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A look back at the Democrat's former locations



End Is Near

Razing Begins

Two photos printed in the Oct. 7, 1967, Sedalia Capital show the beginning of the 108-110 W. Fourth St. building being torn down. The building was demolished to make room for a parking lot.

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By Skye Melcher

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1919-1967

In 1919, the Sedalia Democrat purchased the Sedalia Capital and along with this purchase was the move to 108-110 W. Fourth St.

In the Oct. 7, 1967, edition, Editor George H. Scruton wrote about the history of the Sedalia

newspapers for the open house edition printed at 700 S. Massachusetts Ave.

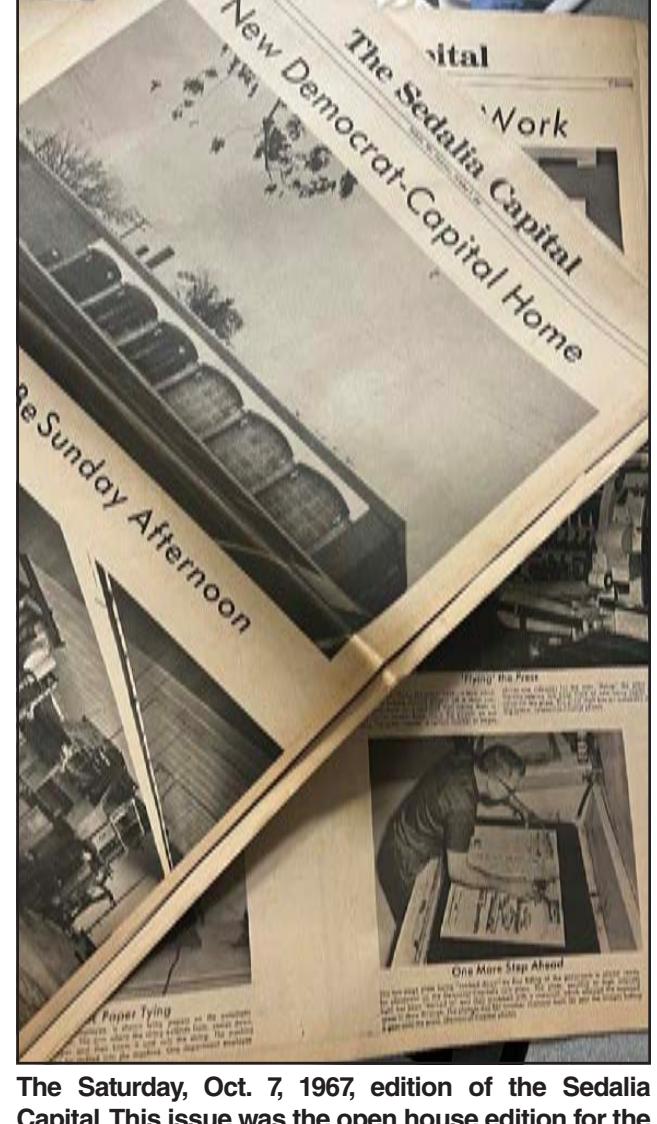
"When Col. Scruton died in 1925 his widow, Mrs. Alice L. Scruton was elected to the board of directors," Scruton wrote in the article. "She served for 13 years, succeeded by a son, George H. Scruton

Jr. who became editor 30 years ago."

Scruton started as a carrier boy in 1907. Another son, Allan E., worked in the advertising department. D. Kelly, another son, was employed as a carrier boy in 1917 before becoming a reporter, then the sports and news editor of the Capital. He later became a member of the board and vice-president.

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The Saturday, Oct. 7, 1967, edition of the Sedalia Capital. This issue was the open house edition for the new building located at 700 S. Massachusetts Ave.

'Sins and Revelations,' a new book by Jack Miller

By Faith Bemiss

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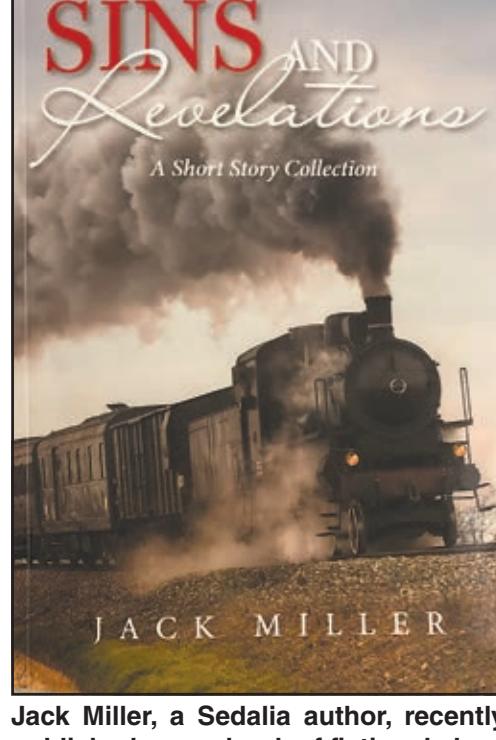
Sedalia author Jack Miller's new book of short stories delves into several different genres with detail, precision and imagination.

Miller, a contributor to the Sedalia Democrat, published a book of poetry in 2021. He said the new book, "Sins and Revelations," is a compilation of fiction stories based on some truth. Miller's book has sexual content and isn't for children.

He begins with his favorite short story, "Liberty Call," in Cuba. The story features enlisted Navy and a character based on a Native American military friend, "Hal," along with ladies of the evening.

In the book, Miller explores the world of coma patients in "Tweener." He then writes about the prehistoric lives of "Urso" the firstborn of "Tar-Neel," and a strange wine found on Mars by Earth colonists. His imagination knows no bounds, and his descriptiveness places the reader in the story, making them feel like they are an actual participant and observer of the plot.

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Jack Miller, a Sedalia author, recently published a new book of fictional short stories, "Sins and Revelations." The book is available at Reader's World.

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Sedalia firefighter retires after 33 years of service

By Chris Howell

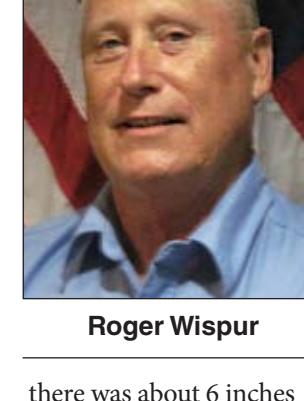
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Thursday afternoon, a call came across Pettis County first responders' radios announcing the retirement of Sedalia Fire Department Driver/Operator Roger Wiskur. Friday, Wiskur admitted he was caught slightly off guard by the all-agency dispatch.

"I didn't know it was happening at that moment," Wiskur said. "Traditionally when people are retiring, they give them a last alarm that says how long they've been there, the number of years, and what their rank was. It's kind of touching."

Wiskur said he still remembers the day he joined the Sedalia Fire Department.

"It was Feb. 6, 1989,

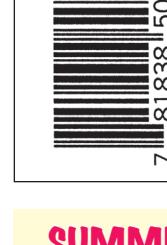


Roger Wiskur

there was about 6 inches of snow on the ground. It was snowing that day," Wiskur said. "In those days, it was a good, secure job, a little bit different nowadays. The guys that are joining are career-oriented, that's what they want to do, that's their career choice. It makes a difference."

Having to go from dead asleep to emergency driving was sometimes difficult, but Wiskur knew his fellow firefighters had his back.

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SUMMER FUN IS ON THE WAY!

Outdoor Pool Season Passes and Outdoor Pool rentals are available now! Stop by the Heckart Community Center to purchase your 2022 season pool pass or book your next pool party!



ESPORTS TOURNAMENTS



We're hosting two Esports tournaments in May! Join us May 7th for a BRAND NEW game - Switch Sports! We're also hosting the Mason Clarke Memorial Fortnite Tournament May 21st! Game play is \$10 per player and can be registered for online at www.sedaliaparks.com!

FAMILY OLYMPICS NIGHT!

Enjoy an evening of fun with your family at our Olympic themed date night event! Our guests will enjoy a night of dancing, dinner, inflatables, games, activities, and a photo to remember this special night! Fun for the whole family and all ages! Hosted on May 20th at the Heckart Community Center! Pre-registration is required and is \$12 per person! Register online!

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OBITUARIES

Ray D. Haley

Ray D. Haley, 80, of Sedalia, passed away Monday, April 25, 2022 at Sylvia G. Thompson Residence Center.

He was born May 15, 1941, in Sedalia, son of the late William Ray and Marjorie Dean (Walk) Haley. He met the love of his life, Jonetta Curry, and they were united in marriage on October 5, 1963, in Hughesville.

Ray was a 1959 graduate of Houstonia High School. He attended Missouri Valley College, graduating in 1963 with a Bachelor of Science degree in economics and accounting.

He served his country honorably in the US Navy 1966-1967 during the Vietnam War.

Ray began his 34 year career with Alcan Cable as a machine operator in 1968. He advanced to various management positions with the company and served the last 11 years as plant manager of the Sedalia location until his retirement in 2002.

He was an active mem-



ber of the community and served on boards in various capacities including Union Savings Bank, Sedalia Pettis County Economic Development, United Way and Center for Human Services. In 2017, Ray received a Lifetime Achievement Award for 25 years of service to the Center for Human Services.

Ray enjoyed golfing, getting together with the "Friday Lunch Group", and watching CNN.

He is survived by his wife, Jonetta Haley; and a son, William Douglas Haley, and his wife, Donna, all of Sedalia.

In lieu of flowers and memorial donations, the family requests your presence at a Celebration of Ray's Life, Saturday, May 7, 2022, 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the Sedalia Country Club.

Private family graveside service will be at Memorial Park Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Heckart Funeral Home.

Phyllis Earlene Putnam

Phyllis Earlene Putnam, 87, of Sedalia, passed away Wednesday, April 27, 2022, at The Neighborhoods in Columbia, MO.



ber of Smithton United Methodist Church.

Surviving are three sons, Michael Putnam

(Peggy) of Chillicothe, Mark

Putnam (Jacque) of Columbia, and Mitchell

Putnam (Laura) of Charleston, SC; ten grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; and one

great-great-grandson.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two sisters, Jean Twyman and Sandra Dickman.

Graveside services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, May 2, 2022, at Smithton Cemetery, with Pastor Mark Putnam officiating.

Casket bearers will be Michael Putnam, Mark Putnam, Mitchell Putnam, Tom Putnam, Jeremy Mullis and Andrew Putnam.

Memorials are suggested to Victory Church, 1705 N. Ballenger Lane, Columbia, MO 65202.

Arrangements are in the care of Heckart Funeral Home.

Timarie Lynne McKinney

Timarie Lynne McKinney, 65, of Sedalia, MO, passed away quietly at her home surrounded by her family on Thursday, April 28, 2022. On February 9, 1957, she was born in Wichita, KS, the daughter of Keith Anderson and Barbara (Lincome) Anderson, who preceded her in death.

On May 27, 1978, in Kansas City, KS, she was united in marriage to Jeffrey McKinney, who resides in the home.

Jeff and Timarie began dating at 15 years old, their birthdays being one day apart. Jeff will always be the love of her life, and he worshiped the ground that she walked on for nearly 50 years.

Timarie was a rescuer of Pugs, big-footed cats,

and numerous other furry friends. We would all be blessed to be one of her pets.

Along with her husband, she is survived by a sister, Tina Schroeder; a brother, Victor Ott; a nephew, Evan Partin; and nieces, Megan Park, Miranda Schroeder, and Courtney McKinney.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Keith Scott Anderson; two nephews, Clayton Park and Dylan McKinney.

A Celebration of Life gathering for family and friends will be announced later.

Family and friends may make memorial contributions to Midwest Pug Rescue, 10216 Lamar, Overland Park, KS 66207, or to the Sedalia Animal Shelter in the care of Rea Funeral Chapel.

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OBITUARIES

Neal Dewayne Charles

Neal Dewayne Charles was born in Kansas City, MO on February 5, 1977. Three and a half weeks later he joined his adoptive parents, Willis and Betsy Charles, in Sedalia, MO, where he lived until his death on Saturday, April 23, 2022.

Neal was baptized on April 3, 1977, by Dr.

George Kern and on April 8, 1990, with Confirmation Class became a full member of First United Methodist Church. As he grew up, he was very active in youth activities at the church. One of his favorite things was attending Church Camp at Camp Galilee in Eldorado Springs, MO. He had a

very strong love for animals and also loved young children of which several called him Uncle Neal. He attended Smith-Cotton High School and later received his GED from State Fair Community College. One of his hobbies was working on computers and had built several from scratch. He

was employed at The Detail Shop for over 23 years.

Graveside service will be 2:00 p.m. Friday, May 6, 2022 at Houstonia Cemetery, with Rev. Candace Fowler officiating.

Memorial contributions are suggested to First United Methodist Church in care of Heckart Funeral Home.

DEATH NOTICE

Alexander

Shirley Ann Alexander, 83, of Sedalia, died Friday, April 29, 2022 at University Hospital in Columbia. Arrangements are pending at Heckart Funeral Home.

Gregory

Marion Gregory, 85, of Windsor, died Thursday, April 28, 2022, at his home near Windsor.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m., Tuesday, May 3 at the Hadley Funeral Home in Windsor. Burial will be in the Memorial Park Cemetery

FUNERALS

Green, Lisa Renee

11 a.m. Saturday at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Cole Camp. Arrangements are under the direction of Fox Funeral Home in Cole Camp.

Kunze, Dale Edward

11 a.m. Saturday at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Arrangements are under the direction of Heckart Funeral Home.

Smith, A. James "Jim" Jr.

11 a.m. on Saturday at Eickoff Cemetery near Cole Camp. Arrangements are under the direction of the Fox Funeral Home in Cole Camp.

Wittman, Patsy Nan

11 a.m. Saturday at Rea Funeral Chapel. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the

chapel. Arrangements are under the direction of Rea Funeral Chapel.

Downs, Timothy Dale

2 to 4 p.m. Saturday at Meisenheimer Funeral Home in Tipton. Arrangements are under the direction of Meisenheimer Funeral Home.

Fisher, James "Jimmie" Richard

2:30 p.m. Saturday at the Bothwell State Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Rea Funeral Chapel.

Twenter, Terry Lee

10:30 a.m. Monday, May 2 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Pilot Grove. Arrangements under the direction of Meisenheimer-Page-Dady Funeral Home in Pilot Grove.

Putnam, Phyllis Earlene

10:30 a.m. Monday, May 2 at Smithton Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Heckart Funeral Home.

Huff, Bobby Joe

11 a.m. Monday, May 2, 2022 at Slater City Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Meisenheimer-Page-Dady Funeral Home in Otterville.

Gregory, Marion

11 a.m., Tuesday, May 3 at the Hadley Funeral Home in Windsor. Arrangements are under the direction of Hadley Funeral Home.

Charles, Neal Dewayne

2 p.m. Friday, May 6 at Houstonia Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Heckart Funeral Home.

Gabriel, Holly Michele

1-3 p.m. Saturday, May 7 at 2525 Somerset in Prairie Village,

Kansas.

Griffin, David and Becky

1 p.m. Saturday, May 7 at IOOF Cemetery in Otterville. Arrangements are under the direction of Heckart Funeral Home.

Nau, Stephen E.

1:30 p.m. Saturday, May 7 at IOOF Cemetery in Otterville. Arrangements are under the direction of Meisenheimer-Page-Dady Funeral Home in Otterville.

Haley, Ray D.

3 to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 7 at the Sedalia Country Club. Arrangements are under the direction of Heckart Funeral Home.

Schwermer, Linda Lou

1 p.m. Saturday May 11 at Broadway Presbyterian Church.

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 28

3:36 a.m.: Amanda D. Meyer, 26, of the 19000 block of Maltsbarger Road, was arrested after Sedalia Police stopped a vehicle at 13th Street and Montgomery Avenue for a registration violation. During the course of the stop, it was determined the driver had a suspended driver's license and a Pettis County warrant with a \$10,000 bond. The driver was transported to the Pettis County Jail.

2:51 p.m.: Dale W. Kabler, 53, of Sedalia, was arrested after officers were

dispatched to the emergency room at Bothwell Regional Health Center for a subject trespass-

ing. Kabler refused to leave when told. He was transported to the Pettis County Jail where he was placed on a 24-hour hold pending state charges of first-degree trespassing.

Incidents April 24

11:19 p.m.: Officers responded to an agency assist call with the Children's Division in the 1200 block of West 11th Street. An allegation against a household member was investigated. The investigation is ongoing.

April 27

1:22 a.m.: Officers responded to the area of West Broadway Boulevard and South Limit Avenue in reference to a single-vehicle collision. The driver stated she had been sexually assaulted just prior to the collision. A separate investigation was started for the assault.

A suspect has not been identified at this time.

April 28

8:07 a.m.: An officer responded to Housel Park, 201 E. Howard St.,

in reference to a burglary. A maintenance employee explained the concession stand had been forced open. Nothing was taken from the building.

Pettis County Sheriff's Office Incidents April 27

Midnight: Deputies took a report of an assault that occurred in the 300 block of South Washington Street in La Monte.

April 28

2 a.m.: Deputies took a report of property damage in the 100 block of Villa Drive. The victim had a tire on two of his vehicles deflated or slashed.

10:30 p.m.: The K-9 unit attempted to conduct a traffic stop in the area of Hall Road and U.S. Highway 65 when the driver continued onto Lake Shore Drive. The driver, a juvenile, continued fleeing with the deputy's emergency lights activated. The juvenile continued to the 2900 block of Lake Shore Drive, pulling into their

garage and then shutting the door before the deputy could stop the garage door from shutting.

Deputies were able to make contact with the juvenile's mother, identified as Angelica Villagomez.

The juvenile was detained and later released back to the mother's care. Deputies will be submitting summonses and paperwork to the Pettis County Juvenile Office and to the Pettis County Prosecutor's Office on Angelica Villagomez for allowing the juvenile to operate a motor vehicle without a valid driver's license.

Missouri State Highway Patrol Arrests April 29

1:10 a.m.: Christopher J. Jones, 26, of Knob Noster, was arrested in Johnson County for driving while intoxicated and speeding. He was transported to the Warrensburg Police Department and released.

Compiled by Chris Howell.

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 (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.

Versailles man sentenced for meth trafficking

A Versailles man was sentenced in federal court this week for illegally possessing methamphetamine and a firearm.

According to information from the Western District of Missouri U.S. Attorney's Office, 37-year-old Nathanael Owen Davis was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Roseann Ketchmark to 180 months in federal prison without parole.

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pledged guilty to one count of possessing methamphetamine with the intent to distribute and one count of possessing a firearm in furtherance of a drug-trafficking crime.

A Miller County sheriff's deputy stopped Davis, who was driving an SUV on Scrivner Road in Miller County, on Jan. 27, 2019. By the time the deputy turned his patrol vehicle around and caught up to Davis, Davis

had thrown a bag out of his vehicle. The deputy retrieved the bag from the roadway; the bag contained Davis's wallet, 308 grams of pure methamphetamine, and a Walther 9mm semi-automatic handgun with a loaded magazine that contained three bullets.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jim Lynn. It was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administra-

tion, the Miller County Sheriff's Department and the Mid-Missouri Drug Task Force.

This case is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods, the centerpiece of the Department of Justice's violent crime reduction efforts. PSN is an evidence-based program proven to be effective at reducing violent crime. Through PSN, a broad spectrum of stakeholders work together to identify the most

pressing violent crime problems in the community and develop comprehensive solutions to address them. As part of this strategy, PSN focuses enforcement efforts on the most violent offenders and partners with locally based prevention and reentry programs for lasting reductions in crime.

Release courtesy of Western District of Missouri U.S. Attorney's Office.

SFCC Ag students compete at National PAS conference

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Seven State Fair Community College Agriculture students and one instructor attended the National Professional Agriculture Students conference in March in Minneapolis, Minnesota. From left, students Bayleigh Hunziger, Garrett Lammers, Haley Halsey, Wyatt Montgomery, Shaye Siegel, Jacob Dixon, Bailey White, and Ag program coordinator and instructor Brad Driskill.

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Commission attends multiple events

By Democrat Staff

During daily meetings April 25 to April 29, the Pettis County Commission completed the following:

April 25: The Commission approved and presented a resolution in congratulations to Cadet Jenessis May, of Smith-Cotton High School, for being awarded the JROTC National Drill Championship Title.

April 26: Citizen David Brown visited with the Commission.

April 27: The Commission approved Ordinance 02-2022#1843 as it pertains to a No Parking Zone on Crestview Road.

Commission approved two supplemental change orders for two bridge projects, one for a No Cost Extension of Time on BRO #40 (Harding) and the other for Springfork Road Bridge for \$2,258.90.

Prosecuting Attorney Phillip Sawyer discussed

ongoing projects within the county.

April 28: The Commission attended the Boys & Girls Clubs of West Central Missouri's Legacy Awards Breakfast at the Sedalia Country Club.

The Commission attended the final inspection of Springfork Road Bridge.

The Commission went into closed session for legal counsel.

The census for the Pettis County Jail for the week of April 25 is 127 inmates and the census for 911 calls is 1,997 calls.

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.



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The weird history of May Day and the dignity of work

Happy May Day!

May Day is an ancient European festival celebrating the coming of the summer. Across the pond, it's still observed today, and in some countries, it's one of the biggest holidays of the year. From Sweden down to Italy, Great Britain east to Russia, folks light bonfires, put up maypoles, attend carnivals and dances, and decorate with lots and lots of flowers. It's a lucky day, a day to celebrate budding love between sweethearts, give gifts, and drink with friends.

But we don't really do May Day in the U.S. anymore, even though it's a huge part of European-American heritage.

Because it's a commie holiday.

Seriously.

Shortly before the turn of the 20th century, an international group of socialists, communists and anarchists picked May 1 as their day to honor and commemorate workers who died in a Chicago riot while protesting for the establishment of the eight-hour workday. They called it International Workers' Day, Labor Day, or just May Day, and it took off in popularity. Over the next 50 years, this May Day became a prominent holiday to celebrate workers anywhere socialist parties existed, including the United States. It became especially prominent in National Socialist Germany, when the Nazi Party declared it a public holiday in 1933. And in the Soviet Union, where workers' parades and demonstrations were sometimes mandatory.

Consequently, during and after WWII, May Day took a nosedive in the United States. We already had our own Labor Day in September (specifically promoted to compete with the socialists!). So May 1 and all its traditions, even the earlier ones, became associated with The Reds. The VFW declared it Loyalty Day instead. The Catholic Church created the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker, in order to provide an alternative for those with religious objections to communism. Eventually, the only Americans who still



Liz Schleicher
Contributing Columnist

celebrated May Day were protesters and small, isolated pockets of the U.S. with strong European heritage.

I say we bring it back.

Now more than ever, we need to honor and promote the dignity of the working class. Americans are tired, overworked, burnt out and underappreciated. We are defeated by inflation and undervalued by the government, media and mega-corporations.

Many people are finding it so hard to get ahead they've begun to question if work is even worth doing, or if they're better off just giving up. Farmers, truck drivers, factory workers, waitresses, cashiers, carpenters, teachers, nurses, office workers ... so many laborers have been through the wringer in the past few years that a second holiday honoring their hard work and sacrifice wouldn't be a bad idea.

We don't need to make it political. Politics has its nasty claws in everything these days, and most of us are getting tired of it. We don't need to make it radical. We've had our fill of violent protests in the past few years. What we need is leisure time, family, celebration, maybe some drinks with friends. Something peaceful. Something to celebrate the beginning of warmer days. Something like the original May Day, maybe. The one with the flowers and maypoles and bonfires.

As usual, it turns out the ancients were smarter than all of us.

Happy May Day. Go buy a tired laborer a beer or a bouquet and tell them how much you appreciate their hard work.

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

Letters to the Editor Policy

The Sedalia Democrat welcomes letters from its readers on topics of general public interest.

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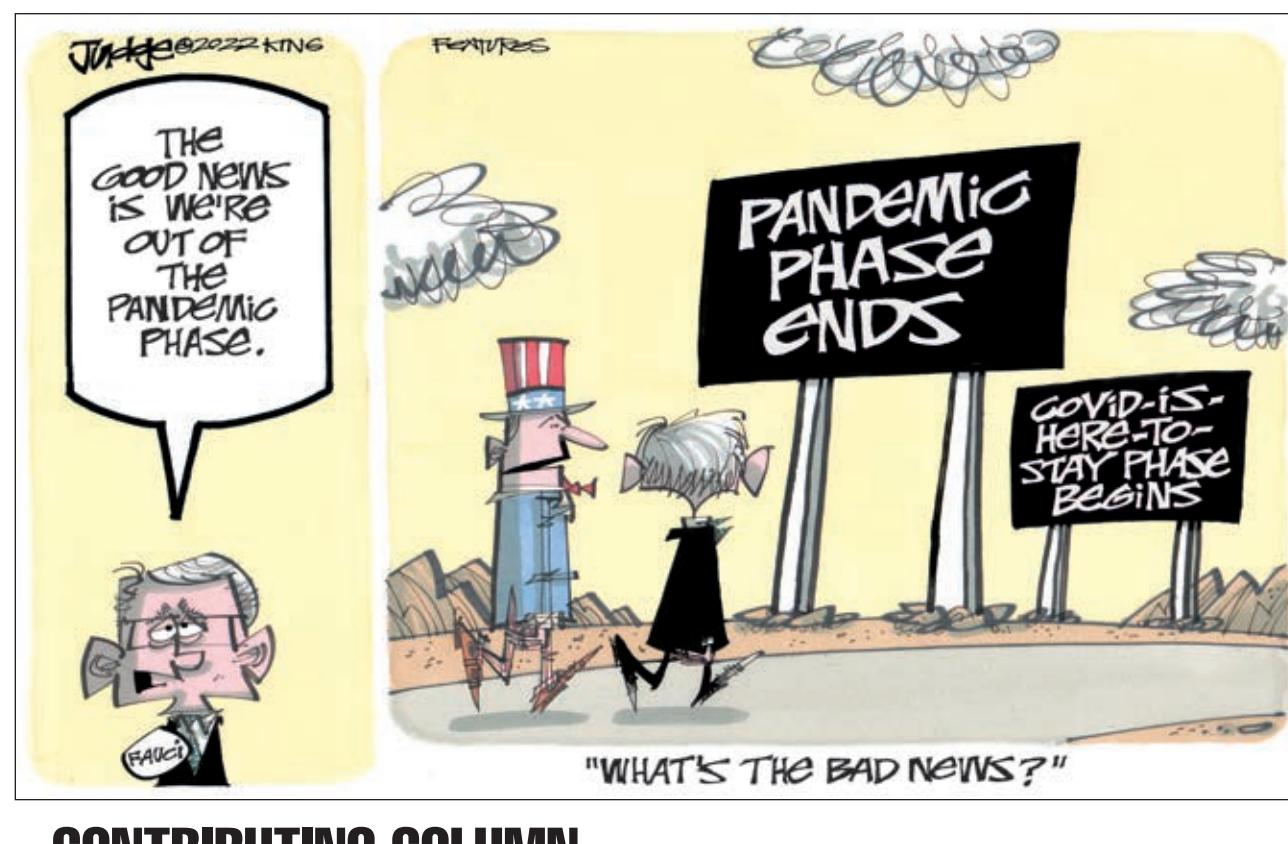
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- All letters must be signed. The name and hometown of the writer will be published.

- Letters must be 250 words or less.

- Letters may be mailed to:

Letters to the editor, Sedalia Democrat, 700 S. Massachusetts Ave., Sedalia, Mo., 65301 or emailed to news@sedaliademocrat.com.



CONTRIBUTING COLUMN

Citizens must demand truth of politicians



Deborah Mitchell
Contributing Columnist

As I read the news last week, I was transported back to Watergate – when Richard Nixon was assuring us that he wasn't a crook, although Bernstein and Woodward were telling us every morning in the Washington Post that he was.

We were left in a quandary. If people liked Nixon, he was right! The Post was lying! Nixon was not a crook! If they didn't like Nixon, Nixon was lying! The Post was telling the truth! Nixon was covering up his involvement in a scheme designed to keep him in office. Never mind that he was obviously going to be re-elected. He would punish his enemies and ensure that the Democrats had nothing on him!

And then. The tapes.

Nixon was caught on tape admitting that he was up to his eyebrows in Watergate. His protestations were lies. We read the transcripts, which coined a phrase that was all the rage back then: "Expletive Deleted." The transcripts deleted lots of expletives, as well as 18.5 minutes of the tapes. Nixon's secretary, Rosemary Woods, said that she had "accidentally" taped over those specific 18.5 minutes as she answered the telephone for a five-minute call.

After all had been

revealed in the Watergate hearings, a group of Republican senators, led by Arizona's Barry Goldwater, all of whom had been steadfastly loyal during the entire episode, went to Nixon and told him that he was harming the country and should resign. Realizing the truth in their exhortations, Nixon did the country a favor and resigned.

That era had a great impact on me. I realized that not everyone has the country's best interest at heart and that some people are just out for their own personal gain.

I suppose that was my "coming of age."

Because I believe that Watergate was an important lesson, I designed a portion of some of my writing classes to include "All The President's Men," the movie based on the book by Bernstein and Woodward. To my horror, none of my students,

even those who were a little older, knew anything about Watergate. I had to stop the film every few minutes and explain a backstory or who a certain character was in the overall scheme of things.

Perhaps that is why I am horrified by what I see today. It appears to me that the lessons of Watergate have disappeared or are largely forgotten.

This past week, we have heard tapes – tapes of Republican Congressional leadership's telephone conversations after the insurrection on Jan. 6, 2021. In these tapes, which technology has rendered much clearer than Nixon's primitive recordings, we hear the leadership's righteous indignation about the riot and the ex-President's role in causing it.

We hear the people on the phone name other Republican Congresspeople whose incendiary comments and actions added fuel to the fire. We hear Kevin McCarthy saying the country is divided and that what they do mustn't put the country in more danger.

He says the ex-President has acknowledged his role in the conflagration, and he says he is going to ask the ex-President to resign, as he believes the ex-President will be impeached for his actions.

We hear it. With our own ears. Yet prior to the tapes being released, McCarthy denied ever saying any of it. Since the tapes have been released, McCarthy has not acknowledged his statements.

Shades of Watergate.

During Watergate, though, when the Republican party discovered what Nixon had done, the party's leaders and, yes, Richard Nixon did the right thing.

Today? The ex-President, whom McCarthy identifies as engendering the insurrection, remains the leader of the party. The Republican caucus gave Kevin McCarthy, who wants to be Speaker of the House and third in line to the Presidency, and who has been caught lying, a standing ovation.

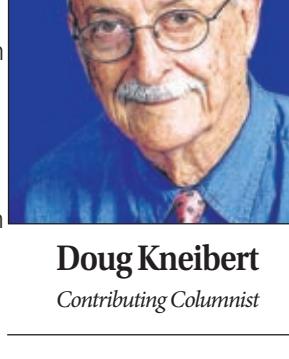
Worse, I hear no public outrage about McCarthy's now lying about the honorable things he said after people tried to overthrow the government. I assume people believe this deception is politics as usual.

It will be politics as usual only if we let it be. We must demand truth, and accountability for the wrongs that have been committed, including lying to the public. It starts with us. So let's start.

Deborah Mitchell is a Sedalia attorney.

CONTRIBUTING COLUMN

Orwell's Thought Police are a reality



Doug Kneibert
Contributing Columnist

Although it's old news by now, I want to go back to U.S. Rep. Vicky Hartzler's suspension from Twitter, for it has a lot to tell us about how Big Tech operates.

What terrible offense did our congresswoman commit that got her suspended? Did she threaten to kill someone? Did she use offensive language to describe her primary opponents in the U.S. Senate race in Missouri, or Democratic candidates for the seat?

No, she did something much worse — she revealed that she's not a believer in transgenderism. For the Politically Correct Police, that was sufficient to shut her down for her "hateful conduct."

Here's the incriminating evidence that Hartzler tweeted: "Women's sports are for women, not men pretending to be women."

Sounds like a reasonable statement to me.

But it goes far beyond dumb. The medical and surgical assaults on

young children thought to be "gender transitioning" are criminal, not to mention the related political corruption of medical science.

Hartzler doesn't think her tweeting was the real reason for her suspension:

"This is a crucial U.S. Senate race in Missouri," she wrote, "and the Left is ready to do everything they can to ensure I don't win."

(Full disclosure requires me to state that I support Hartzler in her Senate campaign and have contributed to it.)

When Hartzler was

a state representative, I arranged for her to speak at the Roe v. Wade anniversary ceremony in the Pettis County Courthouse. Her strong pro-life views haven't changed, which is another reason she's in the left's crosshairs.

Twitter is part of Big Tech, which traditionally also includes Facebook, Apple, Google, Microsoft and Amazon. Collectively they have an immense influence, especially in election years, mainly by what they post and what they suppress. The left dominates the first category, conservatives the second.

But change is coming. Elon Musk, the world's richest man, has bought Twitter for a mere \$44 billion. I was encouraged by the reason he gave for his purchase:

"Having a public platform that is maximally trusted and broadly inclusive is extremely important to the future of civilization." I think Musk is onto something

important.

A civilized nation must be grounded in a free, democratic form of government, with an unimpeded flow of reliable information, if it is to flourish. That's why despots are quick to shut down those sources and replace them with propaganda.

The concentration of power in Big Tech has me worried. What's at stake is your right to hold an opinion different from the PC party line — a right Hartzler was denied.

George Orwell wrote about the Thought Police in "Nineteen Eighty-Four." But that was fiction. What we're seeing today is fact. How did we get to the point where other people are dictating what we must think? Big Tech has become Big Brother.

Change can't come too soon, and let's hope Elon Musk is the catalyst for extending it far beyond Twitter.

Doug Kneibert is a former editor of the Sedalia Democrat.

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A fourth son, Charles M., became a stockholder following the death of their mother, Alice, in 1955. As of 1967, the only living sons were George Jr. and D. Kelly.

Scruton wrote in his article that in 1966, the Democrat Co. purchased land formerly occupied by the First Christian Church on East Seventh Street between Massachusetts and Lamine avenues.

"On the half-block site a new building was erected during the past year and new equipment installed so the Democrat and Capital newspapers could be printed by the offset method," Scruton wrote. "The transition was completed and the first publications in the new building began Monday, July 10, 1967."

700 S. Massachusetts Ave; 1967-2022

The 700 S. Massachusetts Ave. office opened its doors with more than 70 employees between the newsroom, advertising, circulation, pressroom and mailroom departments.

Included in that bunch was F. Doug Kneibert, retired editor of the Sedalia Democrat. He started at the Democrat as an assistant editor, then a managing editor



Editor Doug Kneibert sits in the editor's office in 1971. Kneibert served as editor at the Democrat until 1994.

PHOTO COURTESY OF DOUG KNEIBERT

before becoming editor in 1971.

Kneibert said that when he first came to the Massachusetts building, it was all new to him because they had cutting-edge technology at the time.

"We were still basically working with typewriters in the news department but it was at the time cutting edge," Kneibert said. "A lot of people from other newspapers came to visit us because they were thinking about making a transition like we were taking in offset printing."

Kneibert said the Democrat was a good place to work and was part of the newsroom when the technology revolution started hitting. This was one of the biggest changes Kneibert

saw throughout his time at the Democrat. The business went from electric typewriters to word processors to personal computers.

"You were capturing the first keystroke on a computer keyboard instead of having hard copies from the back shop and they reset it," Kneibert said.

Kneibert said during his time at the Democrat they reached peak staff in the newsroom with 12 employees.

"In the '80s, the Democrat was in 80% of county households. I was told that was the highest penetration rate in the state of Missouri for a daily newspaper," Kneibert said.

During his time as an editor, the paper covered many important news stories, including two damaging tornadoes in the '70s, the very first Ragtime Festival, the Ozark Music Festival, President Ronald Reagan visiting Sedalia in 1984, a murder at a rifle range, the arrival of the first B-2 Bomber, and the deactivation of the 351st Strategic Missile Wing at Whiteman Air Force Base.

Linda Gosnell is a long-time Sedalia Democrat employee. She spoke about working for the Democrat



A group of past and current Democrat newsroom employees stand together outside the 700 S. Massachusetts Ave. location for a group photo Saturday, April 9.

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for more than 50 years, starting from her first days at the Democrat on Massachusetts to transitioning to 111 W. Fourth St.

"Technology had made things simpler," Gosnell said. "When we had to do it all manually, that took forever. At one point, I was strictly doing just the mail and I was responsible for stopping and starting them, getting subscriptions paid up and that was just with a few other things and it was like a full-time job."

Gosnell said she is excited about the move to Fourth Street and that it will be a fun change.

"I am looking forward to having a new environment to work in since I have been in this building for over 50 years," she added.

111 W. Fourth St.; 2022-present

On Monday, May 2, the Sedalia Democrat will open at its new location under regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

In late 2021, the Democrat purchased the former Sedalia Water Department building, which had numer-

ous second-floor tenants over the years, from the City of Sedalia, returning the Democrat to West Fourth Street after more than five decades.

Democrat Editor Nicole Cooke said Democrat leadership had started thinking about purchasing a new building more than a year ago as they got closer to the lease ending; the Democrat's former parent company, Civitas Media, sold the building during its ownership, turning the Democrat from an owner to a renter.

"As things were changing for us, as an industry, as a business, we decided that it was in the best financial interest to start seeking out a new location," Cooke said.

Publisher Will Weibert and Cooke started looking at new locations and it seemed like they were having discussions for a long time on what to do.

"As soon as we got the approval on the building from the city, everything just seems super fast ever since then," Cooke said.

Some changes that had to be made at the new location

were a reconfiguration of the first floor to make office space for all the employees, repurposing safes, and modernizing the office space while preserving historic brick.

"We wanted to stay in the downtown because Will has a belief, that I agree with, that newspapers belong downtown in a community," Cooke said. "That's the center of everything going on, that's where people typically look. We had really wanted to stay downtown and we lucked out that the building met our needs and was even more in the heart of downtown than what we already were."

Cooke is looking forward to having a new start for the Democrat but will also deeply miss the Massachusetts location.

"We're excited to have this new building, help us start this new era of the Democrat," Cooke said. "It's been a lot of work but it's been kind of exciting to be part of the staff that makes that happen."

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THE WEATHER

SEVEN-DAY FORECAST

TODAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
72 50	70 50	68 55	63 47	64 51	66 50	64 47
A gusty t-storm in the a.m.	Mostly sunny and nice	Cloudy with a thunderstorm	Low clouds	Sun and areas of low clouds	Cloudy	Considerable cloudiness

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Sedalia Regional Airport Thursday

TEMPERATURES

High	71
Low	56
Normal high	69
Normal low	46
Record high	89 in 1989
Record low	23 in 1992

PRECIPITATION

Thursday	0.05"
Month to date	2.41"
Normal m-t-d	4.26"
Year to date	7.80"
Normal y-t-d	11.09"

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	20
Year to date	20
Normal year to date	19
Last year to date	26

RIVER LEVELS

In feet as of 7 a.m. Friday

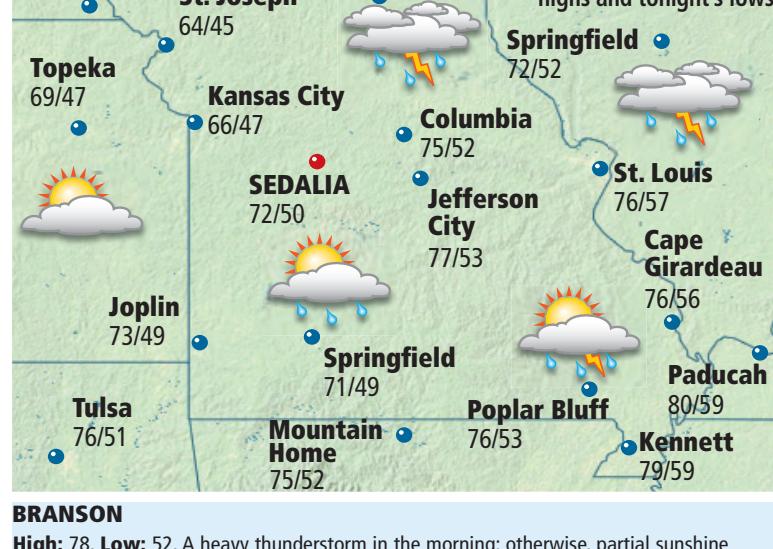
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Valley City	7.86	+3.77	22

Lamine

Otterville	1.73	-0.18	15
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Missouri

Boonville	7.33	-0.25	21
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NATIONAL WEATHER

Today Sunday

Hi/Lo/W Hi/Lo/W

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Baltimore	70/44/s	66/54/pc
St. Louis	57/39/c	49/38/s
Boston	56/45/pc	63/46/s
Buffalo	59/40/s	68/50/sh
Charlotte	79/60/c	82/60/t
Chicago	65/51/t	57/47/pc
Cleveland	65/55/pc	69/52/sh
Dallas	85/64/pc	84/70/c
Denver	66/36/s	68/37/pc
Detroit	60/50/pc	68/50/pc
Honolulu	84/72/sh	84/71/sh
Houston	85/71/pc	85/73/pc
Indianapolis	76/57/sh	72/46/pc
Las Vegas	90/66/s	88/62/s

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

Temperature bands are high for the day.

Summary: Rain will soak the northern Plains today, aggravating flooding in the region. As

severe storms focus on the Mississippi Valley, lesser storms will dot the Southeast. Showers will

return to the Northwest.

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Sunset tonight 8:04 p.m.
Moonrise today 6:17 a.m.
Moonset today 8:09 p.m.

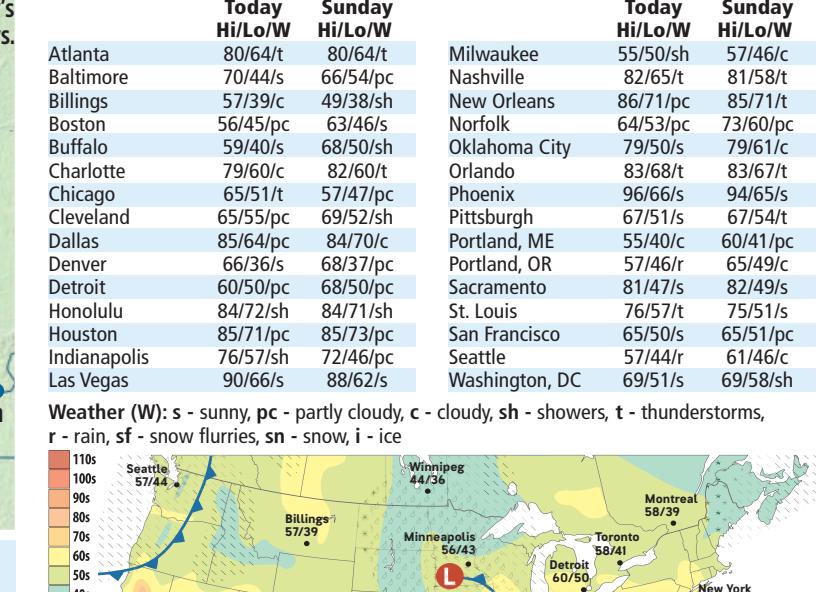
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WEATHER HISTORY

Several snowstorms hit the mid-Atlantic in April 1857. The cold kept many plants dormant; even by April 30, no blossoms were seen in northern New Jersey.

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Shows are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation today. Temperature bands are high for the day.

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FDA issues plan to ban menthol in cigarettes, cigars

By Matthew Perrone
AP Health Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. government on Thursday released its long-awaited plan to ban menthol cigarettes and flavored cigars, citing the toll on Black smokers and young people.

"The proposed rules would help prevent children from becoming the next generation of smokers and help adult smokers quit," said Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra, in a statement.

He added that the ban would also be an "important step to advance health equity" by reducing disparities in tobacco-related diseases.

The Food and Drug Administration said eliminating menthol cigarettes could prevent between 300,000 and 650,000 smoking deaths over 40 years.

Menthol accounts for more than a third of cigarettes sold in the U.S., and the mint flavor is favored by Black smokers and young people. Menthol's cooling effect has been shown to mask the throat

harshness of smoking, making it easier to start and harder to quit.

The FDA said it will also seek to ban menthol and dozens of other flavors like grape and strawberry from cigars, which are increasingly popular with young people, especially Black teens.

The agency's proposals on both cigarettes and cigars are only initial drafts and are unlikely to be finalized before next year. Companies would then have one additional year to phase out their products. Tobacco industry lawsuits could delay the prohibition for several more years, according to experts. For now, FDA leaders said they will take comments for two months and then proceed "as expeditiously as possible."

Altria, which sells menthol cigarettes and flavored cigars, said it disagreed with the ban.

"Taking these products out of the legal marketplace will push them into unregulated, criminal markets," the company said in a statement. "We will continue to engage in this long-term regulatory process."

The FDA has attempted

several times to get rid of menthol but faced push-back from Big Tobacco, members of Congress and competing political interests under both Democratic and Republican administrations.

Regulators have been under legal pressure to issue a decision after anti-smoking and civil rights groups sued the FDA for "unreasonably" delaying action on earlier requests to ban menthol.

Menthol is the only cigarette flavor that was not prohibited under the 2009 law that gave the FDA authority over tobacco products, an exemption negotiated by industry lobbyists. The act did, though, instruct the agency to continue to weigh a ban. To date, the FDA has yet to eliminate any traditional tobacco product, though it has had that authority for over a decade.

Last April, the Biden administration pledged to try to ban menthol within the year, responding in part to African American groups who say menthol has led to lower quit rates and higher rates of death among Black people. Menthol is used by 85% of

Black smokers.

"Black folks die disproportionately of heart disease, lung cancer and stroke," said Phillip Gardiner of the African American Tobacco Control Leadership Council. "Menthol cigarettes and flavored cigars are the main vectors of those diseases in the Black and brown communities, and have been for a long time."

In 2020, Gardiner's group and several others sued to compel the FDA to make a decision on a ban.

More than 12% of Americans smoke cigarettes, with rates roughly even between white and Black populations.

In 2019, more than 18 million Americans smoked menthol cigarettes, with higher rates among young people, African Americans and other racial groups, according to the FDA. Menthol smoking declined among white teenagers between 2011 and 2018, but not among Black and Hispanic youth, the agency noted.

Thursday's proposals would not apply to electronic cigarettes, including leading brands like Juul and Vuse, which come in menthol. The FDA

has been conducting a separate review of vaping products and has so far authorized a handful of tobacco-flavored products from smaller manufacturers.

The FDA made several efforts to begin eliminating menthol cigarettes under both the Obama and Trump administrations, but had never previously released a formal roadmap of how to accomplish the ban.

"These measures and related enforcement would be on the tobacco industry, not individuals who possess or use these products," Califf told reporters.

For decades, tobacco companies focused

menthol advertising and promotions in Black

communities, sponsoring music festivals and neighborhood events. Industry documents released via litigation show companies viewed menthol cigarettes as a good "starter product" because they were more palatable to teens.

Menthol's elimination

would be a huge blow to tobacco companies, including Reynolds American, which sells the leading menthol brands, Newport and Kool. With the slow decline of smoking, tobacco companies have been diversifying into alternative products, including electronic cigarettes and tobacco pouches. But those ventures still account for a tiny slice of industry sales.

EXPLAINER: Why US needs a law to sell off oligarchs' assets

By Fatima Husseini and Michael Balsamo

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Joe Biden doesn't want to just seize the yachts, luxury homes and other assets of Russian oligarchs, he wants to sell off the pricey goods and use the money to help rebuild Ukraine.

He's asking Congress to streamline the process to allow that to happen.

In the latest attempt to pressure Russia to end its war and to pay for the enormous costs of defending Ukraine, the Biden administration on Thursday called on Congress to enhance U.S. authority to liquidate assets seized from Russian elites — the "bad guys," as Biden called them.

A look at what's afoot: **WHAT'S ALREADY BEING DONE?**

The House on Wednesday passed the Asset Seizure for Ukraine Reconstruction Act, with only four lawmakers voting against the measure. The bill, which now goes to the Senate, would allow the president to confiscate and liquidate property owned by sanctioned individuals. The money could only be used for specific purposes.

The package that Biden sent to Congress goes further to create a new criminal offense, making it unlawful for anyone to knowingly own proceeds directly obtained from corrupt dealings with the Russian government. Additionally, property used to facilitate sanctions violations would also be eligible for seizure.

The White House says the new tools make sanctions more difficult to evade and the administration said it wants to use the money "to remediate harms of Russian aggression toward Ukraine."

WHY DOES THE GOVERNMENT NEED LEGISLATION?

Under current federal law, only the Justice Department has the authority to determine how seized funds can be spent. And

there are strict rules on who can benefit from seized proceeds. The Biden administration wants to make it easier for officials to decide how to use the proceeds of the blocked and seized property.

The White House proposal also wants to make forfeiture decisions reviewable in federal court on an expedited basis.

Ryan Fayhee, a former Justice Department prosecutor who now works in private practice on sanctions cases, said that because of the nature of the U.S. sanctions program, "we could see a lot of lawsuits as there's a process one could take to challenge the forfeiture itself and they absolutely will," anticipating sanctioned oligarchs' future litigation.

HOW MUCH HAS ALREADY BEEN SEIZED?

The White House says the Treasury Department has sanctioned and blocked vessels and aircraft worth over \$1

billion, and has frozen

bank accounts containing

hundreds of millions of

dollars of assets belonging

to Russian elites. During

a House committee hearing

Thursday, the Treasury

Department's Financial

Crimes Enforcement

Network's acting director,

Himamauli Das, said the

agency has received 2,000

suspicious activity reports

connected to Russian oligarchs.

Of those, 271 were

forwarded to intelligence

and law enforcement and

Treasury's sanctions arm.

HOW CAN THE MONEY FROM SEIZED ASSETS BE USED?

Among other proposals,

the administration's pack-

age extends the statute

of limitations of money

laundering investigations

based on foreign crimes

from five years to 10 years,

adds sanctions evasion to

the definition of "rack-

eteering activity" in the

Racketeer Influenced and

Corrupt Organizations Act

and would enhance the

government's powers to

work with other countries

to recover assets linked to

foreign corruption.

The House-passed Asset Seizure proposal is more limited than the president's proposal, where confiscated funds could only be used for specific purposes, including post-conflict reconstruction of Ukraine, support for Ukrainian refugees, weapons for Ukraine's military and humanitarian support for the Russian people.

Additionally, the administration could only seize assets, within two years of the bill's enactment, if Russia remains engaged in its invasion of Ukraine, the president has imposed sanctions on the owner of the assets due to the ongoing conflict and the assets are worth more than \$5 million.

Attorneys have said the process of actually liquidating and using the funds could take years.

WHAT ABOUT RUSSIAN CENTRAL BANK ASSETS?

The package that Biden sent to Congress does not address Russian Central Bank assets.

However Russia's more than \$600 billion foreign reserve fund has been frozen by the U.S. and its allies.

Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen said last week that the prospect of using frozen Russian Central Bank funds to support Ukraine should be considered but "I wouldn't want to do so lightly," adding that it would have to be done in consensus with U.S. allies and partners.

In a virtual address to International Monetary Fund and World Bank leaders last week, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said the proceeds of sanctioned property and Central Bank reserves should be used to compensate Ukraine for its losses.

HOW WOULD THE NEW LAW ON PROCEEDS FROM CORRUPT DEALINGS WORK?

The Justice Department and Treasury are already targeting the assets of Rus-

sian oligarchs who they say have evaded sanctions, including a 254-foot yacht that was in Spain and owned by an oligarch with close ties to Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Attorney General Merrick Garland said Thursday that the Justice Department's task force focusing on Russian oligarchs — known as KleptoCapture — antic-

ipates taking on "at least 30 complex investigations over time."

In order for the Justice

Department to seize a

yacht, prosecutors must

first spell out their case

and obtain a seizure

warrant from a federal

judge. The U.S. govern-

ment would then need to

pay to maintain, transport

and dock the mega yachts

until they can be sold off

at auction.

The funds from the sale flow into the Justice Department's asset forfeiture fund.

The government wants

to use some of the for-

feiture funds to support

Ukraine, though the law

doesn't currently easily

allow for that to happen,

Garland said at a House

subcommittee hearing on

Thursday.

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This combination photo shows purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*), left, and a *Liatris spicata*, commonly called blazing star or gay feather. Purple Loosestrife is an invasive plant that threatens wetlands and chokes out food sources and habitat for wildlife. The *Liatris spicata* is a recommended alternative for invasive purple loosestrife.

PHOTO BY CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN VIA AP, LEFT, AND JESSICA DAMIANO VIA AP

Plant this, not that: Native alternatives to invasive plants

By Jessica Damiano

Associated Press

When my family moved into a new home in the spring of 2005, the only plants growing in the garden were a rhododendron by the front door and a few scattered daffodils and ferns. I was delighted to see a stunning perennial pop up a month later.

Being little more than a fledgling gardener then, I didn't know what the plant was, and to be honest, it didn't matter: I was in love with my new purple beauty.

Two years later, after graduating from Cornell University's master gardener program and working as a gardening columnist for my local paper, I sadly knew better: My favorite plant, purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*), was considered

invasive in my home state of New York.

"But it's not spreading on my property," I whined to no one in particular. "It's actually well-behaved."

Further research revealed that, although some plants make their invasive nature known at home (looking at you, mint), others are wolves in sheep's clothing. They seem well-contained in the garden but become downright thugs when their seeds are eaten by birds and dispersed elsewhere.

Those seeds grow into plants that outcompete native vegetation because they aren't recognized as food by much of the local wildlife, which would otherwise keep them under control. Unchecked, they grow larger and eventually choke out native plants that provide food, nesting material and

shelter for birds, pollinators and small animals. This disrupts the entire ecosystem.

Many state environmental agencies prohibit the sale and use of plants deemed harmful to human or ecological health. But some invasives are not officially designated, and others may be listed by one state but not another. To complicate matters further, some invasives continue to be sold at the retail level.

So what's a gardener to do?

For starters, avoid any plant advertised as "vigorous," "fast-spreading," "quick-climbing" or a "rapid self-sower," which are marketers' code words for invasive. Next, familiarize yourself with your state's list of locally invasive plants (those website addresses are compiled by the U.S.

Environmental Protection Agency at epa.gov/aboutepa/health-and-environmental-agencies-us-states-and-territories).

Yes, I yanked out that purple loosestrife, which the EPA warns "clogs rivers and lakes, grows into mats so thick that boats and swimmers can't get through and destroys food and habitat for our fish and water birds." I replaced it with the tame but equally beautiful *Liatris spicata*, which has been a respectful resident of my garden for the past 15 years.

Here are seven other garden bullies and suggestions for mild-mannered alternatives to plant.

INVASIVE: Butterfly bush (*Buddleia davidii*) sounds like a butterfly-friendly plant, but don't let the name fool you. Although your butterfly bush may, indeed, be covered in butterflies, the food source it provides them is less than ideal. In addition, it forms large thickets that displace native species in the wild.

NATIVE ALTERNATIVES: California lilac (*Ceanothus*) is an evergreen shrub with deep blue flowers that grows well in zones 8-10, or try the white-blossomed wild hydrangea (*Hydrangea arborescens*) in zones 3-9.

INVASIVE: Scotch broom (*Cytisus scoparius*), a nitrogen-fixing legume, is easily established even in the worst growing conditions, and its seeds can remain viable in the soil for decades. According to the EPA, it has "invaded most of the remaining Garry oak savannah ecosystems in Oregon, Washington, and British Columbia (and) is considered to be a threat to

NATIVE ALTERNATIVES: Seek out the fragrant, stunning American wisteria (*Wisteria frutescens*) in zones 5-9.

INVASIVE: Japanese barberry (*Berberis thunbergii*) forms large thickets and serves as a habitat for deer ticks and black-legged ticks, which transmit Lyme disease and other illnesses.

NATIVE ALTERNATIVES: For eye-catching

berries that provide winter interest, consider American beautyberry (*Callicarpa americana*) in zones 6-10, winterberry holly (*Ilex verticillata*) in zones 3-9, or red barberry (*Mahonia aquifolium*) in zones 5-9.

INVASIVE: Winged burning bush (*Euonymus alatus*) produces an abundance of seeds that root easily around the garden and in the wild when dispersed by birds.

NATIVE ALTERNATIVES: For similarly dramatic red fall foliage in zones 3-8, plant "Autumn Magic" black chokeberry (*Aronia melanocarpa* "Autumn Magic") or the fruit-producing Northern high bush blueberry (*Vaccinium* sp.). In zones 2-8, fragrant sumac (*Rhus aromatica*) is a lovely substitute.

INVASIVE: The ornamental *Miscanthus* grass (*Miscanthus sinensis*), although still widely sold and planted, has been deemed invasive in more than two dozen states, where it is known to overtake forests, roadsides, fields and other areas.

NATIVE ALTERNATIVES: Plant little bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*) in full sun or prairie dropseed (*Sporobolus heterolepis*) in full sun to part shade. Both are suitable for zones 3-9.

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STATE BRIEF

Missouri man convicted of killing pregnant wife in 2019

CLAYTON, Mo. (AP) — A jury has convicted a Missouri man of first-degree murder in the death of his pregnant wife whose battered body was found about a week after she was reported missing in 2019.

In addition to the murder count, Beau Rothwell, 31, Creve Coeur, was found guilty Thursday of tampering with physical evidence and abandonment of a corpse, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported.

Rothwell admitted

killing his wife during his trial, but denied the killing was premeditated and sought conviction on a lesser manslaughter count. He testified during the trial that he bludgeoned 28-year-old Jennifer Rothwell to death with a mallet at their home on Nov. 11, 2019, during a heated argument over his affair with another woman.

Beau Rothwell testified that he hit his wife in the head from behind with a mallet, followed her as she stumbled toward the garage door and hit her again.

He faces life in prison without the possibility of parole when he's sentenced July 8.

Prosecutors painted

Beau Rothwell as a meticulous planner and showed the jury his texts with the other woman, as well as a list of pros and cons he made for leaving his wife. He had reported his wife missing, and police later found bottles of bleach in the home and a wet, blood-stained carpet. Investigators said the blood was his wife's.

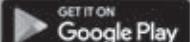
Jennifer Rothwell also had looked up "what to do if your husband is upset you are pregnant" on her cellphone before she went missing, police said. Her body was found about 45 miles (72 kilometers) northwest of her home and authorities said she was about six weeks pregnant when she died.

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16 states that want to electrify USPS fleet file lawsuits

By David Sharp

Associated Press

California and 15 states that want the U.S. Postal Service to electrify its mail delivery vehicles are suing to halt purchases of thousands of gas-powered trucks as the agency modernizes its delivery fleet.

Three separate lawsuits, filed Thursday by the states and environmental groups in New York and California, ask judges to order a more thorough environmental review before the Postal Service moves forward with the next-generation delivery vehicle program.

Plaintiffs contend that purchases of fossil fuel-powered delivery vehicles will cause environmental harm for decades to come. The lawsuits could further delay the Postal Service's efforts to replace the ubiquitous delivery trucks that went into service between 1987 and 1994.

"Louis DeJoy's gas-guzzling fleet guarantees decades of pollution with every postcard and package," said Scott Hochberg, an attorney with the Center for Biological Diversity, referring to the postmaster general.

Attorneys general from 16 states — 14 of which have Democratic governors — sued in San Francisco. A

separate lawsuit by the Center for Biological Diversity, Earthjustice, CleanAirNow KC and Sierra Club was filed in the same venue. Another was filed by the Natural Resources Defense Council and United Auto Workers in New York.

All three of them target the environmental review underpinning the Postal Service's planned purchase of up to 165,000 next-generation delivery vehicles over the next decade.

California Attorney General Rob Bonta said it's key to stop the process before it's too late.

"Once this purchase goes through, we'll be stuck with more than 100,000 new gas-guzzling vehicles on neighborhood streets, serving homes across our state and across the country, for the next 30 years. There won't be a reset button," he said.

The Postal Service defended the process it followed under DeJoy, a wealthy former logistics executive and Republican donor who was appointed by a board of governors controlled by then-President Donald Trump.

"The Postal Service conducted a robust and thorough review and fully complied with all of our obligations under the National

Environmental Policy Act," spokesperson Kim Frum said Thursday in an email.

The Postal Service contract calls for 10% of the new vehicles to be electric but the Postal Service contends more electric vehicles can be purchased based on financial outlook and strategic considerations.

The percentage of battery-electric vehicles was doubled — to 20% — in the initial \$2.98 billion order for 50,000 vehicles.

Environmental advocates contend the Postal Service's environmental review was inadequate and flawed, and that the contract represented a missed opportunity to electrify the fleet and reduce emissions.

The review process "was so rickety and riddled with error that it failed to meet the basic standards of the National Environmental Policy Act," said Adrian Martinez, senior attorney on Earthjustice's Right to Zero campaign.

New York Attorney General Letitia James said the Postal Service used "fatally flawed decision-making" that led to an outcome that was "fiscally and environmentally irresponsible." New York is among the plaintiffs.

If the parties can't agree on a settlement, the lawsuit could drag on for months,

possibly into next year, if there are appeals, said University of Richmond School of Law professor Carl Tobias.

The new gasoline-powered vehicles would get 14.7 miles per gallon (23.7 kilometers per gallon) without air conditioning, compared to 8.4 mpg (13.5 kpg) for the older vehicles, the Postal Service said.

All told, the Postal Service's fleet includes 190,000 local delivery vehicles. More than 141,000 of those are the old models that lack safety features like air bags, anti-lock brakes and backup cameras.

The new vehicles are taller to make it easier for postal carriers to grab packages and parcels that make up a greater share of volume. They also have improved ergonomics and climate control.

The states that sued are California, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont and Washington.

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District in California, District of Columbia and city of New York joined that lawsuit, as well.

Sharp reported from Portland, Maine.

"And on our hill out there, she would collect arrowheads," he continued. "But (the story) is about an old man who goes back to the hill before the Corps of Engineers could flood it, to spread her ashes."

Miller's story "From the Porch" has a touch of Hemingway in it.

"It's about a man who's had a stroke," Miller noted. "And no longer functions well and really can't talk or communicate very well."

The man in the story was a semi-author who tried to write in Hemingway style until he had a massive stroke. The character now spends his life on the porch of a home, reliving his past in his mind.

When asked how he comes up with so many different story ideas, Miller said, "it's not easy."

"It takes me a lot of time," he added with a smile. "That's why I like short stories better. Because a short story, your audience doesn't have time really to get bored with your idea, in case you're the only one who liked it."

He noted he began writing the story "The Train Ride" about 10 years ago and wrote it twice before being satisfied. The story centers on an occupant of a train who notices details about the other travelers.

One traveler is a woman who tries to hide her cat in her dress.

He added that the story reflects the anti-American sentiment that was present when he served in Cuba at age 19.

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Book

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"Some of these stories were started quite a while back," Miller noted. "But some of them are new."

Miller added he'd held off publishing some of the stories but noted he is getting older and "now's the time" to say what he needs to before he can't.

Great authors such as Ernest Hemingway, F. Scott Fitzgerald, and Isaac Asimov influenced his work, and his writing reflects their style.

In a recent conversation with the Democrat, Miller described why he wrote the short story "Tweener."

"Everybody always wonders what happens in a coma," he said. "The truth of the matter is my thoughts on the story is I'm hoping people can read between the lines and see what your mind would probably be doing to you in a coma. Your mind would probably be making up scenarios that would explain the coma."

Miller, a Navy veteran, added the first story about Cuba is his favorite.

"I can remember those little boats bobbing off the fantail of the ship when we were tied up in Santiago, Cuba," Miller said. "At that point, that (story) is true, but some of it, later on, is made up."

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Ideas on mute? Study: Remote meetings dampen brainstorming

By Seth Borenstein

AP Science Writer

Video meetings dampen brainstorming because we are so hyper-focused on the face in that box that we don't let our eyes and minds wander as much, a new study found.

Staring isn't good for creativity. While it's rude to stare at someone in real life, it's expected when on a video call, researchers said.

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Researchers watched 745 pairs of engineers in five different countries try to come up with creative ideas for using a Frisbee or bubble wrap. Those in the same room generated on average one more idea, which is about 17% more than those in remote meetings. And those in-person ideas were judged by outside experts to be more creative, the study found.

Study author Melanie Brucks, an applied psychology professor at Columbia University's business school, said it was the outcome she expected — but not the reason she expected.

At first she figured it had to be the social and physical

distance — maybe the two people just didn't connect as well or people didn't know who speaks when. But several different tests for social connectedness found that the remote meeting pairs were connecting with each other in the same way as people in the same room.

Then the eyes gave it away. When Brucks tracked eye movement she found that people in the same room gazed away more often, looked around. But the remote meeting pairs didn't.

"They were too focused on specifically the task at hand and that made them narrower in their thinking," Brucks said — in an interview over Zoom.

Remote meetings work otherwise, Brucks said.

"It's not that Zoom's bad, everything's worse. It seems like (the problem) is unique to the more generative, creative process," Brucks said.

Having to answer to angry

shareholders if it makes big changes to its business. Musk has already floated the idea of depending less on advertising, which is Twitter's main way of making money.

Investors often send a stock price lower if they think a company's decision is wrong, or at least being made at the wrong time.

And the fiduciary duty of the board of directors for a publicly traded company is to generate a return for its investors.

A privately held company, meanwhile, doesn't need to worry about short-term drops for its stock price. It can also jump more whole heartedly into plans, say by hiring slew of new workers to transform it, without having to explain the jump in expenses to shareholders in its next quarterly report.

Both private and public companies "can do whatever they want, but there will be less blowback for privately held companies because a shareholder can't complain because there are no other shareholders," said Harry Kraemer, a former CEO

and chairman of Baxter International who is now a professor at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management.

HOW MUCH POTENTIAL BLOWBACK IS THERE, REALLY?

There's a lot more scrutiny on publicly held companies by not only shareholders and regulators but also by the media, said Kraemer, who currently sits on boards of both publicly held and privately held companies.

And the pressure to hit performance targets every three months is indeed high, he said.

"I often tease people who say I was at Baxter for 23 years," Kraemer said. "I tell them I was at Baxter for 92 quarters. And every quarter was the most critical of my life, until the next quarter started."

GETTING AWAY FROM SHORT-TERMISM IS A GOOD THING, RIGHT?

It does allow companies more freedom to make bold changes they believe in. But it also removes a source of accountability, said Columbia's Tally.

er, he could ostensibly do whatever he wants. But he is also borrowing up to \$25.5 billion from a slew of banks to pay for the takeover of Twitter. And they're going to want their money back, plus interest.

If Musk ends up having other shareholders along with him in Twitter, that could also up the pressure on profits. Tally pointed to a famous case brought against another iconic automaker, Henry Ford, who cut back on dividends to shareholders at one point.

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EXPLAINER: What Twitter could do as privately held company

By Stan Choe

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — If Elon Musk and Twitter get their way, the company will soon be privately held and under his control.

The most obvious immediate change would likely be Twitter's stock being taken off the New York Stock Exchange. But the company would also likely get freed from having to give regular updates about its business to U.S. regulators and to Wall Street.

One important change for Twitter

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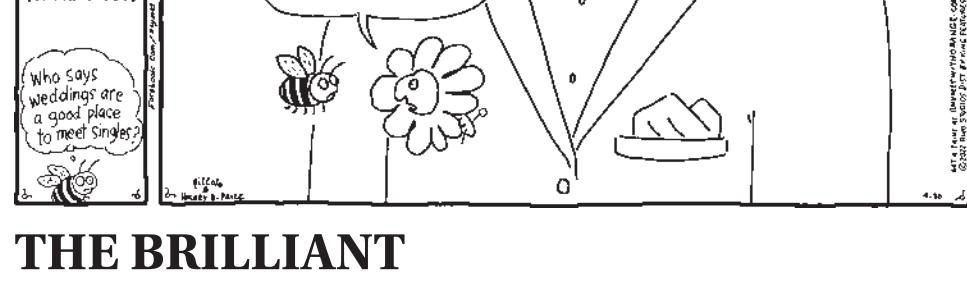
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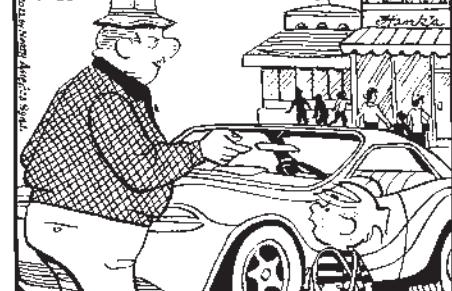


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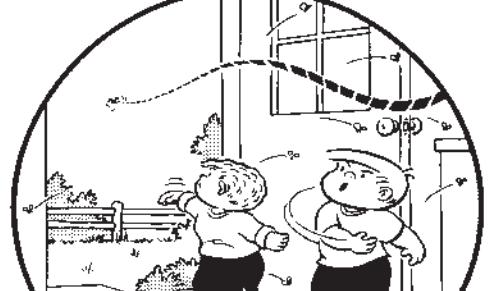
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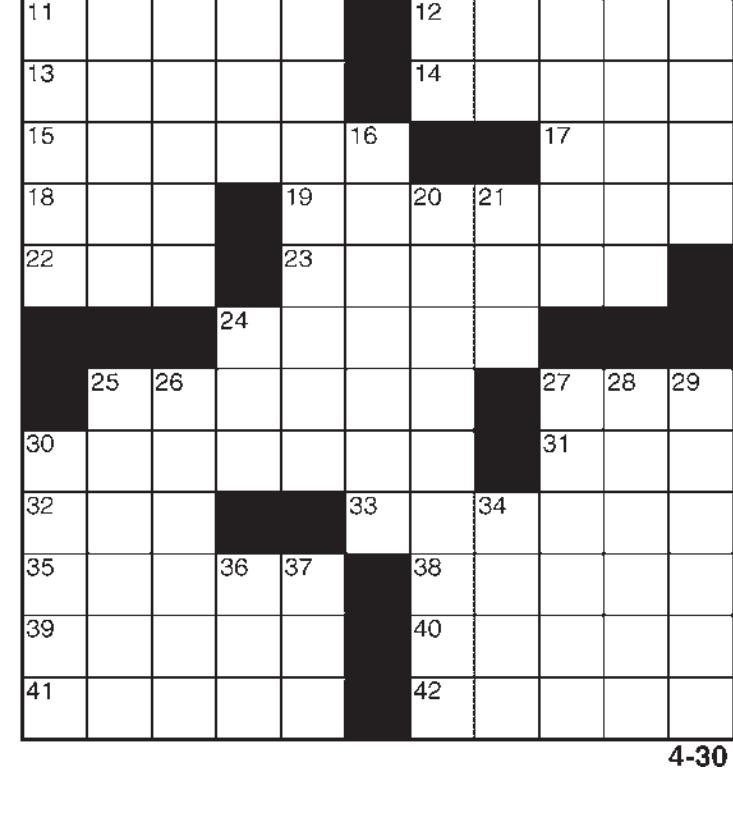
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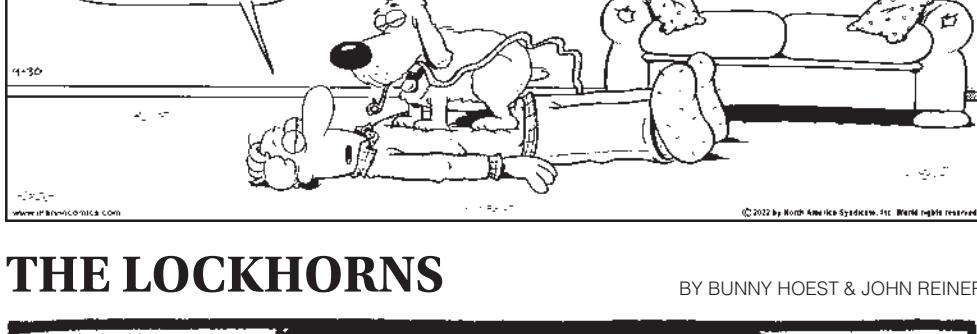
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BY TOM ARMSTRONG

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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.

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By Dave Green

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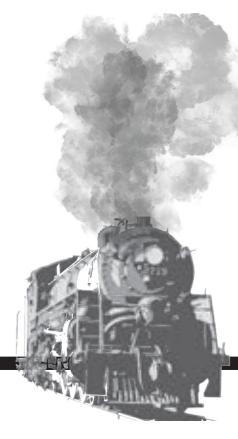
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Chiefs address defense with McDuffie, Karlaftis in 1st round

By Dave Skretta

AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Brett Veach kept eyeing the draft board as the first round ticked away, knowing full well that two picks Thursday night and 10 more over the next couple of days gave him plenty of options on both sides of the ball.

The Chiefs' general manager decided to address the defensive side first.

In a serendipitous first round in which the best players left on their board also fulfilled the Chiefs' biggest needs, Veach traded up to select Washington cornerback Trent McDuffie with the 21st pick and then added Purdue defensive end George Karlaftis at No. 30, all while holding onto both of his second-round choices Friday night.

"We wanted to add some depth on defensive line, add depth in the secondary — it worked out. It's usually not the case," Veach said. "We have a lot of picks and we wanted to make sure we used them

selectively."

They wound up sending the 29th pick along with selections in the third and fourth round to New England to jump ahead of the Bills, who also were targeting a cornerback, and land one of the most versatile players at the position.

McDuffie, a track standout in the 100 and 200 meters, has the speed and athleticism to play in the slot or on the outside, making him a good fit for Chiefs defensive coordinator Steve Spagnuolo's scheme. He allowed just one reception of at least 20 yards last season for Washington, and he did not allow a touchdown catch in his past two seasons.

"I look at myself like Tyrann Mathieu, somebody that is going to be able to go in and play a bunch of different positions and help the team as much as I can," McDuffie said. "That's the biggest thing for me: However I can get on the field, however I can help this team, I'm going to do whatever I can to do it."

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Washington defensive back Trent McDuffie participates in a drill at the NFL football scouting combine, Sunday, March 6, 2022, in Indianapolis. McDuffie is a possible pick in the NFL Draft.

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Stover's Blaine Broderson keeps ahead of Smithton sophomore Gabriel Aitken at Wednesday's Kaysinger Conference track meet. Broderson and Aitken finished 1-2 in the 800, 1,600 and 3,200-meter run events.

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Cole Camp, Stover tops at Kaysinger track meet

By Bryan Everson

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SMITHTON — Cole Camp's boys and Stover's girls emerged as winners from this year's Kaysinger Conference track meet held Wednesday in Smithton.

The Bluebirds captured gold on the boys' side edging out Stover in points 155-145. Windsor came out ahead of Smithton by 8.5, finishing with 100.

Meanwhile, the Lady Bulldogs ended with 201.5 points, beating out the hosts in second place, who ended with 165 points. The Lady Bluebirds grabbed the bronze team finish.

Colton Banks (12.69 meters) and Ethan Corpeling went 1-2 in the triple jump for Cole Camp. Teammates Toby Benn (39.2m) and Michael Wissman went 1-3 in discus, and Wissman won shot put (13.3m) while Owen Ives took second in javelin to rack up the points for the Bluebirds. Additionally, Benjamin Steenburger won the 300-meter hurdles, while

and the school's 4x800-meter relay team was a winner. More points were gained by second-place finishes in the 4x100 and 4x200-meter relay events.

"I think we had some kids that may not show up in the medal points, but we got some fifth, six, seventh points that were huge for the total team," Cole Camp head coach Tom Ward said. "I think those are as important as the kids that finished top-3. Our overall team strength was the number of kids we had. We feel like we're strong in the jumps, pretty good in the sprint relays, and in throws, we've been scoring well in those all years. Our distance kids are getting better."

"We've got two more meets, then districts. Hopefully, we continue to improve. We haven't seen hardly any of our district opponents. You hope you get a bunch of kids to sectionals and wait and see."

Blaine Broderson was a points machine for runner-up Stover, finishing



Smithton junior Riley Bryan enjoys a sizable lead in the 3,200-meter run.

ahead of Smithton's Gabriel Aitken in the 800, 1,600, and 3,200 meter run events.

Elijah Judd (110-meter hurdles) and Keaton Cochrane (high jump) were also winners for the Bulldogs.

Dalton Witherspoon of Windsor beat out Sacred Heart Bruno Saucedo by seven-hundredths of a second in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.12, while Saucedo took first in the 200 dash event.

Witherspoon also won the 400-meter dash event.

In girls' events, Stover's Tierra Stark (13.26) edged out Cole Camp's Karley Thayer by two-hundredths of a second in the 100-meter dash, while teammate Sandalyn Morris (29.05) was fractions ahead of Stark in the 200 dash and also took first in the 400.

From the Lady Bulldogs, the 4x100 and 4x400-meter relay teams were also first-place finishers. Stark won the high jump and Katelynn Jackson took first in long jump as well.

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Dodgers' Bauer suspended 2 seasons over alleged sex assault

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Trevor Bauer was suspended Friday for a record two full seasons without pay by Major League Baseball for violating the league's domestic violence and sexual assault policy, which he denies.

Bauer's suspension — which will cover 324 games without pay — comes after a San Diego woman, whom the pitcher had met through social media, alleged that Bauer beat and sexually abused her last year. She later sought but was denied a restraining order. Los Angeles prosecutors said in February there was insufficient evidence to prove the woman's accusations beyond a reasonable doubt.

Bauer, who hasn't played since the allegations surfaced and MLB began investigating, repeatedly has said that



Los Angeles Dodgers starting pitcher Trevor Bauer warms up prior to a baseball game against the Colorado Rockies, April 13, 2021, in Los Angeles. Bauer was suspended Friday, April 29, 2022, for two full seasons without pay by Major League Baseball for violating the league's domestic violence and sexual assault policy, which he denies.

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everything that happened between the two was consensual.

"In the strongest possible terms, I deny committing any violation of the league's domestic violence and sexual assault policy," he said Friday in a statement. "I am appealing this action and expect to prevail. As we have throughout this process, my repre-

sentatives and I respect the confidentiality of the proceedings."

If the suspension is upheld, Bauer will lose about \$60 million in salary.

The previous longest suspension under the policy was a full season and postseason for free agent pitcher Sam Dyson in 2021.

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Raiders decline options on three 2019 1st-round picks

By Josh Dubow

AP Pro Football Writer

The Las Vegas Raiders are declining the fifth-year options on all three of their 2019 first-round picks as the new regime doesn't want to commit to players inherited on the roster.

General manager Dave Ziegler announced Friday that the team will let defensive end Clelin Ferrell, running back Josh Jacobs and safety Johnathan Abram play out the final year of their rookie contracts instead of extending them through 2023.

The options were worth \$11.5 million for Ferrell, and about \$8 million each for Jacobs and Abram.

"We look forward to working with all three players and we will evaluate each situation individually moving forward,"

Ziegler said in a statement.

The 2019 class was

supposed to lay the foundation for a rebuilding project for the Raiders

manager Mike Mayock found two gems late in that draft in edge rusher Maxx Crosby and slot receiver Hunter Renfrow, the first round was mostly a flop.

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Las Vegas Raiders' Josh Jacobs (28) runs during the first half of an NFL wild-card playoff football game against the Cincinnati Bengals, Saturday, Jan. 15, 2022, in Cincinnati. The Las Vegas Raiders are declining the fifth-year options on all three of their 2019 first-round picks as the new regime doesn't want to commit to players inherited on the roster. General manager Dave Ziegler announced Friday, April 29, 2022, that the team will let defensive end Clelin Ferrell, running back Josh Jacobs and safety Johnathan Abram play out the final year of their rookie contracts instead of extending them through 2023.

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SPORTS CALENDAR**Saturday****ON TAP****HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL**

10 a.m. Excelsior Springs at Smith-Cotton

2:30 p.m. Jefferson City at Smith-Cotton

HIGH SCHOOL**GIRLS SOCCER**

10 a.m. Moberly at Stover

1 p.m. Laquey at Stover

COLLEGE BASEBALL

2 p.m. Central Missouri at Fort Hays State

COLLEGE SOFTBALL**1 p.m. Northwest****Missouri State at****Central Missouri**

3 p.m. Northwest Missouri State at Central Missouri

COLLEGE TRACK

State Fair Community College at ZK Wildcat Invite (Baldwin City, KS)

ON AIR**AUTO RACING**

9:30 a.m. FS1 — NASCAR Cup Series: Qualifying, Dover Motor Speedway, Dover, Delaware

Noon CBS — Formula E: The Monaco ePrix, Round 6, Monaco (Taped)

12:30 p.m. FS1 — NASCAR Xfinity Series: The A-GAME 200, Dover Motor Speedway, Dover, Delaware

2 p.m. NBC — AMA Supercross: Round 16, Denver

8 p.m. CBSSN — Formula E: The Monaco ePrix, Round 6, Monaco (Taped)

BOXING

9 p.m. ESPN — Top Rank Main Card: Shakur Stevenson vs. Óscar Valdez (Junior-Lightweights), Las Vegas

COLLEGE BASEBALL

11 a.m. SECN — Alabama at South Carolina

Noon ACCN — Boston College at Notre Dame

3 p.m. ESPNU — Miami at Georgia Tech

5 p.m. ACCN — TCU at Florida St.

6 p.m. SECN — Auburn at Tennessee

7 p.m. ESPN2 — Mississippi at Arkansas

ESPNU — Santa Clara at San Diego

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

11 a.m. BTN — Maryland Spring Game: From College Park, Md.

1 p.m. BTN — Minnesota Spring Game: From Minneapolis

1:30 p.m. PAC-12N — Washington Spring Game: From Seattle

3:30 p.m. PAC-12N — California Spring Game: From Berkeley, Calif.

COLLEGE LACROSSE**(MEN'S)**

1 p.m. ESPNU — Harvard at Yale

COLLEGE LACROSSE**(WOMEN'S)**

11 a.m. ESPNU — Maryland at Michigan

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

11 a.m. ESPN2 — Florida at LSU

2 p.m. SECN — Mississippi St. at Kentucky

3 p.m. ACCN — Virginia at Louisville

BTN — Minnesota at Michigan

4 p.m. SECN — Texas A&M at Missouri

8 p.m. PAC-12N — Oregon St. at Oregon

COLLEGE TRACK**AND FIELD****1 p.m. CBSSN — The**

Drake Relays: From Des Moines, Iowa

CURLING

Noon CNBC — World Mixed Doubles Championship: TBD, Final, Geneva (Taped)

GOLF

7 a.m. GOLF — DP World Tour: The Catalunya Championship, Third Round, PGA Catalunya Resort - Stadium Course, Girona, Spain

Noon GOLF — PGA Tour: The Mexico Open, Third Round, Vidanta Vallarta, Vallarta, Mexico

2 p.m. CBS — PGA Tour:

The Mexico Open, Third Round, Vidanta Vallarta, Vallarta, Mexico

GOLF — PGA Tour Champions: The Insperity Invitational, Second Round, The Woodlands Country Club - Tournament Course, Woodlands, Texas

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MIXED MARTIAL ARTS

3 p.m. ESPN2 — UFC

Fight Night Prelims: Undercard Bouts, Las Vegas

6 p.m. ESPN — UFC Fight Night Main Card: Rob Font vs. Marlon Vera (Bantam-weights), Las Vegas

MLB BASEBALL

1:15 p.m. BALLY MID-WEST — Arizona at St. Louis

3 p.m. FS1 — LA Angels at Chicago White Sox

6 p.m. FS1 — Philadelphia at NY Mets

6:10 p.m. BALLY**KC — NY Yankees****at Kansas City**

9 p.m. MLBN — Regional Coverage: Detroit at LA Dodgers OR Cincinnati at Colorado (8 p.m.)

NFL FOOTBALL

11 a.m. ABC — The 2022 NFL Draft: Rounds 4-7, Las Vegas

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NFLN — The 2022 NFL Draft: Rounds 4-7, Las Vegas

SOCcer (MEN'S)

6:30 a.m. USA — Premier League: Liverpool at Newcastle United

9 a.m. CNBC — Premier League: Norwich City at Aston Villa

USA — Premier League: Burnley at Watford

11:30 a.m. NBC — Premier League: Manchester City at Leeds United

SOCcer (WOMEN'S)

5:30 a.m. CNBC — FASL: Brighton & Hove Albion at Manchester City

SWIMMING

5 p.m. CNBC — U.S. International Team Trials: Finals, Greensboro, N.C.

TENNIS

4 a.m. TENNIS — Munich-ATP, Estoril-ATP Semifinals; Madrid-WTA Early Rounds

5 a.m. TENNIS — Munich-ATP, Estoril-ATP Semifinals; Madrid-WTA Early Rounds

4 a.m. (Saturday)

TENNIS — Munich-ATP, Estoril-ATP Finals; Madrid-WTA/ATP Early Rounds

TRACK AND FIELD

1 p.m. ESPN2 — The Penn Relays: From Philadelphia

USFL FOOTBALL

3 p.m. FOX — Tampa Bay vs. Houston, Birmingham, Ala.

7 p.m. FOX — Birmingham vs. New Orleans, Birmingham, Ala.

Sunday**ON TAP****COLLEGE SOFTBALL**

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

3 p.m. Jefferson College at State Fair Community

GOLF

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5 p.m. FS1 — NHRA: The Circle K NHRA Four-Wide Nationals, zMAX Dragway, Concord, N.C. (Taped)

BOWLING

11 a.m. FS1 — PBA Playoffs: Quarterfinals, Lake Wales, Fla. (Taped)

COLLEGE BASEBALL

11 a.m. SECN — Kentucky at Florida

Noon ESPN — Mississippi at Arkansas

1 p.m. BTN — Michigan at Purdue

2 p.m. SECN — Mississippi St. at Missouri

3 p.m. ESPNU — UC Irvine at Long Beach St.

8 p.m. PAC-12N — Oregon St. at Utah

COLLEGE LACROSSE**(MEN'S)**

11 a.m. ESPNU — Notre Dame at Syracuse

4:30 p.m. ACCN — North Carolina at Duke

COLLEGE LACROSSE**(WOMEN'S)**

Noon ACCN — Atlantic Coast Tournament: TBD, Semifinal, South Bend, Ind.

2:30 p.m. ACCN — Atlantic Coast Tournament: TBD, Semifinal, South Bend, Ind. (Taped)

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

10 a.m. ACCN — Virginia Tech at Boston College

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ESPN2 — Florida at LSU

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2 p.m. CBS — PGA Tour: The Mexico Open, Final

SOCcer (MEN'S)

6 a.m. CBSSN — SPFL: Rangers at Celtic FC

8 a.m. CBSSN — Serie A: Fiorentina at AC Milan

USA — Premier League: Chelsea at Everton

HOROSCOPES**By Georgia Nicols**

Moon Alert: There are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions today. The Moon is in Taurus.

Happy Birthday for Saturday,**April 30, 2022:**

You have a strong sense of inner peace. You also have a strong appreciation of beauty. You are grounded, and you live in the present. You love your creature comforts. This year it's important to work to create a solid base for yourself and your family, not only for now but in the future.

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)

★★★★ This is a feel-good day! You have a warm feeling in your tummy. You're happy to be alive, and you feel optimistic about your future. With good reason, because lucky Jupiter enters your sign in two weeks to stay until the end of October. Major blessing for you! Tonight: You might find money.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ This is a beautiful day to enjoy the warm friendships of others. You will love hanging out with good friends. You also will enjoy your involvement in clubs and organizations, because everyone is in an upbeat mood and glad to see each other. "Hail fellow, well met!" Tonight: A surprise!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ This is the perfect day to make your pitch to the boss or anyone in a position of authority, including your parents or the police, because you will be well received. People are ready to favor you and grant your wishes. "A boon, kind sir. A boon!" Tonight: Restless.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Travel plans are exciting today! This is because you want to do anything that you can to expand your horizons and experience more of the world. Enjoy meeting people from other cultures. If possible, break free of your rut and do something different! Tonight: An unusual encounter.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ This is a marvelous day for business and commerce. In fact, it's so good, very likely, money, gifts and advantages will come to you today. Some of you might even receive an inheritance. It's the perfect day to ask for a loan or mortgage. Tonight: Heed authority.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Relations with partners and close friends will be warm and friendly today, because Venus is lined up with Jupiter, which is double good fortune! Enjoy the company of others. Enjoy meeting members of the general public. Tonight: Plans change.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ This is definitely your year to discover opportunities to get a better job or improve your existing job. Likewise, you can improve your health. Today is probably one of the most optimal days of the year for you to attain this.

Be open to opportunities. Tonight: Check your finances.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Make plans to socialize, because this is a fun-loving, playful day! Enjoy fun activities with children. Enjoy sports events. Get out and have fun with your friends. This is also a wonderful, romantic day -- a great day for a date. Enjoy the arts. Tonight: Surprise from a friend.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Home, family and your personal life are highly favored today. This is the perfect day to invite family over for a barbecue or some good food and drink. Not only is this a wonderful day to socialize, it's also a great day to explore real estate opportunities! Tonight: Check on your pet.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You are in a marvelous frame of mind today, which is why you will enjoy all your encounters with others. Basically, happy people attract happy people. Not only are you in a positive frame of mind, you have great hopes for your future. Enjoy schmoozing! Tonight: Be vigilant about kids.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Financial opportunities abound today, which is why you must be on the lookout for ways to boost your income or get a better paying job. If shopping, many of you will buy beautiful things that truly please you. Ka-ching! Tonight: Home routine changes.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ In many ways, this will be one of the best days of the year for you, because both Venus and lucky Jupiter are lined up in your sign. This makes you optimistic, eager and outgoing. You'll be friendly with everyone. Romance will sizzle. It's a great day to celebrate! Tonight: Expect the unexpected.

BORN TODAY

Actor Sam Heughan (1980), actress Kirsten Dunst (1982), actress Gal Gadot (1985)



Chicago Bulls guard Zach LaVine, left, drives to the basket past Milwaukee Bucks guard Grayson Allen during the first half of Game 4 of a first-round NBA basketball playoff series, Sunday, April 24, 2022, in Chicago.

PHOTO BY NAM Y. HUH | AP PHOTO

LaVine open to re-signing with Bulls, exploring free agency

By Andrew Seligman

AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — Though he didn't rule out re-signing with the Chicago Bulls, Zach LaVine didn't slam the door on joining another team, either.

The two-time All-Star played it coy. And with that, the offseason took a dramatic turn in Chicago.

LaVine made it clear Friday he plans to explore the market as an unrestricted free agent for the first time in his career, calling it a "big decision" for him and his family. The high-flying guard insisted he is keeping an open mind, as much as he has enjoyed his five seasons in Chicago.

He indicated he intends to meet with other teams when free agency opens, saying: "I plan to enjoy free agency. We're gonna have to experience A through Z without making any fast decisions. I think that's something me and (agent Rich Paul) are gonna go through and experience."

Are the Bulls the leader to sign him? LaVine was noncommittal.

"You guys have been a really, really soft spot in my heart," he said. "I have to do

this as a business decision, as a man, to not just be viewed one way and be like I'm automatically coming back or I'm automatically leaving."

The Bulls got off to a solid start this season en route to a 46-36 record and their first playoff appearance since 2017. But they were hit hard by injuries, with LaVine and guards Lonzo Ball and Alex Caruso and forward Patrick Williams missing significant stretches. They struggled down the stretch and got knocked out 4-1 by defending NBA champion Milwaukee in the first round.

LaVine averaged 24.4 points, made his second straight All-Star team and got his first taste of the playoffs in his eighth year. But it was hardly a smooth season for him.

He dealt with an early thumb injury and was in and out of the lineup the final few months because of a sore left knee. He had plate-let-rich plasma therapy, a cortisone injection and fluid drained from his knee in Los Angeles before the All-Star break.

LaVine also missed the final playoff game after entering the health and safety protocols. He said he tested negative Friday after he "felt

terrible" the first two days.

LaVine said he needs to get his knee back to 100% and he'll have it re-examined soon after he returns home to Los Angeles. As for his contract? The Bulls clearly want to keep him.

"The thing is that we have a relationship with him, he knows exactly what to expect here," executive vice president of basketball operations Arturas Karnisovas said. "We have a really good relationship with him. The last two years have been the best two years of his career, so we'll see what happens."

Karnisovas said the knee problem won't impact negotiations. LaVine's four-year, \$78 million contract is about to expire.

A supermax deal worth about \$245 million over five years appears to be out of reach since he would need to be chosen All-NBA, MVP or Defensive Player of the Year to become eligible. The Bulls can offer a max contract worth more than \$210 million over five years.

But LaVine didn't seem too inclined to give the Bulls a discount so they might have a little more salary-cap flexibility.

"I think it's important to me you get paid what you're

valued at," he said. "I see myself as a top guy in this league. I think I've proven that over the last four years."

He also sees potential for the Bulls to become an elite team. Karnisovas has been aggressive in reshaping the roster since he was hired two years ago, acquiring Nikola Vucevic, DeMar DeRozan, Ball and Caruso as well as drafting Ayo Dosunmu and hiring coach Billy Donovan.

But the injuries last season made it difficult to develop the continuity they needed to compete with the NBA's best. That's a point the players as well as Donovan and Karnisovas mentioned the past two days. A major part of that would be re-signing LaVine.

"I don't think Rome was built in a year," LaVine said. "I don't think you can be a championship-caliber team right off the bat. Maybe some teams are. But it's tough. It's the first time a lot of us made the playoffs. I think it was a really good experience. And not all of us got to really play together due to circumstances of COVID and injury. I definitely think this is a good team and has the potential to be a championship-caliber team."

Last-place Nats on 8-game losing streak: 'It's been tough'

By Howard Fendrich

AP National Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Washington Nationals manager Dave Martinez still sticks to his favorite catch phrases and his familiar optimism, invoking phrases about "going 1-0 today" and "anything can happen."

He recalls, naturally, that when the Nationals were 19-31 early in 2019, "Everybody wrote us off, right?" And he reminds his listeners, of course, that a World Series title eventually arrived that fall.

And yet, as his club prepared to embark on a nine-game road trip scheduled to begin Friday night at the San Francisco Giants, even the man of the perpetually sunny disposition allowed this assessment: "I'm not going to lie. It's been tough."

Those words came after a 3-2 loss to the visiting Miami Marlins on Thursday wrapped up a three-game sweep, which followed a three-game sweep against San Francisco last week, which came after two losses to close a series against the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Add it all up and that's eight losses in a row for the Nationals, who have managed to push across a total of just 16 runs during that span.

Overall, Washington is off to a 6-15 start, on a trajec-

tory to finish last in the NL East for the third straight time. Here's how bad the rebuilding Nationals are in the scheme of things: The only club with fewer wins in the major leagues at the moment is the Cincinnati Reds.

"It's been a tough week or so for us here," said Patrick Corbin, the left-hander who signed a six-year, \$140 million contract as a free agent before 2019 and was a key component of that championship squad in rotation and bullpen in the postseason, but has struggled since.

Not too many folks are witnessing this display in the District, however:

Announced attendance at Nationals Park during the just-concluded homestand averaged 18,553, and included a worst-turnout-since-the-Expos-moved-to-Washington of 9,261 for one game.

Baseball has a lot of ups and downs. It's tough when things aren't going well for everybody," Corbin said.

"You try to do more — and sometimes doing less is best."

Corbin was not the biggest problem in Thursday's loss, even if it left him with an 0-4 record and an 8.69 ERA.

There was the defense that made two errors.

There was the bullpen that allowed two inherited

runners to score in the sev-

enth, one via a wild pitch.

And there was an offense that produced merely four hits — zero from Juan Soto (currently batting .243 with three RBIs all season) or Nelson Cruz (hitting .160). Soto walked in his last two at-bats Thursday, including with a runner in scoring position in the eighth, and while Martinez constantly praises the 2020 NL batting champion's patience at the plate, the skipper did allow he would prefer the slugger to be "a little more aggressive" in such situations.

"I've been staying up. I've been looking at a bunch of different things, trying to get guys better," Martinez said. "Throughout our lineup, there's no consistent at-bats. ... We're not getting that big hit. We're not having that big inning. We need to start swinging the bats a little bit better."

Starting center fielder Victor Robles is batting .152. Shortstop Elcides Escobar is at .123 and was replaced in the lineup the past two games by rookie Lucius Fox, who is 0 for 20 — and whose list of misadventures includes vomiting on the field during Sunday's loss, a throwing error in the third inning Thursday, when he also was picked off first base after walking.

Among the recent lowlights: Two Nationals baserunners were thrown out at the plate on consecutive plays in Tuesday's 5-2 loss to Miami.



Washington Nationals manager Dave Martinez looks on from the dugout before a baseball game against the Miami Marlins, Wednesday, April 27, 2022, in Washington.

PHOTO BY NICK WASS | AP PHOTO

Should the issues persist for Cruz, there could be consequences for what general manager Mike Rizzo likes to term his "reboot," because the 41-year-old designated hitter presumably would draw less in return if shipped away at the trade deadline.

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Taylor vs Serrano at MSG is a main event for women's boxing

By Brian Mahoney

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Back when Katie Taylor had to pretend she was a boy so she could box, or even not long ago when Amanda Serrano was fighting for thousands of dollars with a resume that in men's boxing would earn her many millions, it was hard to imagine where they are now.

They meet Saturday night in what has been called the most significant women's boxing match ever, the first to headline Madison Square Garden. At stake are the unbeaten Taylor's four lightweight titles, but this bout goes beyond just the belts.

It's grown even bigger than what organizers hoped, with a sold-out crowd possible, the Empire State Building lighting up in the colors of the fighters' countries and unprecedented media attention for women's boxing. Those involved say it proves that if the best fight the best, with the proper promotional push, it doesn't matter what gender they are.

"Women's boxing wasn't even a sanctioned sport in Ireland," Taylor said. "Now here we are many years later headlining Madison Square Garden, the most iconic venue in boxing, and making history as the biggest fight in female boxing history. This is just incredible."

Taylor (20-0, 6 KOs) became the undisputed champion with a victory at the Garden in 2019, while Serrano (42-1-1 30 KOs), a champion in seven weight classes who moves up two divisions for this fight, has fought in the smaller Hulu Theater at MSG, but never in the main arena.

Organizers at first considered the Hulu Theater for this fight, but after deciding



Boxers Amanda Serrano, second from right, and Katie Taylor, second from left, pose for pictures with promoters Eddie Hearn, left, and Jake Paul on the observation deck of the Empire State Building in New York, Tuesday, April 26, 2022. Taylor and Serrano will become the first two female fighters to headline a boxing match at Madison Square Garden when they fight on Saturday for the World Lightweight title.

PHOTO BY SETH WENIG | AP PHOTO

it was big enough for the big room, planned on configuring the venue for around 10,000 seats. They had to make more available when those were all purchased. About 15,000 already have been sold, with a significant number of Irish fans coming to support the 2012 Olympic gold medalist.

There will be plenty more for Serrano, a Puerto Rican who lives in Brooklyn and is a slight favorite, according to FanDuel Sportsbook.

"I can't wait until Saturday night to prove that we're deserving of this opportunity, of this spotlight, just everything all together," Serrano said.

Promoter Eddie Hearn sees it as a culmination of Taylor's quest to never stop trying to do more than what seemed possible for her. She

would wear headgear into and out of the gym to conceal her appearance and not use her first name when she began fighting, because girls weren't allowed to in Ireland. He credits her with pushing the International Olympic Committee to make women's boxing a medal sport and for always seeking the biggest events once she turned pro.

"When Katie came into my office six years ago, we had a dream and we always said, 'One day you'll headline at Madison Square Garden and make a million dollars,' and I'm thinking probably not, but we'll just keep saying it," Hearn said. "And here we are."

Serrano, despite her decorated career, was earning \$5,000 or \$10,000 purses not long ago, according to pro-

moter Jake Paul. But once she hooked up with Paul, the YouTube star-turned boxer and promoter, and fighting on his cards, she went to another tax bracket as easily as she bounces between weight classes.

"To think that we are here a year later is massive," Paul said, adding that the event's hype "feels like a unification of the heavyweight division."

Talks fell through for a match a couple of years ago, when they would have fought with no fans because of the coronavirus pandemic. Serrano — whose sister, Cindy, was beat by Taylor in 2018 — figured there was too much demand for the matchup to not be put back together.

"I was pretty confident the fight was going to happen, but not at this magnitude,"

she said.

Taylor and Serrano are featured on a billboard in Times Square and atop taxis in New York. They appeared together earlier this week on NBC's "Today" show and on the observation deck of the Empire State Building,

which on Saturday will be lit in a mixture of Ireland's green and orange, and the red, white and blue of Puerto Rico. Some 200 members of the media are expected a couple of blocks away that night inside MSG.

"This is reflective of a broader trend in sport," said Joseph Markowski, the executive vice president of DAZN, which will stream the card. "People are starting to realize that women, when they're given the platform, the marketing, the PR polish that their male counterparts

get, the eyeballs come. When the eyeballs come, people are entertained and amazed by what these athletes do. This is long overdue."

Trailblazing women's athletes such as tennis Hall of Famer Billie Jean King and boxers Laila Ali and Christy Martin have gotten in on the promotion. Ali's father fought the most famous boxing match at Madison Square Garden, with Joe Frazier beating Muhammad Ali in their first fight in 1971.

Now it's Taylor and Serrano who will write boxing history in the arena.

"No matter what happens Saturday night, I think the real winners are the fans and women in general and the sport of women's boxing, because it's only going to grow from now on," Serrano said.

New bid provides late twist to enforced sale of Chelsea

By Rob Harris

AP Global Soccer Writer

A late bid to buy Chelsea was launched by British billionaire Jim Ratcliffe on Friday even as the sale process was reaching its end-game with the selection of a preferred bidder for the English Premier League club.

Ratcliffe, who has an existing portfolio of sports investments, ruled out joining the bidding when Roman Abramovich was forced to put Chelsea up for sale after being sanctioned by the British government in March over his ties to President

Vladimir Putin following the invasion of Ukraine.

But Ratcliffe has bid 2.5 billion pounds (\$3.1 billion) — around the same price being offered by rival investors — while also pledging to invest 1.75 billion pounds (\$2.2 billion) in the 2021 Champions League winner over the next 10 years to try to maintain the successes enjoyed during Abramovich's 19 years as owner.

Chelsea is among Abramovich's frozen assets which is allowed to continue operating as a business only under terms set by the British government, which

would have to grant a license to approve the sale and ensure the oligarch did not benefit financially.

The sale is being overseen by a New York-based merchant bank, the Raine Group, which had no immediate comment on reports — first by the Wall Street Journal — that LA Dodgers part owner Todd Boehly is the leading contender for Chelsea. Swiss billionaire Hansjorg Wyss and Jonathan Goldstein, a London-based property investor who is CEO of Cain International, are also involved in the consortium hoping to enter into

exclusive talks.

The group led by Boston Celtics co-owner Steve Pagliuca said it was informed on Friday that it was not chosen among the preferred bidders.

A third bid was fronted by former Liverpool chairman Martin Broughton.

It was not immediately clear how Ratcliffe's bid would be considered.

Ratcliffe, the chairman of chemical giant INEOS, owns European teams Nice and Lausanne as well as a cycling team and Britain's America's Cup sailing team.

INEOS said 2.5 billion

pounds (\$3.1 billion) of the bid is committed to a charitable trust to help victims of the war in Ukraine, although it is unclear if the buyers can determine where the proceeds of the sale go based on the government license.

"This is a British bid, for a British club," INEOS said.

"We are making this investment as fans of the beautiful game — not as a means to turn a profit," INEOS added in a statement. "We do that with our core businesses. The club is rooted in its community and its fans. And it is our intention to invest in Chelsea FC for

that reason."

Chelsea has won 21 trophies in 19 years under Abramovich, relying on his lavish investment to become one of Europe's most successful clubs.

"We will continue to invest in the team to ensure we have a first-class squad of the world's greatest players, coaches and support staff, in the men's and women's games," INEOS said in a statement. "And we hope to continue to invest in the academy to provide opportunity for talented youngsters to develop into first class players."

Chargers-Chiefs will be first Thursday night game on Amazon

By Joe Reedy

AP Sports Writer

Los Angeles Chargers quarterback Justin Herbert will visit Patrick Mahomes and the Kansas City Chiefs on Sept. 15 in the first game on Amazon Prime Video's "Thursday Night Football" package.

The Week 2 matchup between AFC West rivals was announced on Thursday during the first round of the NFL draft.

Amazon will pay \$1 billion a season to carry the games for 11 years. Prime Video will carry 15 regular-season and one pre-season game. They will be available on stations in the participating teams' markets, which is the same practice

when they are on ESPN and NFL Network.

NBC has the opening game of the season and also Thanksgiving night. The final week of the regular season has two games on Saturday and the remaining 14 on Sunday.

Al Michaels and Kirk Herbstreit will be the announcing team for the "Thursday Night Football" games. Michaels moves to Prime from NBC while Herbstreit will pull double duty. He will do NFL games for Prime and remain ESPN's lead college football analyst.

The league announced last week that the complete schedule will be released on May 12. However, international games will be revealed

on May 4 with other notable matchups being announced the week of May 9.

This will be the fourth time in five seasons that the AFC West rivals have had one of their games in prime time. They met last year on Thanksgiving night in Week 15 when Kansas City won 34-28 in overtime. They also had a Thursday night game in 2018 and a Monday night matchup in 2019 in Mexico City.

The Chiefs and Chargers have split their regular-season matchups the past two seasons. Last season, Kansas City (13-6) made its fourth straight trip to the AFC Championship game before losing to Cincinnati in overtime.

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Bowman looks to defend Hendrick dominance at Monster Mile

By Dan Gelston

AP Sports Writer

DOVER, Del. (AP) — Sure, it was bright on Monday for the Hendrick Motorsports team photo filled with virtually every employee, drivers and the four cars that swept the top four spots last year at Dover. Sun or not, bleary-eyed race winner Alex Bowman needed his shades.

"It was a little bit rough," Bowman said with a laugh. "Sunday night was a good celebration with me and my team. We got a cool picture. But I have sunglasses on for a reason. It was an enjoyable time."

Bowman led a Hendrick pack that found a little slice of history at the Monster Mile with the 1-2-3-4 finish a year ago. Kyle Larson led a race-high 263 laps and finished second, Chase Elliott was third and William Byron fourth. Hendrick Motorsports won its 267th NASCAR race and now has a record 284 wins headed into Sunday's race.

Hendrick joined Peter DePaolo Racing (1956 at Titusville and 1957 at North Wilkesboro) and Roush Fenway Racing (2005 Homestead-Miami Speedway) as the only race teams to claim the top four spots in a Cup Series race.

"I was definitely glad to have the bragging rights at being in the front of that," Bowman said.

A year later, Hendrick wouldn't surprise anyone if it snagged the first four spots again.

Ross Chastain of Trackhouse Racing has emerged as the surprise of the sea-

son with two wins over the first 10 Cup races but Hendrick has four. Bowman won the third race of the season in Las Vegas, has six top-10 finishes and has followed up a career-best four wins in 2021 with the type of effort that should stamp him in the championship picture.

"You always want more but we're trying our best to keep that consistency through the summer," he said. "I think we've been doing a good job so far. Just need to keep digging."

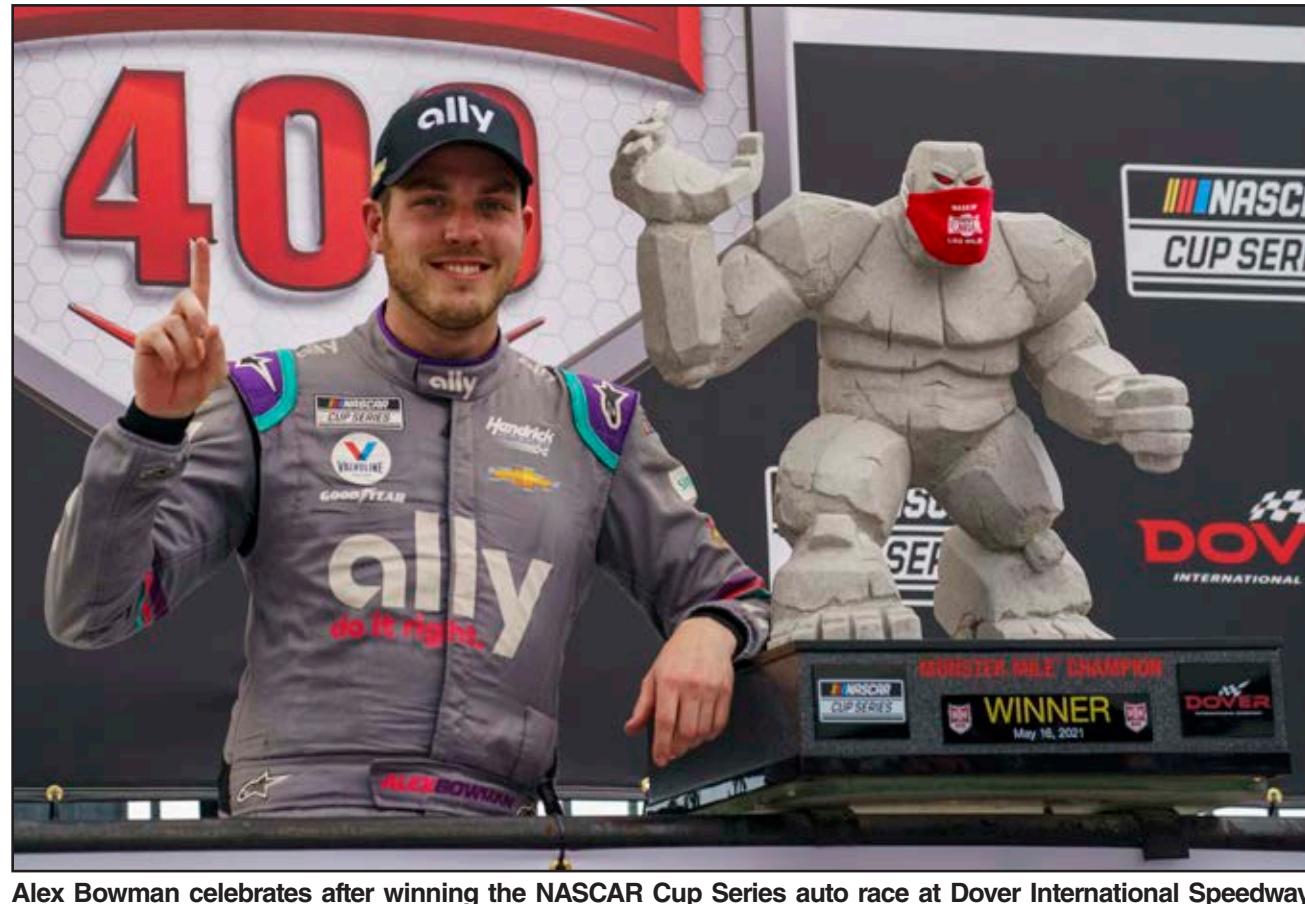
Bowman drives the No. 48 Chevrolet, the same number and manufacturer that former Hendrick driver Jimmie Johnson used on his way toward a track-record 11 wins. Bowman said after his win he tried to run "the Jimmie Johnson line" on the concrete mile track. But the old playbook doesn't work anymore as NASCAR

moved this season to its "Next Gen" car and takes it to Dover for the first time.

"Your notebook is out the window," Bowman said. "I wouldn't have predicted that it did what it did in Martinsville. I think while it is hard to pass, we've run up front there from really deep in the field."

No matter the car through the years, Hendrick is usually the betting favorite to win at Dover for a reason. Thanks in large part to Johnson, HMS has 21 wins at Dover. Hall of Famer and current Hendrick executive Jeff Gordon won five times at the Monster Mile.

Speaking of Gordon, how is he settling in during his first season as



Alex Bowman celebrates after winning the NASCAR Cup Series auto race at Dover International Speedway, Sunday, May 16, 2021, in Dover, Del. NASCAR heads this weekend to the Monster Mile where Alex Bowman is the defending race winner at the track rebranded as Dover Motor Speedway.

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vice chairman at Hendrick?

"He's riding his one-wheeler in the parking lot, the last I saw," Bowman said. "He didn't know how to stop. I was driving next to him and I was like, I've got to get out of here. I can't be responsible for anything that happens here. Hopefully he's off of that thing and back at his desk."

TRUEX'S FUTURE

Martin Truex Jr. is hashing out details of a new contract with Joe Gibbs Racing. Any concern by the 2017 NASCAR Cup Series champion he won't return to JGR next season?

"No, none at all," Truex said Friday. "Work in progress, I guess."

Truex, who in his 17th

full Cup season, remained optimistic a new deal would be reached for at least one more season driving for Joe Gibbs. Truex joined JGR in 2019 and has 12 of his 31 career Cup wins over that span. The 41-year-old Truex signed a multi-year agreement with JGR before the 2021 Daytona 500 and remained in the four-car stable.

Truex is part of a lineup at JGR alongside veterans Denny Hamlin, a three-time Daytona 500 winner, two-time Cup champion Kyle Busch and and Christopher Bell, who is in his second full season with the team.

Busch, who will lose sponsor Mars Corp. at the end of the season,

expressed unhappiness last week at Talladega he does not have a contract for 2023: "I'm not getting antsy about it. If it happens, it happens. If it don't, it don't. Goodbye."

Truex said he doesn't share Busch's concerns about his future with the team.

"I think we're in different situations," he said. "We haven't talked about it. So I'm not sure what kind of situation he's in. We're in a good place. It's just a matter of figuring out all the details."

Truex, who won four times last season and finished second in the championship standings, has yet to win in 10 races this season. He won his first career Cup race at

Dover in 2007 and added wins in 2016 and 2019.

"I definitely don't have a lot more years to go," Truex said. "It's just hard. Some days I'm having fun, some days I'd like a break."

ODDS AND ENDS

Kyle Larson is a 5-1 favorite to win Sunday, per FanDuel Sportsbook. Larson won Dover's last fall race in October 2019. He

has 12 top-12 finishes with 880 laps led - the most he has led at a single track. ... Eagles DE Brandon Graham, former Eagles QB Ron Jaworski and country music star Jimmie Allen will be on hand Sunday. Actor Ryan Phillippe, a Delaware native, is the pace car driver.

Column: May deaths of Katie, Sarah and Lauren not be in vain

By Paul Newberry

AP Sports Columnist

There's been a lot of talk about the mental health struggles that many young athletes face, the pressures and expectations that can seem overwhelming — especially to those who feel compelled to shield their pain from the outside world.

Let's keep the conversation going.

There's so many more to reach, so many more who need to know they're not alone.

Sadly, it won't come soon enough to help three female college athletes who took their own lives in the past two months, leaving behind unbearable grief for their family and friends and inevitable questions about what could've been done to show how much they had to live for.

Katie Meyer was a soccer goalkeeper who helped Stanford win a national championship.

Sarah Shulze was a runner at Wisconsin who earned All-Big Ten academic honors in track and cross country.

Lauren Bennett was a catcher on the James Madison softball team who had just been picked as the Colonial Athletic Association's player of the week.

All three, gone.

This is not to ask why, as perplexing as that

question may be to so many of us who weren't privy to what any of them were going through.

Instead, let's renew our commitment to helping those in need, to be ever-vigilant for even the slightest sign that someone is struggling, to approach them with love and compassion rather than judgment and condemnation.

That approach is especially important to those who are such accomplished athletes.

As we've learned from athletes including Olympic gold medal gymnast Simone Biles and tennis star Naomi Osaka, one's worth as a human being shouldn't be determined by wins and losses.

"There's always this need to ask, 'Why? Why? Why?'" said Jane Timmons-Mitchell, an associate clinical professor of psychology at Case Western Reserve

University in Cleveland. "I put a bigger emphasis on the, 'What?' What can we do about it? How can we be the most help and the most effective."

To that end, when someone is pondering whether to end their life, she said, it's vital "just to empathize with what they're going through, to try to get around to their side of things, to look at it through their eyes so we can find a way to help them."

"Above all other things,

Meyer was 22 when she committed suicide at her campus residence on March 1.

On the field, she memorably thwarted two penalty shots to help the Cardinal defeat North Carolina in the 2019 national championship game. In the classroom, she was a senior majoring in international relations.

Her father, Steve Meyer, told NBC's Today show that she was possibly distraught over the prospect of disciplinary action from the university for "defending a teammate on campus over an incident."

Whatever the case, the suicide left a hole for her loved ones that will never truly heal.

"We're struggling right now," her mother, Gina Meyer, told Today. "We are struggling to know what happened, and why it happened. We're just heartbroken, so heartbroken."

Shulze was 21 when she took her life on April 13. In addition to her success as an athlete and student, family members said she had interned with the Wisconsin state legislature and volunteered as a poll worker during the 2020 presidential election.

"Balancing athletics, academics and the demands of everyday life overwhelmed her in a single, desperate moment," her family said in a statement.

Sarah was a power for good in the world."

Bennett was the 20-year-old cleanup hitter for the James Madison softball team. On Monday, she was honored as CAA player of the week for batting .778 with

seven RBIs and four runs in a three-game weekend sweep of Drexel that pulled the Dukes within a game of league-leading Delaware.

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For female student-athletes, there can be additional stresses such as

eating disorders, brought on by issues over weight and body image.

"We know female athletes are at higher risk for eating disorders," said Dr. Jessica Moore, a psychiatrist at Dallas' UT Southwestern Medical Center who has published research on the stresses of college life. "If you have an untreated eating disorder, you're much more at risk for suicide attempts."

Like Timmons-Mitchell, Moore said it's more important to address the societal barriers that can affect mental health treatment, rather than scrutinizing an individual, often-isolated decision to take one's life.

"Why?" is a complicated question, and it's likely multi-faceted," Moore said Friday in a telephone interview. "It's more helpful to think about what systemic things might play a role. How do we improve access to care? How can we ensure that someone is not being stigmatized for seeking help? How can we ensure they have time to go to

counseling appointments in order to get help?"

The COVID-19 pandemic only exacerbated the mental health struggles that many college students were already facing.

Student-athletes were certainly not immune to the devastating impact.

"One of the things that goes on in a pandemic is the incredible isolation," Timmons-Mitchell said.

"For athletes, they may begin to feel that their only contact with others is through their competitive venture. Even as much as you may love it ... you can begin to feel that's your only identity."

"It's really the perfect storm."

We can only hope that others aren't swept away by that storm. Come July, the country is set to launch a new 988 number for the suicide prevention hotline, which should make it easier for those in need to get help.

In the meantime, let's keep talking about Katie. And Sarah. And Lauren.

May their deaths not be in vain.

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Chiefs

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The Chiefs had a pressing need at cornerback after Charvarius Ward left for the 49ers in free agency. But they were expected to address the position with one of their original first-round picks or in the second or third round, rather than making an aggressive jump up the board for one of the top players the position.

McDuffie was the third cornerback taken after the Texans selected LSU's Derek Stingley Jr. at No. 3 and the Jets grabbed Cincinnati's Ahmad Gardner No. 4. The Bills took Florida cornerback Kaiir Elam two picks after Kansas City.

"Very seldom do you have the highest player on the board at that time for us, and it's a position of need," Chiefs coach Andy Reid said, "and that's when you try to go up and get a guy."

It was the first time the Chiefs chose a cornerback in the first or second round since 2015, when they took Marcus Peters out of Washington at No. 18.

overall. But unlike Peters, whose character questions in college followed him to Kansas City, the 21-year-old McDuffie has earned rave reviews for his leadership and maturity.

McDuffie's job in the new-look Kansas City secondary, where safety Justin Reid was signed in free agency to replace All-Pro safety Mathieu, should be made a little easier with Karlaftis getting after the quarterback.

The native of Greece, who moved to the U.S. when he was 13 and picked up football relatively late, had 39 tackles and 4 1/2 sacks for the Boilermakers last season. Karlaftis wound up with 14 sacks and 29 tackles-for-loss during his three seasons in West Lafayette, and is a natural fit for the 4-3 scheme run in Kansas City.

"I've only played football for six or seven years now," he said. "I feel like my best football is ahead of me."

The Chiefs had just 31 sacks last season, better only than three other teams in the NFL.

"I get after the quarterback. I stop the run. I feel like I'm a three-down player

that can do anything and everything asked of them," Karlaftis said. "I had some meetings with the Chiefs and just couldn't have asked to be in a better situation."

Most expected Veach and Co. to chase one of the top wide receivers in the first round after dealing three-time All-Pro Tyreek Hill to the Dolphins for a package of draft picks earlier this off-season. But they've already plugged the hole in part by signing JuJu Smith-Schuster and Marquez Valdes-Scantling, and they still have plenty of picks at their disposal.

Their trade with the Patriots, sending them No. 94 and No. 121, allowed the Chiefs to keep their two second-round picks at No. 50 and No. 62. The Chiefs also have a third-round pick at No. 103 on Friday night, along with a fourth-rounder and four picks in the seventh round when the draft concludes on Saturday.

"As much as I love Thursday, our staff loves Friday and Saturday even more," Veach said. "This is when we have a lot of fun the next few days and I'm looking forward to it."

steady pace."

The fastest she's run the 3,200-meter this season has been 11:48. Her time at state last season was 11:23.

"For the two-mile, it's always faster at the end of the year. At [the postseason events], you run it before everything else, so you're fresh. That always takes a lot of time off. When state comes around and I'm running less, my body's more recovered. You feel so much better and cut seconds off."

In the junior high division, Cole Camp won the girls' meet and Tipton's boys ended first.

kids, and for them to keep working for weeks without those meets, they've done phenomenal."

Smithton's Riley Bryan won the 800 and 1,600-meter runs, as well as the 3,200-meter run, the event in which she's the defending Class 1 state champion. She finished that event in 12:37.79

"I wasn't giving it my everything," said Bryan. "Since it's the conference meet, I was kind of stacked [running those events], and I usually don't do the 800. It's been a pretty long day, so I decided I'd just keep a

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Decline

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Ferrell was picked fourth overall despite being projected far lower in the first round and never developed into a consistent player. While he showed some positive signs playing against the run, he struggled mightily as a pass rusher and had eight sacks in his first three seasons.

He was relegated to a backup role last season when he played less than one-quarter of the defensive snaps.

Jacobs had the most production out of the group, rushing for more than 1,000 yards in each of his first two seasons after being drafted 24th overall and making the Pro Bowl in 2020.

He was hampered by a string of nagging injuries over his career and didn't offer a lot as a receiver or as a big-play back with just five runs of at least 20 yards the past two seasons. Jacobs ran for 872 yards and nine TDs in 2021.

Abram missed almost his entire rookie season with a shoulder injury after being drafted 27th overall in 2019 and struggled in pass defense the past two years before getting hurt again late in 2021.

Abram had some bright moments playing closer to the line of scrimmage last season, but is a poor fit for new coordinator Patrick Graham's defense that relies heavily on two deep safeties.

The blown first-round picks have been a recurring theme for the Raiders with only one of their eight

first-round picks from 2016-20 getting their fifth-year option picked up or an extension.

The Raiders let 2016 first-rounder Karl Joseph leave after four seasons, traded away 2017 first-rounder Gareon Conley halfway through his third season and released 2020 first-rounders Henry Ruggs III and Damon Arnette last year over off-field issues. Ruggs was charged with felony DUI in a crash that killed a woman and Arnette threatened someone with a gun in a social media post.

Las Vegas' top pick in 2021, Alex Leatherwood, struggled as a rookie at both right tackle and guard and his future is uncertain.

The Raiders traded away their first-round pick this year for All-Pro receiver Davante Adams.

Pelicans have a \$200 million decision to make on Williamson

By Les East

Associated Press

METAIRIE, La. (AP)

— Zion Williamson says he'll jump at the chance to sign an extension with the New Orleans Pelicans this summer.

It doesn't sound certain that one will be offered.

And that is the \$200 million — give or take — question that the Pelicans face this offseason, whether to offer the former No.

1 overall pick a lucrative extension that would kick in starting with the 2023-24 season, or roll the dice and see if he can get healthy enough to be a contributor to a team that believes it has a bright future.

"When it's time to have that (conversation), we'll have it," Pelicans vice president of basketball operations David Griffin said.

"Right now what we're focused on is him being healthy, and kind of elite condition to play basketball and we'll start there. I think once we get to that point, all those conversations get a lot easier."

Williamson played in 24 games as a rookie, then 65 games in his second year — and zero games this season, when the Pelicans overcame a 1-12 start to finish 36-46, then win two

play-in games and make the Western Conference quarterfinals. He's had knee issues, his weight has been a concern, and a fractured foot was the issue this season.

"I wouldn't be able to sign it fast enough," Williamson said when asked if he would sign an extension.

It's a major decision for the Pelicans, who obviously would love to add a player of Williamson's enormous skill level to a core that took the top-seeded Phoenix Suns to six games in the playoffs.

There is excitement in New Orleans about the finish, and the future, and rightly so.

"Words cannot describe how excited I am," Pelicans coach Willie Green said Friday, when the team held its end-of-season meetings before dispersing for the summer. "I'm ready to get right back to work."

The question is when Williamson will be ready to work.

The No. 1 overall pick in the 2019 draft and an All-Star last season said Friday that he could have been in the Pelicans' lineup down the stretch this season, but he and the organization "decided longevity was better than trying to rush back."

Williamson was speak-

ing to reporters for the first time since media day last September. During his silence questions arose about whether he was unhappy in New Orleans.

"I can't control rumors," Williamson said. "Anybody who knows me knows I want to be here."

Griffin said Williamson is a few weeks away from his next evaluation, which the Pelicans hope will result in restrictions being removed from the player's workout routine.

Williamson acknowledged he was in "a mentally bad space" at times during the season because of the frustration due to his slow-healing injury.

He didn't initially reach out to CJ McCollum, whom the Pelicans acquired along with Larry Nance Jr. and Tony Snell in a February trade.

Williamson said he texted McCollum, a 10-year veteran whose arrival fueled New Orleans' late-season surge, to apologize for not reaching out sooner.

"CJ was cool about it," Williamson said. "He's a great dude. The short amount of time I have been around him, I've learned so much from him. Great teammate. I'm excited to get on the court with him. I'm in a great space now."

Mavs move on to Suns, reminding Kidd a bit of their past

By Brian Mahoney

AP Basketball Writer

Luka Doncic and his

teammates remind Jason Kidd a little of the last Dallas Mavericks team to advance in the playoffs.

The coach now was the point guard then when the Mavericks had split the first four games of the 2011 playoffs against the Portland Trail Blazers. He recalls people thinking Dallas might not even get out of that series.

Instead, the Mavericks won the next two games and never looked back. They swept the two-time defending NBA champion Lakers in the next round and ended up winning the

title themselves by beating Miami in the NBA Finals.

This year, Dallas again started 2-2, then won two straight to get by the Utah Jazz with a 98-96 victory on Thursday night. The current Mavericks don't have the experience and may not have the talent of his title team, but Kidd said they are a special group.

"They truly believe, small or big — we're not very big — but they find a way to win and they have fun doing it," Kidd said. "And hopefully this gives us confidence going against the best team in the NBA right now."

That would be the Phoenix Suns, the No. 1 seed after finishing 64-18 for the NBA's best record. They also wrapped up their series with a Game 6 victory on Thursday in New Orleans and will host the Mavericks in Game 1 of the Western Conference semifinals on Monday.

"I think we're going to have to play our best basketball," Doncic said. "They were in the finals last

year, No. 1 team this year, so it's going to be really tough. The crowd really gets them going, so I think we're going to have to play our best basketball to beat them."

Doncic always plays well in the postseason, but it hadn't resulted in a series victory yet. The Mavericks lost to the Los Angeles Clippers in each of the last two years, even though he averaged more than 31 points in both.

The Mavs had to open this series without their All-Star, who missed the first three games with a calf strain sustained on the final day of the regular season. Once he returned, he averaged 29 points and 10.7 rebounds.

Unlike those previous series, when it appeared sometimes Doncic had to do it all alone, he shared the scoring load against the Jazz. Jalen Brunson followed his best NBA season — and set himself up to cash in nicely in the offseason — by averaging 27.8 points.

Assault

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"Our girls game in off a conference championship last year, so our plan was to repeat," Stover head coach Renee Pace said. "This has been a tough season, and I know it's been tough for everybody, but the weather has not been in our favor; our junior high kids have had twice as many meets as our high school kids have had. This is meet No. 3 and 4 for some of our

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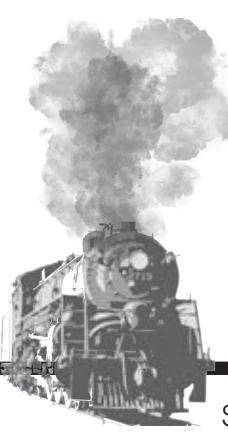
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Opening the door on a new Democrat chapter

I'm officially the ninth and final editor to lead a Democrat newsroom at 700 S. Massachusetts Ave.

By the time you read this, we will no longer be operating on Massachusetts Avenue. If you're reading it over the weekend, our staff is moving everything to our new home at 111 W. Fourth St., which will open Monday morning.

It's been a long journey to get here. Talks of finding a new building had been happening for a while. Then came building shopping. Finally, we landed on the former Sedalia Water Department building, and thanks to a Sedalia City Council vote, we became the new owners late last year. Ever since, we've been planning, cleaning, packing and preparing for our new home, all on top of our usual job; you know, putting out a newspaper five days a week. We've had a construction crew renovating the first floor of the new building. They've put in new flooring and drywall, plus painted everything, and discovered some old exposed brick we decided to keep as a feature.

I'm sad to leave our 55-year-old building and all the history it houses, but I'm also ready to be done with the moving process and never say the words "Saturday office clean-out" ever again.

Sitting in the editor's office has always been an honor, but when you're in the newsroom every day, focused more on the task at hand than your surroundings, it's easy to forget exactly what this office represents. Starting with George H. Scruton Jr., nine of us have looked out into the newsroom from the editor's office. As a former Democrat employee who stopped by on Friday said to me, it's fascinating to think about the decisions made inside these four walls. I've personally learned so much from several of those editors, either as a boss or as a mentor.

While many of those editors spent either all or a majority of their time at the Democrat in the editor's office, my time in the newsroom started in a cubicle.

I still remember when I walked into 700 S. Massachusetts Ave. for my job interview with Editor Dennis Rich and City Reporter Emily Jarrett (now Schmidt). Walking into the building for the first time was a blur, but apparently, I made a good first impression. The Democrat and all the people who make up this business definitely have made a lasting impression on me.

Since then, I've written a few thousand stories and edited thousands more. I've interviewed everyone from celebrities and politicians to city employees, first responders, teachers, and everyday citizens who had a story to tell. I've had two editors, then became an editor myself and hired several



Nicole Cooke
Democrat Editor

reporters and interns who've helped me share those important stories.

This building is where I met one of my best friends. Emily Schmidt started as a colleague who showed me the ropes in my first professional reporting job (there are still a few writing tips she gave me that will forever be stuck in my head) and became a close friend. I was her maid of honor and threw the baby shower for her now 2-year-old.

It's also where I met the wonderful Hope Lecchi. Our staff has spent nearly every Saturday for the past two months cleaning out the building, and each time, I can't help but wonder what Hope would have to say about it or which historical item she'd decide to keep (for those who knew her, we all know the answer is "all of it"). A few Saturdays ago, reporter Faith Bemiss stumbled upon one of Hope's business cards as it fell out of a random notebook that was nowhere near Hope's former desk. We decided it was a sign Hope has been with us through this crazy moving journey.

I wish people outside this building knew what the inside of it means to those of us who have lived this local journalism life. It's more than an aging brick building where people go to work. We work countless hours to ensure important information is being shared with the public. Some weeks, I probably spent more time here than at my own home. We miss some of our own important moments so we can cover yours. And when you spend that much time together, sometimes covering tough topics, you become closer than you realized when you decided to become a Democrat reporter.

As I type this on my laptop in my office, the walls are bare and most of my work belongings are packed away, as neatly as I could manage, into boxes and storage totes, just waiting to be unpacked a half-mile down the road in my new office. I'm leaving behind old court documents I don't need, wood paneling and a half-working heater, but I'm bringing the memories with me.

While I'm the last of nine to walk out of the editor's office on Massachusetts, I'll be the first one to open the door to the new editor's office on Fourth Street. It's an honor and a privilege I don't take lightly. And while I will wholeheartedly miss everything 700 S. Massachusetts represents, I'm excited to be a part of a new chapter in the Democrat's history.

Moving forward

Democrat staff spends months preparing for new location



Democrat pressman Nelson Lakey walks by the press Friday, March 11 as the last edition of the Sedalia Democrat is printed at 700 S. Massachusetts Ave. The Democrat is now printed at Nowata Printing in Springfield, which is owned by the Democrat's parent company, Phillips Media Group.

PHOTOS BY NICOLE COOKE | DEMOCRAT



Mailroom Manager Kathy Booze looks over one of the first copies of the night as the mailroom crew awaits papers from the press Friday, March 11.



Papers roll off the Democrat's press for the last time Friday, March 11 for the Saturday, March 12 edition.



Mailroom Manager Kathy Booze stacks a bundle of papers as mailroom employee Jeremy Jackson places another set of papers into the inserter Friday, March 11.



Pressman Donnie McCreary checks a copy of the Saturday, March 12 edition of the Democrat as he walks through the pressroom Friday, March 11.

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SEDALIA SENIOR CENTER MENU

The menu at the Sedalia Senior Center for May 2-6 includes:

Monday

Chicken salad on croissant, fruit salad, broccoli salad, croissant, and a chocolate chip cookie.

Tuesday

Chicken parme-

san with pasta, peas, baby carrots, garlic bread and an oatmeal cookie.

Wednesday

Hand-pattied Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, wheat roll and cheesecake.

Thursday

Beef soft tacos, stewed tomatoes, refried beans, tortilla and lemon poppy-seed cake.

Friday

Chicken stir fry with rice, stir fry vegetables, cauliflower, wheat roll and cook's feature.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Meals on Wheels is a nonprofit organization that delivers meals to seniors, the homebound and handicapped citizens of Sedalia. The food is prepared by Superior Vendall and is delivered by volunteers. Meals cost \$3. For more information on receiving meals or becoming a volunteer, call 660-826-5039.

Meals will be delivered by Parkview Christian Church.

Monday

Chicken breast filet, potatoes and gravy, peas, banana and milk.

Tuesday

Chili, pimento cheese sandwich, crackers, apple and milk.

Wednesday

Salisbury steak, potatoes and gravy, broccoli, orange and milk.

Thursday

Chicken Alfredo, breadstick, broccoli, California veggie mix, cookie and milk

Friday

Pork chop, posh potatoes, green beans, cake and milk.

BIRTHDAYS

Thomas

Dorothy Darlene Thomas will observe her 92nd birthday May 2.

She was born May 2, 1930.

Dorothy was married to the late Ralph Thomas.

She was a pianist for Sedalia School District 200, and deputy recorder. She enjoyed scrapbooking, sewing, knitting, crocheting, reading and playing the piano for students' weddings, funerals and student competitions.

She has four children, Karis Thomas and Dewayne Thomas, both of Sedalia, Rodney Thomas, of Kearney, and Chris Thomas, of California.

Birthday cards may be sent to Dorothy at the Sylvia G. Thompson

Residence Center, 3333 W. 10th St., Sedalia, Mo. 65301.

Messer

Hannelore Messer will observe her 81st birthday May 5.

She was born May 5, 1941, in Yugoslavia.

Hannelore was a homemaker and a bookkeeper at a machine shop. She enjoyed gardening, flowers, reading and knitting.

She has two children, Debra Gonzales, of Slater, and Vickie Hinnah, of Gilliam.

Birthday cards may be sent to Hannelore at the Sylvia G. Thompson Residence Center, 3333 W. 10th St., Sedalia, Mo. 65301.

BR2GO SCHEDULE

Boonslick Regional Library

Monday

9 a.m.: Hughesville City Hall.
9:15 to 11:30 a.m.: Hughesville

Main Street.

1:30 to 4 p.m.: La Monte City Park.

Wednesday

9 a.m.: La Monte R-IV School.
9:45 a.m.: Green Ridge

Post Office.

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

Friday

9 a.m.: Otterville R-VI School.
9:30 to noon: Smithton Diner.
1 p.m.: Pilot Grove, Katy Manor.
1:30 to 3:30 p.m.: Pillory Grove, Katy Park.

NEW BOOKS

Sedalia Public Library

Fiction

"Summer on the Island," by Brenda Novak.

"The Good Left Undone," by Adriana Trigiani.

"The Echoes," by Jess Montgomery.

"Welcome to the School by the Sea," by Jenny Colgan.

"Blood Sugar," by Sascha Rothchild.

"Pay Dirt Road," by Samantha Jayne Allen.

"Hope Creek," by Janet Dailey.

Nonfiction

"Korean American," by Eric Kim.

"Lies My Mother Told Me: Tall Tales from a Short Woman," by Melissa Rivers.

"The Mothers and Daughters of the Bible Speak," by Shannon Bream.

DVDs

"American Underdog"

"Scream: 2021 Version"

Audiobooks

"Shadows Reel," by C.J. Box.

"Dream Town," by David Baldacci.

POPULAR BOOKS

Boonslick Region- al Library

Fiction

"All the Queen's Men," by S.J. Bennett.

"The Atlas Six," by Olivia Blake.

"The Lightning Rod," by Brad Meltzer.

"The Diamond Eye," by Kate Quinn.

"Citizen K-9," by David Rosenfelt.

"The Cartographers," by Peng Shepherd.

"The Violin Con-

spiracy," by Brend-

an Slocumb.

"High Stakes," by Danielle Steel.

"French Braid," by Anne Tyler.

"This Might Hurt," by Stephanie Wrobel.

Nonfiction

"Home Buying 101: From Mortgages and

the MLS to Making the

Offer and Moving in,

Your Essential Guide

to Buying Your First

Home," by Jon Gorye.

"Unlocking the Keto

Code: The Revolu-

tary New Science

of Keto that Offers

"More Benefits Without Deprivation," by Steven R. Gundry.

"From Hollywood With Love: The Rise

and Fall and Rise Again of the Romantic Comedy," by Scott Meslow.

"Black Ops: The Life

of a CIA Shadow War-

rior," by Ric Prado.

"Life Force: How

New Breakthroughs

in Precision Medicine

can Transform the

Quality of Your Life &

Those You Love," by Tony Robbins.

DIVORCES

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

Brenda L. Harrel-

son and Michael E.

Harrelson;

Maria G. Meek and

Alexander S. Meek;

Elizabeth D. Sykes

and Shelby L. Sykes.

CLUB NOTES



The Pettis County Democrats recently worked to help the community by cleaning up a section of north U.S. Highway 65. On Saturday, they were able to fill a trailer with bags of litter, tires, and other unsightly debris.

PHOTO COURTESY OF PETTIS COUNTY DEMOCRATS

Lost for decades, Dorothy's dress from 'Oz' up for sale

By Deepti Hajela

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — It's one of the most recognizable outfits in American movie history, the blue-and-white checked gingham dress a young Judy Garland wore as Dorothy in the classic 1939 movie "The Wizard of Oz."

For decades, one of the versions of the dress Garland wore in the movie was assumed lost at Catholic University of America, where it had been given to someone in the drama department in the early 1970s. But the clearing out of some office clutter last year led to the finding of the dress in an old shoebox, and now it's headed for the auction block.

When she first saw it, "all I could think about was watching the movie when I was a child and growing up with it," said Jacqueline Leary-Warsaw, dean of the school of music, drama and art at Catholic University, in Washington, D.C. "In a way it was like I was looking at my past childhood."

She and others are hopeful that nostalgia factor will come into play when

the costume goes up for sale at Bonhams "Classic Hollywood: Film and Television" auction on May 24 in Los Angeles, where it has a presale estimate of \$800,000 to \$1.2 million.

Bonhams has the dress on display this week at the auction house's New York location before it is sent to California for public view and then auction.

Helen Hall, director of popular culture for Bonhams, said that the market for memorabilia, and film costumes in particular, is strong, and that "The Wizard of Oz" is a cultural touchstone.

People "very much remember the first time they saw the film, the effect it had on their lives," she said. The film is renowned for its music, its dialogue and its visuals, particularly when Dorothy goes from drab, sepia-colored Kansas to gloriously multicolored Oz.

There was more than one of the costume made for Garland while filming. Hall said that four are known to exist and that only two, including the one found at Catholic University, are with the blouse she wore underneath. Bon-

hams sold the other one with a blouse at an auction in 2015 for more than \$1.5 million.

(There are also some surviving pairs of the ruby slippers Garland wore, with one pair in the collection at the Smithsonian.)

The rediscovered dress had initially been given to Father Gilbert Hartke, who was then head of the university's drama department, in 1973 by actress Mercedes McCambridge, Leary-Warsaw said, although it's not clear how McCambridge came to have it.

Somehow, in the years that followed, the department lost track of the costume until it became "something that people had thought was just a myth," she said. Last year, during preparations for a renovation, a bag containing the blouse was opened, and there it was — though how it got to where it ended up remains a mystery, Leary-Warsaw said.

The dress was in good condition, aside from a piece that had been cut away, while the blouse was more fragile.

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Community Calendar

MAY

Editor's note: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, 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

Each day: AA meets at 417 E. Pettis St.

Noon and 7 p.m.: Alcoholics Anonymous 12x12 Non-smoking group, Sunday through Saturday; at 417 W. Pettis St., sedalia12x12aa@gmail.com.

1:30 p.m.: Open Door Soup Kitchen, 417 W. Pettis St. Call 660-827-1613.

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

Each day: AA meets at 417 W. Pettis St.

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.

10:30 a.m.: Be Forever Young, Parkview Christian Church, 1405 E. 16th St.

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.

1:00 p.m.: Sorosis a cultural & educational organization meets with a program, first and third Mondays at The Heard Memorial Club House, 200 W Broadway Blvd. Visitors welcome. Sorosis.TheHeardHouse@gmail.com.

1:45 p.m.: TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter 0102 Sedalia meets at the Boonslick Regional Library, 219 W. Third St., in the lower level meeting room. All are welcome to attend. The first meeting is always free. Call 660-525-4142.

3 p.m.: Call to the Nation to Pray, pray where you are during the COVID-19 pandemic.

6 p.m.: Cornerstone Celebrate Recovery. A Bible-based 12-step program for Hurts, Habits and Hangups; Cornerstone Baptist Church, 660-827-4833.

6:30 p.m.: Bingo at VFW Post 2591, 121 S. Ohio Ave. Bonanza blackout starts at 6 p.m.

6:30 p.m.: Show-Me Crafters, Boonslick Regional Library, 219 W. Third St.

6:30 p.m.: Show Me Sound, Sweet Adelines International, in-person rehearsals at Wes-

TUESDAY

ley United Methodist Church basement, 1322 W. Broadway Blvd. All women are welcome, for more information call 660-851-2205.

6:45 p.m.: Knights of Columbus Council 831, Knights Hall, 1708 Elm Hills Blvd. meets on 2nd Monday if holiday on first Monday

6:45 p.m.: Knights of Columbus Council 121, Knights Hall, 1708 Elm Hills Blvd.

7 p.m.: Al Anon, at 417 W. Pettis St., 660-473-0855.

7 p.m.: American Legion Post 642, 2016 W. Main St. (executive meeting at 6 p.m.)

WEDNESDAY

Each day: AA meets at 417 W. Pettis St.

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 a.m.: Compass Club, Best Western State Fair Inn, 3120 S. Limit Ave.

11:30 a.m.: Open Door Soup Kitchen, 417 W. Pettis St. Call 660-827-1613.

Noon: Never Too Old Gang, New Hope Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 664 E. 16th St.

Noon: Sedalia Optimist Club, in Room C at the Heckart Community Center, 1800 W. Third St.

12:30 to 4:30 p.m.: Birthright Pregnancy Center, 1810 W. 11th St., Tuesday through Friday; and other hours by appointment. The office number is 660-826-9060.

3 p.m.: Call to the Nation to Pray, pray where you are during the COVID-19 pandemic.

6 p.m.: NarAnon meetings at LifePointe Church, 2921 W. Broadway Blvd.

6 p.m.: Sedalia Runners Club-Track Tuesdays every Tuesday at Smith-Cotton Track.

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 Dr.

7 p.m.: Mid-Mo Speakers Club, Boonslick Regional Library conference room, 219 W. Third St.

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.

8 p.m.: Cole Camp Steam and Antique Tractor Club, Showgrounds Clubhouse in Cole Camp.

WEDNESDAY

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FRIDAY

417 W. Pettis St. 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.

9 a.m.: 1 Million Cups, at State Fair Community College.

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, Heckart Community Center, 1800 W. Third St.

3 p.m.: Call to the Nation to Pray, pray where you are during the COVID-19 pandemic.

3 p.m.: Sedalia Chapter of the National Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) at Lincoln Hubbard Apartments.

5:30 p.m.: Amigos de Cristo, Teen Mom Classes at 3003 W. 11th St., 660-826-2788.

6:30 p.m.: Central Missouri Quail Forever Chapter at the Sedalia Rod and Gun Club, 34920 Rod and Gun Club Rd.

6:30 p.m.: Sedalia RC Flyers, Central Missouri Electric, 2270 North U.S. Highway 65. Visitors are welcome.

7 p.m.: Elks Lodge 125, Elks Lodge, 320 S. Kentucky Ave.

THURSDAY

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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.

Noon: Kiwanis of Sedalia, at Lamy's, 108 Pacific St.

1 p.m.: Sedalia Duplicate Bridge Club at First Christian Church, 200 S. Limit Ave.

3 p.m.: Call to the Nation to Pray, pray where you are during the COVID-19 pandemic.

6 p.m.: Old Drum Open Mic at Java Junction, 112 N. Holden St., downtown Warrensburg.

6 p.m.: Sedalia Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group, First Christian Church Disciples of Christ, 200 S. Limit Ave.

6:30 p.m.: Sedalia Business Women, Sedalia Shrine Club, 1375 Elm Hills Blvd. For more information, visit www.sedaliabwm.org.

6 p.m.: Women in Crisis Group, call 660-827-5555 for location.

6:30 p.m.: Sedalia Business Women, Sedalia Shrine Club, 1375 Elm Hills Blvd. For more information, visit www.sedaliabwm.org.

7 p.m.: Sedalia Bible Academy, Boonslick Regional Library, 219 W. Third St., Sedalia. For more information, call 660-826-9988. It is free and open to the public.

7 p.m.: Smith-Cotton Choral Society, vocal music room at the Smith-Cotton High

SCHOOL

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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: 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.

3 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.

7:30 p.m.: Pettis County Storm Trackers at Denney's restaurant. For more information, contact the group at www.facebook.com/PettisCountyStormTrackers.

SATURDAY

Each day: AA meets at 417 W. Pettis St.

7 a.m.: Sedalia Runners Club-Group Run every Saturday at Clarendon and Katy Trail.

7 to 10 a.m.: Shrine Breakfast, Sedalia Shrine Club, 1615 Elm Hills Blvd. Cost is \$7.

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.

8:30 a.m.: SPARK (Sedalia/Pettis Amateur Radio Club) Repeater Club outside during warm weather or inside at EMA Building, 1511 N. Ohio Ave.

11:30 a.m.: Open Door Soup Kitchen, 417 W. Pettis St. Call 660-827-1613.

3 p.m.: Call to the Nation to Pray, pray where you are during the COVID-19 pandemic.

6 p.m.: The Place at the Lake, Benton County's domestic and sexual violence abuse resource, support meeting, located at 201 E. Main St., Lincoln. 24-hour hotline 1-866-347-9044; for other information, call 660-547-2611.

6 p.m.: Old Drum Open Mic at Java Junction, 112 N. Holden St., downtown Warrensburg.

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7 p.m.: Smith-Cotton Choral Society, vocal music room at the Smith-Cotton High

UPCOMING EVENTS

Prayer breakfast, farmers' markets featured during May 7 weekend

By Democrat Staff

Numerous events will be happening in the area during the weekend of Saturday, May 7.

SFC

student art show

State Fair Community College's student art exhibition opened April 14 in the Goddard Gallery of the Daum Museum of Contemporary Art on the Sedalia campus. Admission is free.

This year's exhibition will showcase new directions and introduce new technologies that the students are exploring in the Art program, including computer-based VR (virtual reality) tools. The students' artwork will be displayed through May 8.

Museum hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The museum is closed Mondays. Admission is free.

For more information, call 660-530-5888 or visit www.daummuseum.org.

'Legally Blonde'

The Liberty Center Association for the Arts will present "Legally Blonde: The Musical."

It will be presented at 7:30 p.m. May 5, May 6, May 7 and at 2 p.m. May 1 at the Hayden Liberty Center, 111 W. Fifth St.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$17.50 for adults 62 and older, and \$15 for students.

This award-winning musical is based on the adored film. "Legally Blonde: The Musical" follows the transformation of Elle Woods when her life is turned upside down after her boyfriend dumps her to attend Harvard Law. Determined to win him back, she ingeniously charms her way into the school where she struggles with her peers and professors. With the support of new friends, though, Elle quickly realizes her potential and sets out to prove herself to the world.

For more information, visit <a href="http://libertycenteredsedalia

Staff

From Page 1B



After the final paper rolled off the press, pressman Nelson Lakey hung up his ear protection for the last time Friday, March 11.

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From left, Customer Service Manager Nikki Monsees, Advertising Assistant Michele Newton and Sales Representative Diana Surface sort through decades of Democrat paperwork during a clean-out of the Democrat office on Saturday, March 26. Democrat employees have been clearing out the office and packing for the move since early March.

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A construction crew works on the newly-hung drywall in the Democrat's new building, 111 W. Fourth St., on Monday, March 21. The building formerly housed the Sedalia Water Department and was purchased by the Democrat in late 2021.

PHOTO BY WILL WEIBERT | DEMOCRAT



Standing above what was formerly a safe, a construction worker nails in a piece of wood while working on the Democrat's new building Monday, March 21.

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From left, Customer Service Representative Celeste Knox, Advertising Assistant Michele Newton and Customer Service Manager Nikki Monsees throw unneeded documents into the Democrat's recycling trailer. Previously, it was primarily used for recycling old or discarded newspapers. As of late, it mostly houses old paperwork being cleared out of the office.

PHOTO BY NICOLE COOKE | DEMOCRAT



Democrat Reporter Faith Bemiss grabs a stack of newsroom awards to pack away during a clean-out of the office Saturday, March 26.

PHOTO BY NICOLE COOKE | DEMOCRAT



Democrat Publisher Will Weibert moves a filing cabinet out of an office Saturday, April 23.

PHOTO BY NICOLE COOKE | DEMOCRAT



A construction worker paints a wall in the Democrat's new building on Tuesday, March 29.

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Democrat Reporter Chris Howell and his son move a cart full of old documents to be recycled during a clean-out of the office Saturday, March 26.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

From 3B

Voices of Arrow Rock returns

The second installment of the innovative interpretive theatre program, "Voices of Arrow Rock," will premiere at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 7, at Brown's Chapel, 410 High St. in Arrow Rock. Admission is free and seating is limited.

Using art to explore history, the "Voices of Arrow Rock" project brings

to life forgotten and under-represented people, their times, and spirits, spanning the centuries since the village was first mapped by French explorers in the early 18th century.

For more information, visit arrow-rock.org.

Bleak to Chic

A new home decor store, which spe-

cializes in repurposing old furniture, is moving from Hughesville to downtown Sedalia, 106 W. Seventh St.

A grand reopening will be hosted at 10 a.m. Customers can get 10% off their purchase.

Prayer Breakfast

The Kiwanis Club of Sedalia will host the 15th annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 7 at First United Methodist Church, 1701 W. 32nd St. Join Mayor Andrew Dawson and Kiwanis members to celebrate local youth recipients of the Human and Spiritual Values Award. A freewill offering will be accepted for the pancake and sausage breakfast. Proceeds support local youth activities and scholarships.

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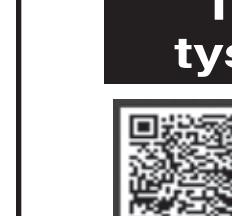
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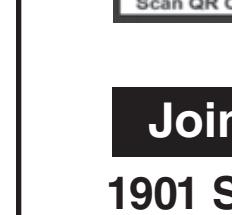
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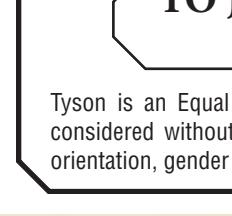
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The family of Irene Oelrichs would like to express their heart-felt thanks to family and friends for the thoughtful and generous expressions of sympathy shown to us at the loss of our mother.

Thank you for your prayers and phone calls, for the cards and flowers sent, the gifts of food brought in, and all the memorial donations; to the members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Sedalia and Pastor Jeremy Freeman for the beautiful service and to St. John's Ladies' Aid for the wonderful meal; to the Good Samaritan Care Center of Cole Camp for their compassionate care and to Cristin Fox and Fox Funeral Home for their caring services.

God's Blessings to you all.
Ed and Kathleen Oelrichs and family
Fred and Karen Oelrichs and family
Kathy and Rick Womble and family

- Job Opening -
Liberty Center Association for the Arts

Arts Director

The Hayden Liberty Center is currently looking for an engaging person who wants to help extend the artistic outreach in our community and beyond. The Arts Director opening will be a salaried part-time position (estimated at 30 hours/week) and they will focus more on the 'ARTS' side of the Liberty Center.

DESCRIPTION HIGHLIGHTS

- Develop & Implement Arts Education programming
- Maintain LCAA and Local Art calendar of events
- Research Art-related Grant Opportunities
- Order royalties/scripts, negotiate artist contracts
- Work with & oversee the agendas and activities having to do with the Arts Education, Concert, Special Event, Theater, & Visual Arts committees
- Define budgets and policies for these same committees
- Serve as spokesperson for the LCAA

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS INCLUDE:

- Experience working in a Non-Profit environment
- Technologically literate
- Efficient with time management
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Pettis County

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Saturday, April 30 8am-6pm

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GARAGE SALE 24597 S YANKEE RD

SATURDAY 8-3

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Make an offer sale! All proceeds will go to the Mercy Rest Stop.

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Pettis County

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Home decor, comforters, hunting gear, small furniture, kitchen cookware, Junior's, women's, men's clothing, sizes x-small-large, shoe sizes 7-11, Buckle, Under-Armour, Nike, Maurices, American Eagle & More.

NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE "Get It All." In the Classifieds

Legal Notice

Notice to Bidders
The Cole Camp R-1 School District is seeking bids for various concrete work around campus. Projects include sidewalk repair and parking lot repair. Call 660-668-4427 for further details or to make an appointment for a site visit. Project desired to be completed by July 31st. Bids can be mailed to Cole Camp R-1 School District, 500 S. Keeney Cole Camp, MO 65325 or emailed to Steve Hubbard at hubbards@colecamp.k12.mo.us. Bids are due by May 13th. The district reserves the right to reject any or all bids.
4x4/30, 5/4, 7, 11, 2022

Notice to Bidders
The Cole Camp R-1 School District is seeking bids for asphalt resealing and striping around campus. Areas to be serviced include 2 asphalt parking lots, an asphalt drive, an asphalt highway approach and an asphalt playground area. Call 660-668-4427 for further details or to make an appointment for a site visit. Project to be completed by July 31st. Bids can be mailed to Cole Camp R-1 School District, 500 S. Keeney Cole Camp, MO 65325 or emailed to Steve Hubbard at hubbards@colecamp.k12.mo.us. Bids are due by May 13th. The district reserves the right to reject any or all bids.
4x4/30, 5/4, 7, 11, 2022

PUBLIC AUCTION

400 N. Cherry St., Otterville, MO 65348

Due to the passing of my mother, **MELVA FOWLER MCDANIEL**, we will sell the following personal belongings, as well as, some consignment items at Public Auction located at **4-J Storage Units** in Otterville, MO. Lunch will be served by Otterville FBLA.

SATURDAY, May 7, 2022 - 10:00 A.M.

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Now Hiring

Pettis Co. R-V School District has an opening for a transportation director.

Interested individuals must have a Class B CDL with P and S Endorsements and have experience driving a school bus. The position has full benefits including paid health insurance, life insurance, retirement, and paid leave.

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Benton County REAL ESTATE AUCTION
• SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2022 AT 10 AM •

Auction & Property Location:
14911 Klink Avenue, Cole Camp, MO 65325
Directions: From Cole Camp, MO take Highway 52 one mile west to sale.

11 +/- ACRES WITH A BEAUTIFUL HOME, SHOP, COMMERCIAL BUILDING AND LAKE

TRACT ONE: 9.5 Acres and includes the 4.3-acre lake in the northwest corner of the tract. It is well stocked and maintained with a gentle grassy sloping bank. This tract also contains Keith and Melody's private home. The home is a 2,675 sq. ft. three bedroom, two story structure with a gorgeous lake setting and ideal location just minutes from Cole Camp, MO. In addition to the home, Tract One also has a 22 ft. x 24 ft. double car garage with concrete floor, wired and a 12 ft. overhead door with electric opener and a 11 ft. x 12 ft. wood frame building that is used for lawn mower storage.

TRACT TWO: 1 1/2 +/- acre that lies in the northwest corner of the Mellen Property and has its own access off Klink Avenue. Improvements include a very functional office/shop/storage building that has had new metal siding and roof put on it recently.

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Legal Notice

Notice to Bidders

The Cole Camp R-1 School District is seeking bids for the removal and replacement of the metal roof and guttering on the district bus barn. Call 660-668-4427 for further details or to make an appointment for a site visit. Project desired to be completed by July 31st. Bids can be mailed to Cole Camp R-1 School District, 500 S. Keeney Cole Camp, MO 65325 or emailed to Steve Hubbard at hubbards@colecamp.k12.mo.us. Bids are due by May 13th. The district reserves the right to reject any or all bids. 4x-4/30, 5/4, 7, 11, 2022

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PETTIS COUNTY, MISSOURI

JUVENILE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF:

E. T. S., Minor.

22PT-JU00023

NOTICE UPON ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO: JOHN DALTON McCURDY

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that an action has been commenced in the Juvenile Court, Pettis County, Missouri, by petition, the object and general nature of which is to obtain a decree of adoption of the above-referenced minor by Plaintiffs.

Plaintiffs are represented by James P. Buckley, BUCKLEY & BUCKLEY, 121 East Fourth Street, P.O. Box 348, Sedalia, Missouri 65302-0348. You are further notified that unless you file an answer or other pleading or otherwise appear and defend against the aforesaid petition within 45 days after the 16th day of April, 2022, a decree of adoption may be rendered in favor of Plaintiffs.

IT IS ORDERED that a copy hereof be published according to the law in the Sedalia Democrat, a newspaper of general circulation published in Pettis County, Missouri. A true copy from the record.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Circuit Court of Pettis County, Missouri, this 13th day of April, 2022.

Susan Sadler,
Circuit Clerk
/s/Mary Eberting,
Deputy Clerk

4x-4/16, 23, 30, 5/7, 2022

Notice to Bidders

Pettis County R-XII (Dresden) will be taking sealed bids for a 2003 Bluebird bus with a Cummins engine. The bus has 159495 miles. All bids must be delivered to Pettis Co R-XII School, 22675 Depot Rd, Sedalia, MO 65301 by noon Monday, May 9, 2022.

1x-4/23, 30, 2022

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PETTIS COUNTY, MISSOURI KEENAN BRADEN-RUSSELL RICHARDS,

By and through his Next Friend, Charlene Marie Snyder, Petitioners.

Case No. 22PT-DR00183

NOTICE UPON ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

The State of Missouri to Respondent Nicholas Keith Smith:

You are hereby notified that an action has been commenced against you in the Circuit Court for the County of Pettis, Missouri, the object and general nature of which is Petition for Change of Name of Keenan Braden-Russell Richards, In Re Keenan R Richards, 22PT-DR00183, which affects the change of name of Keenan Braden-Russell Richards. The names of all parties to said action are as stated above in the caption hereof, and also includes Nicholas Keith Smith. The name and address of the attorney for Petitioner is: Carmen L. Smith, 108 East 5th 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 45 days after the first date of publication, judgment by default will be rendered against you.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Circuit Court this 5th day of April, 2022.

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

4x-4/9, 16, 23, 30, 2022

TRUSTEE'S SALE

In Re: Cody J Young, a single person

TRUSTEE'S SALE - Under the terms of the Deed of Trust executed by Cody J Young, a single person dated 09/04/2015, and recorded on 09/08/2015 Document 2015-4494 in the office of the Recorder of Deeds for Pettis

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Three-bedroom, 2 bath home located within ten minutes of Warsaw on a blacktop road. The inside of the home has been recently updated with easy maintenance hard-surface wood-look flooring, and neutral color painted walls. Out from the dining room there is a screened-in porch overlooking the back yard.

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HOUSEHOLD Antique chest of drawers w/acorn pulls, hankie drawers * 5 pc Queen size bedroom set, nice * Round oak dining table, claw feet, pressed back chairs * Rustic style coffee table and lamp tables, nice * Secretary desk * Metal bed, full size * Metal base Glass top coffee and end table set * Sofa and chair, brocade burgundy * Oak library table * Duncan Phyfe table * Electric fireplace * Handmade table with Chief's emblem * Pair of Alabaster table lamps * Pair of double globe lamps * Tiffany style lamp * Emerson flat screen tv **COLLECTIBLES** Case Bowie style knife, numbered, with scabbard * Engraved hunting knife with antler handle * Whitetail pocketknife * 20-gal Redwing crock jar * 12-gal

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"ESTATE AUCTION"
"James & Sonya Haase"

1209 West Butterfield Trail, Cole Camp Mo. 65325

Due to the tragic loss of Alivia's parents, we will sell the following at public Auction on:

Saturday May 7th 10:00am 2022

Directions: From 65 & 52 hwy. intersection go East on 52 hwy. 3 1/2 miles to Cole Camp to South Spring St. turn Right on Spring St go 1/2 mile to West Butterfield Trail / F hwy. Turn Right onto Butterfield Trail / F hwy. Go 1/2 mile to auction on left. Watch & follow signs on sale day.

R/E Terms: 10% Nonrefundable Escrow down day of Sale, to close 30 days if not sooner, Taxes Prorated, Seller to Provide Title Insurance. All inspections & financial arrangements to be finalized Prior to sale time, Sale not Conditioned upon Finance. Seller reserves the right to accept or reject any bids, Not an Absolute Auction BUT sellers Absolutely want to sell.



Real Estate: 1,664 sqft. 3-bedroom 2-bath Mfg. home, just in the city limits, city water & private septic, Large open floor plan, custom kitchen cabinets lots of storage, master bedroom w/ HUGE bath w/shower, sunken tub & walk-in closet, 12x21' covered front porch, 12x36' back deck, 1,512' sqft. detached garage,

2007 GMC Sierra 1500 extended cab pickup, V8, 2x4, 147k, auto, short bed, John Deere D130 riding lawn mower, 5x10' utility trailer, Historic Cole Camp elementary "Merry-go-round" & "swing set", 4x8' children's play house, portable air compressor, Craftsman YT4500 & Craftsman 3000 riding mowers (looks good, not running), 5+ push mowers all brands (some run, some don't, some could, some might).

Household & Misc.

Early American Rustic bedroom set (NICE) w/ California King bed, mirrored dresser, armoire, nightstands & 2 - bookshelves, Wood bunk bed w/storage desk & workstation, Lane cedar chest, queen size bed, Whirlpool side by side refrigerator, Kenmore washer & dryer, Kenmore upright freezer, Waterfall chest of drawers, Bronze Buffalo - "Prairie Spirit" by B-Black, GE & Amana microwaves, antique roll top desk & buffet, unique buggy wheel table, sofa table, Lot wicker baskets, 2 - jewelry armoires, lot misc. occ tables, hurricane lamp, wood storage cabinet, Oak knee hole desk, faux leather recliner, 2 - chest of drawers, lot wood shelves, Glass curio, kitchen table w/4 press back chairs, 4x quilts, metal bakers rack, Lot glass dishes - Argent rose / Wedgewood, Lifezone infrared heater, Bissell pro-heater carpet shampooer, Janome portable sewing machine, Lg lot towels & linens, lot pots pans & kitchenware (some Revere ware), YETI cooler, Lot oil lamps, asst. crocks, 3-bar stools, classic red metal stool, lot costume jewelry, 37+ CC Tattlers, several CC history books & other area collectibles, Santa suit, lot American Girl dolls (in boxes), lot barbies, old metal doll house, lot craft kits, Smart hoverboard, lot CDs, DVDs, & VCR tapes, VCR & DVD players, lot children's books, Lg lot board & card games, older hide-a-bed, 2 - croquet sets, pr iron wheels, lg storage trunk, Lot misc. floor & table lamps, vintage metal kitchen cart, early American settee,

Electronics

Phillips 55" flat screen, Samsung 32" flat screen, Emerson 32" flatscreen, Nintendo w/ games, Nintendo DS w/games, Samsung LeapPad & LeapPad2, HP printer, Compaq laptop Presario CQ62 windows 7, Nintendo 8 DS, Barnes & Noble Nook, I-Phone,

Lg lot lawn decor - bird baths, 10+ Shepard hooks, plant stands, wash tubs etc., 2 - rabbit cages, dog pin, pro-form treadmill, NordicTrack elliptical, Specialized Allez sport bicycle, lot bicycles, 2 - folding lunch tables, 2 - live traps, 2 - plastic tables, beautician's chair, patio hanging chaise lounge, 3-pc. Mid-century modern "Homestore" patio set, pallet concrete paver blocks, lil red wagon.

Many More Items Too Numerous to Mention

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Auctioneer Note: To say we are honored to conduct this Auction is an understatement. James & Sonya were both pillars of the community. ALL proceeds will go to their daughter Alivia. (Tom Rath Executor) This is an Extremely Large sale come prepared to spend the day. Home, truck & large items will sell at 11:00am.

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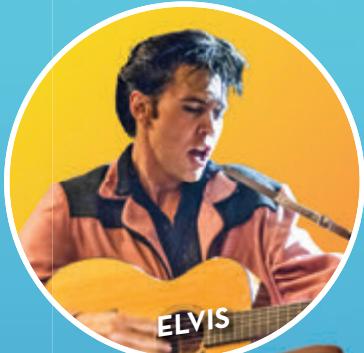
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Bosch Is Back



There's life after the LAPD for former detective Harry Bosch (*Titus Welliver*). He's now a private eye investigating cases for top-notch attorney and former foe Honey Chandler (Mimi Rogers) in the new *Bosch: Legacy* (May 6 on IMDb TV). Welliver, 60, says he has "enormous affection" for the character—which originated in novels by Michael Connelly—that he debuted on TV in 2014. "Bosch continues to evolve in his own way and keeps me engaged on every level," he says. "I don't think of *Legacy* as a spinoff, but rather as the continuing story of rich and interesting characters."

Something to Crow About

Sheryl Crow talks about her groundbreaking musical career, sexism, depression, perfectionism, cancer and the price of fame in *Sheryl* (May 6 on Showtime). The documentary also features interviews with fellow artists Keith Richards, Laura Dern, Joe Walsh,

Emmylou Harris and Brandi Carlile, as well as rare archival footage spanning 20 years of performing. "I feel like the story is authentic, unique and honest," says Crow, 60. "It's painful at times. It's uplifting. And, hopefully, some young person is going to watch this and go, 'Wait . . . it's possible.'"



WALTER SCOTT ASKS...

MIKE MYERS

The former *Saturday Night Live* and *Austin Powers* star returns to TV in *The Pentaverate* (May 5 on Netflix). Myers, 58, who also created and produces the satirical series, plays seven characters in its story about a secret society working to influence world events for the greater good since the Black Plague of the 1300s. His co-stars include Keegan-Michael Key, Ken Jeong and Jennifer Saunders.

Was *The Pentaverate* an idea influenced by the COVID pandemic? I've always been fascinated with the Black Plague and how it changed society, and then here we are with the pandemic of our own. But it's pure coincidence. The fun part of making stuff is when things become strangely au courant when they were always there.

What's your process to play multiple characters?

Louie Zakarian, the makeup genius at *Saturday Night Live*, and I designed the makeup. I've worked with him for many, many years and we

What's his favorite moment from *Wayne's World*? Go to Parade.com/myers to find out.

OH, SO CLOSE!

Coming off her latest roles in the movies *Swan Song*, *Four Good Days* and *Hillbilly Elegy*, **Glenn Close**, 75, joins the new season of *Tehran* (May 6 on Apple TV+), the international thriller about a Mossad agent (**Niv Sultan**) and her secret mission. Close plays Marjan, a British woman living in the Iranian capital. Here are some fun facts about the actress, who began her film career in 1982 with *The World According to Garp*.



developed it together. The outside tells the inside; the inside tells the outside. That might be my favorite process in all of this, making the characters.

You brought back Dr. Evil for a Super Bowl LVI commercial. Now there's a rumor that *Austin Powers 4* might happen. I can neither confirm nor deny the existence or nonexistence of such a program, but I would love to see it. I enjoy doing it. I had such a blast making that commercial, and I love working with those people.

What keeps you coming back to

Shrek, whom you've voiced in four films? I love the emotional center of that character. This is going to sound a little serious, but the director Sidney Lumet used to say that people who we've dismissed as freaks are more like ourselves than we often care to admit. I love that the traditional villain in the world of fairy tales was the hero.

► Close is the late **Princess Diana**'s eighth cousin.



Framed in her kitchen is the prop knife her character, Alex, used to attack Dan (Michael Douglas) in *Fatal Attraction*.

► A big New York Mets fan, she sang the national anthem for a 2006 game that coincided with the 20th anniversary of the team's 1986 World Series victory.

As of 2022, she has the most Best Actress Oscar nominations—eight—without a win. However, she has won three Tonys, three Golden Globe Awards and a trio of Emmys.

► Close's daughter, **Annie Starke**, played the younger version of Close's character in the movie *The Wife*.

In 2010, she helped launch Bring Change to Mind, a nonprofit working to destigmatize mental illness and open frank dialogues about mental health.

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In Emily Henry's perfect-for-summer rom-com *Book Lovers* (Berkley, May 3), a fierce literary agent and her brooding NYC editor-enemy find sizzling chemistry in small-town North Carolina. \$27

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Carley Fortune brings summertime nostalgia and lakeshore towns to life in *Every Summer After*



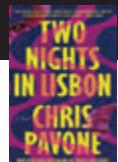
(Berkley, May 10), about haunting past choices and second-chance romance. \$16

A woman wakes up in Portugal with a missing husband, and an international suspense tale ensues in *Two Nights in Lisbon* (MCD, May 24) by Chris Pavone. \$28

A young Nigerian American widow learns to balance the loss of an old love and the possibility of a new one in *You Made a Fool of Death With Your Beauty* (Atria, May 24) by Akwaeke Emezi. \$27

Debut novelist Nora Murphy's *The Favor* (Minotaur, May 31) is a dark, unnerving domestic thriller about the consequences of fighting back when relationships go wrong. \$28

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Ask Marilyn

By Marilyn vos Savant

I like to find some good in everything, but I can't find any good that can come from the pandemic. Can you?

—Kayla Louis, Ames, Iowa

We can create something good! One positive outcome would be this ongoing change in attitude:

If you're sick with a contagious respiratory illness such as a cold, flu or viral pneumonia (not to mention COVID-19, which requires quarantine), don't go to school or work, if at all possible. Stay at home. If you must go out when you're sick, wear a mask: It's the right thing to do. If everyone lived this way, far fewer of us would get sick in the first place, let alone become so ill that we wind up in a hospital or even die as a result. Pass it on, readers!

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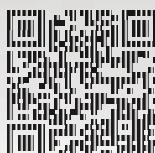
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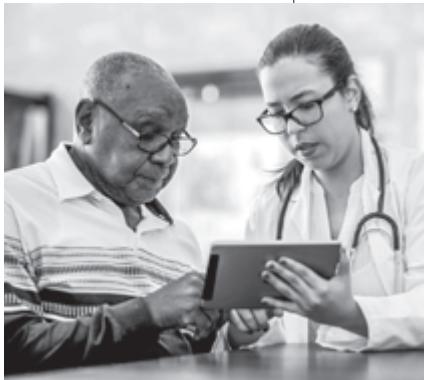


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Stay Healthy

MEN'S HEALTH SURPRISES



A look at ailments—from prostate cancer to depression—that can sneak up on men

By Peter Moore

Many men are good at ignoring major health threats—especially if there's an important game on. The journal *Annals of Emergency Medicine* published a study showing that during key playoff contests for the Red Sox, admittances for men at Boston-area hospitals dropped by 15 percent. And yet, the sooner a man confronts a health issue—early in the game, say, rather than during sudden-death overtime—the more likely he is to walk away with a win. Here are three stealth health issues to watch out for.

PROSTATE CANCER Jeffrey Presley, 60, is not your average guy. He's much more vigilant than that. The Richmond Heights, Ohio, resident had been monitoring his prostate for years, through regular checkups with a urologist and measurements of his prostate-specific antigen (PSA), which can flag cancer risk. The gland, located just below the bladder, manufactures the fluid that carries sperm on its reproductive missions. As a man ages, his prostate can enlarge and cause a host of unpleasant symptoms, including a weakened urinary stream and increased urgency to pee at night.

Because he's Black, Presley knew he was at higher risk for prostate problems. "I saw the warning signs of prostate problems and I acted quickly," says the retired financial manager for the federal government. "This form of cancer is a silent killer."

It's also the most common cancer in men, says Cleveland Clinic associate professor of urology Robert Abouassaly, M.D. "Men are at risk if they have a brother or father who had prostate cancer. African Americans have higher risk at every age."

"I got my diagnosis on February 4, 2021. It was a shock, but



also not a shock," Presley remembers. "I wanted to get it out of my body so I could move on." After robotic surgery and radiation treatment, he's now cancer-free.

In addition to regular checkups as you age, Abouassaly offers this prescription for a healthy gland: "Everything that's good for your heart is also good for your prostate." He recommends a diet light on red meat and dairy and heavy on fruits and vegetables, including cooked tomatoes, which are rich in lycopene, a potent prostate protector.

DEPRESSION The pandemic, approaching retirement—these and other stresses of work and family life are some of the concerns that Adam Borland, a psychologist for Cleveland Clinic, helps men cope with. "I see a lot of men who didn't receive treatment for mental challenges in their 20s and 30s," he says. "They've bottled things up. Then at retirement they go through a lot of life changes—to their careers, to their relationships—and they realize they need help."

Among the depression signs and symptoms that men (and their loved ones) should look out for: when they fly into rages or become easily irritated; when they engage in risky behavior involving driving, gambling, drugs, alcohol or sex; when they lose friends and cut off family members; or when they lack motivation on the job or with favorite hobbies. Depression also can trigger physical symptoms, including headaches, nausea, chest pain or sexual difficulties.

Borland cites one guy who went through just that: **Kevin Love**, 33, a power forward for the Cleveland Cavaliers basketball team, who publicly admitted his own struggles with panic, anxiety and depression. "A guy like Love gives men permission to recognize their own struggles," says Borland, who has noted an uptick in the number of his male patients during the pandemic.



SKIN CANCER Jim Sanfilippo, 43, is a baller. He played shirts vs. skins hoops on outdoor courts as a young man and went on to become a youth-basketball coach. But that history of outdoor play might have had deadly consequences for the CFO of an energy group in Avon, Ohio. A cancerous mole grew on his lower back.

"It's the most common place for men to have a melanoma," says Cleveland Clinic dermatologist Joshua Arbesman, M.D. "Men aren't able to see that part of their body well." Sanfilippo knew he was at risk because of his sun exposure, relatives who had died from melanoma and because his skin was dotted with a minefield of moles. So he had regular skin scans and encouraged his wife to check his back. But he missed one appointment, and it almost cost him: Last year, a doctor spotted an irregularly shaped mole that was cancerous and Sanfilippo quickly had surgery to remove it.



"Delay kills, and I'm lucky to be here today because they found mine in time," says Sanfilippo. "I put my family first, and this cancer could have derailed all of that. You can't afford to wait."

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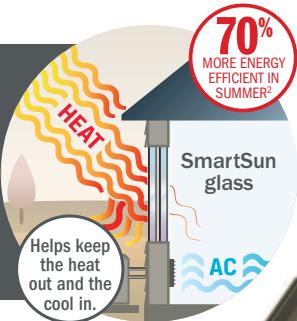
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SUMMER WATCH LIST!

BY MARA REINSTEIN

Our guide to a terrific summer of movies, from dinos and do-gooders to chills, thrills and a train full of competing assassins. Plus, Kevin Hart and Dwayne Johnson tell *Parade* what it's like to play a couple of (animated) dogs.



DOWNTON ABBEY: A NEW ERA

The original cast from the 2010–15 PBS series and 2019 film returns for more juicy drama as the Crawley family heads to the French Mediterranean, where the Dowager Countess (Maggie Smith) has inherited a villa from someone in her past. Meanwhile, back at Britain's Downton Abbey, a film crew takes over the house—much to the disgust of Lord Grantham (Hugh Bonneville). *In theaters May 20*

“Do I look as if I'd turn down a villa in the South of France?”

—Maggie Smith as Dowager Countess of Grantham



JURASSIC WORLD DOMINION

Dinosaurs now live and hunt alongside humans all over the world in the final installment of the mega-successful franchise. This delicate balance will determine once and for all whether people can share a planet with the predators. Jeff Goldblum returns with fellow alums **Sam Neill** and **Laura Dern** as well as Chris Pratt, Bryce Dallas Howard and . . . the velociraptor! *In theaters June 10*



FIRESTARTER

Stephen King's classic supernatural tale rages on! Young **Ryan Kiera Armstrong** takes over the role played by Drew Barrymore in the 1980s as the girl with the supernatural gift for turning fire into a weapon of mass destruction. Her parents (Zac Efron and Sydney Lemmon) try to stop federal agents from taking advantage. *In theaters May 13*

“We're racing toward the extinction of our species.”
—Jeff Goldblum as Dr. Ian Malcolm

HUSTLE

This one sounds like a slam-dunk for **Adam Sandler** fans. He stars as a down-on-his-luck basketball scout who discovers a phenom (played by real-life pro baller **Juancho Hernangómez**) with a rocky past in Spain. With each other's help, the two try to prove they both have what it takes to make it in the NBA. On Netflix *June 8*

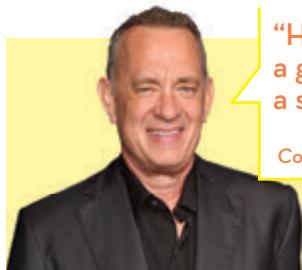
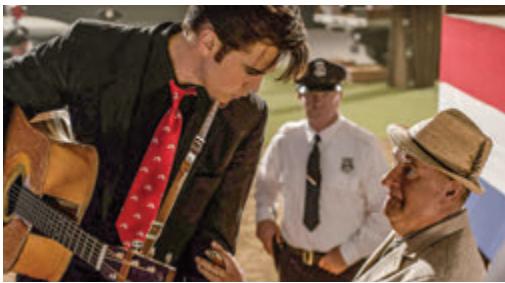


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ELVIS

This biopic puts a stylish spin on the life and music of **Elvis Presley** (**Austin Butler**). But it's told through the prism of his complex relationship with his controversial and controlling manager, "Colonel" **Tom Parker** (a Dutch-accented **Tom Hanks**). Butler does his own vocals for the early-era tracks; director Baz Luhrmann (*Moulin Rouge!*) mixed Butler's and Presley's voices for the later songs. *In theaters June 24*



"He was both a genius and a scoundrel."

—Tom Hanks on Colonel Tom Parker



GOOD LUCK TO YOU, LEO GRANDE



The incredible **Emma Thompson** bares all in more ways than one in a delightful comedy that earned raves at the recent Sundance Film Festival. As a mild-mannered 55-year-old widow, she decides to hire a professional sex worker who goes by the name Leo Grande (**Daryl McCormack**) to spice up her stagnant love life. *On Hulu June 17*



TOP GUN: MAVERICK

Despite a two-year pandemic-induced delay, **Tom Cruise** is still eager to take your breath away in the follow-up to his 1986 classic. He reprises his role as hotshot Navy pilot Pete "Maverick" Mitchell, now a captain teaching a new generation of aviators how to wing it. Co-stars include *TG* newcomer Miles Teller, who plays Bradley "Rooster" Bradshaw, a pilot trainee and the son of Maverick's late friend "Goose." Val Kilmer, as "Iceman," also returns. *In theaters May 27*



"The cast is brilliant, but they also had to be able to fly in the airplane."

—Tom Cruise



DOGGONE HEROES

Hey, not all superheroes wear capes—or have two legs. In the animated film *DC League of Super-Pets*, Krypto the Super-Dog (**Dwayne Johnson**) must convince his pal Ace the Bat-Hound (**Kevin Hart**) and a ragtag group of animals to help rescue the kidnapped Justice League superheroes. Johnson and Hart tell us more. *In theaters July 29*

How do Ace the Bat-Hound and Krypto the Super-Dog fit into the DC universe?

Hart: Ace is in a shelter, and he doesn't want to be here. He's got better things to do, better places to be. He's a rebel, but you find out that he is a loving dog, with a big heart. He's a protector, a caregiver.

Johnson: Krypto is Superman's dog, his best friend. [Until now] there had not been a reference on the big screen in animation of Krypto ever—so you have the opportunity to create from scratch. It was a lot of fun as an actor.

What's great about playing an animated character? Is it coming to work in your pajamas?

Hart: You really gotta put yourself in the shoes of the character you're playing. It's not just about the voice, it's about the attitude. Ace has an attitude. "You don't know nothing"—he's that guy.

Johnson: I don't come in PJs or casual, comfy, cozy clothes. I come in to do business and I come in hot.

Were you ever in the recording booth together?

Hart: When you're doing animation, you have to trust in the other people in the cast, because you're [mostly] not together. I think Dwayne and I know each other's cadences, each other's tones. I think there's a nice little comedy seesaw that we're able to provide while staying true to the story, because we've worked together so much.

Johnson: We made a point to get together and record a handful of our bigger scenes together. Our chemistry is really dynamic and really jumps off the page. And when we're together in person, it just becomes a different energy in the room and the air shifts.

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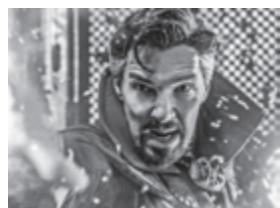


SUMMER WATCH LIST

SUPERFUN FOR SUPERHERO FANS

DOCTOR STRANGE IN THE MULTIVERSE OF MADNESS

Picking up in the immediate aftermath of the recent smash *Spider-Man: No Way Home*, the sardonic sorcerer (**Benedict Cumberbatch**) must face the reality of meddling with time and space. His former ally Mordo (**Chiwetel Ejiofor**) holds him responsible for the chaos, and—as seen in the trailer—the doc is handcuffed and led into a menacing chamber. Could this mean more familiar faces from Marvel movies past will also reappear? Signs point to yes. *In theaters May 6*



THOR: LOVE AND THUNDER

It's hammer time! **Chris Hemsworth**'s golden-haired Asgardian prince—i.e., Marvel's God of Thunder—returns for his fourth solo outing in this



LIGHTYEAR

Chris Evans—who says his “love for animated movies runs deep”—takes the galactic baton from Tim Allen in this origin story about the spaceman who inspired the toy that ended up alongside Woody the cowboy in *Toy Story*. So how did **Buzz Lightyear** become a hero? His infinity-and-beyond journey starts when he was blasted into space and onto an alien world, where he's pursued by robots and crazy creatures (and joined by a talking toy cat named Socks). *In theaters June 17*



direct sequel to the kooky-fun *Thor: Ragnarok*. It features most of the *Guardians of the Galaxy* cast (including Chris Pratt) as well as Christian Bale as the villainous Gorr the God Butcher. Plus, Natalie Portman returns as Thor's ex, and this time around she gets some mighty powers herself. *In theaters July 8*

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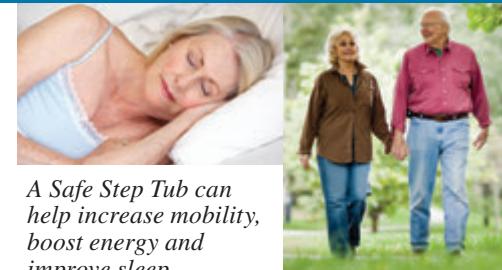
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THE GRAY MAN

Could this be your new favorite thrill-ride franchise?

Ryan Gosling is a freelance assassin and former CIA operative known as the Gray Man. After he exposes some secrets, a psychopathic former cohort (Chris Evans) is sent to track him down. With a reported \$200 million budget, this adaptation of the book series from Mark Greaney is poised to pack a real punch. *On Netflix July 22*



Fiona before Lap-Band

“It was hard to even fit into an airplane seat. It was very embarrassing and shameful.”

NOPE

The story for this horror film is under wraps, which is exactly how writer-director Jordan Peele (*Get Out, Us*) likes it. But it does star Oscar winner **Daniel**

Kaluuya (*Judas and the Black Messiah*) and Keke Palmer (*Hustlers*) as caretakers at a California horse ranch who encounter a mysterious, malevolent force. *In theaters July 22*



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Like millions of older Americans, I struggle with mobility. For years, I watched my quality of life slip away, as I was forced to stay home while friends and family took part in activities I'd once enjoyed. I thought I'd made some progress when I got a mobility scooter, but then I realized how hard it was to transport. Taking it apart and putting it back together was like doing a jigsaw puzzle. Once I had it disassembled, I had to try to put all of the pieces in the trunk of a car, go to wherever I was going, and repeat the process in reverse. Travel scooters were easier to transport, but they were uncomfortable and scary to drive, I always felt like I was ready to tip over. Then I found the So Lite™ Scooter. Now there's nothing that can hold me back.

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WHERE THE CRAWDADS SING

Nearly four years after Reese Witherspoon selected Delia Owens' debut novel for her book club pick, she's bringing the sensational coming-of-age mystery to the big screen. Didn't read it? A young girl (British actress **Daisy Edgar-Jones**) abandoned by her family must find a way to survive on her own in the marshes of North Carolina. Years later, when her ex's dead body is found in the marsh, she becomes the main suspect. *In theaters July 15*



"I loved this book the moment I read it and am so excited to bring Delia's truly moving page-turner to the screen."
—Producer Reese Witherspoon



MINIONS: THE RISE OF GRU

Here's your chance to learn how those mischievous little yellow creatures learned to work so diligently for their sharp-nosed master. Set in the 1970s (cue the disco music and bell bottoms!), the animated film shows **Gru** (Steve Carell) as a 12-year-old fanboy of a supervillain group called the Vicious 6. Along with his fresh team of Minions, he devises a scheme to become an A-list bad guy. *In theaters July 1*



BULLET TRAIN

Think *Speed* with a dash of Quentin Tarantino: Five assassins board a bullet train in Tokyo with individual assignments. As they venture toward their respective destinations, they realize their targets are all interconnected and they're in a contest with one another. Based on a popular Japanese novel, this one boasts a cast that includes **Brad Pitt**, Sandra Bullock, Joey King, Brian Tyree Henry and Michael Shannon. *In theaters July 29*

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Brunch BONANZA

This strata, from *The Six O'Clock Scramble Meal Planner* by Aviva Goldfarb, is your go-to breakfast for Mother's Day (May 8). "It's a great dish to serve at a brunch," says Goldfarb, "especially because you can make it in advance."



LIGHT AND FLUFFY SPINACH AND CHEESE STRATA

Spray a 13-by-9-inch glass or ceramic baking dish with cooking spray.

In a large bowl, whisk **6 large eggs** and **1½ cups nonfat or low-fat milk**. Whisk in **1 cup shredded reduced-fat cheddar cheese**, **½ cup shredded Swiss cheese**, **1 tsp herbes de Provence or dried thyme**, **½ tsp garlic powder** and **¼ tsp salt**. Stir in **1 (10-oz) pkg frozen spinach**, thawed and squeezed dry; **4 cups cubed ciabatta bread** (or any day-old bread, about **6 oz**); and, if desired, **3 slices cooked, diced turkey or pork bacon** until bread is completely moistened. Pour into prepared baking dish. Cover and refrigerate at least **4 hours** and up to **24 hours**.

Arrange rack in center of oven; preheat oven to **350°F**. Remove strata from refrigerator.

Bake, uncovered, **45–50 minutes** or until browned on the edges and cooked through in center. **Serves 8.**

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for 42 Mother's Day dessert recipes.

Americans can finally grow hair so thick “It will cover up your bald spots,” says top US Doctor

Clinical trials show a new hair loss breakthrough can both help men and women naturally regrow a thick, full head of hair – without drugs, surgery, or side effects

Thousands are rushing to get a new hair restoration method based on surprising new studies from the University of California.

It is the world's first and only hair loss solution that revives dead hair follicles. And studies confirm it helps men and women regrow a thick, full head of hair, even after years of balding.

Now, with news of this breakthrough spreading like wildfire — the manufacturers are struggling to keep up with overwhelming demand.

That's because, unlike other methods, it is prescription-free, drug-free, and has no side effects. And while hair transplants can cost \$4,000 or more, this new approach costs pennies on the dollar and doesn't involve going to the doctor's office.

Instead, it leverages cutting-edge technology to prevent hair loss, fill-in embarrassing bald spots, and nourish thinning hair — with results you can see and feel in 30 days or less.

As Jeanne F. from San Diego, CA reports: "When my husband began to use this product, all he had on top of his head was fuzz. His hair began to grow after 30 days and now it is about 2 to 3 inches long!"

Surprising Truth About Hair Loss

It is commonly believed that hair loss is hereditary.

Unfortunately, most people think there is nothing they can do to stop it. However, while many doctors will tell you that thinning hair, a receding hairline, and bald spots are due to your genetics, this is not the whole story.

"While genetics play a role, it's not the main reason you lose hair," says Dr. Al Sears, the nation's top anti-aging doctor. "And surprisingly it's not just your age, thyroid, hormones, stress, or a vi-

tamin deficiency, either."

The latest scientific research reveals that hair loss is primarily caused by the stem cells in your hair follicles dying.

"This discovery is a true breakthrough because by reviving these stem cells on your scalp, you can stop hair loss dead in its tracks and trigger new hair growth, even in areas that have been thinning for years," explains Dr. Sears.

Now, at his world-famous clinic, the Sears Institute for Anti-Aging Medicine in Palm Beach, Florida, Dr. Sears and his team have used this game-changing discovery to develop a brand-new hair restoration formula that is taking the country by storm.

Sold under the name *Re-Nourish*, it is flying off the shelves with men and women of all ages raving about the results it delivers.

"I have seen a significant improvement in hair growth. Previously, you could see thinning areas at the back of my head and now hair has grown over it," says Peter W. from Ontario, Canada.

And Susan D. from Fort Pierce, Florida reports, "My hair was thinning. So, I began to use *Re-Nourish* every day on the front part of my scalp. Now I have thicker hair."

Regrows Hair In Just 30 Days

Scientists now know that stem cells are the lifeblood of your hair follicles.

Research from the University of California shows they're the reason you're able to grow hair. However, these stem cells aren't always active. In fact, studies reveal they're only active during certain phases of the hair growth cycle.

"Your hair grows in three phases," explains Dr. Sears. "First,

you have the anagen phase, the hair growing phase. Then the catagen phase, when hair gets ready to shed. And finally, the telogen phase, where your hair is pushed from the follicle and falls out."

As you get older it becomes harder for your hair follicles to complete this three-phase cycle. The results? Your hairs get stuck in the telogen phase. This is when they start falling out and stop regrowing, no matter what you try.

This process doesn't happen overnight, says Dr. Sears.

"At first, your hair dries out, becoming brittle, thin, and harder to style. Then, you start finding hairs on your pillow and down the drain. Finally, you're left with bald spots that age you prematurely."

Fortunately, *Re-Nourish* puts a stop to this. It revives the dead stem cells in your hair follicles and reactivates your hair's three-phase cycle, triggering new growth in as little as 30 days — even in areas that've been balding for years.

Reawakens Dead Hair Follicles

For years, scientists couldn't figure out why hair follicle stem cells died.

However, a study from the University of California finally found the answer,

It has to do with T-cells — an important immune cell in your body. The researchers discovered these T-cells are the only way to command hair follicles to grow new hair.

More importantly, they showed that T-cells helped revive the stem cells in your hair follicles — spurring new growth, filling in bald spots and natural hairline.

Re-Nourish uses a unique



Breakthrough research proves this discovery helps fill-in bald spots, re-nourishes thinning hair, and leads to noticeable growth in as little as 30 days.

blend of all-natural ingredients. By spraying it on your hair once per day, scientific studies show you can revive dead stem cells and improve the appearance of thicker, fuller hair.

For example, the key nutrient of *Re-Nourish* was tested on a group of severely balding women.

After 6 months, nearly 70% of the women saw significant improvement in hair growth. Their hair was noticeably fuller, thicker, and healthier looking. Most exciting of all, they grew new hair on parts of their scalp that had been bald for years.

In another study, Italian researchers gathered a group of both men and women with thinning hair and applied the core ingredient of *Re-Nourish*. After 12 weeks, they reported a staggering 74% increase in hair growth.

"It's really mind-boggling that my hair started growing back," says Zan R., another *Re-Nourish* customer.

With results like this, it's no surprise that demand for *Re-Nourish* is soaring. Thousands of men and women are scrambling

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For the next 48-hours, Dr. Sears is offering readers a risk-free trial of *Re-Nourish*.

Dr. Sears feels so strongly about this product that he is backing every order with a risk-free, 100% money-back guarantee. To take advantage of this special offer, simply call the Sears Toll-Free Health Hotline at **1-800-510-7726** now. Use Promo Code **PARARN42** when you call in.

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