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Christine Henson, an Open Door Food Pantry volunteer from Olive Branch Church, and Heath Trotter, a warehouse associate, place boxes of food on a mobile cart this week. The food was given to people in need as they drove through the Open Door driveway. Beginning Monday, Open Door will extend its hours to 6 p.m. the third Monday of each month through December 2021.

Open Door Pantry introduces longer hours

Extended hours the third Monday of the month

By Faith Bemiss
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For the first time in 49 years, Open Door is offering longer hours for food pick-up beginning Monday. Open Door Pantry will be open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. the third Monday of the month through the end of the year.

Jennifer Taylor, director of development, said Open Door board members will volunteer to distribute boxes of food Monday, and then each month after a business, church or other organization will be on hand to do the same.

Regular hours for Open Door are from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The extended hours to 6 p.m. once a month will allow people who work to come by later in the day.

Executive Director Amanda Davis said the extended hours will only be for food distribution.

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Open Door extends hours to 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on these dates:

April 19: volunteers, Open Door Board
May 17: volunteers, Central Bank
June 21: volunteers, Healthy Homes, Healthy Families & Engage Church
July 19: volunteers, Kiwanis Club
Aug. 16: volunteers, Sumner Insurance
Sept. 20: volunteers, Sumner Insurance
Oct. 21: volunteers, Nucor
Nov. 15: volunteers, Lake Creek United Methodist Church
Dec. 20: volunteers, Calvary Episcopal and Christ & Trinity Lutheran

Von Holten, McClain, Richardson sworn into Pettis Health Board

By Chris Howell
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Friday morning, three members of the Pettis County Health Center Board of Trustees were sworn into office by Pettis County Clerk Nick La Strada at the Pettis County Courthouse.

"There has not been a contested (Health Center) race for 15 years, so this was obviously a very, very competitive race," said La Strada. "We had 10 people that ran for three slots that were open, so people were very, very interested in the environment right now and what's going on with the COVID."

Incumbent board member Ann Richardson, who retained her position by narrowly edging out newcomer Kathy Jane Kempton by 23 votes, was the first to be sworn in. Richardson raised her right hand, repeated the oath of office and signed her name, putting her officially back on the board.

"It's special," said Richardson. "I appreciate the voters' confidence in me and I'm looking forward to serving another four years. I'm looking forward to working with everyone."

La Strada next administered the oath to Brandy Von Holten, who took the lead in the April 6 municipal election with 2,057 votes. "

I'm not a politician. This is my first time ever being on a public health board," said Von Holten. "I'm taking the position extremely seriously and I'm just looking forward to having a voice in our community. Coming in first place out of 10 candidates, the largest number of candidates in Pettis County's history of elections, I just want to make sure to bring transparency and let so many people that had the same concerns as myself have a voice."

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From left, Amanda McClain, Pettis County Clerk Nick La Strada, Ann Richardson and Brandy Von Holten at Friday's swearing-in to the Pettis County Health Center Board of Trustees at the Pettis County Courthouse.

Fazoli's to close Monday for employees



PHOTO COURTESY OF ALLISON KROEGER

Fazoli's, 2720 W. Broadway Blvd., will be closed Monday to offer employees a break from hectic schedules due to being understaffed.

Local restaurants struggling with low staffing

By Nicole Cooke
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With employee numbers dwindling and no new applicants in sight, one local restaurant is closing its doors for the day on Monday to give its employees a much-needed break.

Fazoli's General Manager Kelly Ramey said the restaurant has been short-staffed since early February. Allison Kroeger, Director of Operations for Kroeger Enterprises, which owns the Sedalia Fazoli's location, said to be comfortable, the store needs 30 or more employees, but it is currently operating with about 19.

On Friday, Kroeger shared a photo on Facebook of a sign posted to the restaurant's front door: "We will be closed Monday, April 19 for the sake of our employees' mental health," it reads. "Please be patient and kind with the staff that chose to show up today. (P.S. We could use some help. Apply today: www.sedaliafazolis.com)."

The post generated dozens of comments and hundreds of shares. Many of the comments sympathized with Kroeger's situation, saying they were experiencing the same issue at their business. Others thanked her for taking the staff's well-being into consideration.

"We've had a lot of positive feedback from our community," Kroeger said. "Collectively we are all realizing how big of a deal mental health is. I know how hard it is to work day in and day out and hard shifts and long shifts. It really takes a toll on you."

She received a similar reaction from the employees.

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OBITUARIES

Christopher Larry Shy

Christopher Larry Shy, loving husband, father of four and great American, passed away in Medina, Ohio Tuesday April 6th at the age of 91 with his family by his side.



Born in a two-room farmhouse in Clifton City, MO January 31st, 1930, Chris completed High School in Sedalia, joined the Marines, and attended the University of Missouri in Columbia where he met his future wife. They moved to Kansas City where Chris worked at Bendix Corp before taking the job of Grand Lodge Auditor of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers in Northeastern Ohio where they settled in the city of Medina for the past fifty years. Chris had a passion for traveling America and his work allowed him to do that across his territory and for conferences across the U.S. After retirement, he and his wife traveled by RV for 25 years, visiting all 50 states, Canada and Mexico. On each trip they researched genealogy and visited far flung extended family. Chris was preceded in death by his mother, Lucille Bordoli (a long time Sedalia resident), his father, John Shy (Gwen), and his brother, James Shy. Chris is survived by his wife of 67 years, Audrae Georgann Calvin Shy, his four children, Valerie, Greg (Mindy), Vicki (Doug) and Julie (David), his sister Sybil Ruffing (Don), his step-sister Mary Plummer, his five grandchildren, Jessica, Christopher, Matthew, Adin, and Emma, great-granddaughter, Astrid, and many nieces, great-nieces and great-nephews. A memorial Zoom was held April 10 with family and friends. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Chris' name to the American Cancer Society.

Howard Woodrow Phillips

Howard Woodrow Phillips, 72 of Sedalia, died Thursday, April 15, 2021, at his home.



Howard was born June 11, 1948, in Sedalia, to the late William "Bill" Woodrow Phiilips and Emma May Phillips. He attended schools in Sedalia, graduating from Smith Cotton High School.

Howard married Sharon Kay Vansel, on October 25, 1968. She preceded him in death on November 26, 2008.

Howard worked for Rival Manufacturing for many years. He started working there when the company opened, and he stayed until his retirement. While working there he was a leadman on the loading docks and a forklift driver.

Howard is survived by his daughter Robin Sue Blaylock and husband Steven of Sedalia, and his son Woodrow Phillips and wife Dawn of Sedalia; grandchildren Hayden Phillips, Tyler Blaylock, Jenna Blaylock and Alec Phillips; step-grandchild Jaycie Linton; one great grandchild, Aubrey Sawford; step-great grandchildren, Bryleigh, Pryse, Kaleb, Kase and Chelsea Linton.

Memorial services will be 1:00 pm, Wednesday, April 21, at McLaughlin Funeral Chapel with Rev. Donnie Hayworth officiating. The family will receive friends from 11am until service time at the funeral home. Inurnment will follow in Olive Branch Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to the family. Memorials may be left at or mailed to McLaughlin Funeral Chapel, 519 S. Ohio St., Sedalia, MO 65301.

DEATH NOTICE

Hill

Connie Sue Hill, 68, of Mora, died Thursday, April 15, 2021, at Good Samaritan Care Center in Cole Camp.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday, at the Fox Funeral Home in Cole Camp. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Fox Funeral Home in Cole Camp. Burial will be in Highland Sacred Gardens in Sedalia. Arrangements are under the direction of Fox Funeral Home.

FUNERALS

Stewart, Edward R. "Ed"

10 a.m. Saturday at the Windsor United Methodist Church. Arrangements are under the direction of Hadley Funeral Home in Windsor.

Dabney, McQuetta Lenette Brown

11 a.m. Saturday at Calvary Philadelphia Missionary Baptist Church, 4703 Sunnyvale Street in Dallas, Texas. Arrangements are under the direction of Sacred Funeral Home in Cedar Hill, Texas.

Selecman, Laronda J.

1 p.m. Saturday at Lake Creek United Methodist Church. Arrangements are under the direction of Rea Funeral Chapel.

Ollison, Ronnie E.

3 p.m. Saturday at Green Ridge Cemetery in Green Ridge. Arrangements are under the direction of Rea Funeral Chapel in Sedalia.

Long, Kennadean Flora (Snyder)

11 a.m. Monday at High Point Cemetery in Hughesville. Arrangements are under the direction of Rea Funeral Chapel in Sedalia.

Hill, Connie Sue

1 p.m. Monday at Fox Funeral Home in Cole Camp. Arrangements are under the direction of Fox Funeral Home.

Phillips, Howard Woodrow

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

LOCAL BRIEFS

Missouri State Parks hosts Earth Day art contest

To celebrate Earth Day 2021, Missouri State Parks is sponsoring a virtual art contest for youth pre-kindergarten through grade 12. The theme of the contest is "Earth Day Art in Missouri State Parks."

Artwork can be any medium and must be submitted as a JPEG image. The deadline for submittal is April 30. The first 500 submittals will receive a Missouri State Parks nature journal. A grand prize "Director's Choice" award will be given for the top artwork and will include a $50 gift card to Missouri State Parks. The first-, second- and third-place winners in each age category will receive a medal. Honorable-mention recipients in each category will receive a certificate.

Winning artwork will be displayed on the Missouri State Parks Facebook and Flickr pages as well as displayed at the Missouri State Museum in the Capitol during the month of June. For more information or to submit a work of art, visit mostateparks.com/EarthDayArt.

One hundred trees for 100 years of Hubbard Park

Sedalia Parks and Recreation continues to celebrate Hubbard Park's 100 year anniversary by adding and/or hosting something to Hubbard Park each month throughout 2021.

For April, Parks and Rec is celebrating Arbor Day. At 10 a.m. April 23 at Hubbard Park, Parks and Rec will pass out 100 trees for 100 years of Hubbard Park. Trees are free on a first come first serve basis. One tree per person will be given out. Help celebrate arbor day by planting your trees.

For more information, contact Savannah Lynde, Recreation Supervisor, at slynde@sedaliaparks.com, visit the Sedalia Parks and Recreation Office at 1500 W. Third St. or call 660-826-4930.

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

April 14

9:34 p.m.: James R. Sheets, 32, of Versailles, was arrested after officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle with expired license plates. The passenger gave a false identity during the stop but with further investigation, Sheets's proper identity was discovered. Sheets had three active warrants for his arrest and was transported to the Pettis County Jail for two previous failure to appear warrants, identity theft, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

April 16

12:43 a.m: Gene K. Robinson, 60, of the 1600 block of Honda Road, was arrested after he was observed speeding at West 16th Street and Thompson Boulevard. Officers detected the odor of intoxicants and during the course of the investigation, it was determined Robinson was intoxicated. He was arrested and transported to the Pettis County Jail where he provided a breath sample that showed his blood alcohol content above .08. He was booked and released to a sober driver. A request for a charge of driving while intoxicated-prior offender has been submitted to the prosecutor

2:41 a.m.: Jasmine C. Walker, 21, of the 24000 block of Oak Grove Lane, was arrested after officers performed a traffic stop for a vehicle for improper lane usage and improper vehicle registration. During contact with the occupants, open alcohol containers were observed in the vehicle and a search was performed. Walker was found in possession of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia. She was arrested and transported to Pettis County Jail and placed on a 24-hour hold pending state charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Incidents

April 14

6:48 p.m.: Officers responded to a business in the 300 block of South Lamine Avenue for a report of an assault. A female suspect had fled the area and a male victim was waiting outside. Officers spoke with the victim and took statements. The suspect was unable to be located.

April 15

1:11 p.m.: Barry Carle Rivera, 23, of the 1600 block of East Fifth Street, was issued a summons after officers responded to Liberty Park regarding a disturbance. A subject was reportedly trying to get into several houses in the area by pulling on doors. During the course of the investigation, the subject ran away from the officer on foot. The officer caught the subject after a short foot pursuit and he was arrested and taken to the Pettis County Jail. Rivera was placed on a 12-hour hold and charges were submitted to the prosecutor for failure to obey/resisting arrest.

2:56 p.m.: An officer met with a subject in the lobby of the police department regarding a forgery, identity theft and exploitation of the elderly. The amount of money fraudulently obtained was $2,000.

Missouri State Highway Patrol Arrests

April 15

6:15 p.m.: Casey T. Foster, 28, of Rocky Mount, was arrested in Morgan County for possession of 10 grams or less of marijuana and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia. He was given a summons and released.

Compiled by Chris Howell.

Police cadets support Heber Hunt Elementary initiative



PHOTO COURTESY OF SEDALIA SCHOOL DISTRICT 200

Antonio Belton, far left, and Eric Colgan, far right, cadets from the Central Missouri Police Academy Part Time Class 2, present donations of snacks and other positive reinforcement rewards to Heber Hunt Elementary student representatives on Friday, April 9, at the school. The cadets and their fellow members of the part-time academy at State Fair Community College are sponsoring the school's Tiger Cart for the fourth grade students; the cart offers positive reinforcements for students when they complete tasks and show positive behaviors. Heber Hunt fourth grade teacher Emily Overstreet expressed her gratitude to the cadets for their outreach: "With all that we have faced this last school year, it is a wonderful thing to be able to give positive reinforcement where it is deserved."

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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Six Sedalia Middle School students will have their haiku poetry published in the 2021 edition of the Young American Poetry Digest; their work was submitted for consideration by SMS English Language Arts teacher Shellene Dore. Shown, from left, are students Alex Sonnick, Keighly Poindexter, Christina Kondratyuk, Joseph Bass, Cole Kruger, and Dore. Not pictured: student Esme Ricky.

SMS students to have poems published

Poems written by six Sedalia Middle School students will be published in the next edition of the Young American Poetry Digest.

Students in SMS English Language Arts teacher Shellene Dore's class wrote haiku poetry, and she selected the highest quality writings to submit to the 2021 Young American Poetry Digest contest. These students' poems were selected for publication: Esme Rickey, Joseph Bass, Christina Kondratyuk, Cole Kroeger, Alex Sonnick, and Keighly Poindexter.

This is the 26th year that the Young American Poetry Digest will be published. Poems are selected by a panel of educators who evaluated the overall quality of the work along with creativity, age-appropriate language, sensory/figurative images, structure and poetic techniques.

Release courtesy of Sedalia School District 200.

Jury recommends life in prison for Missouri man in 2 deaths

HARRISONVILLE, Mo. (AP) — A jury recommended on Friday that a Kansas City man receive the maximum sentence for killing two women nearly a decade apart and leaving their bodies in the same field.

The Cass County jury recommended that Kylr Yust, 32, serve life in prison for second-degree murder in the death of Jessica Runions, 21, of Raymore, and 15 years in prison for voluntary manslaughter in the killing of 17-year-old Kara Kopetsky, of Belton.

Yust was charged with first-degree murder, but the Cass County jury convicted him of lesser charges on Thursday. Formal sentencing was scheduled for June 7. A judge will determine at that hearing whether the sentences will run concurrently or consecutively.

The two women were both seen with Yust before they disappeared. Runions left a party with him before she went missing in September 2016. Kopetsky had taken out a protection order against Yust a month before she was last seen leaving Belton High School in April 2007.

A mushroom hunter found their bodies near each other in a Cass County field south of Kansas City in April 2017.

After the sentencing, the victims' mothers thanked the community for its support throughout their ordeal.

"We're just grateful to be where we are today, because there were days we didn't know if our girls were ever going to be found. We're just so grateful that they were found, and we have them back now," said Rhonda Beckford, Kopetsky's mother.

Prosecutors said during the trial that Yust killed the two women because they rejected him. Yust's attorney questioned the investigation and said prosecutors had no physical evidence connecting Yust to either death.

Yust testified Wednesday that he did not kill either woman, and blamed his half-brother, Jessup Carter, for their deaths. Carter died by suicide in 2018 while he was being held in the Jackson County jail on a charge of second-degree arson.

Before the sentencing, relatives of the two women testified about how much they were loved and how their deaths have devastated their families and friends.

"I don't get to walk my daughter down the aisle and see her be married and be a mother," Runions' father, John Runions, said. "Her sisters don't get to look up to her anymore. And she loved her sisters."

Kopetsky's stepfather, Jim Beckford, said Rhonda Beckford has paid her daughter's phone bill since her disappearance in hopes someone would call, The Kansas City Star reported.

"If you were to check the phone records today, you will see that I called it on Sunday night just to hear that one little wisp of her voice," Beckford said.

Defense lawyers called several witnesses to plead for leniency for Yust. They testified that his mother was absent and his father was not responsible while Yust was growing up, KCUR reported.

Ciara West, who has known Yust since she was 15, said she was shocked when she heard he was charged.

"I didn't ever for a second believe that at all. I've never seen him raise his voice," West said.

Commission hires new payroll specialist

By Democrat Staff

During daily meetings April 12-16, the Pettis County Commission completed the following:

April 12: The Commission approved the use of Express Employment Professionals to aid in future hiring processes for the County.

Citizen Marty Himes discussed ditching near his property with the commissioners.

April 13: The Commission went into closed session to conduct interviews for the Payroll and Benefits Specialist position with various applicants.

Sheriff Brad Anders dropped off recommendations for the inmate medical bids.

The Commission moved to extend the Payroll and Benefits Specialist position to Marie Kringle.

April 14: No action taken.

April 15: Citizen Mark Jones visited with Western Commissioner Jim Marcum and Eastern Commissioner Israel Baeza.

County Clerk Nick La Strada discussed budget transfers with the commissioners.

Martin Equipment representative Rowdy Cannon visited with Marcum.

April 16: The Commission had general discussions regarding the inmate medical bids. Also present were Chief Deputy Tollie Rowe, Capt. Bill Conner and Anders. The Commission tabled the discussion pending further review.

The Commission met with Assessor Chris Woolery to discuss upcoming costs of commercial re-assessment.

Citizen Dale Yelton talked with Marcum regarding the upcoming Rotary Auction.

Treasurer Kim Lyne discussed various ongoing projects with the commissioners and inquired about placing funding into a CD account with Wood and Huston Bank.

40 & 8 representative Cliff McBride invited the Commission to the Boy Scouts Great River Breakfast.

The Commission approved placing $1 million from Contingency Accounts in both Road and Bridge and General Revenue to a CD account to garner interest.

The Commission went into closed session to discuss the Payroll and Benefit Specialist personnel. The Commission moved to hire Marie Kringle to the position of Payroll and Benefits Specialist to start on Monday, April 19.

La Strada discussed budget transfers with the commissioners.

The Commission discussed a road extension request of Brown Springs Road. As the required signatures were not provided, the Commission approved the request with no County maintenance and the road, including the extension, will remain Brown Springs Road.

The Commission approved the budget transfer as agreed upon between La Strada and the Commission to cover the responsibilities of the new Payroll and Benefits position.

The Commission appointed GIS Director James Theisen to research and clear up issues with the property purchased at the 2019 tax sale regarding any title searches as needed.

The census for the Pettis County Jail for the week of April 12 is 145 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 Kristen Anderson, assistant to the commission, at 660-826-5000 ext. 410.

Missouri to begin $5M COVID-19 vaccination campaign

By Heather Hollingsworth
Associated Press

Missouri is preparing to launch a $5 million ad campaign to urge residents to get the coronavirus vaccine as appointment times begin to go unfilled in some places even though the state expanded eligibility to everyone age 16 or older.

Called Stronger Together, the campaign will begin next month and will provide vaccination information through radio, TV, print and social media messages.

"There is definitely misinformation, disinformation circulating," said state health department spokeswoman Lisa Cox. "I think the challenge is very similar to what we saw throughout the last year, making people aware of why these efforts are important and the impact they make and how the virus works and what it is going to take to get back to as close to normal as we feel we can get."

Vaccinators this week reported hundreds of openings for appointments around the state, including in St. Louis, Kansas City, Columbia and Jefferson City, despite the state opening eligibility to anyone 16 or older last week.

"We are hoping that the more education that we can get out that, 'Hey everyone 16 and up can do this now,' hopefully that will help and cause people to seek out a vaccine," Cox said.

Just 33.3% of Missouri residents had received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine as of Thursday, which is less than half what would be needed to achieve herd immunity.

Cox also said the number of health agencies requesting vaccine fell by half last week compared to the previous week.

"Some of them do feel like they have really hit a wall as far as who is interested," Cox said, noting that the state's vaccine supply did increase substantially last month.

Health officials say it's important to get people vaccinated as soon as possible because, among other reasons, safeguards are being lifted around the state.

The tourist town of Branson did away with its mask mandate as of Friday, and Springfield businesses would be allowed to open to full capacity this weekend. In southeastern Missouri, wearing face masks became optional this week in the Scott County School District.

STATE BRIEF

U.S. Rep. Jason Smith plans fundraiser at Trump's resort

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — U.S. Rep. Jason Smith, who is considering running for the U.S. Senate, plans to hold a fundraising event at former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort in Florida.

An invitation to the April 30 event lists Missouri Gov. Mike Parson and First Lady Teresa Parson as honorary hosts, although they have not confirmed they will attend, The St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported.

Conservative stars such as South Dakota Gov. Kristi Noem and U.S. Rep. Lauren Boebert, R-Colorado, also are listed on the invitation.

Smith, from Salem, has said he is considering running for the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by Sen. Roy Blunt, who is retiring.

Former Gov. Eric Greitens and Attorney General Eric Schmitt are the only two announced Republican candidates in the race.

Trump's endorsement could be crucial in the primary. He won Missouri by more than 15 percentage points over Democrat Joe Biden in last year's presidential race.

The fundraiser "is being held at Mar-a-Lago because that's the center of the America First agenda," Josh Siegel, Smith's campaign manager, said in an email.

Missouri chiropractor accused of false COVID-19 cure claims

ST. LOUIS (AP) — A Missouri chiropractor and his company are facing a federal complaint over their claims that zinc and vitamin D products were more effective than vaccines in treating or preventing COVID-19.

The Federal Trade Commission said Thursday it had filed a complaint seeking to block further sales by Eric Anthony Nepute and his company, Quickwork LLC, which does business as Wellness Warrior.

It is the first action brought by the FTC under a new COVID-19 Consumer Protection Act, which makes it illegal "to engage in a deceptive act or practice that is associated with 'the treatment, cure, prevention, mitigation, or diagnosis of COVID-19,'" the agency said.

A call to Nepute's business seeking comment on Friday was not immediately returned.

Nepute continues to make the false claims despite earlier warnings to stop, said the commission. He and his company could face civil penalties, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported.

The claims made by Nepute and his company exploit fears caused the pandemic and pose a "significant risk to public health and safety," the commission said.

Nepute promoted his bogus health claims in video monologues on social media that have been viewed millions of times, the FTC said. Other videos by Nepute claim masks can be harmful and coronavirus death statistics have been inflated.

When Facebook shut down his page in February, Nepute created a new page and website and reposted his videos, according to the complaint.

In April 2020, the Missouri State Board of Chiropractic Examiners sued Nepute in St. Louis County Circuit Court, saying he was falsely claiming to be a doctor and was promoting tonic water and zinc as a preventative or cure for COVID-19. The board dismissed the suit two weeks later.

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CRASH REPORTS

Warrensburg woman hurt in Johnson accident

Christina R. Allen, 53, of Warrensburg, received minor injuries at 1:30 p.m. Thursday in a Johnson County two-car crash.

According to a Missouri State Highway Patrol report, Allen was driving a 2015 Cadillac Escalade south on state Route 13 at Northwest 435th when a 2007 Hyundai Santa Fe driven by Laranda K. McFadden, 24, of Bethany, approached from behind at a high rate of speed. McFadden traveled off the roadway, returned to the roadway and struck Allen's Cadillac. The Santa Fe traveled off the roadway again and came to rest in a ditch; the Cadillac came to a controlled stop in an adjacent driveway.

Allen sought medical attention by private vehicle. Both drivers were wearing a seat belt.

Sedalia man hurt in Pettis accident

Gage D. Kabler, 19, of Sedalia, received minor injuries at 8 p.m. Thursday in a Pettis County accident.

According to a Missouri State Highway Patrol report, Kabler was driving south on Carpenter Road north of McGee Road when he failed to negotiate a curve and began sliding. His car crossed the centerline of the road and Kabler overcorrected, causing the vehicle to travel off the right side of the roadway, striking a tree.

He was taken to Bothwell Regional Health Center by Pettis County Ambulance District.

3 hurt in Pettis accident

Kayla M. Pruitt, 26, of Sedalia, and a 9-year-old female from Sedalia received minor injuries, and Amanda S. Jack, 39, of Green Ridge, also received minor injuries at 5:08 p.m. Thursday in a Pettis County two-car crash.

According to a Missouri State Highway Patrol report, a 2010 Acura driven by Amanda Jack was westbound on Bagby Road at Camp Branch Road and a 2012 Mazda driven by Jonathan D. Pruitt, 28, of Sedalia, was southbound, when Jack failed to stop at a stop sign, causing her vehicle to strike Pruett's Mazda.

The 9-year-old, Kayla Pruitt, and Amanda Jack were taken to Bothwell Regional Health Center by Pettis County Ambulance District.

Jonathan Pruitt and Kayla Pruitt were not wearing a seat belt. The 9-year-old and Amanda Jack were wearing a seat belt.

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

Compiled by Chris Howell.

STATE BRIEF

Police officer seriously burned when hit by Molotov cocktail

STE. GENEVIEVE, Mo. (AP) — A Ste. Genevieve police officer was recovering from serious burns he suffered early Friday when his uniform caught fire after a man threw a Molotov cocktail at him, police said.

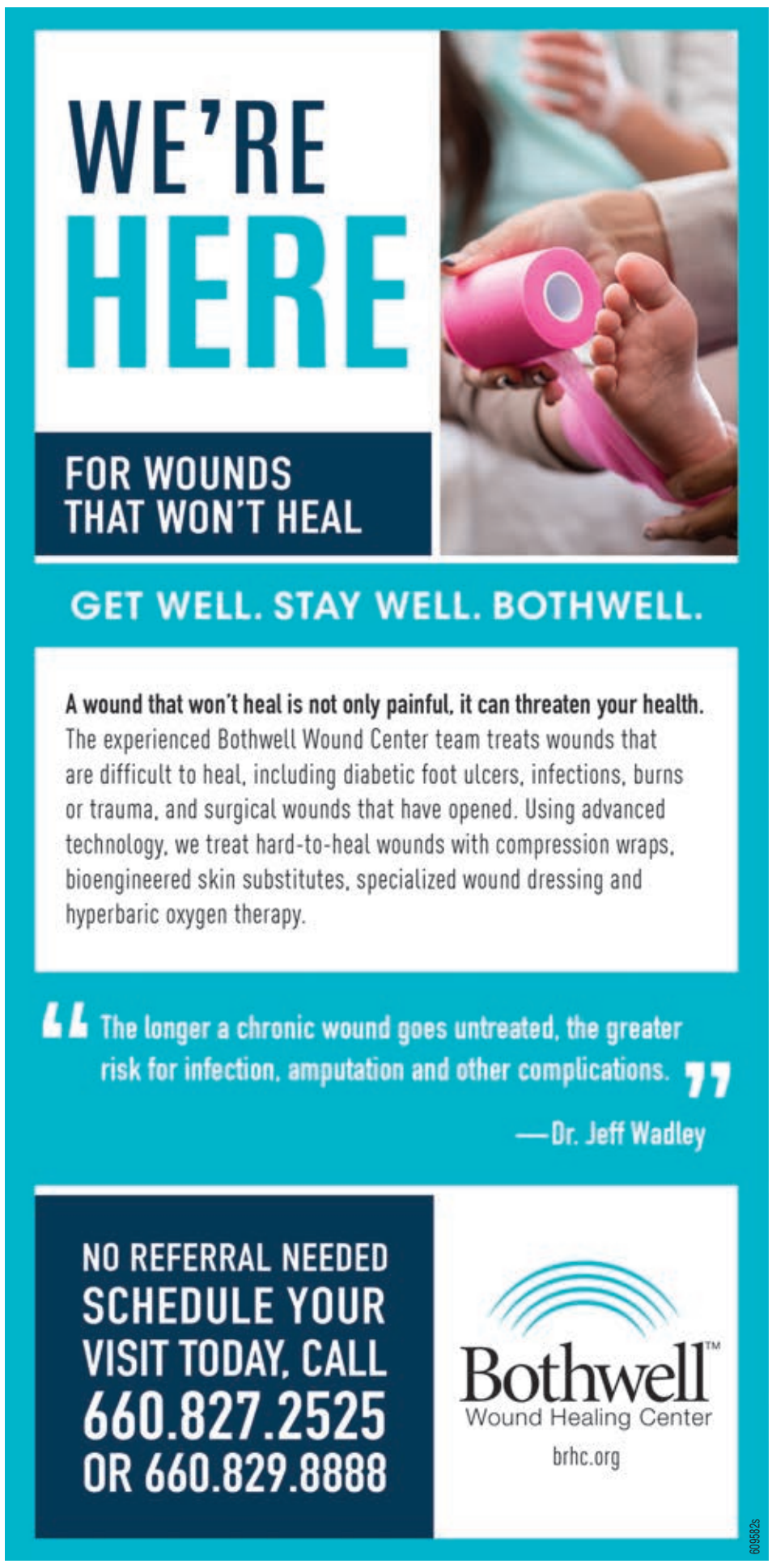
The officer was responding to a disturbance call when he encountered the man outside his parents' home, holding a bottle filled with flammable liquid, police said.

The man lit the bottle and refused the officer's orders to drop it. The officer used his Taser on the man but "it was ineffective," Police Chief Eric Bennett said.

When the Molotov cocktail was thrown at the officer, it broke on his arm, burning his arms, legs and torso. He rolled on the ground to extinguish the flames while the suspect's family tried to help him with an outdoor water faucet, Bennett said.

Bennett said the officer, a man in his 30s who has been with the Ste. Genevieve department on and off for at least 12 years, was alert after being flown to a St. Louis hospital, The St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported.

The Ste. Genevieve County sheriff's office will investigate the case. A 30-year-old suspect was being held at the county jail.



After outcry, WH says Biden will lift refugee cap in May

By Zeke Miller, Aamer Madhani and Julie Watson
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Facing swift blowback from allies and aid groups, the White House on Friday said President Joe Biden plans to lift his predecessor's historically low cap on refugees by next month, after initially moving only to expand the eligibility criteria for resettlements.

In an emergency determination signed by Biden earlier in the day, he stated the admission of up to 15,000 refugees set by former President Donald Trump this year "remains justified by humanitarian concerns and is otherwise in the national interest." But if the cap is reached before the end of the current budget year and the emergency refugee situation persists, then a presidential determination may be issued to raise the ceiling.

That set off a deluge of criticism from top allies on Capitol Hill such as the second-ranking Senate Democrat, Dick Durbin of Illinois, who called that initial limit "unacceptable."

White House press secretary Jen Psaki said later that Biden is expected to increase the refugee cap by May 15, though she didn't say by how much.

Biden has been consulting with his advisers to determine what number of refugees could realistically be admitted to the United States between now and Oct. 1, the end of the fiscal year, Psaki said. "Given the decimated refugee admissions program we inherited," she said it's now "unlikely" Biden will be able to boost that number to 62,500, as he had proposed in his plan to Congress two months ago.

But Biden, she said, was urged by advisers to "take immediate action to reverse the Trump policy that banned refugees from many key regions, to enable flights from those regions to begin within days; today's order did that."

The new allocations provide more slots for refugees from Africa, the Middle East and Central America and lift Trump's restrictions on resettlements from Somalia, Syria and Yemen.

Critics from both sides of the political spectrum had accused the president of bowing to political pressure that has been mounting over the record pace of unaccompanied migrants crossing the U.S.-Mexico border. Stephen Miller, a key architect of Trump's immigration policies, tweeted that keeping Trump's cap "reflects Team Biden's awareness that the border flood will cause record midterm losses."

The White House indicated the border situation was partly why Biden had not acted before now, even though migrants at the border do not go through the same vetting process as refugees.

"It is a factor," said Psaki, noting that the Office of Refugee Resettlement "has personnel working on both issues and so we have to ensure that there is capacity and ability to manage both."

Connecticut Democratic Sen. Richard Blumenthal said he didn't buy that.

"This cruel policy is no more acceptable now than it was during the Trump Administration," Blumenthal said. "To be clear: the asylum process at the southern border and the refugee process are completely separate immigration systems. Conflating the two constitutes caving to the politics of fear."

Since the fiscal year began last Oct. 1, just over 2,000 refugees have been resettled in the U.S.

Secretary of State Antony Blinken notified Congress on Feb. 12 of a plan to raise the ceiling on admissions to 62,500, but no presidential determination followed. The law does not require congressional approval and past presidents have issued such presidential determinations that set the cap on refugee admissions shortly after the notification to Congress.

New Jersey Democratic Sen. Bob Menendez, the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, told Biden in a letter Friday that his inaction "undermines your declared purpose to reverse your predecessor's refugee policies."

Menendez said it also makes it unlikely that the program can hit its target next budget year of 125,000, which Biden has pledged to do.

Refugee resettlement agencies said it was important that admissions go higher even if it's not possible to meet the target to send a message that America will be a leader again in offering safe haven to the world's oppressed.

Some 35,000 refugees have been cleared to go to the United States, and 100,000 remain in the pipeline and their lives remain in limbo, said David Miliband, president and CEO of the International Rescue Committee.

"This leadership is sorely needed," he said.

Under Biden's new allocation, 7,000 slots are reserved for refugees from Africa, 1,000 from East Asia, 1,500 from Europe and Central Asia, 3,000 from Latin America and the Caribbean and 1,500 from the Near East and South Asia. A reserve of about 1,000 slots can be used as needed.

The State Department, which coordinates flights with resettlement agencies, booked 715 refugees to come to the United States with the anticipation that Biden would have acted by March, but those flights were canceled since the refugees were not eligible under Trump's rules, according to resettlement agencies.

Most of the refugees are from Africa and fleeing armed conflict or political persecution. Trump limited most spots to people fleeing religious persecution, Iraqis who have assisted U.S. forces there, and people from Central America's Northern Triangle.

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Watson reported from San Diego.

US setting up $1.7B national network to track virus variants

By Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar and Zeke Miller
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. is setting up a $1.7 billion national network to identify and track worrisome coronavirus mutations whose spread could trigger another pandemic wave, the Biden administration announced Friday.

White House officials unveiled a strategy that features three components: a major funding boost for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and state health departments to ramp up coronavirus gene-mapping; the creation of six "centers of excellence" partnerships with universities to conduct research and develop technologies for gene-based surveillance of pathogens, and building a data system to better share and analyze information on emerging disease threats, so knowledge can be turned into action.

"Even as we accelerate our efforts to get shots into arms, more dangerous variants are growing, causing increases in cases in people without immunity," White House coronavirus adviser Andy Slavitt told reporters. That "requires us to intensify our efforts to quickly test for and find the genetic sequence of the virus as it spreads."

The new effort relies on money approved by Congress as part of President Joe Biden's coronavirus relief package to break what experts say is a feast-or-famine cycle in U.S. preparedness for disease threats. The coronavirus is only one example. Others pathogens have included Ebola and Zika, and respiratory viruses like SARS in 2002 and MERS in 2012, which did not become major problems in the United States. Typically, the government scrambles to counter a potential threat, but funding dries up when it recedes. The new genomic surveillance initiative aims to create a permanent infrastructure.

"It's a transformative amount of money," Mary Lee Watts, federal affairs director at the American Society for Microbiology, said in a recent interview. "It has the potential not only to get ahead of the current crisis, but it is going to help us in the future. This is a program that has been underfunded for years."

The Biden administration's move comes as a variant known as B117, which first emerged in the United Kingdom, has become the predominant strain in the U.S. In hard-hit Michigan, the more transmissible mutation accounts for more than half the cases, according to CDC data. That's also the case in Minnesota. Vaccines are effective against the so-called U.K. variant, but other mutations circulating around the globe have shown resistance to currently available vaccines.

CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky said Friday the U.S. is now averaging nearly 70,000 new coronavirus cases daily, up from about 53,000 just four weeks ago. Hospitalizations have been trending higher, too, and deaths were up for the third day in a row. Along with relaxed restrictions on gatherings and indoor dining, the emergence of variants that spread more easily is part of the reason for the worsening trend.

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FBI says it interviewed FedEx mass shooter last year

By Casey Smith and Rick Callahan
Associated Press/Report for America

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The former employee who shot and killed eight people at a FedEx facility in Indianapolis was interviewed by FBI agents last year, after his mother called police to say that her son might commit "suicide by cop," the bureau said Friday.

Coroners released the names of the victims late Friday, a little less than 24 hours after the latest mass shooting to rock the U.S. Four of them were members of Indianapolis' Sikh community. The attack was another blow to the Asian American community a month after six people of Asian descent were killed in a mass shooting in the Atlanta area and amid ongoing attacks against Asian Americans during the coronavirus pandemic.

The Marion County Coroner's office identified the dead as Matthew R. Alexander, 32; Samaria Blackwell, 19; Amarjeet Johal, 66; Jaswinder Kaur, 64; Jaswinder Singh, 68; Amarjit Sekhon, 48; Karli Smith, 19; and John Weisert, 74.

The shooter was identified as Brandon Scott Hole, 19, of Indianapolis, Deputy Police Chief Craig McCartt told a news conference. Investigators searched a home in Indianapolis associated with Hole and seized evidence, including desktop computers and other electronic media, McCartt said.

Hole began firing randomly at people in the parking lot of the FedEx facility late Thursday, killing four, before entering the building, fatally shooting four more people and then turning the gun on himself, McCartt said. He said he did not know if Hole owned the gun legally.

"There was no confrontation with anyone that was there," he said. "There was no disturbance, there was no argument. He just appeared to randomly start shooting."

McCartt said the slayings took place in a matter of minutes, and that there were at least 100 people in the facility at the time. Many were changing shifts or were on their dinner break, he said. Several people were wounded, including five who were taken to the hospital.

"You deserved so much better than this," a man who identified himself as the grandson of Johal tweeted Friday evening. Johal had planned to work a double shift Thursday so she could take Friday off, according to the grandson, who would not give his full name but identifies himself as "Komal" on his Twitter page. Johal later decided to grab her check and go home, and still had the check in her hand when police found her, Komal said.

"(What) a harsh and cruel world we live in," he added.

Smith, the youngest of the victims, was last in contact with her family shortly before 11 p.m. Thursday, family members said in social media posts late Friday. Dominique Troutman, Smith's sister, waited hours at the Holiday Inn for an update on her sister. "Words can't even explain how I feel. ... I'm so hurt," Troutman said in a Facebook post Friday night.

Weisert had been working as a bag handler at FedEx for four years, his wife, Carol, told WISH-TV. The couple was married nearly 50 years.

President Joe Biden said he had been briefed on the shooting and called gun violence "an epidemic" in the U.S.

"Too many Americans are dying every single day from gun violence. It stains our character and pierces the very soul of our nation," he said in a statement. Later, he tweeted, "We can, and must, do more to reduce gun violence and save lives."

A FedEx employee said he was working inside the building Thursday night when he heard several gunshots in rapid succession.



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Ann Richardson signs the oath of office at the Pettis County Courthouse. Richardson joined Brandy Von Holten and Amanda McClain, the two new members of the Pettis County Health Center board, at Friday's swearing-in.

Board

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When asked a reason for her strong showing Von Holten answered, "I think it's because 70% of our County is conservative and agriculturally based. I mean I had to come from the farm this morning to swear in and I just think that people believe in me because by nature a conservative is not loud, but I'm a louder conservative."

Von Holten has already begun familiarizing herself with the office she today fills.

"We've already begun some behind the scenes things of just making sure that everything is done the way that it's supposed to be done through the bylaws that are set forth by the State," she said. "I'm not here to rule with an iron fist, I'm just here to make sure that everyone has a voice."

Next to take the oath of office was Amanda McClain, who received the second-highest amount of votes.

"I'm happy that I won and I get to do this," said McClain. "I'm excited to learn because I know that I have some things to learn about the Health Center, but I have a good outlook, I really do think that all of us board members are going to work well together."

McClain said she thinks her health care background will put her in a unique position on the board.

"I also am a registered nurse so I have worked in public health before. I decided to run because I felt that I had the qualifications to be able to make a difference," said McClain. "I just look forward to learning the things that I need to learn, but also trying to make the changes that I think are important for our community. I know there's a lot of people that are upset with some things that have happened and I want to see if we can find a middle ground for all of us."

When asked what the more divisive issues were, McClain said, "when the mask rule came out that really upset a lot of people because of the way it was handled, and I think that communication, if it would have been done a little bit better, I think people would have not been as upset about it. So, I want to open the lines of communication with the public so that they can see what the board does, then see what the health center does."

After the short ceremony La Strada mentioned, "It was exciting to be a part of this process and exciting to get everyone sworn in at the same time. I would have to say this is probably one of the most competitive elections, for sure in Pettis County, for the Health Board. It was very, very good to be a part of it."

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"A lot of huge sighs of relief from our employees who are super thankful have a break," Kroeger said. "They of course get their typical scheduled days off but to get an extra one is good."

Once things get backed up, Kroeger noted it's hard to catch back up. After a few busy nights this week when ticket times were running long, Kroeger and her husband, Josh Kroeger, sat down and talked about it.

"I said I wish we could give them the whole week off to recoup but that just isn't possible," Kroger recalled. "Monday is a lower sales day anyway, so Josh and I decided it would be in the best interest of our employees to give them a break as much as we can. It isn't much, but it's something."

Fazoli's is just one of many businesses in Pettis County seeking employees. Indeed.com lists more than 1,500 job postings for Sedalia, including multiple for Fazoli's. Kroeger said she's scheduled numerous interviews where the candidate didn't show up and has also hired several people who didn't arrive for their first shift. She said it's a problem across the community and across the country for the restaurant industry.

Ramey said customers have been getting aggravated because orders are taking longer and they want things in a rush. For employees, the understaffing has resulted in longer and more shifts plus covering the responsibilities of multiple positions.

"A lot of praise goes in every day thanking them for the hard work but I see the exhaustion," Ramey said. "I'm super thankful for the team we have and they're willing to come back and do it again even when we've been kicked in the teeth the night before. They're doing an amazing job and I promise it'll get better and we're doing everything we can to make it better.

"Me and the assistant general manager and Josh and Allison all do a great job of not asking the employees to do something we wouldn't do, we're in the trenches with them," she added. "We're not just sitting on the sidelines giving them comments, we're in the middle of it with them."

As local restaurants continue navigating their current short-staffed reality, Kroeger offered a reminder to the community: be kind.

"To everyone who is waiting, whether it's our line or a different restaurant line, orders are going to take longer. Just be patient and be kind for the people who did show up for their shift," Kroeger said. "If we can all just try to keep that in mind and just be kind to one another, it would really go a long, long way. It makes a difference when people can approach us with a problem they've had but be kind about it. We promise to make anything right, fix any mistakes but being kind goes a long way."

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Virus

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Of particular concern are two variants that for now only have a toe-hold in the U.S. They are P1, first detected in travelers from Brazil, and B1351, identified in South Africa. The reason scientists are watching those variants is that they have shown some level of resistance to antibodies, defensive proteins produced by the human body in response to vaccines or a previous infection.

"In order for us to even have the possibility of getting back to normal by the fall we need to massively scale up our genomic surveillance," said Esther Krofah, who directs the Faster Cures initiative of the Milken Institute. "It's the insurance program that you need to have in place not just now, not just for COVID, but going forward for other pathogens of concern."

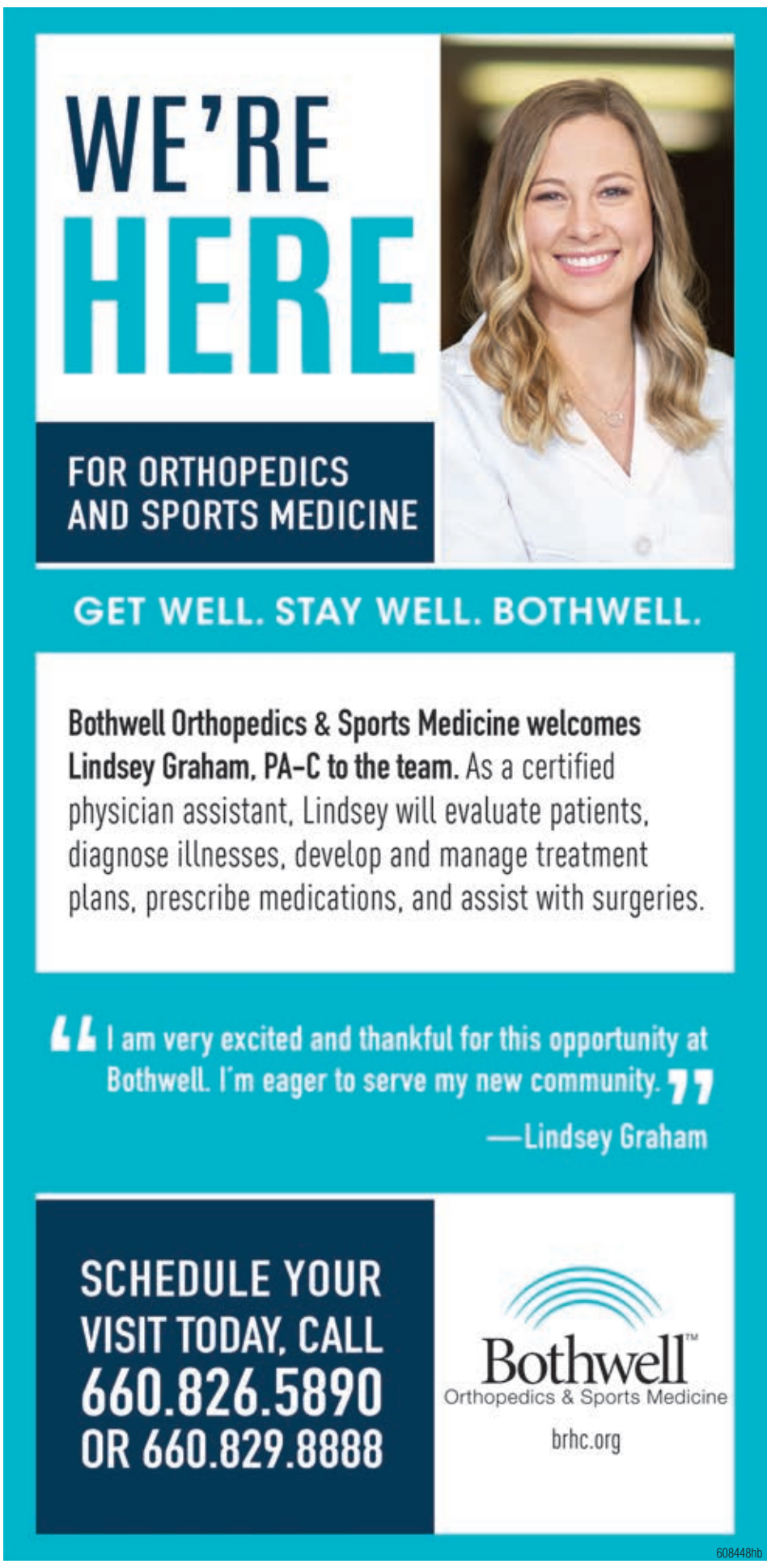
Genomic sequencing essentially involves mapping the DNA of an organism, the key to its unique features. It's done by high-tech machines that can cost from several hundred thousand dollars to $1 million or more. Technicians trained to run the machines and the necessary computing capacity add to costs.

Another hurdle is getting local, state and federal labs all working together. "There are lots of cats that need to be herded," said University of Wisconsin virologist Thomas Friedrich.

At the end of last year, the CDC and collaborating labs were completing only 116 coronavirus gene sequences a week, according to the CDC's website. "We started in a hole," said Slavitt.

The White House says the weekly count is now about 29,000, but experts say in a large, diverse country like the U.S. those numbers need to be much higher to keep pace with potential changes to the virus. Viruses are highly efficient at spreading, developing mutations that enable them to keep reproducing.

White House officials said the government is releasing to states and territories an initial $240 million out of $1 billion allocated to expand genomic sequencing. Another $400 million will go to launch the six research partnerships with academic institutions, dubbed Centers of Excellence in Genomic Epidemiology. Finally, $300 million will go to set up the data sharing system, which is being called the National Bioinformatics Infrastructure.



EDITORIAL



CONTRIBUTING COLUMN

Liberal bias in news now said OK



Doug Kneibert
Contributing Columnist

As I recall, readers and viewers began complaining about the liberal bias of the major news media sometime around the late 1960s.

Their complaints always were dismissed by the media as baseless. But things began to change, to where today the media have largely quit denying what had become undeniable.

We've now reached the point where a liberal bias is even defended as responsible journalism. For that we have Lester Holt, anchor of NBC Nightly News, to thank, as he's confirmed what many have known for a long time.

In accepting the Edward R. Murrow Award for Lifetime Achievement in Journalism, Holt let the mask fall:

"I think it's become clearer that fairness is overrated," he said, adding that there was no need to "always give two sides [of a news story] equal weight and merit."

Holt's setting up a straw man here. It's not the role of those who report straight news (as opposed to editorial opinion) to grant "merit." Deciding where merit belongs is up to the people — presuming they've heard both sides of the story.

So what takes the place of fairness in reporting the news? Holt had an answer for that as well. He said journalists should report the "truth" about issues "as they see it," and disregard contrary information.

Truth, therefore, becomes totally subjective, depending on how the reporter sees it. But if truth isn't objective it's not truth, since "subjective truth," which is an oxymoron, varies from individual to individual.

Holt said journalists have an obligation to not report "misinformation," which I agree with, except when it's a codeword for the conservative view on public issues.

Several liberal media outlets praised Holt for saying what they thought needed to be said. Others, who might have been expected to stand up for traditional journalistic practices, were strangely silent. That Holt still has his job is not a good sign.

Does he speak for only NBC News? I suspect there are many Lester Holts out there who are practicing the kind of journalism (if that's still the right word) he's defending. The very slanted coverage of the presidential campaign was a case in point.

I remember Edward R. Murrow, a journalist of the old school, and I suspect he was spinning in his grave at Holt's remarks. The award bearing his name should have been revoked on the spot.

My Nov. 21 column dealt with how the line between news and propaganda is becoming blurred. Holt's remarks are the latest evidence of that.

If you watch NBC Nightly News, be aware that you're getting only the news that Lester Holt thinks you need to know.

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CONTRIBUTING COLUMN

Visualizing the next remodeling plan



Deborah Mitchell
Contributing Columnist

It has been a year since we spent the first night in our new home. I'd be lying if I relied on the old bromide: "Time has just flown by!" It has not. Especially when we were in the midst of construction – first, adding a master bedroom closet, then remodeling the hopelessly out-of-date, non-functional master bathroom, and finally, ridding the second bathroom of its trampoline shower and replacing it with a walk-in tiled shower that doesn't walk when its occupant does.

All this has been running in tandem with the pandemic, the pandemic that has given rise to the exploding price of plywood, to the disappearance of "stuff" one used to be able to walk into Westlake and find on Aisle 5 or 6 or somewhere, to the delay in deliveries that in yesteryear took about a week but now take months. Certainly, time has not flown.

And now, we have again foolishly embarked on a new adventure. We have cut a hole in the wall – the hole that will someday be a kitchen pantry. We are beginning to bring our small galley kitchen into the 21st century. The hole in the wall is our crossing the Rubicon.

We have been talking about it weekly over the past year. We started with an idea, and then I made Max draw it so I, unable to visualize, could see it. So far, we have gone through no fewer than five different plans and several iterations of each plan. Just when I am comfortable with what we have decided, Max comes in and says, "I've been thinking . . ." and I know we are off to the races with another modification – or another plan altogether.

Then I have to see another drawing because I can't visualize what he is saying, and I can't remember what last week's plan looked like. After all, even after a year, I still struggle with remembering where I put something in the kitchen yesterday, because for 17 years, it was someplace else. When I need a specific tool, one I don't use often, I have no idea where to start looking, so I'm not really looking forward to moving everything around again.

But something has to change. Why? Well, my collection of spices drives me to distraction. For 17 years, I knew exactly where each spice container was. Mike Clements had designed the coolest little slide-out drawer that held innumerable spices, so that when I needed one, I found it immediately. Today, my "spice rack" is a long piece of furniture that was originally designed to be an entertainment center, to hold a television, DVDs, DVD player, and other electronics.

Instead, it is jammed full of peanut oil, olive oil, an immersion blender, a food processor, Tupperware containers full of flour, sugar, rice, and other dry ingredients, and, the pièce de résistance, a line of 36 plastic and glass spice containers, resting on a shelf about two feet off the floor. The other thousand or so are crowded, also two feet off the floor, onto another little shelf on the oak table next to the entertainment center – the table that holds the toaster resting on top of the microwave.

When I need, say, cumin, I bend to a 90-degree angle and inch down the line until I find it. Thank goodness for yoga and back exercises.

What's worse, most of my dishes and glasses are still downstairs in the basement. There is no place to put them. Of course, because of COVID, we haven't had guests for dinner for a year, and so there's really no reason to use anything other than the boring daily white plates and bowls.

Still, I feel like Maureen O'Hara in "The Quiet Man" when she tells John Wayne that she wants all her things about her. It isn't that I feel the need for "stuff." It's that my mother's, my grandmothers', my great-grandmother's and my great-great grandmother's dishes are quarantined in the basement. I want them close.

So we will soon begin another adventure in construction, but dollars to doughnuts, the plans will change before we are finished. As long as I know where my spices are, though, that's fine.

Deborah Mitchell is a local attorney.

THEIR VIEW

Lawmakers peddling false choice between public defenders, Medicaid

Kansas City Star

Missouri lawmakers are taking small steps to rectify the outrageous denial of constitutional rights for thousands of criminal defendants who need a public defender.

Sadly, the steps are too small, and they're doing it the wrong way.

Tuesday, April 6, the House Budget Committee considered a bill adding a little more than $1 million to the public defenders' budget, allowing the office to hire up to 15 additional lawyers. The director of the Office of the Public Defender, Mary Fox, said the money would allow her to clear up the backlog of some cases in some offices.

That's incredibly important. As The Star has reported, thousands of indigent defendants have waited months for a public defender to represent their interests before a judge. Some of those defendants have languished in jail, waiting for the lawyer they're owed by the U.S. Constitution.

In February, Missouri Circuit Court Judge William Hickle said it was likely that plaintiffs who claim an inadequate public defense would prevail in a lawsuit. More than 5,800 defendants were on wait lists in November 2019, the court found, without a public defender or private attorney.

"The State violates the Sixth Amendment (and the Missouri Constitution equivalent in Article I) by charging an indigent defendant with a crime … then delaying for weeks, months, and even more than a year before furnishing the defendant with an attorney," Hickle wrote.

He gave the legislature until July 1 to rectify the problem.

The 15 additional lawyers won't get the job done, even when combined with 12 new lawyers approved in an earlier budget measure. By most estimates, the Office of the Public Defender needs 53 more attorneys to adequately represent all clients, and to clean up the wait lists.

That would cost about $3.6 million, a pittance in a state with a $34 billion budget.

But it's even worse than that, because the $1 million set aside for 15 public defenders is coming from an alternative spending blueprint that assumes Medicaid won't be expanded in Missouri.

It's outrageous. This isn't an either-or situation. Missouri has more than enough cash to pay for expanded Medicaid and a fully-funded public defenders' office.

And spending that money isn't optional. The Missouri Constitution requires the state to make Medicaid available to qualified adults. The U.S. Constitution requires Missouri to provide an adequate defense for suspects who can't afford a lawyer.

The recalcitrance in Jefferson City almost guarantees an ongoing lawsuit over the lack of funding for indigent defense. A lawsuit over the lack of Medicaid expansion is also a certainty if lawmakers don't change their minds.

It is beyond frustrating to watch legislators continually dodge their legal obligations. And it should anger Missourians that lawmakers want to pit poor defendants against poor workers who lack health insurance.

Republicans have claimed the state lacks the resources to pay for these programs. It simply isn't true. Tax revenues have exceeded expectations during the pandemic, and the federal government is showering billions on the state to pay for essential services.

Providing a lawyer to a defendant who can't afford one is just such a service. We urge the Missouri Senate, and legislators in both parties, to fully fund the public defender and expand Medicaid before adjournment in May.

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Open Door Pantry Produce Manager Helen Shores places fresh fruit into a box that will be given to those in need. Boxes contain a variety of food including fresh produce, bread, canned goods and other items.



Open Door Pantry's food boxes are given to anyone who needs them. To keep everyone safe during COVID, staff and volunteers load the boxes in vehicles as people drive through.



Open Door Pantry volunteers Richard and Karen Parker, of Sedalia, work to load boxes with canned goods this week at the panty.



Open Door Pantry volunteer Christine Henson carries two bags filled with large grapes, which were included in food boxes this week.

Pantry

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No reservation is necessary, people only need to pull up to the door and volunteers will place the boxes in their vehicle.

"Our team believes that everybody should have the access to Open Door's food pantry, and any of Open Door's services," Davis said. "This is just an extension of our hours to be able to reach the working class.

"We've been around for so long, but we've never thought about extending hours," she continued. "It was something the warehouse crew really wanted to do."

She added Open Door often gives "emergency boxes" after hours and the staff was seeing a rising need in the community.

"Especially because of COVID," Davis noted.

Taylor added during the pandemic they began to see people they had never seen before picking up food boxes.

"It was people who never thought they would need our services," Taylor said.

Davis said many of the "new faces" seeking help said they were on unemployment benefits and not working, but added once they begin working again they wouldn't be able to come to Open Door because of the hours of operation.

If the need arises, Davis plans to add an extra day a month.

"Then if we do see a need, and we cannot serve everybody within those extended hours, then we may open up another Monday," Davis said.

She added the community groups that have volunteered are "very passionate" about serving. Many of the groups are happy the hours are extended so they can volunteer at Open Door after work.

Distribution of food will not change with extended hours.

"Everything will be the same, all the food boxes," Davis said. "Everything we serve during the day, we'll serve at the evening hours. We are really stressing that these hours are for our working-class families."

Davis added Open Door staff and volunteers will practice COVID awareness and will wear face masks while distributing food boxes.

Open Door Pantry, 111 W. Sixth St., will have extended hours from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday for food distribution. Those wanting to receive boxes should pull up through the Open Door driveway; volunteers will load the boxes into the vehicle. For more information, call 660-827-1613.

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



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STATE BRIEF

St. Louis police: Woman killed, 7-year-old hurt in shooting

ST. LOUIS (AP) — A woman was fatally shot and a 7-year-old girl injured in a shooting in north St. Louis, police said.

The shooting happened around 7 p.m. Thursday in the North Pointe neighborhood near the St. Louis border with the suburb of Jennings, according to police. The woman died at the scene, police said. Her name was not immediately released.

Police said the girl was shot in an ankle and was taken to a hospital for treatment and is expected to recover from the injury.

The shooting death marked the fifth homicide in the North Pointe neighborhood so far this year. That includes two men who were fatally shot April 5 at the same intersection as Thursday night's shooting.

THE WEATHER

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST

TODAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
58 / 42	58 / 39	66 / 33	42 / 27	51 / 34	58 / 45	59 / 40
A passing morning shower	A passing shower or two	Partly sunny and warmer	Cloudy, a shower; chilly	Rather cloudy and cool	A thunderstorm possible	A couple of showers possible

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	6:34 a.m.
Sunset tonight	7:52 p.m.
Moonrise today	9:53 a.m.
Moonset today	12:25 a.m.

First	Full	Last	New
Apr 20	Apr 26	May 3	May 11

WEATHER HISTORY

A severe squall line moved through Indiana on April 17, 1963. Hail reached 1.75 inches in diameter, and two tornadoes destroyed 21 buildings, causing $650,000 damage in Fort Wayne.

ALMANAC

Sedalia Regional Airport Thursday

TEMPERATURES

High	60
Low	37
Normal high	65
Normal low	42
Record high	85 in 1994
Record low	26 in 1997

PRECIPITATION

Thursday	0.00"
Month to date	3.46"
Normal m-t-d	1.89"
Year to date	12.95"
Normal y-t-d	8.36"

COOLING DEGREE DAYS

Index of energy consumption indicating how many degrees the average temperature was above 65 degrees for the day.

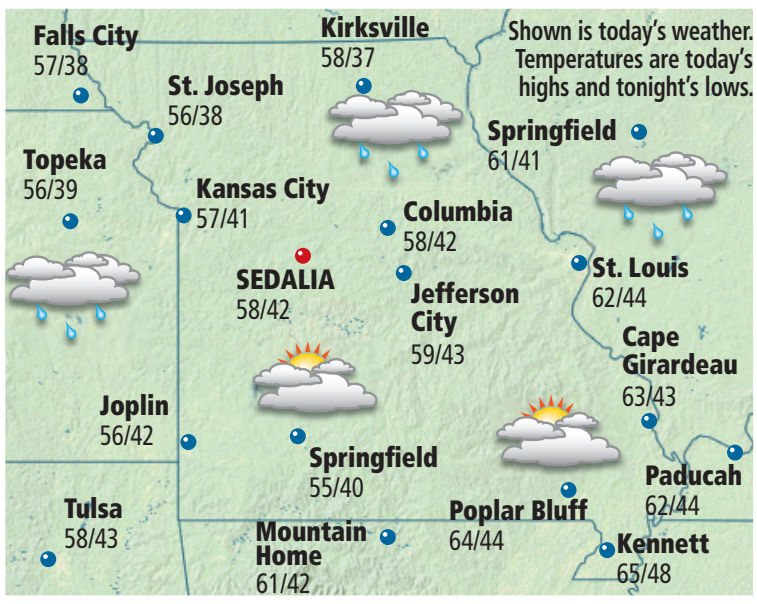
Thursday	0
Month to date	6
Year to date	6
Normal year to date	6
Last year to date	12

RIVER LEVELS

In feet as of 7 a.m. Friday

Blackwater	Stage	Chg	Fld Stg
Blue Lick	14.39	-11.82	24
Valley City	6.59	-0.93	22
Lamine			
Otterville	3.07	-0.19	15
Missouri			
Boonville	13.70	-2.18	21

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BRANSON

High: 60. **Low:** 41. Cool today with more clouds than sun. Mostly cloudy tonight. Intervals of clouds and sunshine tomorrow with a couple of showers.

KANSAS CITY

High: 57. **Low:** 41. Considerable cloudiness and cool today with spotty showers. Mostly cloudy tonight with a shower in spots. Clouds and sun tomorrow.

ST. LOUIS

High: 62. **Low:** 44. Cloudy and cool today with a shower. Mostly cloudy tonight. Clouds and sunshine tomorrow with a shower in the area; cool.

NEW YORK CITY

High: 58. **Low:** 46. Intervals of clouds and sunshine today. Cloudy most of the time tonight. A blend of sun and clouds tomorrow.

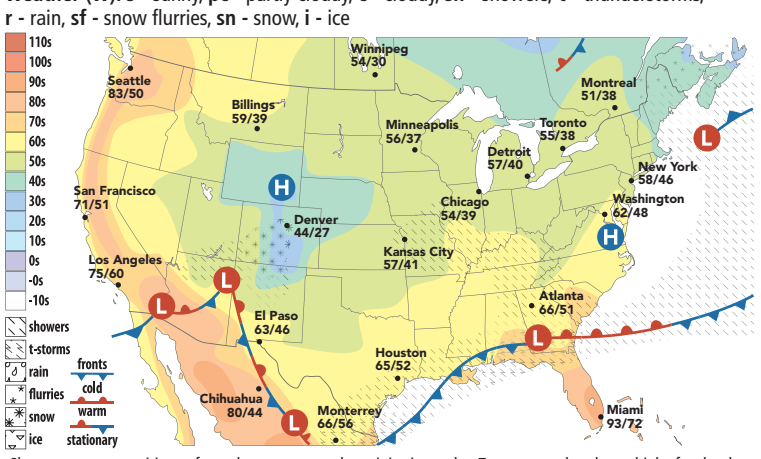
LOS ANGELES

High: 75. **Low:** 60. Sunny and pleasant today. Clear tonight. Plenty of sunshine tomorrow. Monday: very warm with plenty of sun. Tuesday: partly sunny.

NATIONAL WEATHER

	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sunday Hi/Lo/W		Today Hi/Lo/W	Sunday Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	66/51/c	72/52/pc	Milwaukee	52/37/c	56/42/pc
Baltimore	61/46/pc	64/45/pc	Nashville	64/45/c	65/47/c
Billings	59/39/pc	57/27/sh	New Orleans	72/61/sh	72/60/pc
Boston	49/41/c	54/44/c	Norfolk	66/53/pc	66/54/pc
Buffalo	52/40/pc	55/39/c	Oklahoma City	56/37/c	63/38/pc
Charlotte	66/51/c	71/52/pc	Orlando	85/69/c	84/69/t
Chicago	54/39/c	61/42/c	Phoenix	85/62/s	84/60/s
Cleveland	54/41/c	56/41/pc	Pittsburgh	55/35/c	60/40/pc
Dallas	64/47/pc	68/47/pc	Portland, ME	46/35/c	51/36/c
Denver	44/27/sf	55/32/s	Portland, OR	86/50/s	85/51/s
Detroit	57/40/c	61/38/c	Sacramento	85/51/s	89/51/s
Honolulu	81/69/pc	83/69/pc	St. Louis	62/44/c	61/44/pc
Houston	65/52/sh	69/49/pc	San Francisco	71/51/s	78/52/s
Indianapolis	59/38/c	61/39/sh	Seattle	83/50/s	80/50/s
Las Vegas	74/58/pc	79/59/s	Washington, DC	62/48/pc	66/48/pc

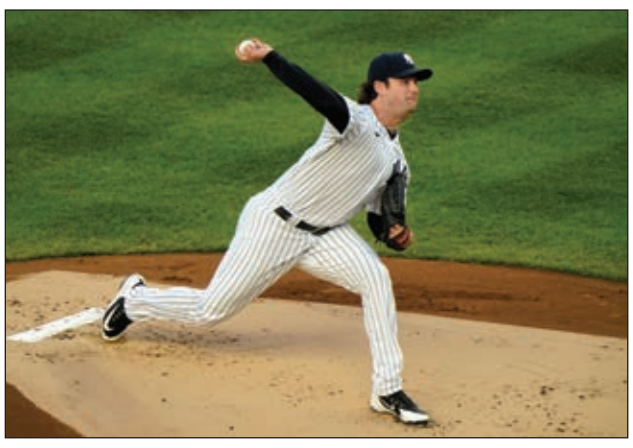
Weather (W): **s** - sunny, **pc** - partly cloudy, **c** - cloudy, **sh** - showers, **t** - thunderstorms, **r** - rain, **sf** - snow flurries, **sn** - snow, **i** - ice



Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation today. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

Summary: A storm traveling along the Gulf coast today will bring rain and thunderstorms, which can bring flash flooding and damaging winds. Showers are expected in the Ohio and Tennessee valleys.

AP study: MLB salary down 4.8% in 2 years; top 100 earn half



New York Yankees starting pitcher Gerrit Cole winds up during the first inning of a baseball game against the Baltimore Orioles in New York, in this Tuesday, April 6, 2021, file photo. Yankees pitcher Gerrit Cole is the third highest-paid player in 2021 at $36 million.

PHOTO BY KATHY WILLENS | AP PHOTO

By Ronald Blum
AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The average major league salary dropped 4.8% to just under $4.17 million on opening day from the start of the previous full season in 2019.

The average has fallen 6.4% since the start of the 2017 season, when it peaked at $4.45 million, according to a study of major league contracts by The Associated Press. The salary downturn is yet another sign baseball could be headed toward labor strife and a possible work stoppage in 2022.

Baseball's middle class has borne the brunt of the drop. The median salary — the point at which an equal number of players are above and below — is $1.15 million, down 18% from $1.4 million two years ago and a drop of 30% from the $1.65 million record high at the start of 2015.

Of 902 players on opening-day rosters, 417 (62%) had salaries under $1 million, including 316 (35%) under $600,000.

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AREA ROUNDUP

Sacred Heart, Smithton log upsets in Kaysinger tourney

By Democrat staff

Lady Cardinals senior Haley Ebeling drove in four runs on three hits Friday during a 17-2 victory over Tipton in the first round of the Kaysinger Conference Softball Tournament.

Lincoln (12-2) scored 15 runs in the first inning. Lady Cardinals senior Cadyn Paxton allowed two runs on a pair of walks and a hit in three innings.

No. 1-seeded Lincoln hosts Windsor 11:30 a.m. Saturday in the tournament semifinals.

Tipton defeated Stover 7-6 in the play-in round.

Windsor scored 12 runs in the first inning of a 15-12 victory over Green Ridge. Lady Tigers senior Kailyn Hoos homered during comeback effort stifled by the 90-minute time limit.

Green Ridge plays Lincoln 10 a.m. Saturday in Cole Camp on the consolation side of the bracket.

Sacred Heart junior Claire Smeltzer drove in four runs on three hits, including an inside-the-park home run during a 10-4 victory over Cole Camp.

Lady Gremlins senior Emma Schouten struck out nine in five innings, allowing four runs on five hits and two walks.

The No. 2-seeded Lady Bluebirds face Northwest 10 a.m. Saturday on the consolation side.

Smithton freshman Karlee Ross drove in the go-ahead runs in the eighth inning of a 13-12 victory over Northwest to help the Lady Tigers upset the No. 3 seed.

The Lady Tigers scored six runs in the first inning and never trailed. Northwest tied the game with three runs in the sixth to force extras.

Lady Mustangs freshman Zoe Richardson homered in the eighth, but Smithton junior Audree Ross — who pitched a complete game — shut the door on the rally.

FIRST ROUND

Sacred Heart 10, Cole Camp 4
Smithton 13, Northwest 12
Windsor 15, Green Ridge 12
Lincoln 17, Tipton 2

PLAY-INS

Sacred Heart 19, Otterville 3
Tipton 7, Stover 6

LATE THURSDAY RESULTS

Sacred Heart 12, Green Ridge 1
Cole Camp 15, Smithton 5
Lincoln 17, Northwest 2
Windsor 19, Stover 1
Warsaw 13, Tipton 3

HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS

S-C runner-up at Marshall Tournament

Smith-Cotton boys tennis defeated Fulton and Mexico en route to a second-place finish Friday at the Marshall Tournament.

The Tigers suffered a 5-4 loss to Helias in the championship dual match. The Crusaders swept S-C in three doubles matches, while Tigers senior Andrew Matz, junior Ein Martin, senior Daniyel Kukosh and junior Hayden Herrick captured singles matches.

Smith-Cotton swept Fulton 9-0 and won five singles matches against Mexico, including a 9-7 win for Martin, to advance to the championship.

LATE THURSDAY RESULTS

Smith-Cotton 7, Osage 2

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Belle 5, Tipton 2
Windsor 18, Green Ridge 3
Windsor 16, Lafayette County 5

LATE THURSDAY RESULTS

Sacred Heart 14, Green Ridge 1
Northwest 23, Lincoln 2
Rock Bridge 13, Smith-Cotton 1
Blair Oaks 12, Smith-Cotton 1
Windsor 16, Stover 0
Warsaw 11, Butler 10
Cole Camp 7, Smithton 4

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOCCER

Union 5, Smith-Cotton 1

The Lady Tigers suffered their first loss of the season Friday in a 5-1 final against Union at the Helias Catholic Shootout in Jefferson City.

S-C junior Kiser Pannier assisted junior Adamaris Ramirez for the Lady Tigers' goal.

Teams were tied at one after 63 minutes. Lady Tigers junior Peyton Kuhlman recorded 15 saves.

Smith-Cotton (10-1) continues the shootout 2 p.m. Saturday against Sikeston.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

LATE THURSDAY RESULTS

Jefferson College 8, State Fair Community College 0
State Fair Community College 13, Jefferson College 4

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

LATE THURSDAY RESULTS

St. Charles Community College 10, State Fair Community College 1
State Fair Community College 7, St. Charles Community College 6

Head of Tokyo Olympics again says games will not be canceled

By Stephen Wade
AP Sports Writer

TOKYO (AP) — The head of the Tokyo Olympics on Friday was again forced to assure the world that the postponed games will open in just over three months and not be canceled despite surging COVID-19 cases in Japan.

Organizing committee president Seiko Hashimoto was asked at a news conference if there were any conditions under which the Olympics would be canceled.

The question comes as the general secretary of ruling LDP political party, Toshihiro Nikai, raised the possibility the day before.

"There are a variety of concerns but as the Tokyo 2020 organizing committee we are not thinking about canceling the games," Hashimoto said.

Nikai, the No. 2 person in the LDP party, was asked on Thursday in an interview if cancellation was still an option.

"Of course," he replied, adding that if the Tokyo Games caused a surge in infections "there would be no meaning to having the Olympics."

Nikai tried to backtrack later, and Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga issued a statement Thursday saying there is "no change to the government position to do everything to achieve safe and secure Olympics."

Hashimoto acknowledged Nikai's concern and suggested it was probably shared by the Japanese public. Polls show as many as 80% in Japan oppose holding the Olympics during the pandemic.

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PHOTO BY KIM KYUNG-HOON | POOL PHOTO VIA AP

In this April 14, 2021, file photo, Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games mascot Miraitowa poses with a display of Olympic Symbol after an unveiling ceremony of the symbol on Mt. Takao in Hachioji, west of Tokyo to mark 100 days before the start of the Olympic Games.

Eflin pitches into 8th, Phillies beat Cardinals 9-2

By Rob Maaddi
AP Sports Writer

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Zach Eflin pitched into the eighth inning, J.T. Realmuto hit a two-run homer and the Philadelphia Phillies beat the St. Louis Cardinals 9-2 on Friday night.

Eflin (1-0) allowed six hits, struck out six and walked none in seven-plus innings. The lanky right-hander retired 12 straight batters at one point and exited after surrendering a two-run homer to Justin Williams in the eighth.

Cardinals righty Carlos Martinez (0-3) gave up six runs and five hits in five innings.

The Phillies jumped ahead 6-0 in the second with their biggest inning of the season. Nine straight batters reached safely after Martinez got the first out.

Alec Bohm and Didi Gregorius hit consecutive singles. Jean Segura followed with a wind-aided, RBI double that center fielder Dylan Carlson misplayed by about 20 feet.



PHOTO BY LAURENCE KESTERSON | AP PHOTO

St Louis Cardinals Tommy Edmann is out at second as Philadelphia Phillies second baseman Jean Segura throws to first for a double play during the first inning of a baseball game Friday, April 16, 2021, in Philadelphia.

After Mickey Moniak was intentionally walked to load the bases, Eflin was hit by a pitch to force in a run.

McCutchen then lined a two-run single to right and Hoskins walked to again load the bases. Bryce Harper ripped a two-run double to right-center to give Eflin a comfortable cushion.

Realmuto connected off Kodi Whitley in the seventh, increasing the lead to 8-0.

Williams ended Eflin's night when he launched his first career homer, an opposite-field drive to right-center.

JACKIE ROBINSON DAY

Both teams wore No. 42 to honor Jackie Robinson. Phillies left fielder Andrew McCutchen tips his cap before every at-bat and after every homer because Robinson acknowledged his wife, Rachel, that way at a home game as portrayed by the late Chadwick Boseman in the movie "42."

"The adversities he battled on and off the field is something I could not begin to fathom," McCutchen said. "He is my idol and he will forever be a legend. ... My gesture is as an ode to Jackie and Rachel."

TRAINER'S ROOM

Cardinals: RHP Dakota Hudson was transferred from the 10-day injured list to the 60-day injury list on Thursday. Hudson had Tommy John surgery last September and it's uncertain whether he'll return late this season.

UP NEXT

LHP Matt Moore (0-0, 7.56 ERA) makes his third start for the Phillies while LHP Kwang Hyun Kim makes his season debut for the Cardinals on Saturday night. Kim had an excellent rookie season, going 3-0 with a 1.62 ERA last year.

SPORTS CALENDAR

Saturday
ON TAP
HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOCCER

2 p.m. Sikeston at Smith-Cotton (at Helias Catholic Shootout)

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

2 p.m. Three Rivers Community College at State Fair Community College

4 p.m. Three Rivers Community College at State Fair Community College

ON AIR
AUTO RACING

3:55 a.m. ESPN2 — Formula One: Practice, Autodromo Nazionale Monza, Monza, Italy

8:55 a.m. ESPN2 — Formula One: Qualifying, Autodromo Nazionale Monza, Monza, Italy

12:30 p.m. FS1 — NASCAR Camping World Truck Series: The ToyotaCare 250, Richmond Raceway, Richmond, Va.

6 p.m. NBCSN — AMA Supercross: FIM World Championship, Atlanta

9 p.m. NBCSN — IndyCar Series: Qualifying, Barber Motorsports Park, Birmingham, Ala. (taped)

BOXING

6 p.m. FS1 — PBC Fight Night Prelims: Undercard Bouts, Los Angeles

7 p.m. FOX — PBC Fight Night: Tony Harrison vs. Bryant Perrella (Super Welterweights), Los Angeles

COLLEGE BASEBALL

3 p.m. SECN — Vanderbilt at Tennessee

6 p.m. SECN — Kentucky at Georgia

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

10 a.m. ACCN — Miami Spring Game

11 a.m. BTN — Ohio St. Spring Game

Noon ESPN — Alabama Spring Game

1 p.m. CBSSN — Patriot League Championship: Holy Cross at Bucknell

PAC-12N — Utah Spring Game

1:30 p.m. NBCSN — Bayou Classic: Grambling St. at Southern U.

3 p.m. PAC-12N — Southern Cal Spring Game

6:30 p.m. ESPNU — Alabama A&M at Alabama St.

COLLEGE GYMNASTICS (MEN'S)

7 p.m. BTN — NCAA Championships: From Minneapolis

COLLEGE GYMNASTICS (WOMEN'S)

2:30 p.m. ABC — NCAA Championships: Final, Fort Worth, Texas

COLLEGE LACROSSE (MEN'S)

11 a.m. ESPNU — Utah at Virginia

FS2 — Denver at Georgetown

2 p.m. ACCN — North Carolina at Syracuse

COLLEGE LACROSSE (WOMEN'S)

10:30 a.m. CBSSN — Colgate at Navy

COLLEGE SOCCER (MEN'S)

2 p.m. FS2 — Big East Tournament: Seton Hall at Georgetown, Championship

4 p.m. BTN — Big Ten Tournament: Penn St. at Indiana, Championship

5 p.m. PAC-12N — Washington at Stanford

6 p.m. ACCN — Pittsburgh at Clemson

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

11 a.m. SECN — Kentucky at Auburn

1 p.m. BTN — Maryland at Michigan

ESPN2 — Florida at Alabama

SECN — Mississippi St. at Missouri

3 p.m. ESPN2 — Texas at Oklahoma

ESPNU — Northwestern at Iowa

4 p.m. ACCN — North Carolina at Pittsburgh

7 p.m. PAC-12N — Oregon at Washington

9:30 p.m. PAC-12N — Oregon at Washington

FIGURE SKATING

11 p.m. NBCSN — ISU: The World Team Trophy, Osaka, Japan (taped)

GOLF

6:30 a.m. GOLF — EPGA Tour: The Austrian Open, Third Round, Diamond Country Club, Atzenbrugg, Austria

Noon GOLF — PGA Tour: The RBC Heritage, Third Round, Harbour Town Golf Links, Hilton Head, S.C.

2 p.m. CBS — PGA Tour: The RBC Heritage, Third Round, Harbour Town Golf Links, Hilton Head, S.C.

GOLF — PGA Tour Champions: The Chubb Classic, Second Round, Tiburón Golf Club (Black Course), Naples, Fla.

6 p.m. GOLF — LPGA Tour: The LOTTE Championship, Final Round, Ko Olina Golf Club, Kapolei, Hawaii

HORSE RACING

4 p.m. FS2 — NYRA: America's Day at the Races

MIXED MARTIAL ARTS

6 p.m. ESPN — UFC Fight Night Prelims: Undercard Bouts, Las Vegas

9 p.m. ESPN — UFC Fight Night: Robert Whittaker vs. Kevin Gastelum (Middleweights), Las Vegas

MLB BASEBALL

Noon MLBN — Tampa Bay at NY Yankees OR Arizona at Washington

1:10 p.m. BSKC — Toronto at Kansas City

3 p.m. FS1 — Chicago White Sox at Boston

3:05 p.m. BS-M — St. Louis at Philadelphia

5:10 p.m. BSKC — Toronto at Kansas City

6 p.m. MLBN — San Francisco at Miami (joined in progress)

8 p.m. FS1 — Minnesota at LA Angels

NBA BASKETBALL

3:45 p.m. ESPN — Utah at LA Lakers

7:30 p.m. ABC — Golden State at Boston

NHL HOCKEY

11:30 a.m. NHLN — Washington at Philadelphia

2 p.m. NBC — Pittsburgh at Buffalo

6 p.m. NHLN — Chicago at Detroit

9 p.m. NHLN — Edmonton at Winnipeg

RODEO

8 p.m. CBSSN — PBR: The Express Ranches Invitational, Oklahoma City, Okla. (taped)

RUGBY

6 p.m. CBSSN — MLR: Utah at San Diego

SOCCER (MEN'S)

6:30 p.m. NBCSN — Premier League: West Ham United at Newcastle United11:55 a.m. ESPN2 — Serie A: Fiorentina at Sassuolo

5 p.m. FOX — MLS: Austin FC at LA FC

SURFING

7 p.m. FS2 — WSL Championship Tour: The Rip Curl Narrabeen Classic, Sydney

TENNIS

6:30 a.m. TENNIS — Monte Carlo-ATP & Charleston-WTA Semifinals, Billie Jean King Cup Play-Offs ROU v. ITA Rubbers 3, 4 & 5

5 a.m. (Sunday)

TENNIS — Monte Carlo-ATP Doubles Final

TRACK AND FIELD

5 p.m. ESPNEWS — NACAC: The Grenada Invitational, St. George's, Grenada

Sunday
ON TAP
COLLEGE BASEBALL

1 p.m. Jefferson College at State Fair Community College

3 p.m. Jefferson College at State Fair Community College

ON AIR
AUTO RACING

7:55 a.m. ESPN — Formula One: The Italian Grand Prix, Autodromo Nazionale Monza, Monza, Italy

9 a.m. FS1 — NHRA: Qualifying, Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Las Vegas (taped)

1 p.m. NBCSN — MotoGP: The Grand Prix of Portugal, Algrave International Circuit, Portimão, Portugal (taped)

2 p.m. FOX — NASCAR Cup Series: The TOYOTA OWNERS 400, Richmond Raceway, Richmond, Va.

2:30 p.m. NBC — IndyCar Series: The Honda Indy Grand Prix Of Alabama, Barber Motorsports Park, Birmingham, Ala.

7 p.m. FS1 — NHRA: The DENSO Spark Plugs NHRA Four-Wide Nationals, Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Las Vegas

BOWLING

11:30 a.m. FOX — PBA: The Super Slam, Annandale, Va.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

11 a.m. ACCN — Clemson at Miami

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

10:30 a.m. ESPNU — FCS Football Selection Special

COLLEGE GOLF (WOMEN'S)

7:30 a.m. SECN — Southeastern Conference Tournament: Final Round, Greystone Golf and Country Club, Birmingham, Ala. (taped)

COLLEGE LACROSSE (MEN'S)

11 a.m. CBSSN — Lafayette at Lehigh

4 p.m. BTN — Ohio St. at Maryland

COLLEGE LACROSSE (WOMEN'S)

11:30 a.m. ESPNU — Michigan at Northwestern

COLLEGE SOCCER (WOMEN'S)

10 a.m. FS1 — Big East Tournament: TBD, Championship, Providence, R.I.

11 a.m. BTN — Big Ten Tournament: Iowa vs. Wisconsin, Championship, State College, Pa.

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

1 p.m. SECN — Florida at Alabama

1:30 p.m. BTN — Ohio St. at Indiana

2 p.m. ACCN — North Carolina at Pittsburgh

ESPN2 — Baylor at Oklahoma St.

3 p.m. PAC-12N — Arizona at Arizona St.

SECN — Mississippi St. at Missouri

4 p.m. ESPN2 — Texas at Oklahoma

5 p.m. PAC-12N — California at Stanford

SECN — Tennessee at South Carolina

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL (WOMEN'S)

1:30 p.m. ESPNU — NCAA Tournament: Baylor vs. Nebraska, Regional Semifinal, Omaha, Neb.

4 p.m. ESPNU — NCAA Tournament: Penn St. vs. Texas, Regional Semifinal, Omaha, Neb.

6:30 p.m. ESPN2 — NCAA Tournament: Ohio St. vs. Florida, Regional Semifinal, Omaha, Neb.

7:30 p.m. ESPNU — NCAA Tournament: Oregon vs. Purdue, Regional Semifinal, Omaha, Neb.

9 p.m. ESPN2 — NCAA Tournament: W. Kentucky vs. Kentucky, Regional Semifinal, Omaha, Neb.

GOLF

6:30 a.m. GOLF — EPGA Tour: The Austrian Open, Final Round, Diamond Country Club, Atzenbrugg, Austria

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GOLF — PGA Tour Champions: The Chubb Classic, Final Round, Tiburón Golf Club (Black Course), Naples, Fla.

HORSE RACING

Noon FS2 — NYRA: America's Day at the Races

1:30 p.m. FS1 — NYRA: America's Day at the Races

4:30 p.m. FS2 — NYRA: America's Day at the Races

MLB BASEBALL

12:05 p.m. BS-M — St. Louis at Philadelphia

1:10 p.m. BSKC — Toronto at Kansas City

3 p.m. MLBN — LA Dodgers at San Diego OR Houston at Seattle

6 p.m. ESPN — Atlanta at Chicago Cubs

NBA BASKETBALL

12:15 p.m. ESPN — New Orleans at New York

2:30 p.m. ESPN — Brooklyn at Miami

6:30 p.m. NBATV — Sacramento at Dallas

9 p.m. NBATV — Minnesota at LA Clippers

NHL HOCKEY

11 a.m. NBC — Washington at Boston

2 p.m. NHLN — NY Rangers at New Jersey

5:30 p.m. NBCSN — NY Islanders at Philadelphia

8 p.m. NBCSN — Los Angeles at Colorado

RODEO

Noon CBS — PBR: The Express Ranches Invitational, Oklahoma City, Okla. (taped)

7 p.m. CBSSN — PBR: The Express Ranches Invitational, Oklahoma City, Okla. (taped)

SOCCER (MEN'S)

7:30 a.m. NBCSN — Premier League: Fulham at Arsenal

10 a.m. NBCSN — Premier League: Burnley at Manchester United

2 p.m. ABC — MLS: LA Galaxy at Inter Miami

4:30 p.m. FS1 — MLS: Philadelphia Union at Columbus Crew

7 p.m. FS2 — Liga MX: Toluca FC at Santos Laguna

9 p.m. FS2 — Liga MX: CF Pachuca at Monterrey

SURFING

5:30 p.m. FS2 — WSL Championship Tour: The Rip Curl Narrabeen Classic, Sydney

TENNIS

5 a.m. TENNIS — Monte Carlo-ATP Doubles Final

7:30 a.m. TENNIS — Monte Carlo-ATP Singles Final

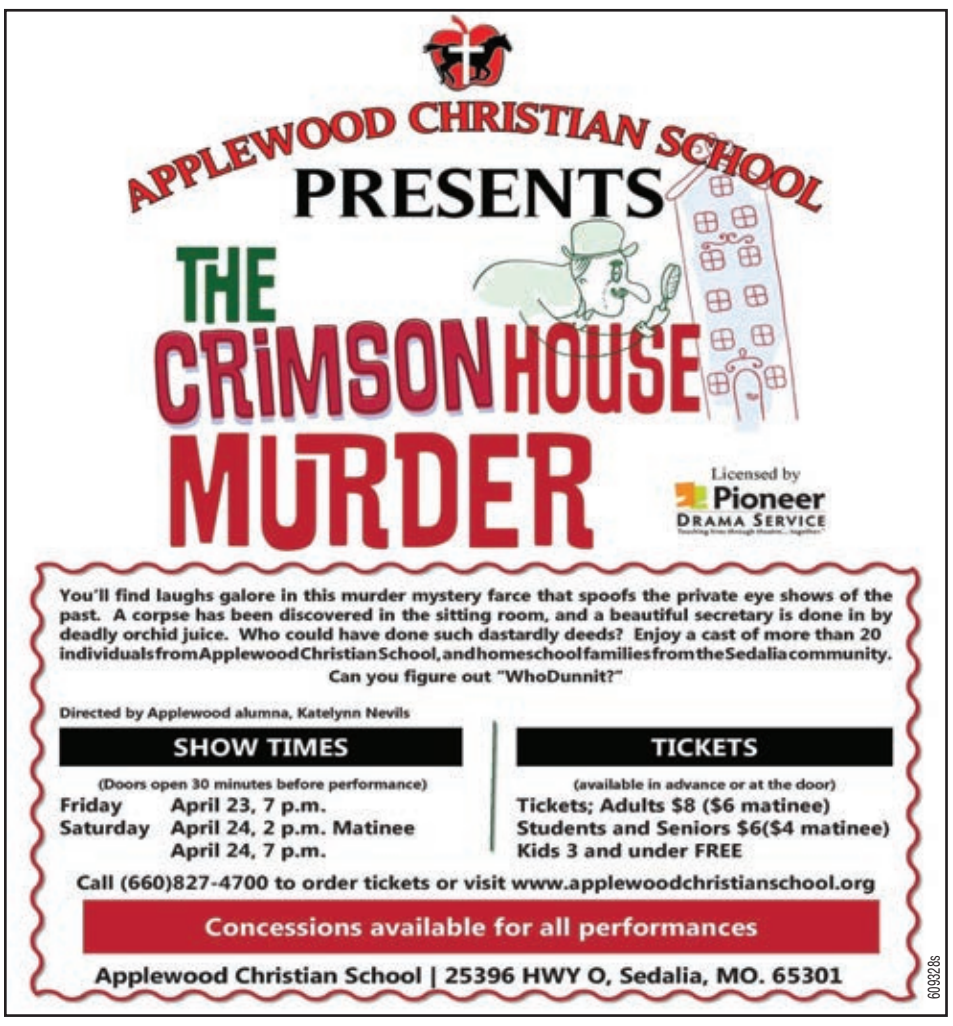
11 a.m. TENNIS — Charleston-WTA Singles & Doubles Finals

3 a.m. (Monday)

TENNIS — Barcelona-ATP, Belgrade-ATP, Stuttgart-WTA & Istanbul-WTA Early Rounds

5 a.m. (Monday)

TENNIS — Barcelona-ATP, Belgrade-ATP, Stuttgart-WTA & Istanbul-WTA Early Rounds





HOROSCOPES

By Jacqueline Bigar

A baby born today has a Sun in Aries and a Moon in Gemini until 2:25 p.m., when the Moon enters Cancer.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, April 17, 2021:

Inventive, ardent and outrageous, professional challenges get your juices flowing. This year, you create excitement with a new project. Remember to ask for assistance if you need it. Your income stream continues to flow. Keep your finances in a safe account. Step up your exercise plan with a trainer or guide. If single, travel in circles with likeminded people. If attached, make date nights a priority. PISCES enchants you.

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)

★★★★ Friends could ask your opinion about something that you'd rather not talk about. You are honest and direct, but that can backfire. Switch the topic and divert the discussion. Take an exercise routine up a notch. Tonight: Family fun and games.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Today is earmarked for creating a family budget. Be prepared for a lengthy discussion revolving around which items you need and which you can live without. Buy pastries or bake your own to sweeten the day. Tonight: Time to socialize.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Harmony is today's keyword. Avoid unpleasant situations and conversations. Organize an outing with a group of friends. Bypass responsibilities for the day. Getting out of town could be the change of scenery you all need. Tonight: Wind down with romance.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Take a break from nonstop mental activity. Create a photo album that makes the perfect gift. Take out a sketch book or musical instrument. Revive an artistic interest or talent that made you happy. Try to recapture that emotion. Tonight: Check your email.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Spend quality time with a special friend you haven't seen in a while. Share memories that make you both sad and happy. Record your conversations so you can listen to them again. Make this day one to remember. Tonight: Home cooking.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Tie up loose ends from the week but don't spend too long on it. Switch gears and use your mind in other ways. Browse the web, catch up on email and clean out your inbox. Tonight: Binge a series you missed.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Think about that vacation or weekend getaway you deserve to take. Browse travel websites for bargains. There may be great deals for destinations you never considered until now. Thinking about it will set it in motion. Tonight: Experiment with spices.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Sign up for a race, marathon or team sport that pushes you beyond your comfort zone. Notify friends and relatives so they can cheer you on. Give someone you love undivided attention. Together you can solve a mystery. Tonight: Feeling content.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ There may be an unexpected change of plans that works in your favor. Go out with your favorite person and do whatever makes you happy. Hold off on deep conversations. Be supportive. Kindness allows relationships to grow. Tonight: Imagining the future.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) 6

★★★★ Speak your truth in a way that does not hurt anyone. You may have to leave things out of the conversation. Share healthy eating tips with friends or an online group. Nourishing recipes set you on the right path. Tonight: Dinner guests.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) 5

★★★ Use your imagination today and see where it takes you. Snap photos of things you love most. Take an excursion to a farm or zoo. Animals and children will put a smile on your face. Tonight: Engage in a stimulating dialogue.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Organize a family meeting to map out travel plans. If everyone is on a different page, you will act as mediator. Finding a destination that has something for everyone will do the trick. Tonight: Zoom with children and grandchildren.

BORN TODAY

Writer Thornton Wilder (1897), actor William Holden (1918), actress Rooney Mara (1985)

MLB AMERICAN LEAGUE STANDINGS

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	9	4	.692	_
Toronto	6	7	.462	3
New York	5	7	.417	3 1/2
Baltimore	5	8	.385	4
Tampa Bay	5	8	.385	4

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	7	4	.636	_
Cleveland	7	5	.583	1/2
Chicago	6	7	.462	2
Detroit	6	7	.462	2
Minnesota	6	7	.462	2

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	8	5	.615	_
Los Angeles	7	5	.583	1/2
Houston	6	6	.500	1 1/2
Oakland	6	7	.462	2
Texas	6	7	.462	2

Thursday's Games

Seattle 4, Baltimore 2, 7 innings, 1st game
Minnesota 4, Boston 3
Cleveland 4, Chicago White Sox 2
Seattle 2, Baltimore 1, 7 innings, 2nd game
Texas 6, Tampa Bay 4, 10 innings
Kansas City 7, Toronto 5
Oakland 8, Detroit 4

Saturday's Games

Tampa Bay (Glasnow 1-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Montgomery 1-0), 12:05 p.m.
Toronto (Ray 0-1) at Kansas City (Singer 0-2), 1:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Keuchel 0-0) at Boston (TBD), 3:05 p.m.
Detroit (Mize 1-0) at Oakland (Irvin 0-2), 3:07 p.m.
Cleveland (McKenzie 0-0) at Cincinnati (Gray 0-0), 3:10 p.m.
Baltimore (TBD) at Texas (Dunning 1-0), 6:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Shoemaker 1-0) at L.A. Angels (Quintana 0-1), 8:07 p.m.
Houston (Greinke 1-1) at Seattle (Flexen 1-0), 8:10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Tampa Bay at N.Y. Yankees, 12:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Boston, 12:10 p.m.
Cleveland at Cincinnati, 12:10 p.m.
Toronto at Kansas City, 1:10 p.m.
Baltimore at Texas, 1:35 p.m.
Detroit at Oakland, 3:07 p.m.
Minnesota at L.A. Angels, 3:07 p.m.
Houston at Seattle, 3:10 p.m.

MLB NATIONAL LEAGUE STANDINGS

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	5	3	.625	_
Philadelphia	6	6	.500	1
Miami	5	7	.417	2
Atlanta	5	8	.385	2 1/2
Washington	3	7	.300	3

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	7	5	.583	_
Milwaukee	7	5	.583	_
St. Louis	6	6	.500	1
Chicago	5	7	.417	2
Pittsburgh	5	8	.385	2 1/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	11	2	.846	_
San Francisco	8	4	.667	2 1/2
San Diego	9	5	.643	2 1/2
Arizona	5	8	.385	6
Colorado	3	10	.231	8

Thursday's Games

Atlanta 7, Miami 6
San Diego 8, Pittsburgh 3
Arizona 11, Washington 6
L.A. Dodgers 7, Colorado 5
Philadelphia at N.Y. Mets, ppd.

Saturday's Games

Arizona (Weaver 1-0) at Washington (Fedde 0-1), 12:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Ynoa 0-0) at Chicago Cubs (Williams 1-1), 1:20 p.m.
St. Louis (Kim 0-0) at Philadelphia (Moore 0-0), 3:05 p.m.
Cleveland (McKenzie 0-0) at Cincinnati (Gray 0-0), 3:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Sanchez 0-1) at Miami (Alcantara 0-1), 5:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Cahill 0-1) at Milwaukee (Anderson 1-1), 6:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Lucchesi 0-0) at Colorado (Márquez 0-1), 7:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 2-1) at San Diego (Darvish 1-0), 7:40 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Arizona at Washington, 12:05 p.m.
St. Louis at Philadelphia, 12:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Cincinnati, 12:10 p.m.
San Francisco at Miami, 12:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Milwaukee, 1:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets at Colorado, 2:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at San Diego, 3:10 p.m.
Atlanta at Chicago Cubs, 6:08 p.m.

NBA Scoreboard

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	38	17	.691	—
Brooklyn	37	18	.673	1
Boston	30	26	.536	8 1/2
New York	29	27	.518	9 1/2
Toronto	22	34	.393	16 1/2

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	30	26	.536	—
Miami	28	27	.509	1 1/2
Charlotte	27	27	.500	2
Washington	21	33	.389	8
Orlando	18	37	.327	11 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	35	20	.636	—
Indiana	26	28	.481	8 1/2
Chicago	22	32	.407	12 1/2
Cleveland	20	35	.364	15
Detroit	16	39	.291	19

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	30	24	.556	—
Memphis	27	26	.509	2 1/2
San Antonio	26	27	.491	3 1/2
New Orleans	25	30	.455	5 1/2
Houston	14	41	.255	16 1/2

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	41	14	.745	—
Denver	35	20	.636	6
Portland	31	23	.574	9 1/2
Oklahoma City	20	35	.364	21
Minnesota	14	42	.250	27 1/2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	40	15	.727	—
L.A. Clippers	39	18	.684	2
L.A. Lakers	34	22	.607	6 1/2
Golden State	28	28	.500	12 1/2
Sacramento	22	34	.393	18 1/2

Thursday's Games

Milwaukee 120, Atlanta 109
Golden State 119, Cleveland 101
Phoenix 122, Sacramento 114
Boston 121, L.A. Lakers 113

Saturday's Games

Utah at L.A. Lakers, 3:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Washington, 7 p.m.
Golden State at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Memphis at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Indiana at Atlanta, Noon
New Orleans at New York, Noon
Brooklyn at Miami, 2:30 p.m.
Houston at Orlando, 6 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Portland at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Sacramento at Dallas, 6:30 p.m.
Minnesota at L.A. Clippers, 9 p.m.

Monday's Games

Cleveland at Detroit, 6 p.m.
Chicago at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
Golden State at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
Houston at Miami, 7 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Washington, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Memphis at Denver, 8 p.m.
Utah at L.A. Lakers, 9 p.m.

NHL Scoreboard

NOTE: TWO POINTS FOR A WIN, ONE POINT FOR OVERTIME LOSS. TOP THREE TEAMS IN EACH DIVISION AND TWO WILD CARDS PER CONFERENCE ADVANCE TO PLAYOFFS.

East Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	44	28	12	4	60	154	132
N.Y. Islanders	43	27	12	4	58	126	102
Pittsburgh	43	27	13	3	57	147	120
Boston	41	23	12	6	52	116	107
N.Y. Rangers	43	21	16	6	48	140	112
Philadelphia	43	20	17	6	46	125	155
New Jersey	42	14	22	6	34	103	139
Buffalo	43	11	25	7	29	105	149

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Carolina	42	28	10	4	60	137	103
Tampa Bay	43	29	12	2	60	146	110
Florida	44	27	12	5	59	138	120
Nashville	45	24	20	1	49	120	127
Chicago	44	20	19	5	45	123	139
Dallas	42	16	14	12	44	117	108
Columbus	45	15	21	9	39	113	149
Detroit	45	16	23	6	38	103	141

West Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	43	30	9	4	64	154	101
Vegas	42	29	11	2	60	138	96
Minnesota	41	25	13	3	53	124	111
St. Louis	42	19	17	6	44	122	132
Arizona	44	19	20	5	43	118	139
San Jose	42	18	20	4	40	114	141
Los Angeles	42	16	20	6	38	114	127
Anaheim	44	14	23	7	35	101	138

North Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto	44	28	12	4	60	145	117
Winnipeg	44	27	14	3	57	144	117
Edmonton	42	25	15	2	52	134	120
Montreal	40	18	13	9	45	123	114
Calgary	43	19	21	3	41	115	127
Vancouver	37	16	18	3	35	100	120
Ottawa	44	14	26	4	32	118	164

Thursday's Games

N.Y. Rangers 4, New Jersey 0
Winnipeg 5, Toronto 2
Tampa Bay 3, Florida 2, OT
Carolina 4, Nashville 1
Buffalo 5, Washington 2
Boston 4, N.Y. Islanders 1
Philadelphia 2, Pittsburgh 1, SO
Detroit 4, Chicago 1
Dallas 4, Columbus 1

Saturday's Games

New Jersey at N.Y. Rangers, 11:30 a.m.
Washington at Philadelphia, 11:30 a.m.
Pittsburgh at Buffalo, 2 p.m.
Ottawa at Montreal, 3 p.m.
St. Louis at Arizona, 5 p.m.
Chicago at Detroit, 6 p.m.
Florida at Tampa Bay, 6 p.m.
Nashville at Carolina, 6 p.m.
Toronto at Vancouver, 6 p.m.
Columbus at Dallas, 7 p.m.
San Jose at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Edmonton at Winnipeg, 9 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Washington at Boston, 11 a.m.
N.Y. Rangers at New Jersey, 2 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Buffalo, 2 p.m.
Vegas at Anaheim, 3 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Philadelphia, 5:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Colorado, 8 p.m.

Monday's Games

Carolina at Tampa Bay, 6 p.m.
Columbus at Florida, 6 p.m.
Detroit at Dallas, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago at Nashville, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Arizona, 8 p.m.
Montreal at Edmonton, 8 p.m.
Ottawa at Calgary, 8 p.m.
Toronto at Vancouver, 8 p.m.
San Jose at Vegas, 9 p.m.

NASCAR, motorsports approach to virus vaccine varies greatly

By Hank Kurz Jr.
AP Sports Writer

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Bubba Wallace says get the shot, like he did.

Brad Keselowski says he hasn't decided yet whether to get vaccinated against COVID-19 while Austin Dillion and reigning NASCAR Cup Series champion Chase Elliott say it's a personal choice and no one else's business, though Dillon's Richard Childress Racing team did host a voluntary vaccination clinic on site for employees and their families.

Throughout motorsports, which has long prided itself on face-to-face access for fans and glad-handing time with sponsors, approaches to stifling the spread of the coronavirus that has cost the sports world billions still vary greatly. In IndyCar, teams are pushing toward 100% vaccination.

But in NASCAR, with a fan base traditionally more conservative in its Southern strongholds, it is the rare driver who touts vaccination.

One of the few is Wallace, driver of the new-this-year 23X1 team co-owned by NBA Hall of Famer Michael Jordan and NASCAR star Denny Hamlin. Like RCR, 23XI had a mass vaccination day at its shop for employees and their families. Wallace also partnered this week with Novant Health to address the hesitancy some have to getting vaccinated; after CNN showed him receiving his jab, the 27-year-old Wallace said he's trying to lead by example.



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In this March 24, 2019 file photo, NASCAR Cup Series driver Brad Keselowski greets fans during driver introductions prior to the NASCAR Cup Series auto race at the Martinsville Speedway in Martinsville, Va.

Wallace is the only Black driver in NASCAR's top series, and the Black community has been especially hard hit by the pandemic, which has claimed more than 561,000 lives in the United States alone.

"I'm not trying to shove it down people's throats," Wallace said Friday. "I'm just saying, `Hey, I'm comfortable taking this route to get us back to a normal capacity in all aspects of life.'"

Wallace's former boss, retired great Richard Petty, filmed a promotion showing him getting vaccinated, but few others have taken such steps.

"I think it's a personal decision that everyone has a right to, and so, accordingly, I think once it's open to everyone, those who feel comfortable getting it should certainly get it if that's what they want to do," said Keselowski, the 2012 Cup Series champion. "I haven't made a decision on what I'm going to do."

His crew chief has. Jeremy Bullins said: "I don't have it yet, but I do have an appointment scheduled."

With talk that NASCAR would like to — local governments permitting — begin increasing the number of fans at races, and perhaps allow sponsor access into the garage, it's an easy choice, Bullins said.

"I read this weekend they're going to start letting fans back in," he said. "From that regard, I think our sport is not sustainable without fans, and I think the level of access that we've always provided is second to none compared to other sports."

IndyCar is preparing to kick off its season at Barber Motorsports Park in Birmingham, Alabama, this weekend and Mark Miles, president and CEO of Penske Entertainment Corp., said "somewhere around 90% of the team personnel will be vaccinated, and I think that's going to continue to move up."

IndyCar also is considering regular COVID-19 testing for participants who choose not to receive the vaccine, Miles said.

"I expect it to be very close to 100% by the time we get here to race," he said, speaking of the Indianapolis 500, which is scheduled for May 30 amid hopes for full attendance of some 400,000 fans.

NASCAR is also eager to have the full return of fans; the biggest turnouts in the past year have been approximately 30,000 at Bristol (twice) and then 30,000 for the season opener at Daytona.

Chase Briscoe also hasn't said what he plans to do about vaccination, but noted he hopes race weekends get back to normal. He said that last weekend at the race in Martinsville he "probably signed (autographs) for 30 or 40 fans walking in because they're all standing there."

"I feel like it's no different if we have sponsors in the garage or whatever," Briscoe said. "I think the sponsors in the garage is a huge thing that we've been needing to have happen."

AP Auto Racing Writer Jenna Fryer contributed to this report.

NFL teams drafting, changing QBs at dizzying pace

By Josh Dubow
AP Pro Football Writer

One after another, quarterbacks once believed to be franchise cornerstones after being top five draft picks changed addresses this offseason in staggering succession.

Matthew Stafford and Jared Goff switched teams in a swap of former No. 1 overall picks. Carson Wentz and Sam Darnold were traded away by teams that had recently tried to build around those passers. Mitchell Trubisky had to settle for a backup contract deal after flaming out in Chicago.

Those were part of a growing pattern around the league as teams have never been more willing to use high draft picks on quarterbacks, and never been quicker to cut ties when those investments don't pay off.

The cycle will continue later this month when quarterbacks are expected to be drafted with the top three picks and a chance that a record five could go in the top 10 as the lure of a top passer on an affordable rookie deal is too enticing to pass up.

The Jets will get back on the rookie quarterback roller coaster three years after trading up to take Darnold with the third pick. With New York holding the second selection in a quarterback-heavy draft, general manager Joe Douglas dealt Darnold to Carolina and now has his eyes on another potential franchise QB, likely BYU's Zach Wilson.

"We felt like this was the best decision for the entire organization moving forward," Douglas said, "and hitting the reset button."

The resets are coming quicker than ever, with the Jets' decision to trade Darold after his third season the quickest a team has moved on from a top 5 quarterback since the Raiders cut 2007 No. 1 overall pick JaMarcus Russell after his third season in the NFL. But moves like it are happening more frequently, with the Cardinals trading away 2018 first-rounder (No. 10) Josh Rosen after one season in order to take Kyler Murray first overall in 2019.

In all, four of the five quarterbacks taken with top five picks from 2016-18 changed teams this offseason. Darnold was one of three to get traded, joining the top two picks in the 2016 draft: No. 1 selection Goff dealt from the Rams to Detroit for 2009 top pick Stafford, and No. 2 choice Wentz from Philadelphia to Indianapolis. Trubisky, the third overall pick by Chicago in 2017, was signed as a free agent to be a backup in Buffalo to Josh Allen. Only 2018 No. 1 pick Baker Mayfield remains with his original team as he enters his fourth season with Cleveland.

"It's really unprecedented, what's happening with possible franchise guys that are moving," Rams coach Sean McVay said.

Later this month several more teams will hope they found their franchise guy, with Jacksonville, the Jets and San Francisco all expected to take quarterbacks with the first three picks on Aug. 29, something that has happened only twice (1971, 1999) in the common draft era. Clemson's Trevor Lawrence is widely expected to go first to the Jaguars, then Wilson as the possible replacement for Darnold at No. 2.

If that happens, the Niners would have their choice of Ohio State's Justin Fields, Alabama's Mac Jones and North Dakota State's Trey Lance, with the other two potentially going later in the top 10 to teams like Atlanta, Detroit or Denver. And don't forget another quarterback-needy team willing to trade up such as New England, Washington or Chicago.

San Francisco made the big move because of the desire to find one of the handful of quarterbacks that can turn a good team into a Super Bowl contender on an annual basis.

"It's a risk every single year you go into an NFL season without one of those top five guys," said coach Kyle Shanahan, who traded the No. 12 pick and two future first-round choices to move up to No. 3. "It's very tough to win in this league and there's only a few quarterbacks that you're going to win because of just the quarterback. Very few, and even those guys still need a good team around them. You've got to take risks. This is a risk we were willing to take."

Shanahan lost a Super Bowl following the 2019 season to one of those quarterbacks as Patrick Mahomes led a fourth-quarter comeback to deliver the Chiefs the title. Mahomes is by far the most successful of the 22 quarterbacks taken in the top 10 of the past 10 drafts, a rate that is double what it had been in the common draft era.

The change came following the 2011 CBA that implemented a rookie wage scale, which increased the value of quarterbacks on rookie contracts. This will be the seventh straight season with multiple QBs going in the top 10, more than doubling the previous longest streak in the common draft era of three years.

The hit rate on those quarterbacks hasn't been extremely high, however, with none of the 11 picked from 2011-16 still on the team making that selection; two of them picked in the past four drafts — Trubisky and Rosen — already are gone.

Some of those QBs who have moved on had some level of success, with 2011 No. 1 overall selection Cam Newton winning an MVP and taking Carolina to the Super Bowl. And 2012 top pick Andrew Luck putting together a sustained stretch of success before an early retirement in 2019 due to injuries.

Others who are still on their current teams have shown promise, with Allen leading Buffalo to the AFC title game last season, Mayfield winning Cleveland's first playoff game in 26 years, and Murray and Offensive Rookie of the Year Justin Herbert showing flashes of stardom.

For others such 2020 top 5 picks Joe Burrow and Tua Tagovailoa, or 2019 first-rounder Daniel Jones, it might still be too early to judge.

Others never reached their lofty expectations with the teams that drafted them whether because of injuries (Robert Griffin III) or poor play (Trubisky, Blake Bortles and Blaine Gabbert).

For 2012 No. 8 pick Ryan Tannehill, it took changing teams from Miami to Tennessee for him to live up to his billing, something the Panthers hope will be replicated with Darnold.

"I think in this offense ..., with the weapons we have around him, that he can take that next step with us," GM Scott Fitterer said.

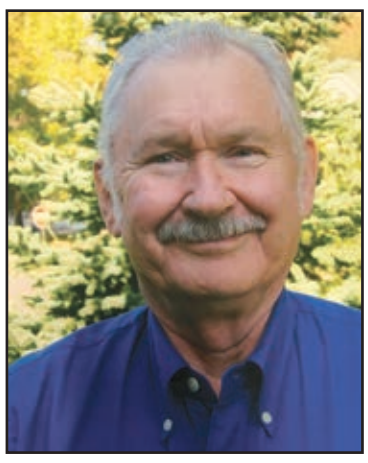
If not, the Panthers could soon be looking for a replacement in the top 10 of the draft.





Adaptable hunters are the most likely to enjoy this turkey season

By Gerald Scott
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"May you live in interesting times," is (allegedly) an ancient Chinese curse. It definitely applies to turkey hunters this spring. For example, with a minimal effort, it's possible to locate just about any make and model of shotgun that Jack or Jill Hunter might desire. However–and this is a huge however–finding ammunition for it may well be impossible.

If it's any consolation, the problem is universal. Only a few years ago, my hard-earned bona fides as an outdoor journalist would have been worth at least a case of whatever type of ammo I wanted for the price of a telephone call. So far this year, the best I've done is a polite chuckle.

That means all of us will be stuffing our shotguns with whatever ammunition we have on hand Monday morning. For some hunters, this won't be a problem, because they have a supply of "official" turkey loads left over from prior years.

As it happens, I'm one of them. I have a lifetime supply of 2 3/4-inch "baby magnum" loads of #5 Hevi-Shot. But what if I didn't? The truth be told, turkeys are easy to kill, if, that is, they're hit in the brain or neck bone by as little as a couple of pellets. Conversely, they're nearly impossible to anchor with a body shot no matter how many pellets are involved.

I realize I've just blasphemed the two high totems of 21st century turkey hunting–the 3.5-inch chamber and the after market ultra full choke. It's not the first time. For example, a few years ago, four outdoor product representatives and I were having a very late evening discussion at a writers conference about "proper" shotguns for turkey hunting. After our conversation had become almost too lively, one of them–a gentleman who's known me for 30 years–pointed across the table at me and, in frustration, said, "The only thing Gerald knows about turkeys is how to kill them."

By golly and gee whizz. After chasing North America's only feathered big game over hill and dale for more than 40 years and tagging something north of 120 of them, I'd sure like to think I know more about turkeys than simply how to kill them. That said, I will admit that I've always thought the two primary goals of a turkey hunt were to have a pleasant experience and to invite a turkey home for dinner.

The bottom line is if you have the shotgun version of a howitzer that fires shells that cost more than a store-bought turkey, don't let me stop you from using. On the other hand, if "all" you have is an ordinary shotgun in any gauge or choke and some of the #5 or #6 shot shells you used small game hunting last fall, don't let the big boomer crowd talk you into staying home.

You will have to adapt your hunting tactics, of course. A turkey's head and neck are a smaller target than your fist and forearm, and your shotgun/choke/shell combination has to be capable of putting an absolute minimum of three or four pellets into that target. The maximum distance at which it can do that is the maximum range you can take a shot.

That's not necessarily a bad thing. Yes, a larger load of shot and a tighter choke can make 50 yard shots possible. As far as that goes, I've killed two gobblers at ranges well beyond 50 yards with my old fashioned shotgun, but I'm more ashamed than proud of it.

The true essence of what makes turkey hunting worth the absurd amount of money it costs vis a vis the amount of meat it generates, is the indescribable thrill of being so close to one of nature's most wary creatures that it's possible to hear the sound his feathers make when he swells his chest and struts. Don't cheat yourself out of it.

That's easy to say from the comfort of my office to be sure, but is it possible for a novice to do it in the real world? Yes, it is. You're not going to be a better caller Monday morning than you are this morning, but if you can make a simple two-note yelp or just a one-note cluck, you may well be good enough. The first time you call to a gobbler, he'll know about where you are, and after the second time, he'll know exactly where you are. What else do you need to say to a turkey?

Nothing about turkey hunting works every time, but patience pays more often than anything else anyone but a true expert can do. Make a soft call or two every 20 minutes or so if you must, but staying alert is far more important. Remember that the gobbler already knows where you are. It may take until the middle of the morning, but he'll pay you a visit.

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MDC to host intro to birding and spring bird webinar April 22

By The Missouri Department of Conservation

JEFFERSON CITY — The Missouri Department of Conservation's Runge Nature Center in Jefferson City will offer a free webinar on birding and spring birds, from 3–4:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 22. Missouri's State Ornithologist Sarah Kendrick will join Missouri River Bird Observatory Director Dana Ripper to lead this virtual program.

This spring bird webinar will include an introduction to birdwatching and identification of a variety of Missouri's spring and summer migratory birds who are arriving in the next few weeks for the breeding season.

From your own backyard to public lands and waterways across the state, spring migration and summer provide wonderful opportunities to watch Missouri's diverse resident- and migratory bird species. Kendrick and Ripper will walk participants through a crash course on bird identification – what you'll need, how to get started, and tips and tricks to remember the birds you see and hear. Learn about species-specific habits and habitat needs.

This webinar is free and open to all ages, but space is limited and registration is required at https://bit.ly/3do1b9f.

For more information about this event, contact Runge Nature Center at (573) 526-5544.

MDC and partners offer free Get Outdoors event April 24 in Blue Springs

By The Missouri Department of Conservation

Kansas City, Mo. – Dip a paddle on the water or watch a bobber float on top, enjoying nature will be celebrated at a Get Outdoors event from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 24, at Lake Remembrance in Blue Springs. This free event is offered in partnership by the Missouri Department of Conservation, Blue Springs Parks and Recreation, and Jackson County Parks and Recreation. Activities will be on the shores of Lake Remembrance at Gregory O. Grounds Park, off Interstate 70 and Adams Dairy Parkway.

Visitors can learn an outdoor skill or simply celebrate springtime in Missouri. Connect with nature through outdoor skills taught at this event. Activities will include kayaking, fishing, target archery, atlatl, and outdoor yoga. Experts will also teach about wild edible plants.

This event is open to all ages and families are welcome to attend. Registration is not required. MDC and partners will provide gear required for the activities, or participants can bring their own. COVID-19 protocols such as physical distancing and face masks will be observed.

Blue Jays-Royals postponed by rain; doubleheader Saturday

By The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The Toronto Blue Jays and Kansas City Royals postponed Friday night's game because of rain and will make it up Saturday as part of a day-night doubleheader before concluding their four-game series Sunday.

The first seven-inning game Saturday will start a 1:10 p.m. and the second at 5:10 p.m.

"I woke up this morning hoping the forecast would be radically wrong," said Royals manager Mike Matheny, whose team has had a number of rainouts and days off already this season. "We'll have plenty of chances to grind, but they've adapted well without it being ideal of still coming out and being sharp and getting ready to play."

The Royals won the series-opener 7-5 on Thursday night. This is the Blue Jays' only trip to Kansas City this season.

The Blue Jays and Royals will likely push their Friday night starters to Saturday night with Toronto's Steven Matz taking on Mike Minor. The scheduled Saturday starters will remain with Robbie Ray facing Kansas City's Brady Singer.







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BY DEAN YOUNG AND JOHN MARSHALL



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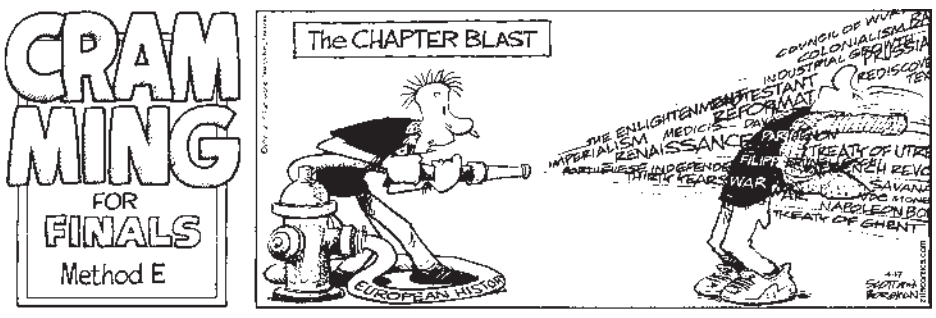
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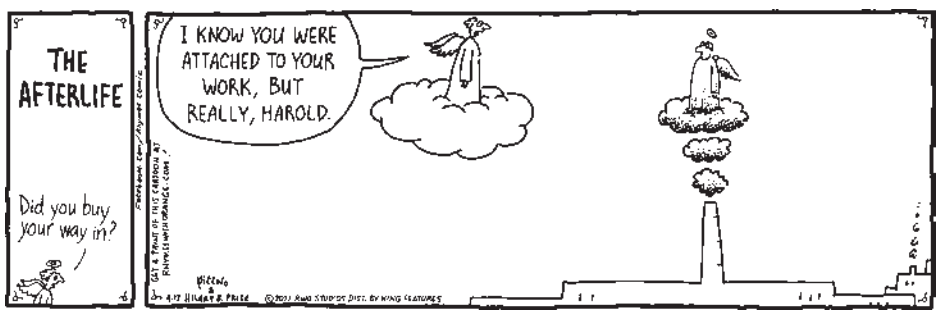
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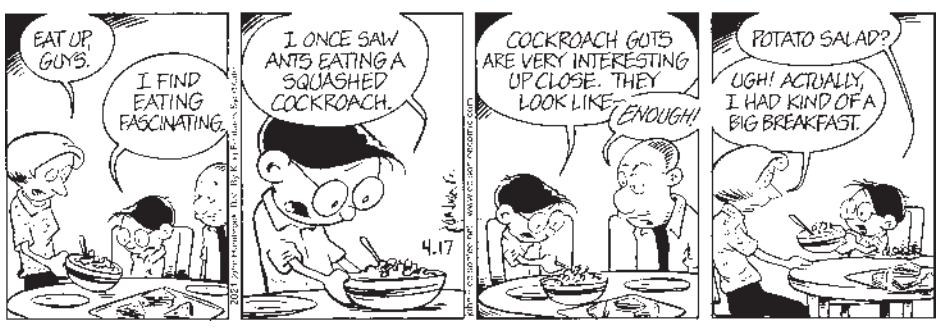
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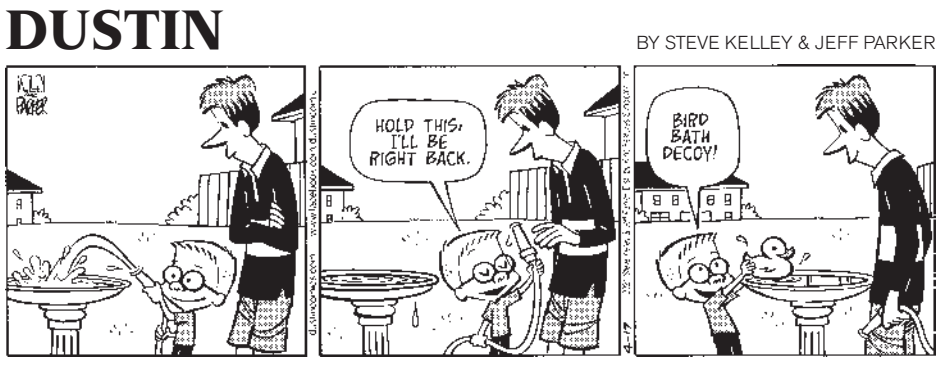
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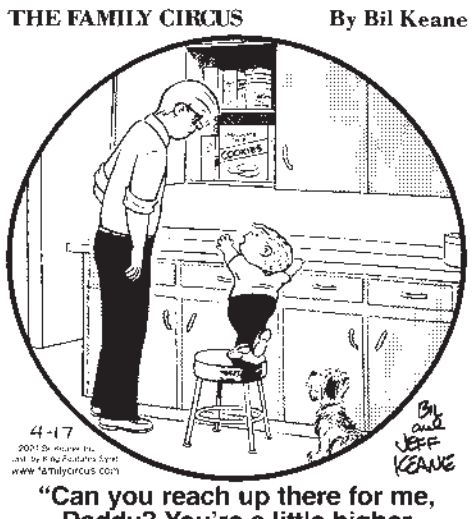
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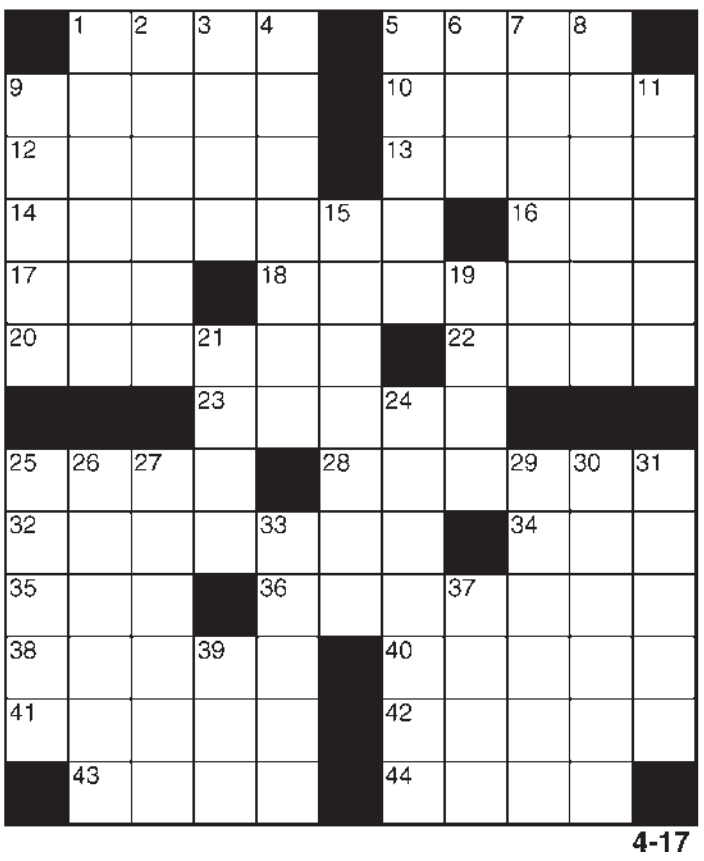
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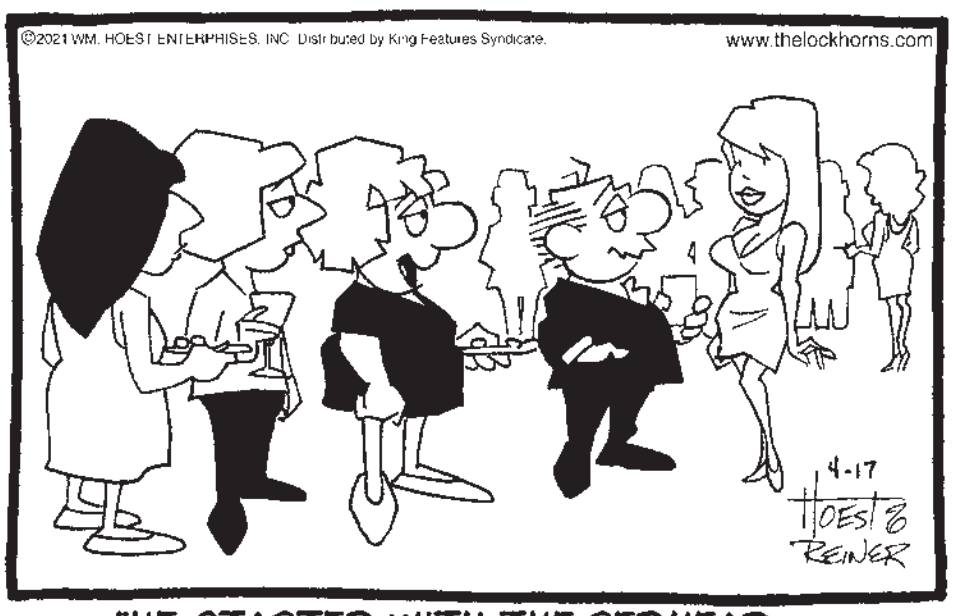
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level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

Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

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Jimmy Rollins reflects on decline of Black players in MLB

By Rob Maaddi
AP Sports Writer

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — When Jimmy Rollins made his first All-Star team as a rookie with the Philadelphia Phillies 20 years ago, the percentage of Black players in the majors was 13.

It's down to 7.6% this year.

As the Phillies celebrated Jackie Robinson Day along with the rest of baseball on Thursday and Friday, Rollins reflected on the decline.

"It's more than just one thing," Rollins told The Associated Press. "Marketing. The NBA and the NFL, those guys' faces are plastered all over the screen. Baseball, there isn't really a great deal of marketing. Obviously, everyone knows about Mike Trout and rightfully so, but there are some young Black players that deserves some light, too."

Rollins pointed to Ken Griffey Jr. and Barry Bonds as popular players who were marketed well when he was growing up.

"But when you start going outside of that select few, the sport itself isn't marketing anyone else in a major way where kids from the inner cities are attracted to it," he said.

Rollins and teammate Ryan Howard won consecutive NL Most Valuable Player awards with the Phillies in 2006 and 2007. Rollins was the leadoff hitter and Howard batted cleanup for a team that won five straight NL East titles, two NL pennants and the 2008 World Series. The possibilities for marketing two superstars on the same dominant team should've been endless.



PHOTO BY ROSS D. FRANKLIN | AP PHOTO

San Francisco Giants shortstop Jimmy Rollins gives autographs to fans prior to a spring training baseball game against the Cincinnati Reds, Sunday, Feb. 26, 2017, in Goodyear, Ariz.

"I remember we, a lot of Black players, had a phone call with Spike Lee years ago," Rollins said. "We flew out to Chicago. We were with MLB and the union and Spike Lee. We talked about doing commercials. Nothing ever came of that. It was like a one-time thing. Not to knock MLB, but they're going to do things that, at face value, look great. But the impact is minimal because there's generally never any true follow-through. That's not just baseball. A lot of organizations do that."

Rollins also attributed the decline of Black players in baseball to socioeconomic factors.

"You need space to play baseball," he said. "You don't have that in a lot of places. In the country, you can find a field. In the city, kids aren't playing stickball. A basketball, you could pick up and dribble. It's easier to find a court. You don't have to field nine guys to play basketball. You can play one-on-one. The expense, you need the tools, you've got to pay for travel teams. In other sports, we know it's been well documented. They get sponsored and those things don't happen in baseball.

"Also, you look at how baseball's traditionally passed down from the dad to son. If your father isn't around, the chances of you being exposed to baseball because it's more of a team sport, it's probably less likely to happen."

Rollins recently hosted a special series for Bleacher Report about being Black in major league baseball. The first part debuted Thursday in honor of Jackie Robinson Day and featured Rollins chatting with Howard, Dwight Gooden and 2020 Rookie of the Year Award winners Kyle Lewis of the Seattle Mariners and Devin Williams of the Milwaukee Brewers.

Lewis and Williams were the first Black ballplayers to sweep the rookie honors since Gooden and Alvin Davis in 1984, three years before the BBWAA renamed the award in honor of the man who broke baseball's color barrier.

"Jackie was the man to go through all the fire, face all the criticism, hear all the nasty words and things that were coming his way and still go out there and perform and perform well enough to win rookie of the year," Rollins said. "But outside of baseball, it was just a reflection of what America needed to do, and that was become more inclusive.

"We know about baseball but his activism and his fight for civil rights, it didn't just start on the field, it was already happening. We got to see it in uniform. Then he continued to press forward off the field and fight for the rights to basically be a human being, to be a man, to be respected, to be seen. I think people need to realize that he isn't just Jackie Robinson the baseball player, there was more to his life as a man."

Olympic

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"The fact that he (Nikai) is concerned is a point that we need to take seriously as Tokyo 2020," she said. "His comment has reminded us of how tedious it was for us to feel confident or be fully prepared for delivering the games."

COVID-19 cases have been rising across Japan. Despite this, the International Olympic Committee and Tokyo organizers are pressing on. The IOC, which relies on selling broadcast rights for 73% of its income, has seen its cash flow stalled by the postponement. Japan has already invested at least $15 billion to organize the Olympics, and national audits suggest it might be twice that much. All but $6.7 billion is public money.

In an editorial this week, the British Medical Journal questioned Japan and the IOC going ahead with the Olympics. Organizers have said the Olympics will be "safe and secure," which the editorial challenged.

"While the determination is encouraging, there has been a lack of transparency about the benefits and risk, and international mass gathering events such as Tokyo 2020 are still neither safe nor secure," the editorial said.

On Thursday, the government minister in charge of Japan's vaccine rollout, Taro Kono, said even if the Olympics go on, there may be no fans of any kind in the venues. He said it's likely that the Olympics will have to be held in empty venues, particularly as cases surge across the country.

Fans from abroad have already been barred.

Hashimoto, who had said previously that a decision on venues would come in April, seemed to push back that deadline. She was not asked about Kono's suggestion and did not raise the issue or challenge it.

"Within April I would like to set the basis direction," she said. "The final judgement time — this as well we need to monitor the situation of the pandemic and we need to remain flexible for that."

Organizers had hoped to generate $800 million from ticket sales. Much of that revenue will be lost and the Japanese government will have to cover the shortfall.

No fans of any kind might simplify matters. Organizers can then focus solely on 15,400 Olympic and Paralympic athletes entering Japan, and keeping in a bubble in the Athletes Villages, the training sites, and at the competition venues. Tens of thousands of judges, officials, media and broadcasters will also have to enter Japan.

The vaccine rollout in Japan has been slow with less than 1% having had the shot. The numbers will be better in three months, but will contrast sharply with non-Japanese entering the country. A large percentage of those are expected to be vaccinated, including athletes.

Hashimoto said Japanese athletes were not a "priority" for vaccination. Putting athletes at the head of the line has been largely opposed in Japan.

The IOC has said vaccination is not a requirement to participate in the Olympics. On the other hand, IOC President Thomas Bach has left no doubt he wants as many athletes vaccinated as possible.

Japanese Olympic Minister Tamayo Marukawa told reporters Friday that the government is considering conducting daily virus tests on athletes during the games as a way to guarantee safety. Previous plans had called for virus tests every four days.

Marukawa also was not talking about prioritizing athletes for vaccination.

On Thursday, Japan's second-largest metropolitan area of Osaka recorded 1,208 new cases. It was the third straight day that new cases surpassed 1,000. Tokyo hit 729, its highest total in more than two months.

Japan has attributed 9,500 death to COVID-19, good by world standards but poor by results in Asia.

The national government on Friday was to add four more prefectures to those already under a "quasi-state of emergency." This brings the total to 10 and now includes Tokyo neighbors Kanagawa, Chiba and Saitama.

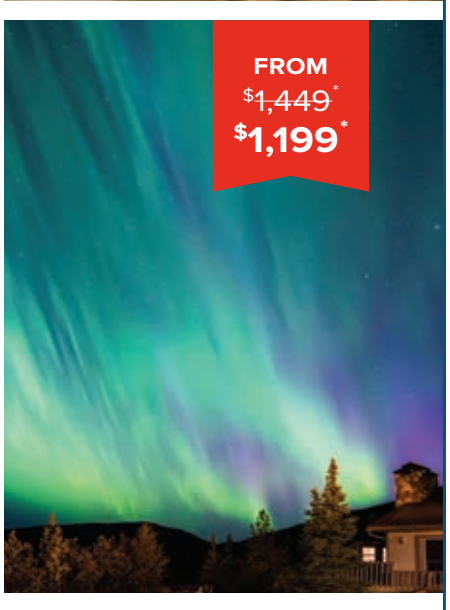
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Hall, Swayman lift Bruins past Islanders 3-0

By The Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — Taylor Hall scored his second goal in two nights, Jeremy Swayman stopped 25 shots and the Boston Bruins beat the Islanders 3-0 on Friday, their second win over New York in two nights.

David Pastrnak added his 17th goal of the season and Curtis Lazar had a late empty-netter as Boston put more distance between itself and the idle New York Rangers for the East Division's final playoff spot.

Ilya Sorokin had 21 saves for the Islanders, who have lost three of four.

Coming off a 4-1 win on Thursday night, the Bruins were again solid defensively, turning back all five of New York's power play chances.

CANADIENS 2, FLAMES 1

MONTREAL (AP) — Tyler Toffoli scored two goals, including the winner in the third period, to lift Montreal to a victory that snapped Calgary's three-game winning streak.

Toffoli was credited with the go-ahead goal at 15:45 of the third after he deflected in a pass from Joel Armia over the glove of Jacob Markstrom.

Jake Allen made 13 of his 28 saves in the first period for the Canadiens, who had lost three of their previous four games — including a 4-1 loss to the Flames on Wednesday night.

Elias Lindholm scored the lone goal for the Flames.

LSU reeling from ongoing reviews of sexual misconduct cases

By Brett Martel
AP Sports Writer

When LSU's football team emerges from the north end zone tunnel in 102,000-seat Tiger Stadium for its traditional spring scrimmage on Saturday, players will take a field emblazoned with a logo recognizing Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

The logo symbolizes an effort to promote healing on campus, but also is a reminder of the inescapable challenges that LSU faces for the foreseeable future. It is unclear what impact investigations by the U.S. Department of Education and a state Senate select committee into how the university has handled sexual misconduct allegations, as well as a $50 million civil lawsuit in federal court, will have on LSU's athletics programs.

But regardless of the outcomes, it will likely take time to remove the stain from LSU's tarnished brand.

"LSU's like my children. I'm always going to love it but I want it to do better," said political pundit James Carville, an LSU graduate who teaches at the university and has one child enrolled there and another who graduated from there. "Right now, it's not doing better."

While no current LSU coach or official has been fired yet, the allegations from female students dating back nearly a decade caught up with former university leaders after they left the school. Recent revelations about how those allegations were handled were unsavory enough that former LSU football coach Les Miles and ex-university President F. King Alexander were run out of their most recent jobs elsewhere.

Miles, who won a national title while coaching at LSU from 2005 to 2016, lost his job at Kansas.

Oregon State fired Alexander as its president. He had the same job at LSU when allegations that Miles made improper sexual advances toward female students working in the football office were kept private by the university and its law firm in 2013 — despite a recommendation by then-athletic director Joe Alleva that Miles be fired.

There does not appear to be any imminent threat to the job of current LSU football coach Ed Orgeron. But he is choosing his words carefully, partly because of the federal lawsuit filed by current LSU associate athletic director Sharon Lewis. Her lawsuit alleges that certain current or former members of LSU's athletic administration and football staff conspired to retaliate against her when she tried to report Miles' alleged advances toward female students, which would violate federal Title IX laws banning gender-based discrimination, harassment or violence.

Orgeron declined this week to go into detail about what he tells current or prospective athletes, and their families, if they express concern about potential upheaval at LSU because of pending investigations or the lawsuit.

"We discuss that internally," Orgeron said this week. "We have a plan. We have a lot of people that have a lot of talks and stuff like that, but I'm going to leave it at that."

Orgeron wrote in a letter to the state Senate Select Committee on Women and Children that he supports the work lawmakers and others are doing to try to protect women at LSU.

Meanwhile, the football program has hosted speakers from advocacy groups such as Sexual Trauma Awareness and Response (STAR). Other speakers have included LSU Title IX investigator Jeff Scott and LSU general counsel Winston DeCuir. And there are more scheduled.



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In this Oct. 21, 2017, file photo, LSU head coach Ed Orgeron, left, celebrates with running back Derrius Guice (5) following a win over Mississippi in an NCAA college football game in Oxford, Miss.

However, some view these as reactionary and token gestures that do not hold accountable those at LSU who for years did not aggressively push to have sexual misconduct allegations investigated.

"LSU is still not taking Title IX seriously," said Tammye Brown, an attorney for Lewis, who remains employed by LSU as her lawsuit against the school goes forward.

Brown cited LSU's decision to bar employees from appearing at a hearing last week held by the state Senate committee that is following up on a review by the Husch Blackwell law firm that scrutinized LSU's handling of sexual misconduct complaints.

The 148-page review was campus-wide, also looking, for example, at cases against fraternity members. But some of the higher-profile cases involved football players including former running back Derrius Guice, who last year was cut by the NFL's Washington Football Team following a domestic violence arrest.

Husch Blackwell concluded that LSU had come up woefully short in committing needed resources to Title IX compliance and instead tended to offer more resistance than help to alleged victims.

Lewis attorneys Tammye and Bridgett Brown wanted their client to be permitted to assist the state Senate committee. Instead, DeCuir was the sole person to speak on behalf of the university. Tammye Brown said LSU's general counsel "used his time to attack my client," portraying her as an opportunist out for personal financial gain.

Lewis' lawsuit does not name Orgeron among the defendants; it does list 10 unnamed men and 10 unnamed women among the defendants.

Orgeron took over for Miles on a permanent basis in 2017 and coached LSU to an unbeaten record and national championship in the 2019 season. Allegations of sexual misconduct or physical abuse have been filed against at least nine former players under Orgeron, according to an investigation by USA Today.

Some were punished and ultimately left LSU, but others, like Guice, left the school in good standing and were selected in the NFL draft.

The recent Husch Blackwell review aimed criticism more at LSU's administration than Orgeron, saying coaches generally lack the expertise to handle sexual misconduct complaints and should refer them to Title IX compliance officials.

Last week, the U.S. Department of Education announced that, in part because of the Husch Blackwell report and related media coverage, its Office for Civil Rights would investigate possible Title IX violations by LSU. Institutions found in violation can lose federal funding.

So far, the most severe punishment handed down to current LSU employees were suspensions of about a month to deputy athletic director Verge Ausberry and senior associate athletic director Miriam Segar, who were found to have mishandled multiple sexual misconduct complaints.

State lawmakers have said they see LSU's disciplinary action as insufficient.

Students agree. Last month, some held a sit-in at LSU's football operations building.

Bridgett and Tammye Brown said they expect Lewis' lawsuit to not only provide compensation to their client, but also to cause changes at LSU and any other institution that has previously failed to dedicate proper attention to Title IX compliance.

"Sharon Lewis has made an impact not just for Sharon Lewis, but she's a whistleblower," Bridgett Brown said. "She's blown the whistle and people are forced to stop and look at what's in front of them. Will it change things in Louisiana? We're about to see."

MLB

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The 50 highest-paid players are getting 33.4% of all salaries, up from 28.6% in 2017, and the 100 highest-paid are receiving 52.4%, an increase from 42.5% in 2017.

Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Trevor Bauer is the highest-paid player in 2021 at $38 million after agreeing to a $102 million, three-year contract he can terminate after one season. Los Angeles Angels outfielder Mike Trout is second at $37.1 million, followed by Yankees pitcher Gerrit Cole ($36 million) and St. Louis third baseman Nolan Arenado ($35 million), who was acquired in an offseason trade with Colorado.

The World Series champion Dodgers topped the major leagues at $241 million, the highest big league total since the Dodgers set the record at $270 million at the start of the 2015 season.

Players are unhappy with the slide in salaries under the current collective bargaining agreement, even before last year's pandemic-shortened season, and intend to press for changes during labor talks this year to replace the contract that expires Dec. 1.

The average was just over $500,000 when AP started its salary studies in 1989 and went down just twice before 2017: after the 1994-95 strike and between the 2003 and 2004 seasons.

The average has dropped 4.9% under the current labor agreement, which started after the 2016 season. The average rose 15.3% under the 2007-11 contract and 32.6% under the 2012-16 deal.

This year's average was depressed by the opening-day absence of Houston pitcher Jake Odorizzi, who was left off the initial roster, and infielder Rougned Odor, who had been designated for assignment by Texas and later was traded to the New York Yankees. Their presence on opening day would have increased by average by roughly $24,000, cutting the drop over two years to 4.2%.

Add the money Boston owes second baseman Dustin Pedroia, on the voluntary retired list after missing most of the prior three seasons while hurt, and the average would have been down 3.9% to $4.2 million. Termination pay, option buyouts and portions of signing bonuses paid to released players are not included in the average.

In addition, the average likely was lowered slightly by the expansion of active rosters to 26, which probably caused teams to add 30 players making near the $570,500 minimum.

The New York Yankees are second at $201 million and the New York Mets, under new owner Steven Cohen, third at $186 million. The Angels are next at $181 million, followed by Washington ($179.6 million), Boston ($179.5 million), Houston ($176.5 million), San Diego ($175.7 million) and Philadelphia ($174.8 million).

Twelve teams are under $100 million, with Pittsburgh at $46 million the lowest on opening day in a full season since Houston's $44.6 million in 2014. Slightly above the Pirates are Cleveland ($51 million), Baltimore ($56 million) and Miami ($57 million).

Last year's salaries were cut to 60/162nd because of the shortened season and cannot be compared with other years.

Average and median salaries decline over the course of the season as veterans are released and replaced by younger players making closer to the minimum.

The AP's figures include salaries and prorated shares of signing bonuses and other guaranteed income for players on active rosters and injured lists and one player who started the season on the paternity list. For some players, parts of deferred money are discounted to reflect current values.

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Notices

Join National TV Sales & Rental and Pawsibilities Are Endless for a day of fun, kitten cuddles and PAWriffic Giveaways!

Where: 1400 S Limit #10 Sedalia, MO 65301
When: Saturday, April 17 at 12 2 PM

National TV Sales & Rental **will also be sponsoring Splotchi, Smootchi and Freeloader's adoption fees!**

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Personals

ANY QUESTIONS/COMMENTS/ OPINIONS PLEASE write me at the address below. I would love to hear from Hughesville Northwest High Class of 1968-69.

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EMPLOYMENT

Miscellaneous

Missouri Dartment of Social Services, Division of Youth Services, is accepting applications **Youth Service Worker** in the Lafayette County area. Responsibilities include supervision and counseling of juvenile offenders in a residential facility, 2-4 years of college or relevant experience required in a s structured environment.
You must be able to work a flexible schedule.
Starting salary is $1,299.52 to $1,386.56 twice a month. Full benefits. Please apply on-line at https://mocareers.mo.gov/hiretrue/mo/mocareers/index.html or Contact Dixie between 8:00 a.m and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday at (660) 493-2272.
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Send resumes to:
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Sedalia, MO 65302

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Hughesville, MO 65334

The Marshall Missouri Tourism Commission is seeking **Full Time Tourism Coordinator.** The Coordinator will work collaboratively with the Marshall Tourism Commission and City of Marshall to execute Tourism Scope of Work and Public Relations. A degree in Marketing preferred or commensurate experience. Benefit package provided. Contact City of Marshall, 214 N. Lafayette, Marshall, MO 660-886-2225, for full position overview and qualifications requirements. Applications can be downloaded at **https://www.marshall-mo.com/employment**
Deadline to apply is April 23, 2021.
The City of Marshall is an Equal Opportunity Employer and participates in E-Verify.

Miscellaneous

Wanted Help with Beef Cattle Operation & help with Rental properties.
Experience needed
Full-time position.
Call 660-473-0444

MERCHANDISE

Sports Equipment

KIMBER ULTRA CDP II 45cal. 3" barrel comes with 3 mags (8 rd each) and case. NIB. Never fired. $1000.00 cash firm. Serious inquiries only. Leave message 660-287-4581.

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THE NICEST, all one level, 2-3 bedroom 2 bath Twin homes with garages in the area. Westside location, near medical, shopping & College. Fully appointed kitchens, with all appliances, including washers/dryers, security systems, walk out back patios and garages with auto garage door openers. Call 660-619-0384
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Homes For Rent

4 BEDROOM COUNTRY home: Large yard, 1 bath, basement, washer & dryer hookups, Smithton schools. No pets. Application, deposit & lease. $750 per month. Call 660-826-4741

HOUSE FOR RENT, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, $900 monthly rent, $900 deposit, Call 916-529-6613.

HOUSE FOR RENT:
2 bdrm, 1 bath, no smoking.
$650 monthly rent
$650 deposit
Available May 1st.
Pick up rental application @ 1307 W. Main St.

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Storms got your trees down? Tree trimming & removal. Gutters cleaned, bushes trimmed, grind stumps, landscaping. Free estimates, reasonable & insured.
Call Dan at 660 232 4175.
Email: completetree13 @gmail.com.

YARD SALES

Pettis County

Fundraiser- Pettis County Museum
229 Dundee
April 17th & 18th
8-5
Household items, decorations, beauty, jewellery, furniture, outdoor, books, movies, games, nice pictures. Some clothing, lots of Free items!
Masks please due to small space. (We will have some available)

GARAGE SALE
19628 RIDGECREST PL
HIDDEN HILLS
FRIDAY 7-?
& SATURDAY 7-3
Harley parts, helmets, golf clubs, PS3 & games, ceiling lights, 5 light floor lamp, Boyd Bears, Women's shoes sz 8, nice clothing, baskets, hunting, fishing, camping, waterbed, lots of miscellaneous.
Another large sale in the neighborhood.



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NOW HIRING
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Administrative Assistant needed for fast paced office. Candidate must have strong computer skills and knowledge of Microsoft Office Suite, be familiar with standard office equipment, handle multiple projects at one time and possess good communication skills.

Full Time • Monday–Friday

Submit resume with cover letter by Saturday, May 1st to:

Care Connection For Aging Services
P.O. Box 1078, Warrensburg, MO 64093

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Warehouse Worker and Driver - ShowMe Beverages!

Manages Warehouse to keep current inventory, picks orders, loads vehicles and drives company equipment in a professional and safe manner at all times. Ensures that check-in procedures are followed daily, and Performs all other duties as assigned.

Minimum Qualifications: High school diploma or general education degree (GED) 3-month related experience and/or training; or equivalent combination of education and experience. Valid Driver's License. Physical Requirements: The employee must occasionally lift and/or move more than 150 pounds. Candidates must have or be able to obtain a Class E License. Will be delivering to Kansas City, MO, Springfield, MO, Branson MO and surrounding area.

Please note that job application deadlines will vary by position. Interested People can go to https://calendly.com/jgiarrante-1/15min to schedule a 15min intro video interview.

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NOW HIRING

The Pettis County R-XII School District (Dresden) is seeking applicants for a full-time custodial/maintenance position. Qualifications include but are not limited to the following:

- High School Diploma or equivalency (preferred)
- Able to read & write
- Strong work habits
- Able to lift 50 lbs.
- Safety minded
- Positive Attitude
- Light maintenance

The goal of this position is to maintain cleanliness of the school and school grounds with as little disruption of daily learning activities as possible.

Interested candidates should apply online by going our website at https://pettisr12.k12.mo.us/ and download a "non-certified" application located in the Employment button on the main page or apply at the District's main office located at 22675 Depot Road, Sedalia, MO.

Benefits include full medical, vision, dental, and life insurance paid for by the district, and public school retirement.

The Pettis County R-XII School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, or disability in admission or access to, or treatment of employment in its programs and activities. It is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

609116s



THE IDEAL CLIMATE FOR YOUR GROWING BUSINESS

Devon's Beat

Fri. & Sat.
April 23rd
April 24th

Devon Parrott, now 18 years old, was diagnosed with Long QT type 3 syndrome over 8 years ago. He was walking to class when he collapsed in the hallway but he woke up on his own. He is lucky to be alive. His life has changed, but after having an ICD implanted he is doing well and doing things he loves. When you hear of a young person that has collapsed with no apparent reason or warning signs, that is usually long QT or some other type of SADS (Sudden Arrhythmia Death Syndrome) Condition. Unfortunately, many don't make it or have to be resuscitated. Through out the last 8 years, Devon has had many ups-and-downs, along with obstacles along the way but is doing great now and a true blessing to his friends and family. We are motivated more than ever to screen more kids and possibly save someone else's life in the process!

Our 9th year was a success for Devon's Beat raising over $18,000 and screening 230 kids, making our new total 948 kids screened.

FACTS ABOUT SADS: Each year approx. 4,000 children & young people die suddenly & unexpectedly due to cardiac arrhythmias.

♥ ♥ Proceeds will be used for youth heart screenings ♥ ♥

Registration After April 2nd Until Day of Event - $30
Please Contact us At 660-287-2888 w/any questions
Like Us On Facebook - Devon's Beat

Friday, April 23rd• 6:30 to 10 p.m. - VFW 5925
Silent & Live Auction, Dance w/Live Band

Saturday, April 24th • 8 a.m. Registration (Foster Hall, 1st Baptist Church, Lincoln)
9 a.m. Devon's Beat 5K Walk/Run, 100 Yd. Dash
Check Out Our Website www.devonsbeat.com

608482s

Pettis County

Garage Sale
309 Katy Cir.
April 17th
7-1p.m
Women clothes from M-2X, shoes & accessories, kids clothes, household, exercise items, crib, lots of miscellaneous.

Got Piles of Kids Stuff Everywhere?? Sell it!! CASH IN!! Sign up www.kidscloset.biz/sedalia PROMO CODE SPRING21 to get a $5 Gift Card to use at the Sale. April 22-24@ MO State Fairgrounds MO AG Theatre Building 2503 W 16th St Sedalia

MOVING SALE
2706 W. 11th St.
Sat. Only 8-?
Furniture, tools, home & holiday decor & lots of miscellaneous.

YARD SALE
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SAT ONLY 04/17
8-1
Miscellaneous.

Legal Notice

IN THE 18TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT,
PETTIS COUNTY, MISSOURI
Judge or Division: PROBATE
Case Number: 21PT-PR00029
STEVEN H HURT,
Deceased.
Notice of Letters of Administration Granted
(Supervised Administration - Non-Resident Fiduciary)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of STEVEN H HURT, Decedent:

On, 25-MAR-2021, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of STEVEN H HURT, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Pettis County, Missouri. The personal representative's business address is:

JESSICA MELLOTT,
ONE FERN BANK AVE,
BLUFTON, SC 29910.

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

LAURIE S WARD,
SPANGLER WARD LLC
514 S OHIO,
SEDALIA, MO 65301,
(660) 827-1770.

The non-resident personal representative's designated agent's name, business address, and phone number is:

LAURIE S WARD,
SPANGLER WARD LLC
514 S OHIO,
SEDALIA, MO 65301,
(660) 827-1770.

All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or if a copy of this notice was mailed to, or served upon, such creditor by the personal representative, then within two months from the date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law. Such six-month period and such two-month period do not extend the limitation period that would bar claims one year after the decedent's death, as provided in Section 473.444, RSMo, or any other applicable limitation periods. Nothing in Section 473.033, RSMo, shall be construed to bar any action against a decedent's liability insurance carrier through a defendant ad litem pursuant to Section 537.021, RSMo.

Date of the decedent's death: 21-FEB-2021
Date of first publication: 27-MAR-2021

Susan Sadler,
Circuit Clerk
By: /s/Darla Ebeling,
Deputy Clerk
4x-3/27, 4/3, 10, 17, 2021

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PETTIS COUNTY, MISSOURI
PROBATE DIVISION
In The Matter of the Estate of:
WILLIAM RIVER PARSONS
TRUMAN DAVID PARSONS
CHARLES JAKOB JOSEV PARSONS
Minors
Estate No: 21PT-PR00051

NOTICE UPON ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

State of Missouri to: TALITHA MAE PARKHURST, WILLIAM JOSEPH PARSONS, and UNKNOWN FATHER(S)

You are notified that an action has been commenced against you in the Circuit Court of Pettis County, Missouri, Probate Division, the object and general nature of which is an appointment of guardians of William River Parsons, Truman David Parsons, and Charles Jakob Josev Parsons.

The names and addresses of the Petitioners are: Christopher Charles Woolery and Marcella Nell Parkhurst, 2210 South Missouri Ave., Sedalia, Missouri 65301.

The name and address of the attorney for the Petitioners is: Kimberly L. Tanner, 110 East Fifth Street, Sedalia, Missouri 65301.

You are further notified that, unless you file an answer or other pleading or shall otherwise appear and defend against the aforesaid Petition within forty-five (45) days after March 27, 2021, the date of the first publication of this Notice, a decision that is adverse to your interests may be entered and judgment by default will be taken against you. It is ordered that a copy hereof be published according to law in The Sedalia Democrat, a newspaper of general circulation published in Pettis County, Missouri.

Dated: 3/25/2021

CIRCUIT COURT OF PETTIS COUNTY, MISSOURI

Legal Notice

Susan Sadler,
Circuit Clerk
By: /s/Cathy Jackson,
Deputy Clerk
4x-3/27, 4/3, 10, 17, 2021

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR MERGER OF BANKS

The Central Trust Bank, Jefferson City, Missouri intends to apply to the Federal Reserve Board for permission to merge with the following banking institutions (collectively, the "Affiliate Banks"): Central Bank of Branson, Branson, Missouri; Central Bank of Lake of the Ozarks, Osage Beach, Missouri; Central Bank of the Midwest, Lee's Summit, Missouri; Central Bank of Sedalia, Sedalia, Missouri; Central Bank of Boone County, Columbia, Missouri; Jefferson Bank of Missouri, Jefferson City, Missouri; Central Bank of St. Louis, Clayton, Missouri; Central Bank of Moberly, Moberly, Missouri; Central Bank of Audrain County, Mexico, Missouri; Central Bank of the Ozarks, Springfield, Missouri; Central Bank of Oklahoma, Tulsa, Oklahoma; and Central Bank of Warrensburg, Warrensburg, Missouri. The application will include The Central Trust Bank's intent to establish branches at the locations of the Affiliate Banks.

The Central Trust Bank, Jefferson City, Missouri also intends to apply to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for permission to merge with Central Trust Company, Jefferson City, Missouri. This application will include The Central Trust Bank's intent to establish branches at the locations of Central Trust Company.

The Federal Reserve and Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation consider a number of factors in deciding whether to approve the applications, including the record of performance of applicant banks in helping to meet local credit needs.

You are invited to submit comments on the proposed merger of The Central Trust Bank and the Affiliate Banks in writing to the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, PO Box 442, St. Louis, Missouri 63166-0442. Comments can also be submitted electronically to comments.applications@stls.frb.org. The comment period will not end before May 22, 2021. The Board's procedures for processing applications may be found at 12 C.F.R. Part 262. Procedures for processing protested applications may be found at 12 C.F.R. 262.25. To obtain a copy of the Federal Reserve Board's procedures, or if you need more information about how to submit your comments on the application, contact Holly Reiser, Manager, Applications Division at (314) 444-4713. The Federal Reserve will consider your comments and any request for a public hearing on the application if they are received in writing by the Reserve Bank on or before the last day of the comment period.

Any person wishing to comment on the application for merger of The Central Trust Bank and Central Trust Company may file his or her comments in writing with the regional director of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation at the Kansas City office, 1100 Walnut St. Suite 2100, Kansas City, Missouri 64106 not later than May 22, 2021. The non-confidential portions of the application are on file at the appropriate FDIC office and are available for public inspection during regular business hours. Photocopies of the non-confidential portion of the application file will be made available upon request.

3x-4/17, 5/1, 22, 2021

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Sedalia School District #200 is now accepting sealed bids on copy paper for the 2021-2022 school year. For more information, please contact the District Office at 2806 Matthew Drive, Sedalia, MO 65301, 660-829-6450. Sealed bids marked "Paper Bid" will be received at the District Office until 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 28, 2021. Sedalia School District #200 reserves the right to refuse and/or reject any or all bids.

1x-4/17, 2021

SECTION 00 11 13 - ADVERTISEMENT TO BID

iDS Project #21-106
iDS Project #21-107

Henry County R-1 School District will receive Bids for

"LIVING ESTATE AUCTION"
"William Altis"
31678 Rose Rd. Sedalia Mo. 65301
we will sell the following equipment & personal property at public Auction on:
Sunday April 25th 1:00pm 2021

Directions: Take 65hwy South of Sedalia 6 miles to Rose Rd. on Left (East) turn on to Rose Rd to Auction Watch for signs on sale day.

2018 Ford "Flex" V6, auto, 4 door, 23K miles, **2003 Ford** F-150 XLT, 4x4, Triton V8, auto, 4-door, short bed, 137k miles (VIN 1FTRW08L73KC50266) **Kubota L3240** tractor front wheel assist with LA514 loader, **Husqvarna** RZ5424 Zero Turn Mower (54" cut – 24hp), **Land Pride** FDR1672 (6') "Patriot" finish mower, **Land Pride** RCR1260 (5') 3pt rotary mower, **Farm Star** 3pt (5') rock rake, 5'x10' bumper hitch tilt bed trailer, 250 3pt broadcast spreader, **Honeywell** 5500 portable generator, **YARDMAX** 25 Ton wood splitter, **Stihl** MS 211C chain saw, **Stihl** MS 180C chainsaw, **Husqvarna** 346XP chainsaw, **Poulan Pro** 4218 AVX chain saw, **Stihl** FS 56RC straight shaft string trimmer w/edger attachment, **Craftsman** 22" walk behind string trimmer, **Craftsman** 2450PSI pressure washer, **Craftsman** self-propelled 6.5hp push mower, ele. leaf blower, 2 – **Worx** cordless string trimmers, **Campbell Hausfeld** 20gal. portable air compressor, air bubble, pr milk cans, 3 – turkey cookers, Lot misc. mechanic hand tools, 2 – work lights, Lot heavy metal shelving, fire pit, 3pt. 5' finish mower (Parts)

Household & Misc. 3pc. oak queen size bedroom set, pr twin beds, oak corner curio cabinet, round oak table w/4chairs, Bakers rack, Lot misc. linens, Lot misc. glass, Pots pans misc. household, lot misc. patio furniture. Much more household in storage & to be unpacked. s, **Many More Items Too Numerous to Mention**

Auctioneer Note: We are proud to have an Auction of this Quality, ALL equipment has been meticulously maintained and cared for. Concessions provided by the "Benton County Good Ole Gals"

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"ESTATE AUCTION"
"Jim & Marlene Wilbanks"
506 West 4th Stover Mo. 65078
we will sell the following at public Auction on:
Saturday April 24th 10:00am 2021

Directions: In Stover next to Dollar General, right on 52 hwy. (Can't miss us)

2007 PT Cruiser • 2006 Dodge Grand caravan • 2004 Dodge Grand caravan

Household, Antiques & Misc. 2 - **Emerson** 36" TVs, Stereo w/6cd changer, three cushion over stuffed sofa, pr marble top end tables, Antique murphy bed, pie safe, **Howard Miller** Grandfathers clock, Misc. occ tables, roll top secretary, waterfall vanity, 2 - upholstered recliners, library table, corner curio, 2 – wire ice cream parlor sets, oak secretary, 3+ **Aladdin** lamps, lot kerosene lanterns, swag lamp, TV stand w/storage, "Gone with the wind" lamps, glass front curio, vintage glass front cabinet, entertainment center, 3 – bent glass china hutches, waterfall cedar chest, Dining room table w/6 chairs & matching china hutch, heavy entryway bench, tiger oak chest of drawers, Light house collection (plates figurines & wall art), lot printer trays, antique console radio, **Poosh-up** table top pin ball game, antique cylinder churn, knee hole desk, small Shepards churn, Lot misc. crocks, crock bowls & jugs, 2gal Western churn, **Montgomery Ward's** cream separator, sausage press, 2 – glass churns, lot silver plate, lot misc. glass of all types, pedal tractor, metal toys, 6pc. expanded metal patio set, misc. yard statuary, SS gas BBQ grill, gumball machine, grandmothers' clock, mantle clocks, kitchen clock, oak wash stand, antique wall phone, lot misc. enamel ware, lot doll furniture, misc. baby & youth beds, trampoline, Huge lot glass canning jars, 3 – hand plows, 2 – **Poulan Pro** riding mowers, **Craftsman** riding mower, Lot holiday decor, **TOOLS tools & more tools** SS **Kobalt** roll around tool box top & bottom, **Craftsman** top & bottom roll around tool box, **Craftsman** Laser-trac radial arm saw, Craftsman belt disk sander on stand, lg lot ele hand tools, **Hitachi** chop saw, 3 – router tables, **Rockwell** 32" drill press, **Craftsman** 6" bench vice, 55lb anvil, 2 - scroll saw, 5 – bench grinders on stands, oscillating spindle sander on stand, 2 - bench top drill press, **Wilton** bench top table saw, **Craftsman** 10" table saw, 15+ organizers full of hardware, lg lot drill bits, Lot misc. portable tool boxes, Saw horses, Large lot clamps bar, C & hand clamps, **Poulan-pro** chainsaw, HUGE lot hand tools, wrenches, screw drivers, levels, extention cords, 500+ hammers etc. lot hardware,10+ file cabinets, lg lot repair manuals, lot shop vacs, lot paint brushes & rollers, lg lot long handled tools, MANY tools and items still new in package, this a light discription of the tools contained in a 40'x60' barn. **Many More Items Too Numerous to Mention** **Auctioneer Note**: This is a VERY large Auction of antiques, household & tools, we WILL be running two rings most of the day so come prepared – Concessions provided by the "Benton County Good ole Gals"

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NOW HIRING

Carpenter's Kids Preschool is currently seeking a **Preschool Program Director/Teacher** who has a passion for educating children, sharing God's love with students, innovating and growing a vibrant preschool program. For job description and application, please go to firstsayyes.com and follow the employment link.

609485s

Thank You

Our recent sad loss leaves us with grateful hearts towards neighbors and friends.
Their comforting expressions of sympathy and thoughtfulness will always be remembered.

Eddie R. Hursman Family

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NOW HIRING

Full Time Maintenance Worker for Apartment Complex in Sedalia

Must have basic knowledge of carpentry, plumbing, electrical and able to trouble shoot.
Great Benefits.

PLEASE SEND RESUME TO:
Community Housing Management
730 S. 6th Street,
St. Joseph, MO. 64501
or email to sgsmith@chm-inc.org
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WE'RE IN IT {TOGETHER}
Join our team of professionals.
Bothwell is seeking applicants for dietary support and environmental service workers.
Open Interviews
Tuesday, April 20, Noon–6 pm
Bothwell Human Resources Office
601 East 14th Street, Sedalia
Located on the ground floor
Visit www.brhc.org for more information and to apply before your interview.



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CAREER FAIR!

Gardner Denver — Ingersoll Rand

Gardner Denver, now Ingersoll Rand, a leading Manufacturer of Compressors and Blowers, will be hosting a Career Fair.

Thursday, April 22nd from 3-5 p.m. and Friday, April 23rd from 8-10 a.m.

Location: Sedalia Facility at 305 N. State Fair Blvd.

Available positions include: Material Handlers, Assemblers and Machinists.

- All positions require High School Degree or High School Equivalency
- Material Handler positions must be able to attain forklift license
- Assembly positions require mechanical aptitude and use of hand tools
- Machining positions require either Machine Tool certification or 3-5 years of CNC machining experience

New team members will enjoy:

✓ Excellent Benefits package!!!
✓ Tuition reimbursement program!!!
✓ Up to 6% company match to their 401k contributions!!!
✓ Sign On Bonus up to $1,000 for joining our Team!!!

Please come to the Main Entrance at 305 N State Fair Blvd (follow signs for visitor parking; face masks required) for walk-in interviews from 3-5 p.m. Thursday, April 22nd, and 8-10 a.m. Friday, April 23rd.

We are an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Legal Notice

mechanical and electrical work at Windsor High School and Windsor Elementary School. Bids must be on a Lump Sum basis.
There will be a mandatory Pre-Bid Conference at **10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 20, 2021** at the Henry County R-1 Central Office located at 210 North Street, Windsor, MO 65360.
Bids will be received until **2:00 pm on Thursday April 29, 2021** at the Henry County R-1 Central Office located at 210 North Street,
Windsor, MO 65360. Bids will be opened and read aloud at that time.
Bids received after this time will not be accepted.
Bid Documents will be available starting April 13, 2021 through www.drexeltech.com.
Bid Security in the amount of five percent (5%) of the Bid must accompany each Bid in accord with the Instructions to Bidders. Each Bid shall be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, or draft certified or issued by a state or national bank in the amount of at least five percent (5%) of the total amount of the Bid payable to Henry County R-1 Public Schools, or in lieu thereof, the Bidder may furnish a Bid Bond in an amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the Bid. Such bond shall be issued by a surety authorized to do business in the State of Missouri and made payable to Henry County R-1 Public Schools as a guarantee that such Bidder will enter into a Contract with the Owner for the Work described in the Bid and furnish bond as specified.
A Performance Bond and a Material and Labor Payment Bond in amounts equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Bid may be required to be furnished by the successful Bidder at the discretion of the Construction Manager and/or School District.
All Bidders are subject to and must comply with applicable state and federal anti-discrimination laws.
All Contractors and Subcontractors shall conform to the **most current** State of Missouri, Division of Labor Standards,

Legal Notice

Section 051, Henry County, Wage Order No. 27 in accordance with Section 290.262 RSMo (2000). All Contractors and Subcontractors shall conform to the Missouri Prevailing Wage Law Sections 290.550 to 290.580 Public Works During Excessive Unemployment, if such provision applies to this Project.
The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids and to waive informalities or irregularities in the bidding. Bids will be reviewed by the school district and their consultants following

Legal Notice

the reading of bids.
No bids shall be withdrawn after the opening of bids, without consent of the Board of Education, for a period of sixty (60) days after the schedule time of closing bids.
2x-4/16, 17, 2021

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CAR 2001 Buick LeSabre, 129k miles, nice clean well-maintained car!

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TRACTOR John Deere 1530 diesel tractor, tac shows 1634 hrs (1974) * John Deere 520 loader

COLLECTIBLES Handmade quilts * FireKing grease jar, salt and pepper shakers, white with red flower pots * Nippon chocolate set, hand painted * Red Pyrex dish with lid * Cup and saucer collection, England, Occupied Japan, others * Farm House scene highball glasses * Hobnail milk glass pieces * FireKing relish dish white w/gold trim * Brass plate with engraving * Vintage Ovaltine mixers * Old kitchen utensils * Western #6 crock jar * Hens on nests, blue carnival, green, amber, white, clear * 2 Cranberry hobnail opalescent rose bowls * Liberty Blue Bowls, Platter, plates * Dk carnival glass footed bowl * Amber wine set, 8 glasses * Wine decanter, 5 glasses, w/ ship motif * Snack set, Opalescent with gold trim * Depressionware, pink, amber, green * Gold glass pitcher, 6 glasses * Sad irons, oil lamps, milk can, oil cans, etc * Old scales

BUCKLES~JEWELRY 2 Silver belt buckles with turquoise * Brazilian agate belt buckle * Silver with gold trim bracelet * Large lot jewelry, rings, bracelets, necklaces, earrings, etc

ANTIQUE FURNITURE~HOUSEHOLD Everett piano and bench * 2-Antique mantle clocks, WM Gilbert, Ingraham * Antique East Lake drop-front desk * Antique Washstand, dark oak * Antique blanket chest * Oak 36" roll top desk * 42" Round dk Oak Pedestal dining table w/18" leaf, 6 pressed pattern back chairs * 48" Oak buffet with glass front top * 4 Drawer Barrister bookcase * Cedar Chest * Standard size poster bed, matching dresser w/tri-mirror, nightstand, chest of drawers * Maple standard size bed and matching dresser * Curve glass front curio cabinet * Square front curio cabinet * 2 Maple desks * Small Antique dry sink * Antique washstand * Small Antique drop side table * Small antique wood heating stove * Oak jewelry armoire * Chevalier mirror * Corner oak tv stand * Oak side table * Octagon kitchen table, leaf, 4 chairs with rollers * Whirlpool refrigerator, top freezer * Kelvinator chest type freezer * Whirlpool chest type freezer * Maytag dryer * Whirlpool washer * Metal bakers rack with moose cut-out * Sofa, blue/burgundy southwestern pattern * Sofa, lt brown, w/matching overstuffed chair * Coffee and end tables, lamp tables, etc * 6 Gun cabinet * Kitchenaid commercial mixer w/ vegie slicer, food grinder attachment * Electric meat tenderizer, turkey fryer, other small kitchen appliances * Pfaltzgraff Tea Rose Pattern canister sets, tea pot, coffee mugs, utensil crock, glassware * Lot dishware, cookware, corningware, etc * Crosley vintage look cabinet disc/record player * Linens, bedding, towels, etc Infrared room heater * Louis Lamour paperback books * Small Sentry safe

SHOP TOOLS 8' Metal shop bench * Craftsman 20 gal 4 hp air compressor * Lincoln 225 welder * Craftsman miter saw * 6" Double wheel grinder * Battery chargers * 10" Table saw * Tool boxes, bolt bins, etc * Skilsaw, Impact, grinder, other power tools * Portable air bubble * Vice, Anvil, Handiman jack, Ext cords, clamps, chain boomers, drill bits, sockets, etc * Craftsman shop vac * Honda pressure washer

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BOAT~FISHING~RECREATION Sea Star 16' boat w/Johnson 70 hp motor and trailer * Evinrude 15hp motor * Fishing poles * Old lures, tackle * Schwinn 3 wheel 2 spd Adult bike * Sears 7x35 binoculars

SADDLE~EQUINE Billy Cook 16" saddle * Some Tack * Farrier tools * Horse sculpture, made by Clayton Gant, Cross Timbers, MO * Equine décor, magazines

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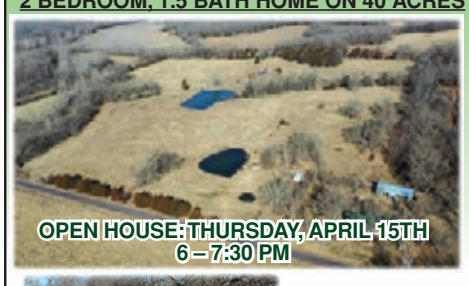
NO RESERVE REAL ESTATE & HOUSEHOLD AUCTION

30249 MCGEE ROAD, SEDALIA, MO ~ HOME & SHOP ON 40 ACRES

As I am moving to Oklahoma to be with my family, I will sell the following described real estate and personal property at public auction located: From the Junction of Highways 50 & M (on the east edge of Sedalia), take M Hwy south 4.6 miles to McGee Road. Turn left (east) on McGee Road and continue 2.2 miles to the sale site on the left (north). Watch for the orange signs on:

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2 BEDROOM, 1.5 BATH HOME ON 40 ACRES





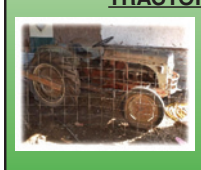
This 1200 square foot home was built in 1950. The home sits on a crawl space, and has a kitchen, dining area, living room, a large enclosed sun porch across the front, and an enclosed back porch. The home has central L.P. heat in addition to a wood stove, and is serviced by a well (new pump this year) and septic/lagoon system. There is also a pad and utility hook-ups for a mobile home just west of the house should the new owner choose to add one. The 40acre property has been surveyed, and is 90% open pasture with the balance in timber. The property is fenced and has 2 nice ponds, along with a 20'x40' metal machine shed and a 12'x15' metal storage shed. There is blacktop road frontage all along the southern boarder of the property via McGee Road, and it sits in the Smithton School District.

TERMS: The property will sell ABSOLUTE to the high bidder with NO RESERVE! We will require $20,000 down the day of the auction, with the balance due at closing to be held on or before Tuesday, June 8th, 2021. Seller will provide an owner's title policy, and the buyer is responsible for any lender's policy. Taxes will be prorated at closing, and the closing fee at the title company will be split 50/50.

AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: Dorinda has retired and decided it's time to move to Oklahoma so she can be near her children. Don't miss your opportunity on a beautiful country property less than 10 minutes from town. Run some cattle, and enjoy recreational opportunities like hunting, fishing and riding on this versatile property! Make plans to join us for the property viewing and see it firsthand Thursday, April 15th; and have your finances in order, as the property sells ABSOLUTE to the high bidder with NO RESERVE!

Be sure to visit:
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For more pictures!

TRACTORS & EQUIPMENT



1 – Ford 8N tractor, wide front
1 – 5' Bush Hog brush hog
3 – 10' fiberglass feed troughs
5 – Small feed troughs

RIFLES

1 – Glenfield model 60 .22 LR automatic
1 – Winchester model 61 pump .22 S-L-LR
1 – Stevens 25 crackshot .22 with hex barrel
1 – Winchester model 290 .22 S-L-LR automatic
1 – Browning BAR 30-06 Belgium with Bushnell scope
1 – Springfield J. Stevens model 87A .22 S-L-LR automatic
1 – Stevens (Savage Arms) model 59B lever action .410, 2.5-3"
1 – Remington model 241 Speedmaster .22LR automatic, stock fed
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1 – Connecticut Valley Arms Apollo .50cal black powder with scope
1 – Ithaca model 37 Featherlight 12ga 2.75" pump, VR, Mod
1 – Winchester model 90 .22 Short pump with hex barrel
1 – Winchester model 60A Target bolt action .22 LR

SHOTGUNS

1 – Ithaca model 37 Featherlight 12ga 2.75" pump, full
1 – Mossberg model 185DA 20ga bolt action shotgun w/ multichoke
1 – Winchester model 42 pump .410, 3", S#4373 (1st yr) 1 – Remington 12ga pump
1 – Old side x side 12ga hammer shotgun 1 – Belgium side x side 12ga hammer shotgun
1 – Black powder side x side 12ga hammer shotgun
1 – Long Tom 12ga single shot shotgun

MOWER, LAWN & GARDEN

1 – Craftsman 15.5hp riding mower, 42" deck
1 – TroyBilt Bronco rear tine tiller
1 – Lot yard tools 1 – Poulan Pro weed eater

FURNITURE & APPLIANCES

1 – 30"x36" solid maple butcher block kitchen prep table, made by Boss Company (nice)
1 – 48" oak Hoosier kitchen cabinet
2 – Flower sifters for Hoosier cabinet
1 – Melco "Steller 1" monogram machine
1 – Whirlpool fridge 1 – GE small deep freeze
1 – Maytag washer (like new) 1 – GE electric dryer
2 – Chests of drawers 1 – Singer sewing machine
1 – Country Charm electric stove 1- Secretary desk
1 – 8' x15" bench (no back) 1 – Embroidery machine

ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES

3 – Old cast-iron white bathtubs
2 – Crocks (8 & 10gal)
1 – 150gal heavy duty fish tank on stand (with pump etc.)
1 – Coca Cola NASCAR (Dale Earnhardt) display cooler
1 – Detroit Jewel antique gas stove
1 – Lot misc. household nick-nacks & décor

TOOLS & MISC.

1 – Porter Cable 15gal 4.5hp air compressor
2 – Ladders (1 step & 1 extension) 1 – Wagon jack
1 – Bench grinder 1 – Small lot of scrap metal
1 – Lot misch hand tools 1 – Toolbox
1 – Older table saw 1 – Bandsaw
1 – Chain hoist 1 – Lot dumbbell weights
1 – Large lot misc. pet cages

AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: There are sure to be a few surprises that aren't listed here, and we have some nice guns to sell. Plan to join us for a fun auction!

SPECIAL NOTE: The guns will NOT be at the sale site until the morning of the Auction. We will sell the property around noon, followed by the guns.

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Editor recognized for commitment to community journalism



Bob Satnan

Contributing Columnist

When the challenge is greater, the reward is sweeter.

Nicole Cooke, editor of both the Sedalia Democrat and the Warrensburg Star-Journal, has faced complication after hurdle after heartbreak this past year, but some good news has come her way: Cooke has been named one of Editor & Publisher magazine's "25 Under 35," an annual list of the top young professionals in journalism. The recognition is significant, as E&P is the top trade publication in the news media industry.

Cooke's boss, Publisher Will Weibert, set the wheels in motion.

"I was really surprised and grateful that Will had thought to nominate me and even more grateful that Editor & Publisher decided to choose me," Cooke said. "As someone who uses words for a living, I didn't have a lot to string together about how I felt about that."



Editor Nicole Cooke

As she moves into her fourth year leading the Democrat newsroom, Cooke, 30, was handed an additional plate of responsibilities six months ago when Phillips Media purchased the Star-Journal and she was named its editor. Leading separate newsrooms requires quite a bit of juggling, but Cooke also had to embrace a new media mindset. After graduating from the University of Central Missouri, her professional career started at the Democrat, which publishes daily; the Star-Journal comes out weekly.

"The way you approach a weekly is different," she said, citing story approaches and deadline structures. Another difference is after eight years in Sedalia, she's the "new kid" again in Warrensburg despite having attended college there. At the Democrat, she grew accustomed to hiring people and teaching them who to contact for specific information and how to carry out their job responsibilities.

"Now I have to be in that humble position of asking other people how (they) do stuff in Warrensburg, 'Who is this person?'" she said. "I'm used to being the person who says, 'This is who you need to talk to at City Hall.' I am relearning all of that in Warrensburg."

Cooke is still figuring out the best ways to lead news teams in separate cities. While she is always available to her journalists via text, email and phone calls, "I'm very lucky to have a staff that is able to work without me being physically there," she said. "On any given day, only one of my staffs can walk into the room and see me in person."

Cooke started 2020 with a severe bout of ulcerative colitis that landed her in the hospital for a week. As she recovered, she spent a few more weeks on the couch at her parents' house, working remotely even before the COVID-19 pandemic forced that into reality. The coronavirus affected more than where Cooke and her team were working.

"It was a balancing act of what is important enough to send a staff member out and how do we keep them safe," she said. "We had to navigate keeping our staff safe and keeping our customers safe when they come in our doors. But it also has affected us because the things that we write about don't exist now. We really rely on community events for a lot of our coverage and they are not happening, so it has forced us to be more creative than we usually are."

As Cooke and her team coped with the effects of the pandemic, newsroom veteran Hope Lecchi passed away unexpectedly in December.

"Hope was not only a fantastic reporter who was so good at telling Sedalia's stories, but she was just an integral part of the newsroom," Cooke said. "Not only has it been hard because I lost a really good reporter who had so many connections in the community, but I also lost a really good friend who I talked to every day. … I don't think I have had a single day in the past three or four months when I haven't thought of something I wish I could tell her."

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A passion for helping students

Thompson, Lane recognized as Outstanding Teacher, Associate of the Year

By Ryan Sheehan

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PHOTOS COURTESY OF SEDALIA SCHOOL DISTRICT 200

First grade teacher Brittney Thompson discusses facts about Mars with student Wesley McNelly on Tuesday, April 13, in her classroom at Washington Elementary School. The writing lesson centered on main ideas and details.

Two Sedalia School District 200 employees have been recognized for their passion for helping students succeed.

On Feb. 26, the Sedalia School District 200 celebrated its annual Outstanding Educator and Associate of the Year awards, hosted by the Sedalia Community Educators Association. Every year, each building in Sedalia 200 nominates an Outstanding Educator and Outstanding Associate, who are then interviewed to determine the overall district winners.

Brittney Thompson, a first grade teacher at Washington Elementary, was named Outstanding Educator of the Year. Shani Lane, a library media specialist at Sedalia Middle School, was named an Outstanding Associate of the Year.

Brittney Thompson

"Honestly, I was shocked," Thompson said. "I think everybody up there deserved (the award). And so, when they called my name I was humbled, you know, thankful, grateful, but mostly just shocked."

Thompson thinks they were nominated because somebody in "our building, or in our community" noticed what they do.

"But I think what we do, we don't think is noticeable," Thompson said. "We do our jobs, which is our passion."

Her goal every day is to create a "learning environment that is safe and comfortable, and one that my students love to be in, and they love to learn," Thompson noted.

Thompson has taught first grade at Washington Elementary for her whole teaching career, which has been eight years. Her mother was a teacher, who inspired Thompson to become a teacher herself, she noted. Thompson cited her mom as her role model and the person she would "strive to be like."

"I remember seeing her patience, her love for teaching, and her joy. And so, I wanted to be just like my mom," Thompson said. "And then once I got into teaching, then I saw her 'why'... her love of teaching was because of the students. And so, I finally understood."

Thompson will obtain her graduate degree in May. From there, she will continue with her specialist degree in June.

"Being in the grad school has helped me, I think, become a better teacher in the last couple years than I thought it would," Thompson said.

"I think teaching in itself is always changing and learning, from yourself and from others," Thompson said.

As teachers, Thompson explained she feels like every year they learn something new, whether from a failure or a success. She said finding new strategies "to put in my toolbox" and being willing to learn "has been the biggest part."

"I think that teachers learn just as much as students," Thompson said. "Nothing is the same. A group of students is never the same."

Thompson advises a new teacher "to put yourself out there, observe other teachers, always ask questions." She said it's a matter of when not if you fail, but teachers should be "OK with it because tomorrow is a new day." Teaching is hard, she noted, and it's not just coming to school each day.

"Don't give up," Thompson added.

According to Thompson, teaching is something one must have passion for.

"Your reason for being here is really the one thing that matters," Thompson said.

Skyline Elementary Principal Lisa Volk wrote in her letter of nomination, "(Thompson's) enthusiasm, her innovativeness, her dedication, and even her singing are shown within her classroom daily. Her flexibility in working with students and teachers has earned her a reputation as an excellent teacher who truly cares about people. Mrs. Thompson has even taken on the challenge of sitting on our PTA board for many years."

Volk described Thompson's "unique melding of personal and professional qualities has enabled Mrs. Thompson to be one of the best educators I have had the privilege of working with during my tenure at Washington."



Shani Lane is in her 21st year working for Sedalia School District 200 and is in her second stint as a library instructional assistant. Her other roles have included computer instruction and in-school suspension coordinator.



First grade teacher Brittney Thompson, who is in her eighth year working in the Sedalia 200 district, is the Sedalia Community Educators Association Outstanding Teacher for the 2020-21 school year.

Shani Lane

At the award ceremony at Smith-Cotton, Lane explained it was "shocking" when they announced her name for district-wide Associate of the Year. Lane recalled at first she thought she misheard the announcement. Because of all the other candidates, she was not expecting to win.

"It was a great honor," Lane said.

In her 21 years at the middle school, Lane said she has moved throughout the building and worn many different hats. Some of her previous roles included being involved with yearbook, subbing for classes, library, computer lab, and an assistant coach for girls basketball. Lane is back in the library and she said she hopes she will be in the library when she retires.

"There is so many roles I have played," Lane said. "And I so appreciate our district giving me the opportunity to do those roles… (and) trusting me to do a good job."

When she first came to the middle school they taught sixth and seventh graders, Lane noted, and now they teach fifth graders.

"There's just so much to say for in 21 years of what you can see," Lane said.

For people who are considering becoming a teacher, she recommends shadowing a teacher first to see if it is their passion and getting help from veteran teachers.

"There is always somebody there to help you," Lane said.

While she may have a different title, Lane said she would call herself a teacher. Lane recalled she wanted to be a teacher in high school. She said she feels everybody who works in the building, while they may not make the teaching plans, "all are involved in teaching in some way or another" and they all have "influences on students."

"I mean, I don't wanna take anything away from our teachers, because our teachers do an awesome job," Lane said. "But, I think, when we're all in this building… or in any building, I think we all share in that, of helping."

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BRL2GO SCHEDULE

Boonslick Regional Library

Monday

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

Wednesday

9 a.m. to noon: Cole Camp City Park.
1:30 to 4 p.m.: Lincoln City Park.

Friday

9 a.m. to noon: Boonville, Walmart.
1:30 to 3:30 p.m.: Blackwater.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Meals on Wheels is a non-profit 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.

This week meals will be delivered by Broadway Presbyterian Church.

Monday

Pork riblet on bun, baked beans, macaroni salad, brownie and milk.

Tuesday

Spaghetti, corn, salad, breadsticks, cookie and milk.

Wednesday

Stuffed pepper casserole, hominy, tropical fruit, roll and milk.

Thursday

Beef and noodles, green beans, pudding, roll and milk.

Friday

Roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, roll, cake and milk.

ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

J-Rod are done: Jennifer Lopez, Alex Rodriguez have split

LOS ANGELES (AP) — J-Lo and A-Rod are no longer J-Rod — officially.

Jennifer Lopez and Alex Rodriguez told the "Today" show Thursday in a joint statement that they are calling off their two-year engagement.

"We have realized we are better as friends and look forward to remaining so. We will continue to work together and support each other on our shared businesses and projects," it said.

"We wish the best for each other and one another's children. Out of respect for them, the only other comment we have to say is thank you to everyone who has sent kind words and support."

The couple started dating in early 2017. They issued a statement in March that disputed reports they were breaking up.

The couple was given the nickname "J-Rod" three years ago after they landed on the cover of Vanity Fair magazine.

Serena Williams signs programming deal with Amazon Studios

(AP) – Serena Williams has signed a deal with Amazon Studios under which she will create scripted and non-scripted programming, including a docuseries that follows her exploits on and off the court, the tennis star said Tuesday.

Williams made the announcement during a conversation with actor Michael B. Jordan that was part of a charitable event organized by Vanity Fair magazine.

The 39-year-old Williams, who ranks second all-time with 23 Grand Slam singles titles, said she hopes to "bring really special stories to film, and to people's homes."

Williams, who has limited her schedule in recent years because of injuries and the birth of her daughter, has not played since she lost in the Australian Open semifinals in February to Naomi Osaka, who went on to win the title.

Mick Jagger and Dave Grohl team up for a pandemic anthem

NEW YORK (AP) — Mick Jagger and Dave Grohl have teamed up for a hard-rock pandemic anthem called "Eazy Sleazy."

"It's a song that I wrote about coming out of lockdown, with some much needed optimism," Jagger said in a statement Tuesday. "Thanks to Dave Grohl for jumping on drums, bass and guitar. It was a lot of fun working with him."

The duo recorded the song and video in different studio locations — Jagger at home and Grohl in the Foo Fighters studio — and the lyrics mention "prison walls," "virtual premieres," numbers that are "grim" and Zoom calls. Jagger complains: "I've got nothing left to wear."

The song also name-checks Bill Gates, lampoons conspiracy theories and those who deny climate change and gleefully reveals "There's aliens in the deep state."

But there seems to be hope. Jagger looks ahead and sees a "garden of earthly delights" when vaccines are administered and lockdown ends.

"Everything's gonna get really freaky/Alright on the night/Soon it'll be a memory/You're trying to remember to forget."

CRAIG ANNIVERSARY



Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Craig, of Smithton, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a lunch and afternoon celebration at the Wildlife Ridge Winery in Smithton, provided by their children.

Shirley Cramer and Ernie Craig were married April 16, 1971, in the office of the Harmony Baptist Association in Sedalia by the Rev. Orval F. Woolery.

Mr. Craig is retired from Gardner-Denver. Mrs. Craig is retired from the 18th Judicial Circuit Court, Juvenile Office.

They have two children, Misty and Matt Cooper, of Sedalia, and Ernie Jr. and Angie Craig, of Kansas City; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.



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In this Jan. 24, 2020 file photo, co-directors Jim LeBrecht, left, and Nicole Newnham, center, from the documentary "Crip Camp" pose with film subject Judith Heumann during the Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah. Performers with disabilities and filmmakers have a moment in the Oscar spotlight that they hope becomes a movement. LeBrecht, who has spina bifida and uses a wheelchair, says a golden age for films about people with disabilities could come if Hollywood lets them tell their own stories.

Disabled nominees hope their Oscar moment becomes a movement

By Andrew Dalton
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Right down to its production design, the Oscars have not always felt like the most welcoming place for people with disabilities.

"I've always seen that stage with its stairs as a symbol that they don't expect people who had mobility issues to be nominated or to win an award," said Jim LeBrecht, the co-director and co-star of the Oscar-nominated documentary "Crip Camp." "It's always been this kind of negative tacit statement."

This year shows signs of change. LeBrecht, who has spina bifida and uses a wheelchair, will attend the April 25 ceremony. So will Robert Tarango, the deaf-blind star of the nominated short, "Feeling Through."

The victors' podium will be accessible for both. And LeBrecht hopes that will become a permanent change, both literally and figuratively.

The two films, along with "Sound of Metal," nominated for six awards including best picture, have their nominees hoping their Oscar moment can become a catalyst for Hollywood to stop using people with disabilities as sources of inspiration, objects of pity, or twisted villains.

"I think that the goal is to alleviate the fear," Tarango said through a translator, "to open the doors so that executives don't look at our ability to hear or not to hear and to see that somebody who is blind, deaf-blind, who has any kind of disability is just part of the world and can be part of these films."

The academy, under pressure, has pushed for greater race and gender inclusion in recent years. Disabled performers and filmmakers can too often be forgotten in that discussion.

"It's time that people need to recognize that diversity should include the disabled, the deaf-blind and the deaf community," Marlee Matlin, an executive producer on "Feeling Through" and the only deaf actor to win an Oscar, said through a translator. "I hope that it's not just the flavor of the year, that it goes beyond, and that this is a trend that will continue."

Traditionally in Academy Award-nominated movies, people with disabilities appear only when an actor seeking an Oscar-worthy role plays one on screen.

That has led some disabled people to feel like "they're stealing our stories," said LeBrecht, a sound designer whose friend, documentary director Nicole Newnham, asked that he direct "Crip Camp" with her. She wanted a disability-led perspective after he suggested she make a documentary about his summer camp and its essential role in the birth of the disability rights movement.

"If we just realize that the stories around disabilities aren't just about overcoming adversity or tragedy," he said, "then I think we could see kind of the beginning of a golden age where finally people with disabilities show their true lives, their real life experiences."

People with disabilities have long been among the least represented groups in film and television. Last year, USC Annenberg's annual inequality report found that only 2.3% of all speaking characters across the 100 top-grossing films of 2019 were even depicted with a disability, much less played by an actor with a disability.

"Feeling Through" director Doug Roland called stats like that "abysmal," but said his determination to cast a deaf-blind actor in the film based on a real chance encounter he had on the street, was not made from any sense of inclusion.

"I wasn't even thinking from what I now know is the conversation around authentic representation, which I've had like a real master class in over the last three years," Roland said. "I was just thinking, you know, I think this would just be a lot more impactful if we have someone from the community be a part of this."

His search led him to the Helen Keller National Center, which helped him find Tarango, who was working in their kitchen. The center then helped him extensively through every step of the process.

"We bring a culture to this," Tarango said. "We bring our independence that people don't often see. I was excited, excited and grateful honestly to Doug for picking someone who was deaf-blind, because I think that has helped in the success of the film."

When Matlin won her 1987 Oscar for "Children of a Lesser God," it felt like a major breakthrough. But a flood of roles and nominations didn't follow for deaf or other disabled actors.

"I thought, 'OK, it will break barriers,'" Matlin said. "But then, the focus moved away."

She said the lack of social media at the time made it very difficult to apply pressure and build momentum for a cause the way the #OscarsSoWhite hashtag did for Black actors.

Now, she says people with disabilities and their advocates are "able to speak out from wherever they are. They are able to lend their voice, their opinions, their views, their visions, their imaginations."

"Sound of Metal" has been praised for its authentic examination of the world of the deaf, and its use of deaf actors in supporting roles. It has also received some deaf-community criticism for casting a hearing actor, Riz Ahmed, in the lead role of a drummer who must reckon with losing his hearing.

Paul Raci, a child of deaf parents who is nominated for best supporting actor for his role as a leader of a sober house for those who are deaf, understands the criticism, but said "for the most part, deaf people have accepted this movie with open arms."

"It shows a deaf sober house, deaf people as addicts, which is a totally new idea to show deaf people as people that have the same foibles you and I have, the same challenges, the same journeys," Raci said.

And he believes the larger conversation the movie has helped open will mean even move.

"You're going to see more inclusion in casting in this town, in Hollywood," he said. "You're going to see a lot more differently abled people, people that use wheelchairs, blind, deaf, there's going to be a lot more of those kind of protagonists. And you're going to watch those journeys unfold on the screen."

Associated Press Writer Brooke Lefferts contributed to this report.

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Community Calendar APRIL

Editor's note: Due to the COVID-19 outbreak some meetings may be canceled or postponed. Please call the organization for information on cancellations.

To have your event or meeting listed or changed, send details to fbemiss@sedaliademocrat.com or call 660-826-1000 ext. 1481.

SUNDAY

All day: AA Hotline number is 660-826-9608.

Sunday a.m.: Shake it Up Sunday, if you are white attend a black church, if you are black attend a white church; Taylor Chapel United Methodist Church, 400 N. Lamine Ave., or Wesley United Methodist Church, 1322 W. Broadway Blvd. For more information, call Marge Harlan at 660-851-0077.

Noon and 7 p.m.: Alcoholics Anonymous 12x12 Non-smoking group, Sunday through Saturday; at 201 E. Sixth St., in First Baptist Church Annex, 660-829-2527.

1:30 p.m.: Open Door Soup Kitchen, 417 W. Pettis St. Call 660-827-1613.

2 p.m.: Council on Racial Understanding at Rose M. Nolen Black History Library.

3 p.m.: Call to the Nation to Pray, pray where you are during the COVID-19 pandemic.

7 p.m.: Narcotics Anonymous Because We Care and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday; First Christian Church, 200 S. Limit Ave. Call 660-221-2221.

MONDAY

All day: AA Hotline number is 660-826-9608.

8 a.m.: Prayer group on the lawn of the Pettis County Courthouse. All churches are welcome. If it rains the group will meet at Ozark Coffee Co., 614 S. Ohio Ave.

10 a.m.: Show-Me Mad Tatters, University Extension Office Conference Room, 1012A Thompson Blvd.

11:30 a.m.: Open Door Soup Kitchen, 417 W. Pettis St. Call 660-827-1613.

Noon: Prayer for the Nations at Antioch Fellowship, 507 W. 24th St.

Noon: Sedalia Rotary Club, Best Western State Fair Inn, 3120 S. Limit Ave.

2:45 p.m.: TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) local Chapter MO 0102 Sedalia meets at Sacred Heart Church Parish Center, 421 W. Third St. Stop by for a free visit and weigh-in (optional). Call 660-827-1098.

3 p.m.: Call to the Nation to Pray, pray where you are during the COVID-19 pandemic.

6 p.m.: Altrusa International, Inc., Sedalia, at the Katy Trail Community Health Center, community room, 821 Westwood Ave.

6 p.m.: Cornerstone Celebrate Recovery. A Bible-based 12-step program for Hurts, Habits and Hangups; Cornerstone Baptist Church, 660-827-4833.

6 p.m.: DeFeet is holding Well-Being groups every other Monday at First Christian Church.

6 p.m.: The Dream factory meeting, at Central Missouri Electric Cooperative, on North U.S. Highway 65.

6:30 p.m.: DeFeet.org, suicide prevention support group meetings are at the Gathering Church, 314 W. Main St. For more information, call 660-596-5173 or visit www.DeFeet.org.

6:30 p.m.: Show Me Sound, Sweet Adelines International, is meeting via Zoom during the pandemic. For more information call 660-851-2205.

TUESDAY

All day: AA Hotline number is 660-826-9608.

6:30 a.m.: Sunrise Optimist, Best Western State Fair Inn, 3120 S. Limit Ave.

8 a.m.: Central MO Business Builders (BNI), at Heckart Family Center, 903 S. Ohio Ave.

8 a.m.: Prayer group on the lawn of the Pettis County Courthouse. All churches are welcome. If it rains the group will meet at Ozark Coffee Co., 614 S. Ohio Ave.

11:30 a.m.: Open Door Soup Kitchen, 417 W. Pettis St. Call 660-827-1613.

11:30 a.m.: Show-Me Ladies with Hatitudes for lunch. For location information, call Maryann at 660-826-8138.

Noon: Sedalia Noon Day Optimist Club, at Lamy's, 108 W. Pacific St.

3 p.m.: Call to the Nation to Pray, pray where you are during the COVID-19 pandemic.

3:30 and 5:30 p.m.: Weight Watchers; and 11:45 a.m., Thursdays; Parkview Christian Church, 1405 E. 16th St.

4:30 p.m.: Crossroads Hospice, a monthly discussion grief group, at the Heckart Family Center, 903 S. Ohio Ave. For more information, contact Beth Hunt at 660-422-5804.

6 p.m.: NarAnon meetings at LifePointe Church, 2921 W. Broadway Blvd.

7 p.m.: Co-Dependents Anonymous (CoDA) is a 12-step fellowship of men and women at the First United Methodist Church Celebration Center, 1701 W. 32nd St.; for more information, call Barbara at 660-827-6522.

7 p.m.: Fraternal Order of Eagles Auxiliary, Lincoln.

7 p.m.: Loyal Order of Moose, Sedalia Lodge 1494, at the lodge, 119 Winchester Ave.

7 p.m.: Masonic Granite Lodge 272 meeting, 601 W. Broadway Blvd.

7 p.m.: OIC Studios will present the SpoFest Open Mic Poetry and Prose event streaming live via Zoom, Facebook and OIC Radio. Signup and event guidelines at www.oicstudios.com/spofest-online.

WEDNESDAY

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10 a.m.: TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter 958, First Baptist Church, 200 E. Sixth St. First visit is free; 816-916-6237.

11:30 a.m.: Open Door Soup Kitchen, 417 W. Pettis St. Call 660-827-1613.

Noon: Sedalia Lions Club, El Tapatio Mexican Restaurant, 3000 S. Limit Ave.

3 p.m.: Call to the Nation to Pray, pray where you are during the COVID-19 pandemic.

5:30 p.m.: Amigos de Cristo, Teen Mom Classes at 3003 W. 11th St., 660-826-2788.

6:30 p.m.: Sedalia-Pettis County National Association for the Advancement of Colored People for executive committee; 7 p.m., meeting, Anthony Buckner Community Center, 500 Welch Ct.

7 p.m.: Elks Lodge 125, Elks Lodge, 320 S. Kentucky Ave.

THURSDAY

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11:30 a.m.: Open Door Soup Kitchen, 417 W. Pettis St. Call 660-827-1613.

Noon: Kiwanis of Sedalia, at Lamy's, 108 Pacific St.

3 p.m.: Call to the Nation to Pray, pray where you are during the COVID-19 pandemic.

6 p.m.: Democratic Club of Pettis County Supper Club; bring a covered dish. Meeting will follow at Deer Brook Villas, 960 Mitchell Rd. For more information, call Mike Franklin at 660-281-1037.

6 p.m.: Sedalia Duplicate Bridge Club at First Christian Church, 200 S. Limit Ave.

6 p.m.: Women in Crisis Group, call 660-827-5555 for location.

6:30 p.m.: Sedalia Landlords Inc., Community of Christ Church, 2000 S. Ingram Ave.

7 p.m.: Sedalia Bible Academy, Boonslick Regional Library, 219 W. Third St., Sedalia. For more information, call 660-826-9988.

8 p.m.: Sedalia Al-Anon Group, at 201 E. Sixth St. Annex, temporarily, due to COVID, if you plan to attend or for more information call 660-473-1950.

FRIDAY

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11:30 a.m.: Open Door Soup Kitchen, 417 W. Pettis St. Call 660-827-1613.

Noon: Pettis County Pachyderms, Best Western State Fair Inn, 3120 S. Limit Ave.

3 p.m.: Call to the Nation to Pray, pray where you are during the COVID-19 pandemic.

6 p.m.: Sedalia Singles, ages 45 to 80, meets at El Tapatio Mexican Restaurant. No membership fee, activities included. Call first at 660-620-3197.

SATURDAY

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3 p.m.: Call to the Nation to Pray, pray where you are during the COVID-19 pandemic.

7 p.m.: Sedalia West Central Missouri Archaeological Society, Farm Credit Services, 2600 S. Limit Ave.

7:30 p.m.: Quarantine Theatre presented by Liberty Center Association for the Arts on the Liberty Center Association for the Arts Facebook page, YouTube channel and Instagram.

Gucci heirs worry over family depiction in Ridley Scott film

By Colleen Barry
Associated Press

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Ridley Scott's production company did not respond to requests for comment, made also through their Italian counterpart.

The Guccis are not the first Italian fashion family to wrestle with onscreen depictions about tragic events. The Versace family put out a statement in 2018 about the season of Ryan Murphy's "American Crime Story" that dealt with the murder of fashion house founder Gianni Versace, saying the TV series was not authorized and should be considered "a work of fiction."

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It is this story that she recounts in her own book, "Gucci, The True Story of a Successful Dynasty," which was published in Italian in 2015.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Pettis County Recorder of Deeds Barbara Clevenger recently issued marriage licenses to:

Anthony James Schneider, 61, Karla Sue Rehmer, 58, both of Sedalia;

Dallas Dalton Donnell, 22, and Destiney Kay Allen, 19, both of Concordia;

Jeremiah Travis Brown, 38, and Alexis Paige Gill, 22, both of Sedalia;

Angela Faye McKernon, 36, and Jeanna Charde Sims, 34, both of Sedalia;

Cody Everette Wood, 25, and Alissa Beverly Huffman, 24, both of Sedalia;

Jason Ryan Bartlett, 34, and Krystle Joy Marquess, 34, both of Sedalia;

Jacob Cannon Andrews, 24, and Emily Elizabeth McFarland, 24, both of Sedalia;

Osvaldo Sebatian, 18, and Rosalinda Garcia, 16, both of Sedalia;

Nathan Ryan Wittman, 39, and Anna Lynn Catron, 50, both of Sedalia.

DIVORCES

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

Jessica L. Martin and William L. Paxton;

Savannah L. Yeater and Neil Alan Yeater

NEW BOOKS

New books at the Sedalia Public Library for Apr. 17.

Fiction

"The Path to Sunshine Cove," by Rae Anne Thayne.

"Not Dark Yet: A DCI Banks Novel," by Peter Robinson.

"Tell No Lies," by Allison Brennan.

"Every Vow You Break," by Peter Swanson.

"The Women of Chateau Lafayette," by Stephanie Dray.

"No Way Out," by Fern Michaels.

"Winter's Orbit," by Everina Maxwell.

"Red Widow," by Alma Katsu.

"Half Life," by Jillian Cantor.

"Small Magic," by Terry Brooks.

POPULAR BOOKS

Boonslick Regional Library

Fiction

"Haunted Hibiscus," by Laura Childs.

"Fast Ice," by Clive Cussler and Graham Brown.

"Flowers of Darkness," by Tatiana de Rosnay.

"The Eagle and the Viper," by Loren D. Estleman.

"The Blizzard Party," by Jack Livings.

"The Committed," by Viet Thanh Nguyen.

"The Lost Apothecary," by Sarah Penner.

"A Fatal Lie," by Charles Todd.

Nonfiction

"The Barbizon: The Hotel That Set Women Free," by Paulina Bren.

"Hunt, Gather, Parent: What Ancient Cultures Teach Us About the Lost Art of Raising Happy, Helpful Little Humans," by Michaeleen Doucleff.

"Blood Gun Money: How America Arms Gangs and Cartels," by Ioan Grillo.

"The Pegan Diet: 21 Practical Principles for Reclaiming Your Health in a Nutritionally Confusing World," by Mark Hyman.

"The Ravine: A Family, a Photograph, a Holocaust Massacre Revealed," by Wendy Lower.

"The York Patrol: The Real Story of Alvin York and the Unsung Heroes Who Made Him World War I's Most Famous Soldier," by James Carl Nelson.

Satnan

From Page 1D

Weibert emphasized how hard the pandemic made it to operate a newspaper, and losing a seasoned reporter made it even more difficult both practically and emotionally.

"This year particularly made me understand the value of Nicole. She is youthful but her experience is beyond her age," he said, also acknowledging her increased responsibilities with the Star-Journal purchase. "Nicole stepped up and was very professional about the situation."

In seeing the E&P "25 Under 35" list, Democrat reporter Faith Bemiss noted that Cooke is one of the few community journalists on the list. Most others work for larger news outlets in metro areas. Preaching the importance of community journalism has been Cooke's mission since she arrived at the Democrat.

"I've worked really hard over the past eight years to cultivate relationships with people in the community. Journalism is all about trust, with the community and with your sources; if they don't trust you, they aren't going to tell you anything and then you don't have anything to write about," she said. "It is important to know what Congress and the president and the governor are doing, but I know of one newspaper that can tell you what the Warrensburg or Sedalia city council or school board did that night. These are the only places you can find that in print. It is so important for people to understand how needed and useful their community newspaper is – we provide a service that no one else does."

Weibert called E&P's recognition of Cooke "a no-brainer."

"She cares a lot about this community. She would not be doing the quality work that she is doing right now if she didn't," he said.

While the national spotlight is flattering and deserved, Cooke is pleased that grassroots journalism earned a seat at the big table.

"To be recognized among that list of some pretty big publications is pretty gratifying, to know that community news can make that list," she said.

Bob Satnan is a former editor of the Sedalia Democrat.

Educators

From Page 1D

Sedalia Middle School Principal Brett Hieronymus praised Lane for helping to organize carts full of personal devices for students this year during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I wish I had five or six Shanis... she does a fantastic job," Hieronymus said. "You can't replace somebody like that. You're sad when you don't have one, but you feel very blessed when you have someone of that caliber in your building, and that's how we feel at SMS. We're so very blessed to have someone such as Shani in our building."

He noted Lane is at school early in the morning and welcomes kids when they get off the bus.

"Little things turn into big things," Hieronymus said. "And she does a lot of little things that help, you know, make our building run smoothly."

Ryan Sheehan can be reached at 660-530-0144.

SEDALIA DEMOCRAT

Prizeweek Puzzle

Entries must be received by Noon on Wednesday
Puzzles in 2 pieces will be rejected

This week's puzzle is worth:

$800 for SEDALIA DEMOCRAT Subscribers

This week's puzzle is worth $400 for Non Subscribers

ACROSS:

1.Crew member groans upon hearing about tour of ship by senior naval officer, knowing that means all decks must be_.
3.Admittedly mediocre at the game, young man still aspires to being _ in the future.
7. Reporter can't wait to broadcast her news-breaking story involving a high-level crime _.
9. Discovering she has no use for _ she just bought, clothing design student gives it to fellow student because she'll appreciate it.
10. The ship built by Noah.
14. A _ can seem somewhat foolish but actually be quite a lot of fun.
15. Being previous offender, yet only 20, many who know him agree that the arrested man is _ in need of discipline.
16.When son expresses concern, mother explains it's standard for an examination to precede a change in _.
19. To be sure that there's accurate firing, it's important to keep a _ properly lubricated.

DOWN:

2. Popular writer likes the fact that romantic _ are associated with authors.
4.Wildlife photographer tells hair-raising anecdotes of times he's had to _ an animal for an award-winning picture.
5. A _ can cause an injury if it becomes loose.
6. "How did that lifeless-looking photograph win first prize?" asks viewer regarding picture of a wooden _.
7. Every _ means the weary adventurer is that much closer to home.
8. Homeowner is excited by success of her idea to incorporate _ into her garden, where everything's flourishing.
11. _ guests at small wedding end up in the hospital the next day with food poisoning.
12. Someone with a limited income rarely _ a lot of money.
13.When a confrontation is a distinct possibility, average man might think about his chances before getting involved with _ guy.
17. Part of the opening of the mouth.
18. Morse code distress signal.



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Clip out completed puzzle and return to this newspaper

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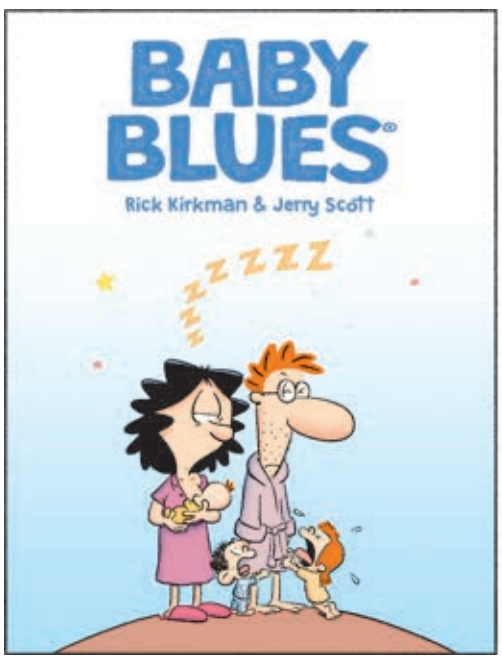
1. Solve the **PRIZE WEEK PUZZLE (PWP)** by filling in the missing letters to make the words that you think best fit the clues. Read the clue carefully, for you must think them out & give every word its true meaning.
2. Check the word list given. It has all the contest answers, plus some that you will have to eliminate.
3. 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.)**
4. 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.
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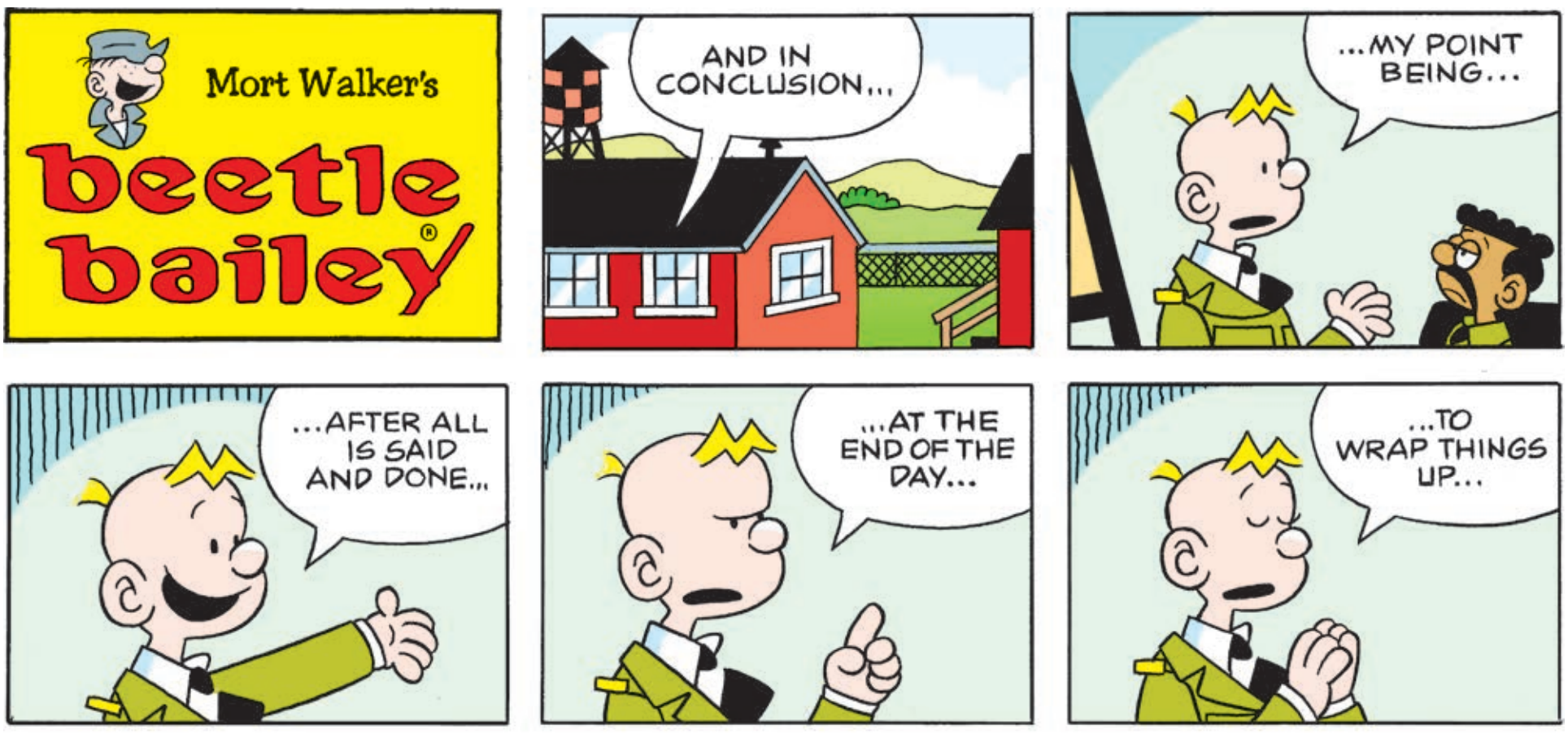
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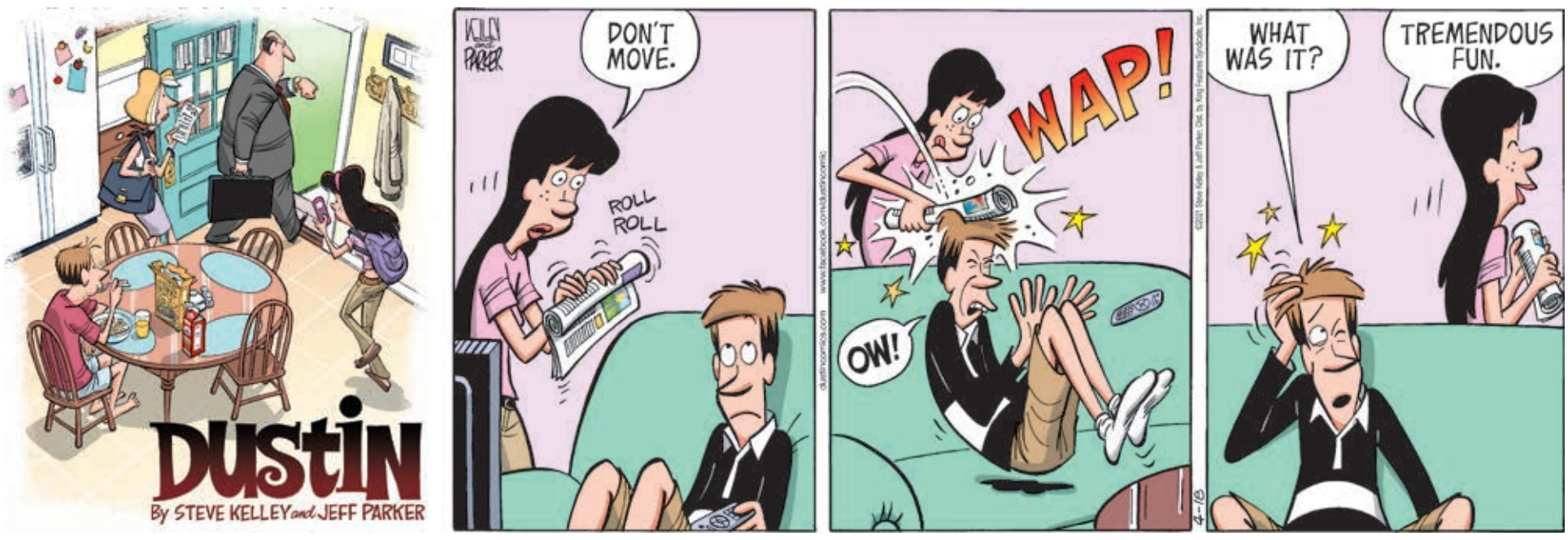


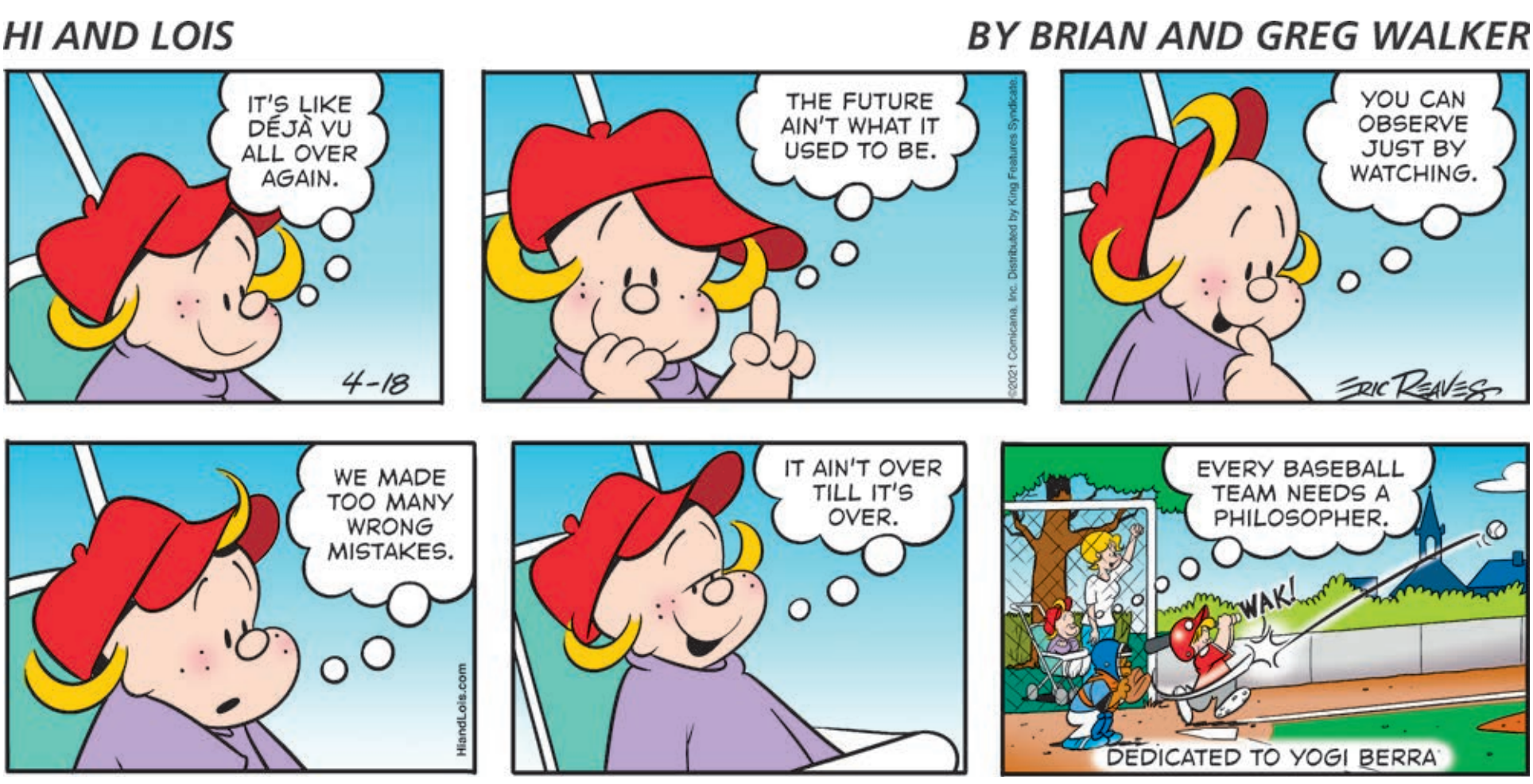
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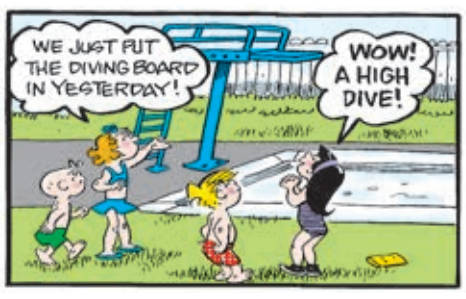


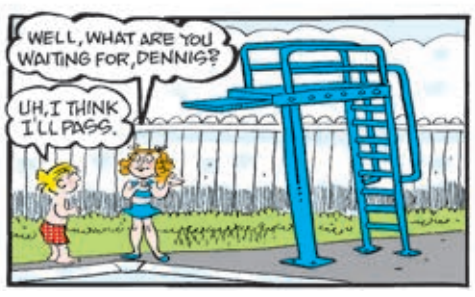
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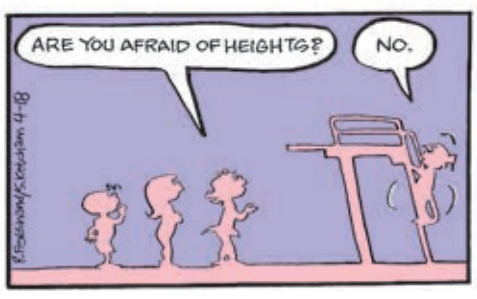
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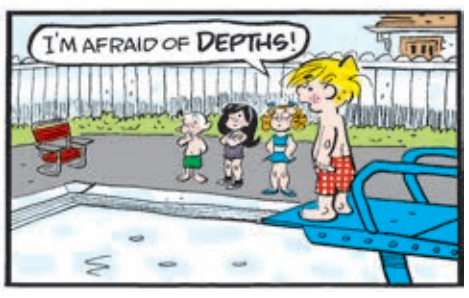






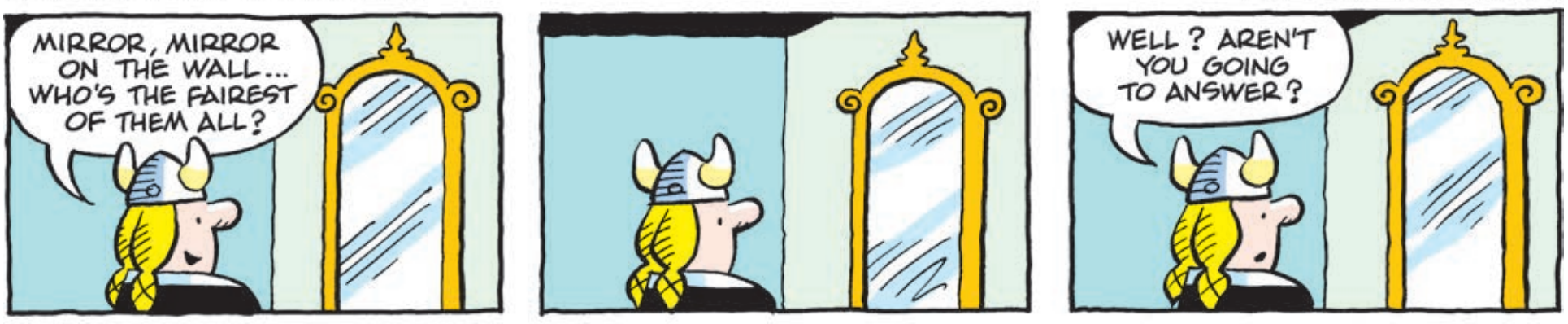






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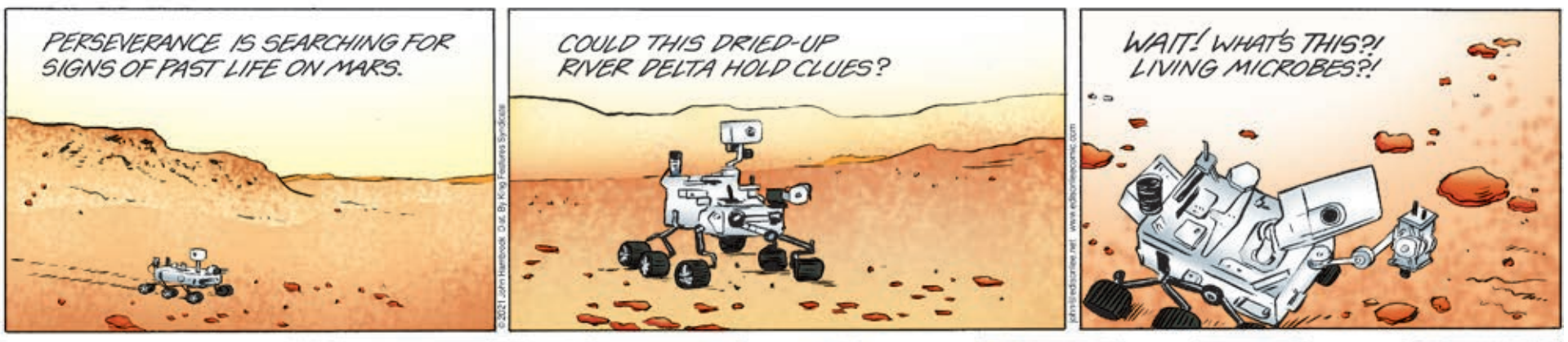
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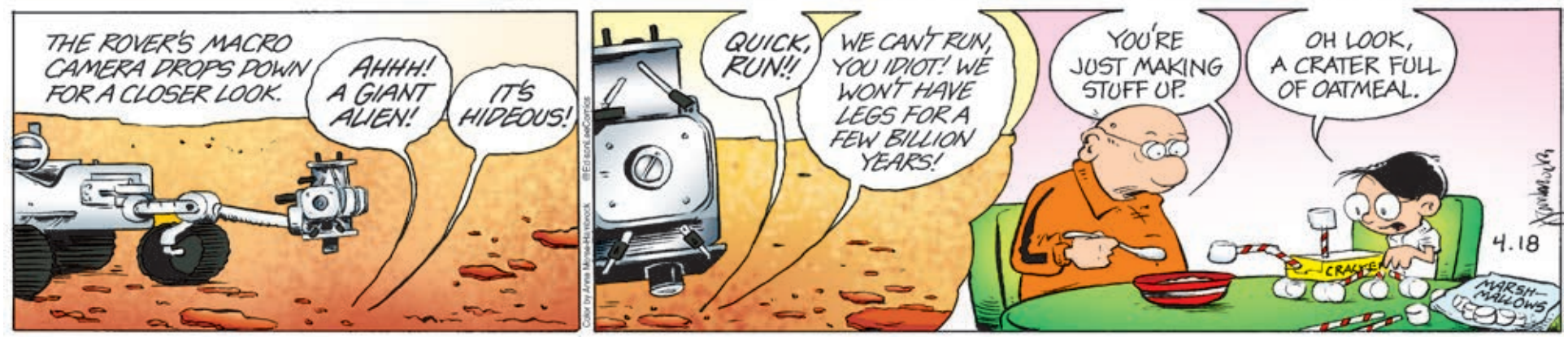
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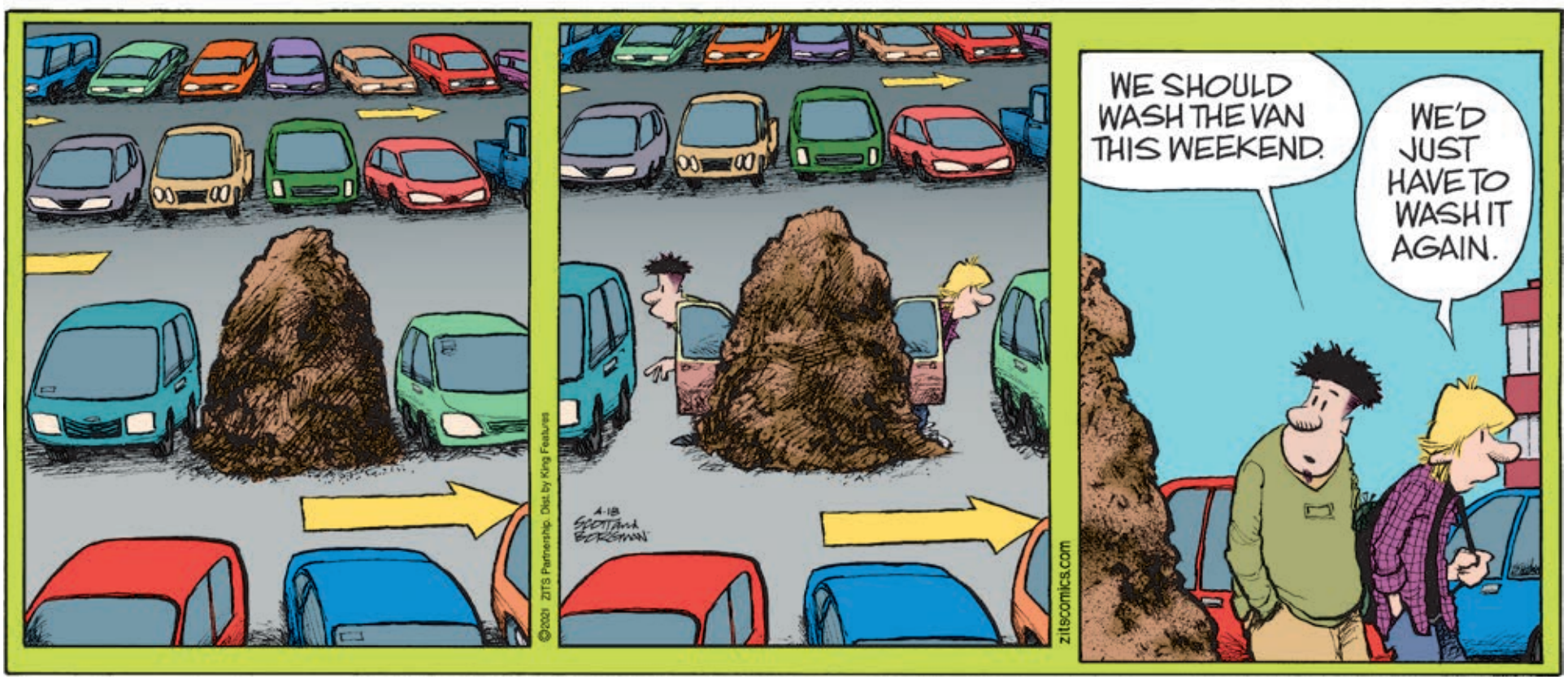
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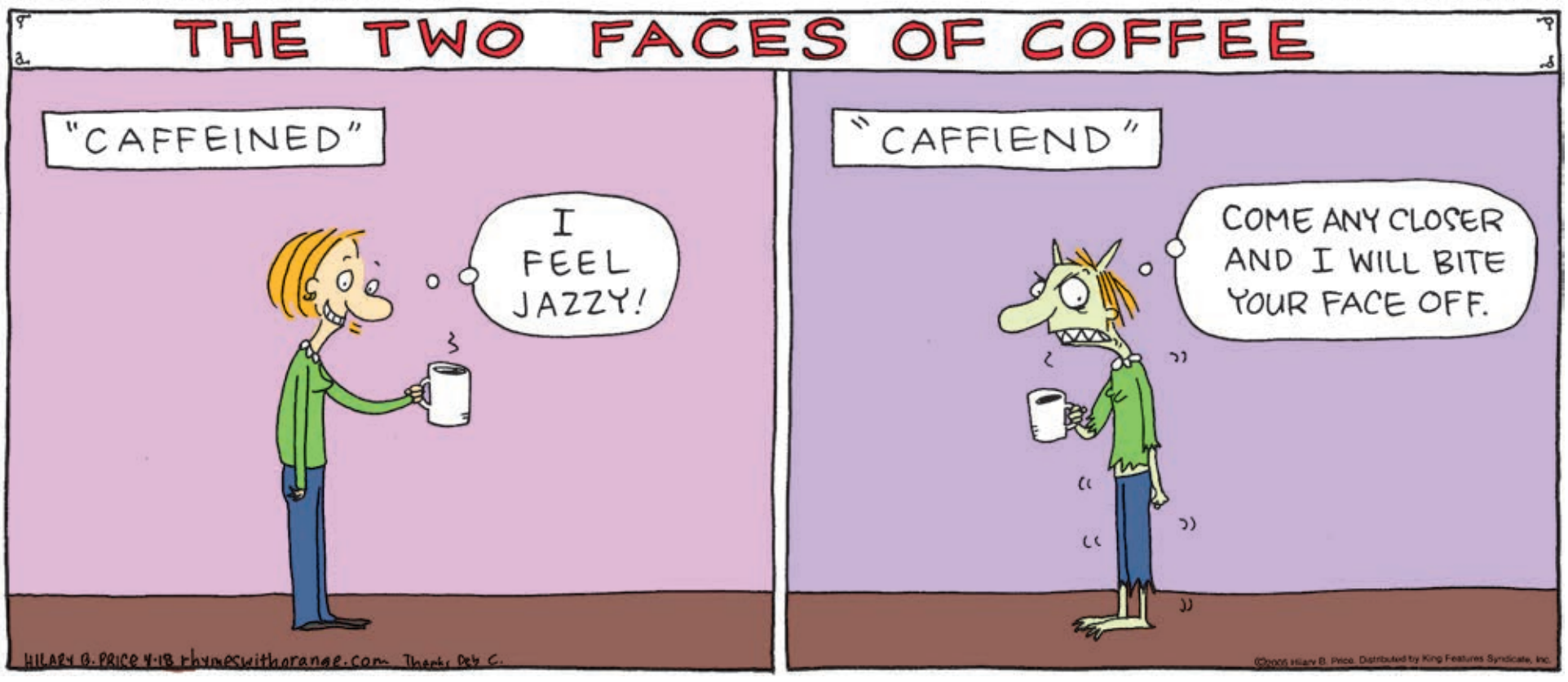
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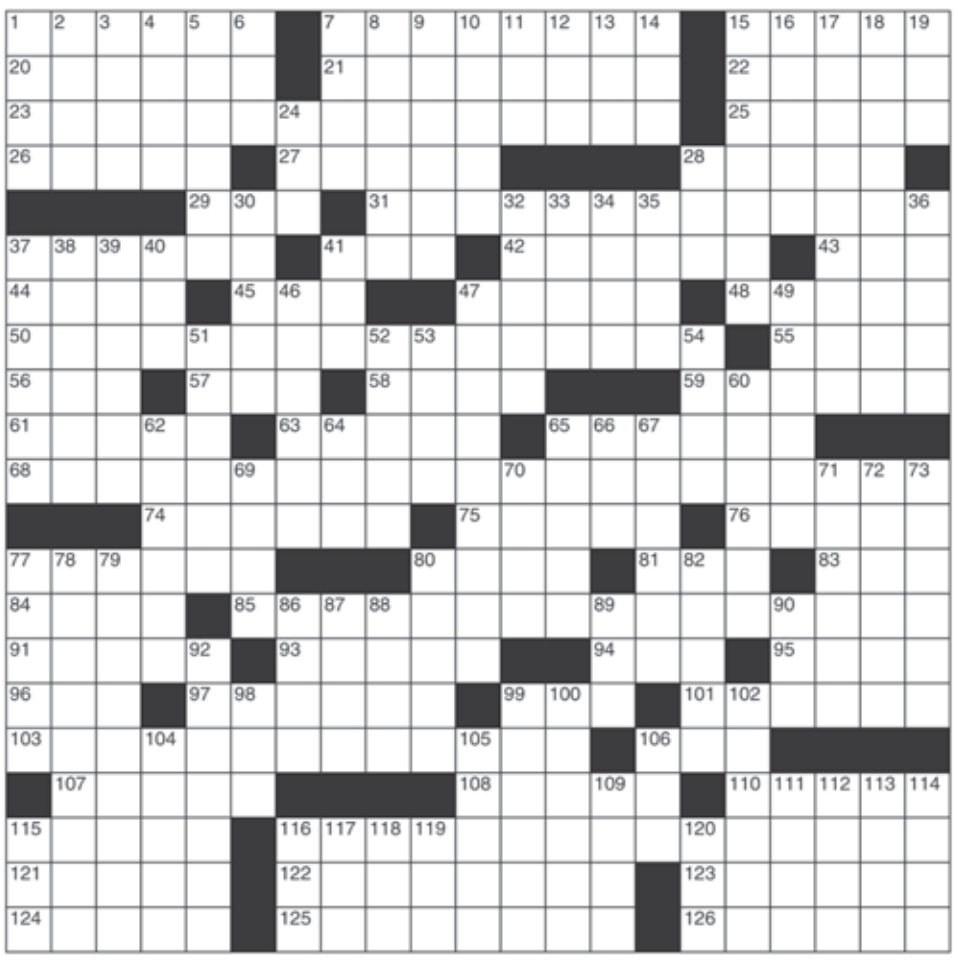
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PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

BITE PREVENTION



ACROSS

1 Bases for hair plugs
7 Makes out incorrectly, as text
15 Acronym for a PC character set
20 Without breaking a sweat
21 Radio-signal rods
22 Flowerless office plants
23 Start of a riddle
25 Police actions
26 Serpent
27 Foam at the top of an espresso
28 Low-carb kind of diet
29 Highway with a no.
31 Riddle, part 2
37 In a new way
41 Mornings, for short
42 Rub away
43 To and —
44 Boorish sort
45 Be incorrect
47 Pigs' places
48 Merit badge earner
50 Riddle, part 3
55 "Silence!"
56 Altar vow
57 Hoover product, in brief
58 Second-largest city in Algeria
59 Wears a grin
61 Lawn pests
63 Automated PC program that may generate pop-ups
65 Aviating guy, informally
68 Riddle, part 4
74 Equine, to kids
75 Piccolo, e.g.
76 Comaneci of gymnastics
77 Neighbor of Tanzania
80 James who played Brian Piccolo
81 Letter before upsilon
83 Two, in Peru
84 As neat as —
85 Riddle, part 5
91 Rattan artisan
93 Iraqi money
94 "—War" (William Shatner novel)
95 Big name in frozen drinks
96 Noshed
97 Puts in office
99 Ending for Taiwan
101 Ones running 5,280 feet
103 End of the riddle
106 Party for Biden: Abbr.
107 Arab bigwigs
108 Maine university city
110 Texas river to the Rio Grande
115 Shorthand whiz
116 Riddle's answer
121 Group dialect
122 Outperformed
123 Online brokerage
124 Eight-item set
125 People feeling hate
126 Got closer to

DOWN

1 Constructs clothes
2 "All the Way" lyricist Sammy
3 On a cruise
4 Connection
5 Common toolbox item
6 DOS part: Abbr.
7 Bryn —
8 Line down a pant leg
9 Steps loudly
10 Make a new chart of
11 Suffix with acetyl
12 Year, in Lisbon
13 Actor Aykroyd
14 Atlanta-to-Tampa dir.
15 Many ski chalets
16 Rival of Serta
17 Protested about an injustice
18 What spinning bikes are intended for
19 Mag. edition
24 Killer serve
28 Third deg., often
30 Letter before iota
32 Boca —
33 Somber paper notice
34 Territory
35 Wine barrel
36 Invaders of ancient Rome
37 Actor Marc of "Star Trek: Deep Space Nine"
38 Sweet on
39 Nureyev of ballet
40 Guess at JFK or LGA
41 Ulna locale
46 Summarizes
47 Big annual Minnesota event
49 Novelist Achebe
51 Sitcom, e.g.
52 New Orleans sub
53 Quick pace
54 Title girl in a Salinger story
60 — opus (great work)
62 Gas in fuel mixtures
64 "Dr." of hip-hop
65 Attacked like a wasp
66 Model-building set
67 Mimieux of "The Reward"
69 Children's author Carle
70 Family group
71 Bring forward as evidence
72 Violent insurgent
73 Fast races
77 Big parrot
78 Uninterested
79 Distinctive facial contour
80 Smash-up
82 Help desk message
86 Had way too much, for short
87 End of Caesar's boast
88 Strep-studying docs
89 Ending with Harlem
90 Grease
92 North American plant that's a dye source
98 Fleur-de- —
99 Poland is part of it
100 Russell — (chocolatier)
102 Ascribe
104 Bit of color
105 Gusto
106 — good deed
109 Rorem and Beatty
111 Poet Pound
112 Peter the Great, e.g.
113 Aged, quaintly
114 Bird feeder tidbit
115 — -mo
116 100 cents: Abbr.
117 Yoko of music and art
118 Three R's gp.
119 "Tsk!"
120 Guys

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BILL

2.

The WALL

3. The Weekly "Brain Breaker"

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1.
2.
3.

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WORD SLEUTH • — COAST

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A	X	V	T	R	P	N	L	J	R	E	P	P	O	C
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R	A	B	A	L	A	M	R	I	O	M	F	I	K	I
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Friday's unlisted clue: PORTHOLE

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Saturday's unlisted clue hint: RED-BROWN METAL

Adelie	East	Ivory	Sapphire
Atlantic	Forgotten	Malabar	Sunshine
Barbary	Gold	Mosquito	West
Coromandel	Gulf	Pacific	

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: E equals D

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Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

				2				
	4					6		
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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.

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	9			28
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		4		22
7				25
22	22	26	22	19

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Today's Challenge
Time 24 Minutes
39 Seconds

Your Working
Time Minutes
Seconds

solution 4-18

4	9	7	8	28
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SLYLOCK FOX and COMICS FOR KIDS

BY BOB WEBER JR.

A witness reported she saw a crocodile steal a hotel card key and enter this room. The croc insists he didn't steal the key and claims this is his room while he attends a jewelry trade show at the hotel. What evidence did Slylock Fox see that caused him to doubt the croc and call the front desk for confirmation?

Solution -- Slylock saw a comb and hair mousse in the bathroom. Crocodiles are reptiles and do not have hair. Confronted with Slylock's observation and the front desk confirming the croc is not a hotel guest, he admitted his thieving intentions.

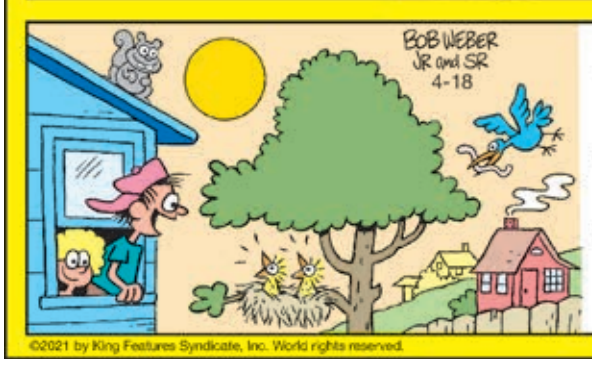


Spot six differences between these panels.





Answer -- Bird, icing, flame, shadow, mane and mouse.



True or False

1) Some birds, such as the cuckoo, don't build nests, but instead lay eggs in the nests of other birds.
2) Chickens with white earlobes lay white eggs while chickens with dark lobes lay brown eggs.
3) Researchers have found evidence that some birds sleep while flying.

Answer -- 1) True. 2) True. 3) True.

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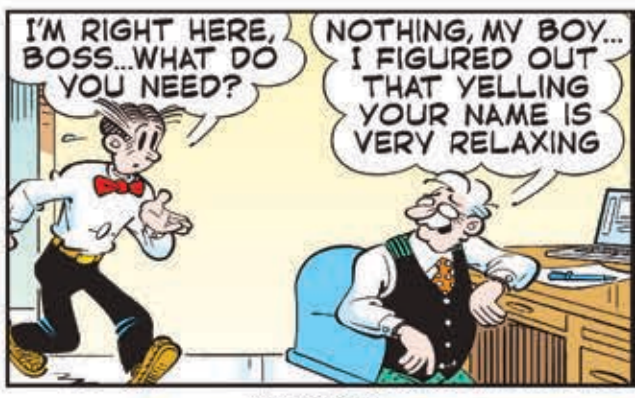


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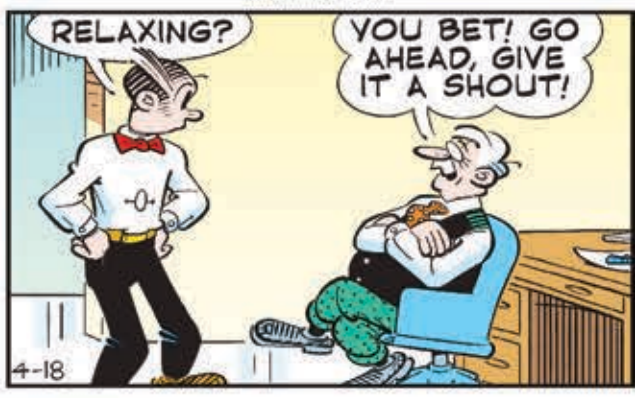
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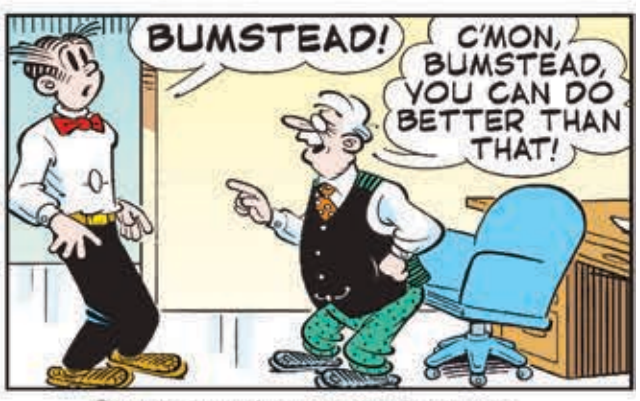
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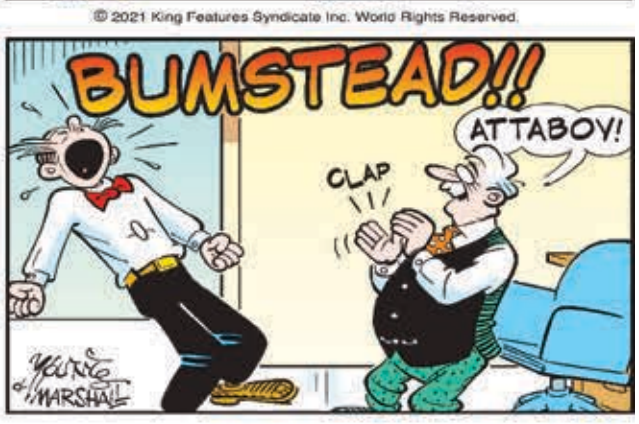


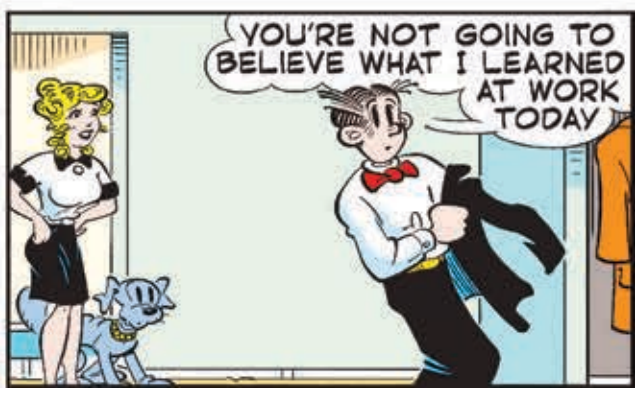
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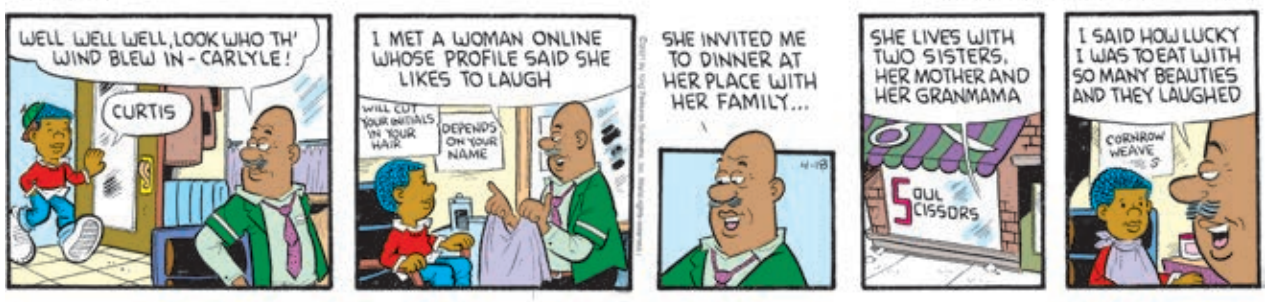
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1. Reducing bills
2. The writing is on the wall
3. Egocentric
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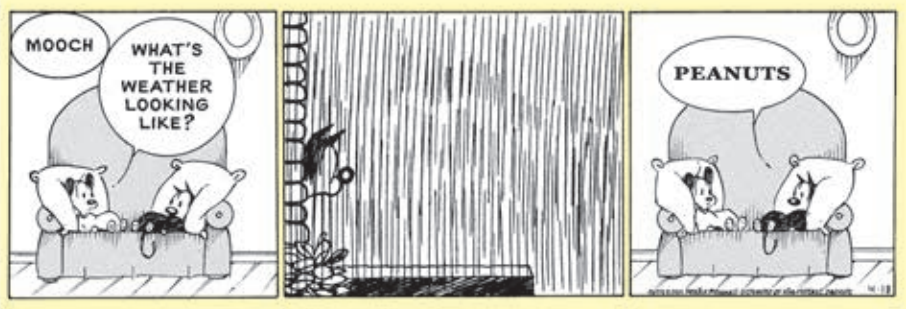
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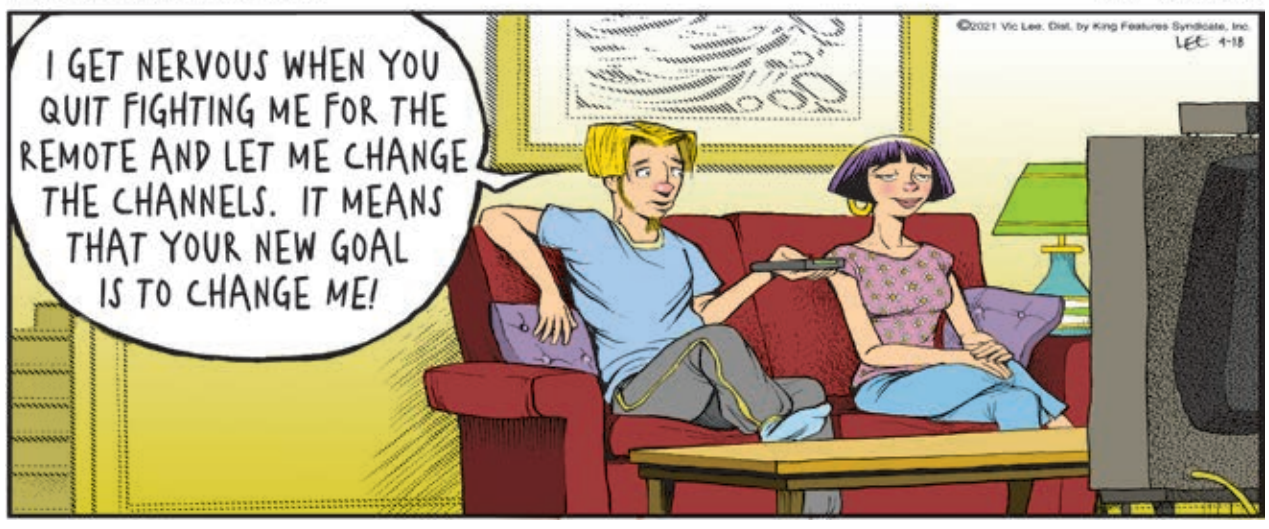
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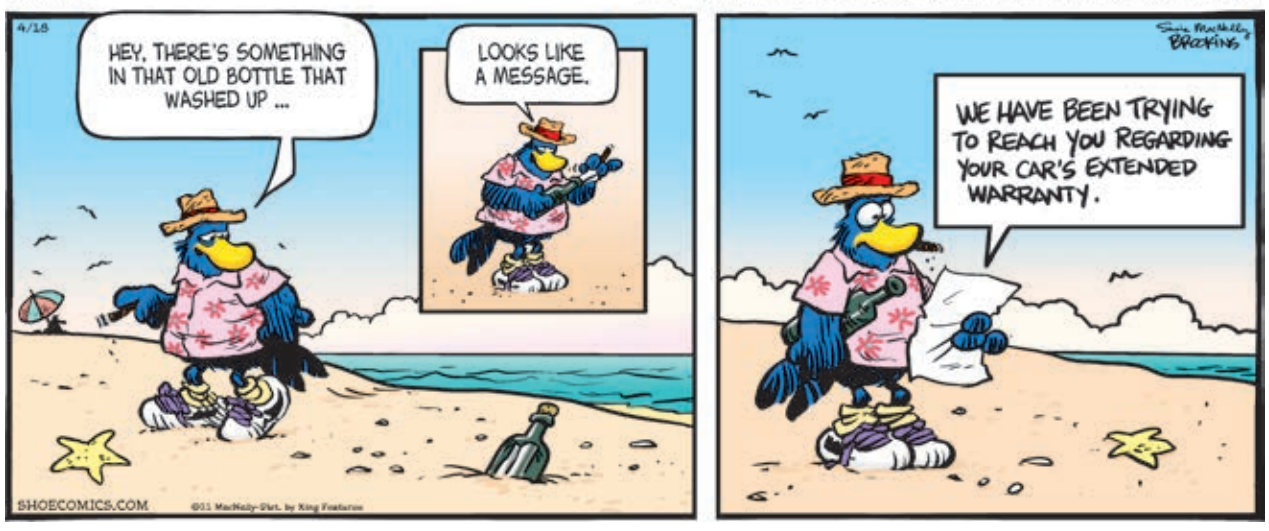
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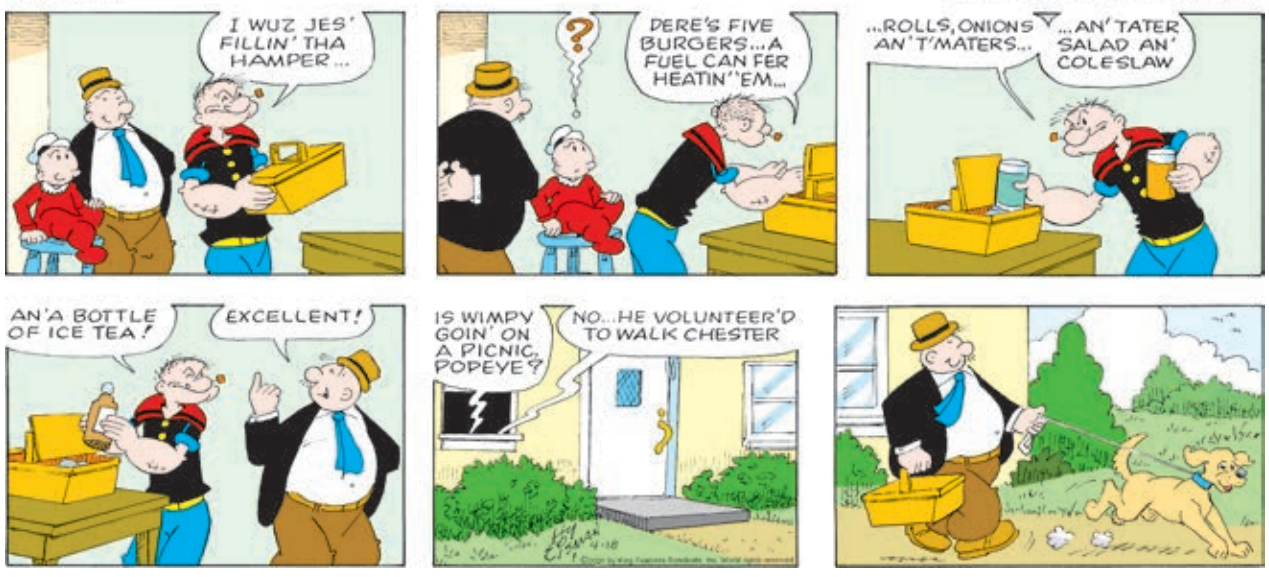
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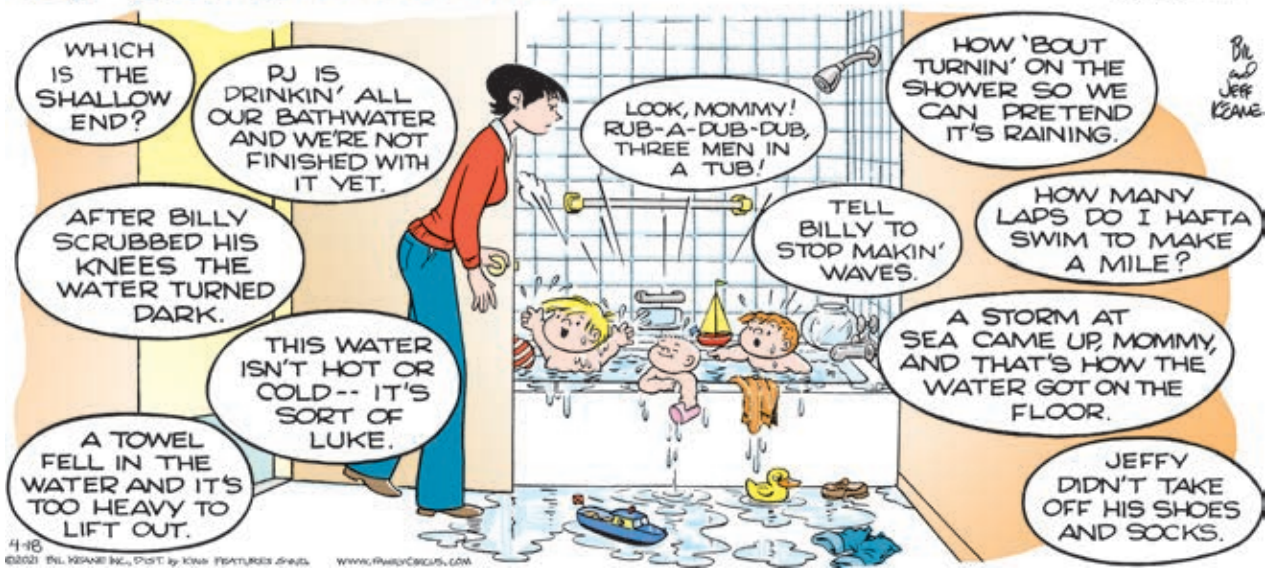
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