: NaStacia Poindexter & Patrick Covington.
Grandparents: Charles & Carmen Taylor, Misti
French & Eric Covington
Great Grandparents: Carla French & Tom Kamphetner



Reid Warner Sablich
October 2, 2020
7 lbs. 11.8 oz.
Parents: Danielle & Edwin Sablich
Big Sister: Zada Elaine
Grandparents: Lisa & Brad Ransdell
And Michelle Sablich



Makaien Art'ure-Nathaniel Williams
December 2, 2020
6 lbs. 6 oz. 20 in.
Parents: Mishay Poindexter & Art Williams, Jr.
Grandparents: Charles & Carmen Taylor
And Kent Cline and Venor Mays & Art Williams Sr
Great-Grand Parents: Scharlett Cline & James Montgomery,
Floyd & Sandra Williams Catherine Gray



Everlee Joyce Hunter
November 20, 2020
7 lbs. 10 oz.
Parents: Cara Novack & Tristan Hunter
Grandparents: Shala & Will Weibert, Willie
Novack, Amy Hunter-Quick, the late Troy
Hunter and the late Blaine Quick

Saturday, January 30, 2021

BABY BLUES
 RICK KIRKMAN BY JERRY SCOTT

DAD'S HOME!

WHAT A DAY!

I JUST WANT TO FLAKE OUT ON THE COUCH FOR A WHILE.

LET ME KNOW WHEN DINNER IS READY.

ZZZZZZZZ

BZZT! BZZT! BZZT!

IT'S READY.

Mort Walker's
beetle bailey

BOY, AM I TIRED! I CAN'T WAIT TO GET TO SLEEP!

WOW! LOOK AT ALL THE STARS TONIGHT!

DO YOU EVER THINK ABOUT THE UNIVERSE?

ALL THE TIME

DO YOU THINK THERE ARE OTHER WORLDS LIKE OURS?

MOST LIKELY

DO YOU THINK THERE'S LIFE ON OTHER PLANETS?

PROBABLY

DO YOU THINK THERE ARE OTHER HUMANS LIKE US?

IT'S POSSIBLE

GREG + MORT WALKER

HEY! DO YOU THINK THERE COULD BE TWO OTHER GUYS HAVING THIS SAME CONVERSATION RIGHT NOW?

MAYBE

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BUT ONE OF THEM IS TELLING THE OTHER TO SHUT UP SO HE CAN SLEEP

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DUSTIN
 By STEVE KELLEY and JEFF PARKER

UUGH!!

WHAT?

I JUST GOT A TEXT FROM MEG.

LOOK AT THAT.

I SEE...

I MEAN, IT LOOKS LIKE JUST A RANDOM COLLECTION OF ACRONYMS AND EMOJIS!

IT MUST BE VERY IMPORTANT.

I DON'T WANT HER TO THINK I'M TOO OLD TO UNDERSTAND IT, SO WHAT I WRITE BACK MUST BE CAREFULLY CRAFTED.

KELLY PARKER

OKAY-- THIS IS THE FUN PART-- WHERE MY DAD WRITES BACK AND PRETENDS HE UNDERSTOOD WHAT MY RANDOM COLLECTION OF ACRONYMS AND EMOJIS MEANT.

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HI AND LOIS

BY BRIAN AND GREG WALKER

HAVE YOU THOUGHT ANY MORE ABOUT YOUR FUTURE?

I COULD FOLLOW IN YOUR FOOTSTEPS, DAD...

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FIND A GOOD JOB...
 GET MARRIED...
 START A FAMILY...

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SAVE FOR THE FUTURE.

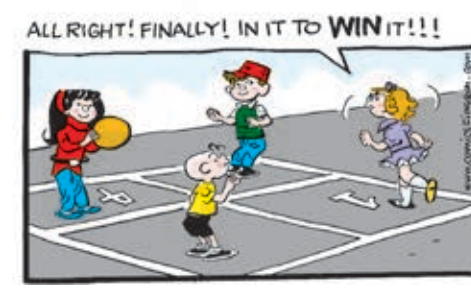
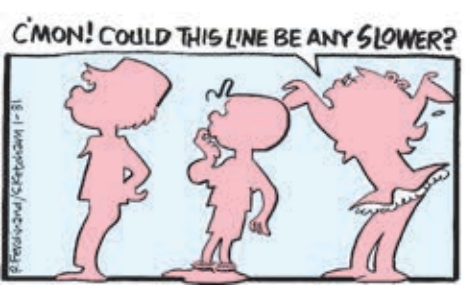
MOUNTAIN TOP INVESTMENT

THOSE ARE ALL ADMIRABLE GOALS, SON.

OR I COULD SPEND THE REST OF MY LIFE GOOFING OFF LIKE UNCLE BEETLE.

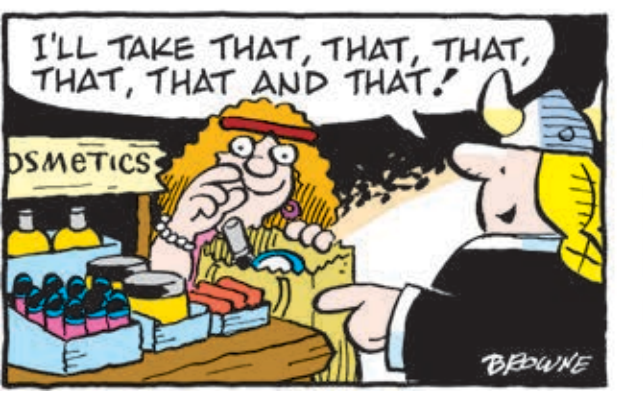
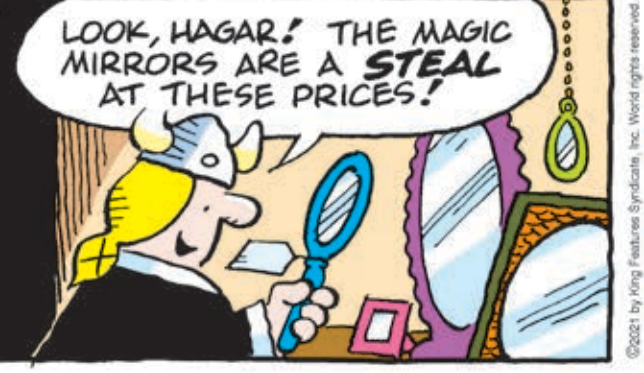
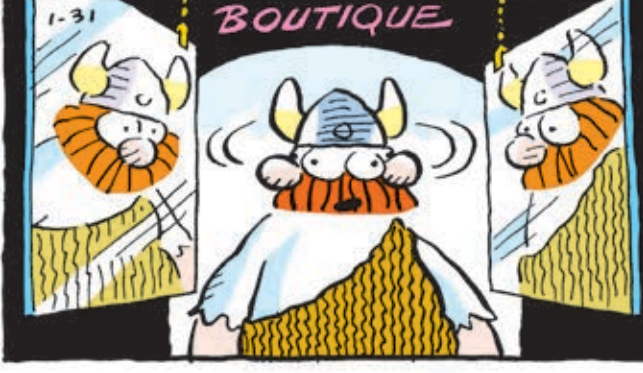
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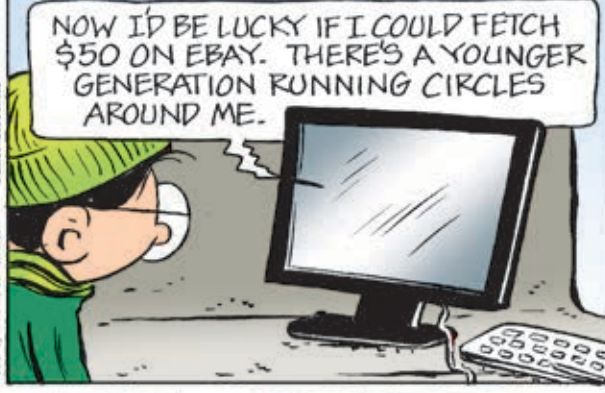
HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

BY DIK BROWNE



THE BRILLIANT MIND OF EDISON LEE

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ZITS

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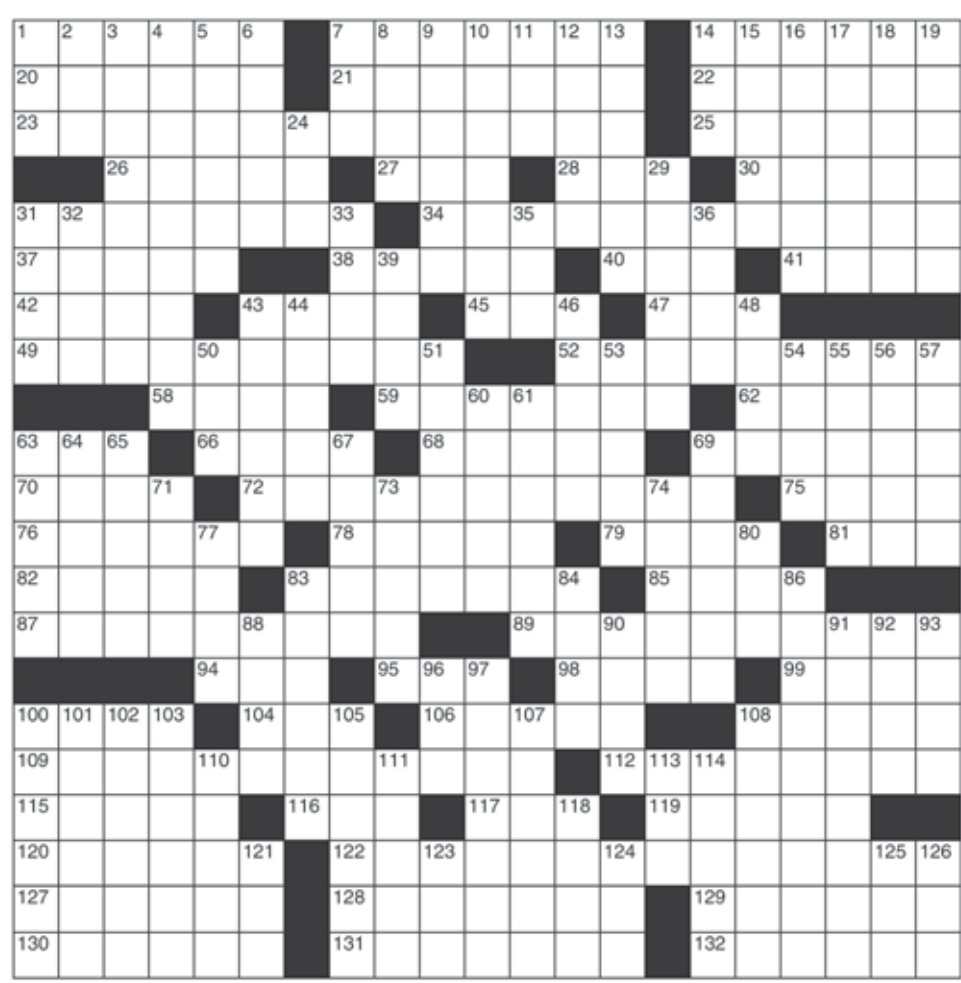
RHYMES WITH ORANGE

BY HILARY B. PRICE

SPOUSAL SUCCESS TOOLS



OBJECTS OF DEVOTION ACROSS



- 1 Serengeti trek
7 Freeway exit
14 Calm assurance
20 Neighbor of Saturn
21 Sun porches
22 Deli machine
23 Aficionado of air ducts?
25 Capital of Cuba
26 Jean jacket material
27 Email chuckle
28 Soccer player Hamm
30 Citrus peels in recipes
31 "House" actor
34 Aficionado of wild, irrational talk?
37 Contributor
38 — spell over
40 State of fury
41 Fly with no co-pilot
42 Thus
43 Hail — (yell "Taxi!")
45 Las Vegas-to-Denver dir.
47 Ending for Japan
49 Aficionado of bellies?
52 Aficionado of sweet fillings?
58 Pet-rescuing org.
59 Walked very stealthily
62 San — (California county or city)
63 CIA missions, e.g.
66 Give the boot
68 River of Paris
69 Louisianans of French descent
70 Café au — (light brown)
72 Aficionado of confidential matters?
75 Shapes of parentheses
76 Member of a ruling family
78 Sank, as a putt
79 Writer Wiesel
81 Once surnamed
82 Cuban-born writer Calvino
83 Downgraded
85 Ward with Emmys
87 Aficionado of wickedness?
89 Aficionado of apartment managers?
94 "Taking Woodstock" director Lee
95 NFL stats
98 Loch —
99 Jethro — (rock group)
100 Do pool laps
104 Sir, to Brits
106 All mixed up
108 High-quality black tea
109 Aficionado of Mauna Loa snacks?
112 Set free
115 Fetus holders
116 Be mistaken
117 — culpa"

- 119 "Going Rogue" author Sarah
120 Sends in
122 Aficionado of customs officials?
127 Painting on plaster
128 Made even
129 Rocky's last name in "Rocky"
130 Electronic keyboards, for short
131 Escape artists, say
132 Like finger paintings
17 Congress' Alexandria — -Cortez
18 Cerebral
19 "Donnie —" (1997 Johnny Depp film)
24 Current unit
29 Assented
31 Laudatory poems
32 Funny Sahl
33 Wound cover
35 U-Haul rental
36 Tableland
39 Be up against
43 Confront
44 Rush after
46 Cut-rate, in brand names
48 "Easy A" star Stone
50 Likely
51 Model Bündchen
53 Actor Christopher
54 Mexican peninsula
55 Road reversal
56 Trespassing deterrent
57 Dancer Bob
60 Flying Pan
61 Spanish squiggles
63 Vintage tune
64 Premium channels
65 Mideastern peninsula
67 "Danke —"
69 "Hear ye!" yellers
71 Like most NBA players
73 Boisterous
74 "That's somebody — problem"
77 Couch
80 Pixie
83 Pea or lentil
84 Sandy hill
86 Tiny blood vessel
88 Actress Swenson
90 Ring out
91 Big pet food brand
92 Mucho
93 Painter Paul
96 Aykroyd of "Soul Man"
97 Up a tree
100 Blue toons of the 1980s
101 Aqueous
102 Deliverers of frozen blocks
103 The Red Foxes' college
105 Macho
107 TV sleuth Remington
108 "The Taking of — 123" (2009 thriller)
110 Last — effort
111 Brand of cellulose fiber
113 NYSE debut
114 Fish piercers
118 Big PC brand
121 "Rescue us!"
123 "Law & Order: —"
124 NFL stats
125 Neither hide — hair
126 Week division

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WORD SLEUTH ENDING IN "AX"

A word search grid with words ending in 'AX' circled. Words include: POLAX, AWAX, SEEB, TBP, ZYCRE, ELWVUX, ATNYS, SBRQRFP, NMLXAJAJ.

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Saturday's unlisted clue hint: CAPITAL OF NOVA SCOTIA

- Ajax, Climax, Pickax, Surtax, Anthrax, Earwax, Poleax, Syntax, Beeswax, Flax, Relax, Thorax, Broadax, Hoax, Supermax

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CRYPT-O-QUIP

IKLSQIFARCM VHKO HX JDHSD NCLNKC KLLQ BR CBSD LRDCM VLM B KLXY RHOC JHRDLFR

IKHXQHXY: "ARBMC JBMA."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: N equals P

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Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

A 9x9 Conceptis Sudoku grid with numbers in some cells.

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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DIRECTIONS: Fill each square with a number, one through nine. Horizontal squares should add to the totals on right. Vertical squares should add to the totals on bottom. Diagonal squares through center should add to total in upper and lower right.

THERE MAY BE MORE THAN ONE SOLUTION.

Today's Challenge

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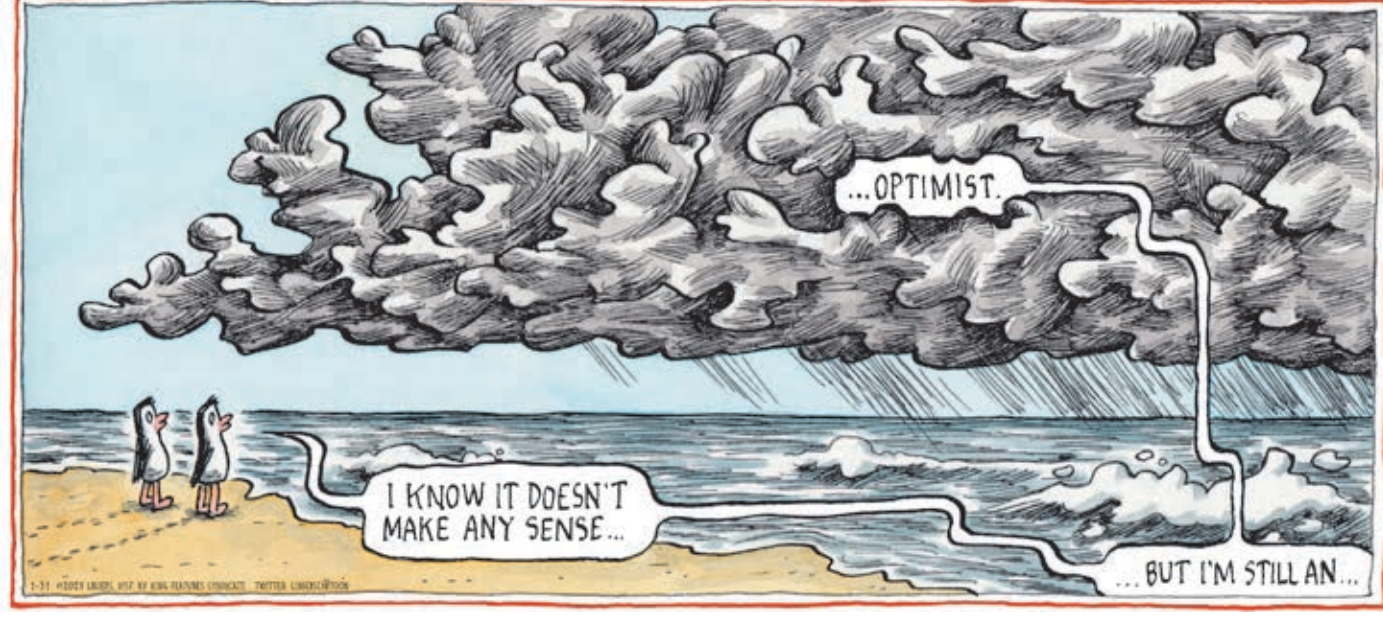
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Minutes Seconds

A 3x3 grid for the challenge with numbers and totals on the right and bottom.

A 3x3 grid for the challenge with numbers and totals on the right and bottom.

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SLYLOCK FOX and COMICS FOR KIDS

BY BOB WEBER JR.

Slylock Fox posed the following challenge to his students: Count Weirdly is accused of throwing a can of pea soup through his neighbor's window. In addition to Weirdly's fingerprints, there are fingerprints from two others on the can. Why is Count Weirdly most suspected of the crime?



Spot six differences between these panels.



HOW TO DRAW a birthday boy



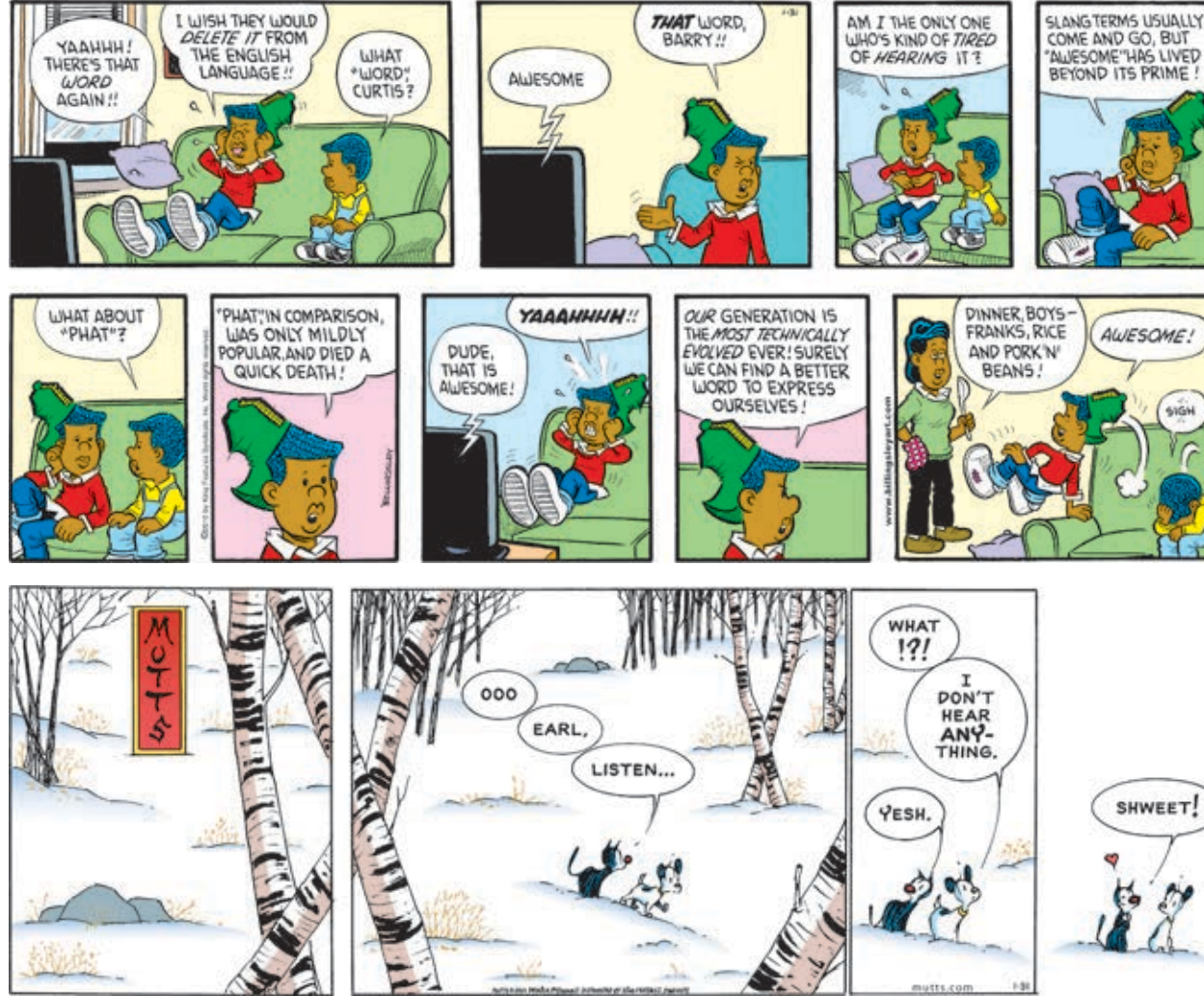
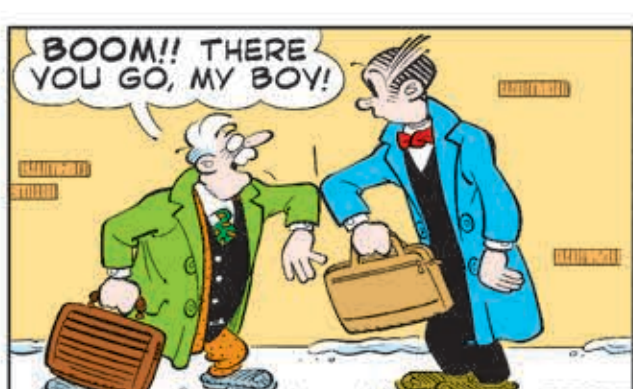
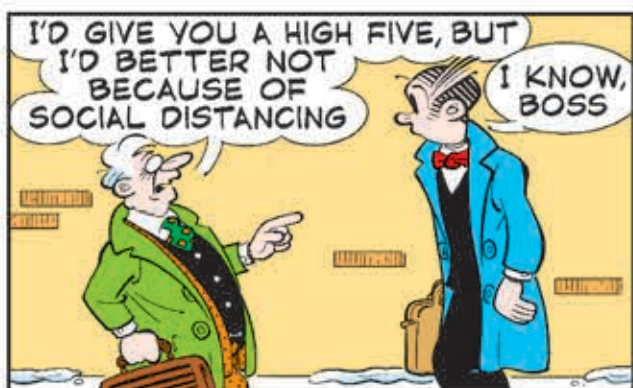
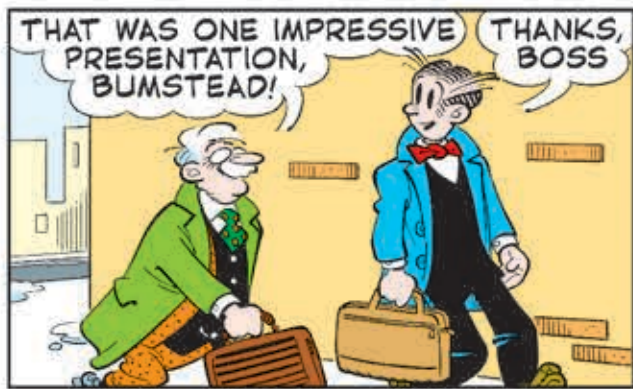
YOUR DRAWING



- The polar bear's skin is ... a) Pink b) Blue c) White d) Black e) Striped

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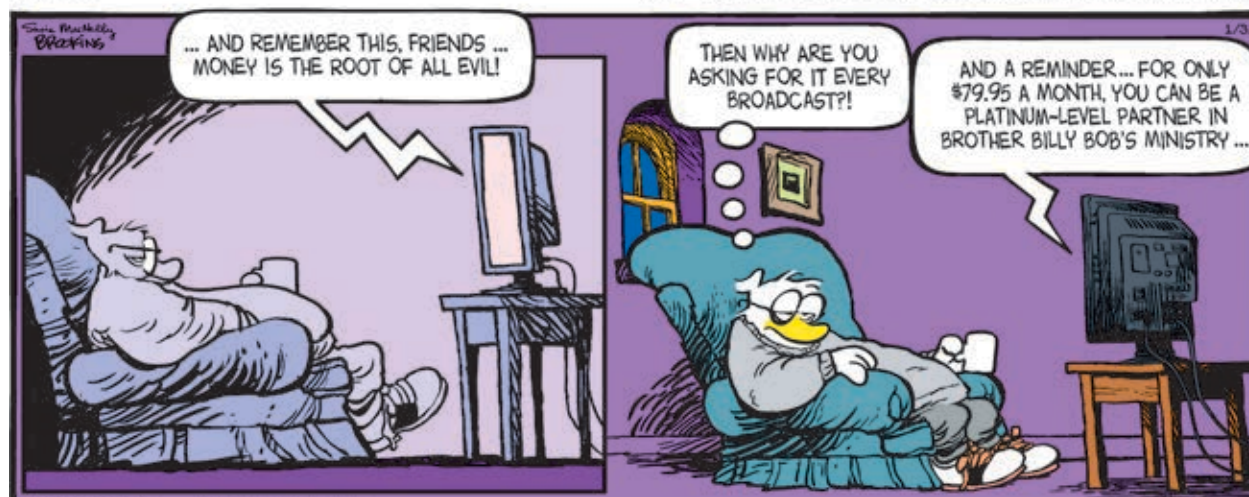
PARDON MY PLANET

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POPEYE

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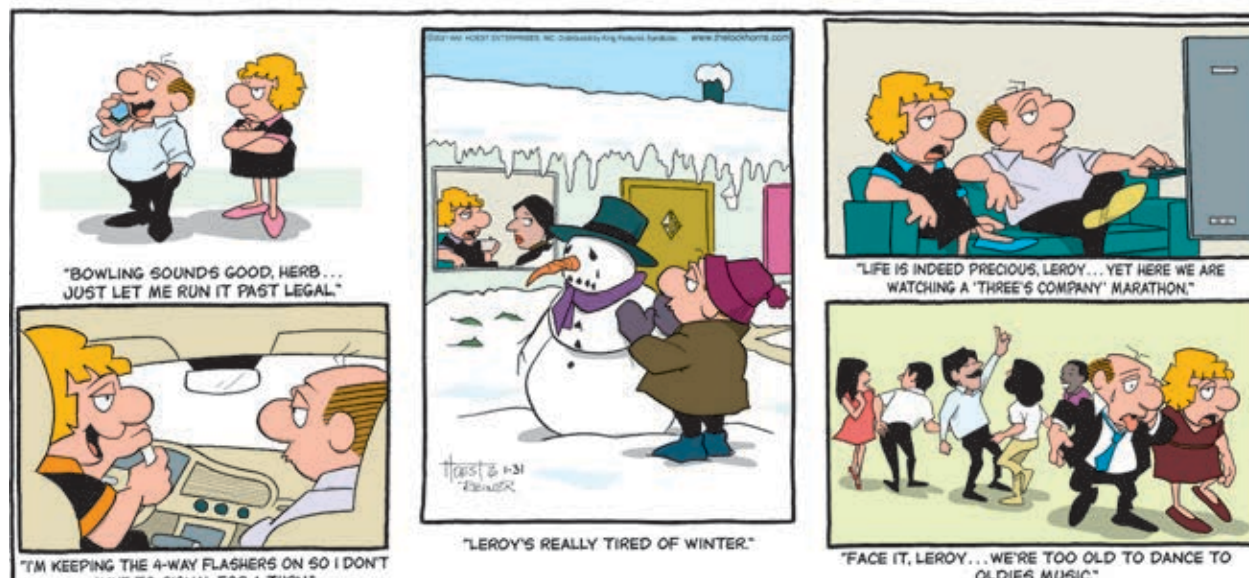
THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane



THE LOCKHORNS

BY BUNNY HOEST & JOHN REINER



Answers to Crossword Puzzle

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Answers
1. A harmless prank
2. High blood pressure
3. Mother-in-law

Answer to January 31, 2021 Cryptquip:
BLOCKBUSTER FILM IN WHICH PEOPLE LOOK AT EACH OTHER FOR A LONG TIME WITHOUT BLINKING: "STARE WARS."