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No charges in Memorial Day shooting on Broadway

By Democrat Staff

No charges will be filed against Sedalia Police Department officers involved in the fatal shooting of a suspect who fled on West Broadway Boulevard over Memorial Day weekend.

The announcement comes after a months-long investigation into the incident by the Missouri State Highway Patrol, at the

request of Sedalia Police Chief Matt Wirt. According to an SPD news release, the department cooperated with the investigation, turning over all evidence, videos, reports, and statements to MSHP investigators.

MSHP presented its investigation to Pettis County Prosecuting Attorney Phillip Sawyer in late August for review. After assessment of the incident, no

charges or wrongdoing were found against SPD officers during the investigation or the prosecutorial review.

"These situations are difficult for everyone involved; the Sedalia Police Department would like to thank the community for their patience, cooperation, and support," the news release states. "An impartial investigation and a legal review confirmed SPD

acted within the law, doing what was necessary to stop the threat to the public. We will continue to work within the law to protect and serve the citizens of this community in the utmost professional manner."

Around 6:18 p.m. Sunday, May 29, the SPD got a call of an armed man, 22-year-old Masen T. Moore, at a home in the 700 block of West Broadway Bou-

levard. According to the SPD news release, the reporting party stated Moore had a gun and was making them feel unsafe, as he was harassing residents at their location.

Moore was facing a five-year stint in prison for a felony parole violation, among other warrants, which meant he was prohibited from possessing a firearm.

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Police form bike patrol unit

By Chris Howell

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The Sedalia Police Department has formed a new bicycle patrol unit thanks to local business owners and a tireless police detective, Neva Overstreet.

"I'm passionate that this was an advancement in our agency that's needed," Overstreet said, "and I like to see the growth of our agency in a positive direction. We as a community have that need and I just thought it was a great avenue. I said, 'why don't we have a specialized unit that gets specific training on how we can utilize these bikes a lot more.'"

The broken bicycles owned by the department could be valuable assets to the department if they were roadworthy. Other departments across the nation are having great success using bike patrols

Local businesses help with equipment

to deter crime.

"I want to direct you to a webpage," Overstreet said, "the International Mountain Bike Association, IMBA.com, that group has a lot of research on the influence of mountain bike patrol and how it affects the community."

The police once used bikes, but they had fallen into disrepair.

"We've had two that we've had for ages; I think they were over 20 years old," Overstreet said. "We had some problem-oriented issues, so we set the bikes out to do more of a covert stealth patrol. They were very successful."

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The Sedalia Police Department has formed a Bike Patrol Unit with the help of a grant through the KC Missouri coalition for roadway safety.

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Garrett and Ciara Volker stand together in their new restaurant, Volker's Eatery + Pub, located at 1021 S. Limit Ave. on Friday afternoon. The couple has been in the restaurant industry for a long time and is finally ready to open the restaurant they have always envisioned.

PHOTOS BY SKYE MELCHER | DEMOCRAT

Volker's almost ready to open to the public

By Skye Melcher

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In October, a new locally-owned eatery and pub will open its doors to the Sedalia community.

Volker's Eatery + Pub is a family-friendly restaurant owned by Garrett and Ciara Volker. The new business venture is bringing their dreams to life.

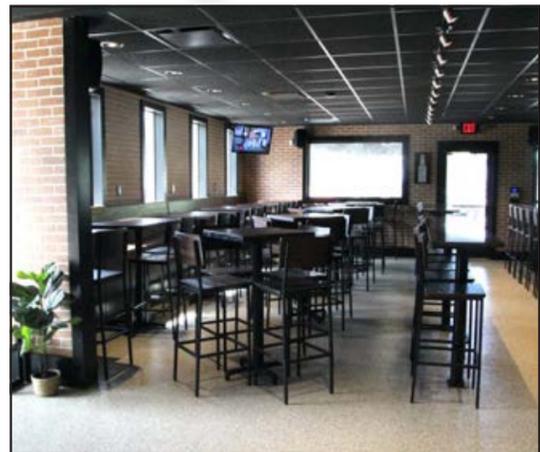
"We have been in the restaurant industry for a long time here in Sedalia," Garrett said. "We have gathered a lot of information and a lot of people have support-

ed us and we collaborated all the ideas and what they want and what we wanted, put them all together and thought it would be a good idea to open up our own place here in Sedalia."

Ciara added that they wanted to give back to their community and the restaurant would be a good place for families and friends to enjoy themselves.

Volker's will be selling craft pub food, and much of it will be made in-house by hired cooks with the idea of not using frozen food items.

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The bar side of Volker's Eatery + Pub features all high-top bar tables and stools so customers can sit at a uniform level.

Cole Camp Fair to open this week

By Faith Bemiss

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Fun, contests and parades are on the agenda this week at the Cole Camp Fair, with many activities and attractions being free.

The annual fair has existed since 1916 and is an important event for the small town of Cole Camp. Earl Theisen, a Cole Camp Fair board member, said Cole Camp has the event because the community has a "passion" for it.

"A lot of people kind of make fun of Cole Camp residents because a lot of us take a vacation during this time," he noted. "But they

Many activities are free

are so involved in volunteering for it, and they enjoy it so much that they want to do it.

"So, when people come to town, they see what Cole Camp is really about," he continued. "The small-town atmosphere. I told people for years that what I enjoy is when I'm walking through fairgrounds, and I see people who are laughing and smiling — then we've done our job right."

He added that many events and attractions are free to the public except for the carnival and food.

"You get to look at all the exhibits," he said. "You get to watch all the entertainment; you get to watch all the parades; you can do all that for free. Which in today's age is a pretty good price."

One of the biggest highlights and attractions of the fair is the parade because of the floats.

"The floats are made out of tissue paper," he explained. "Which are hand-fluffed into flowers. That is really the unique part of the fair."

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Children have fun on the 2021 Cole Camp Fair carnival rides. This year the fair will open on Thursday and run through Saturday. Most events are free to the public.

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FUNERALS

Mather, Janice Kay

7 p.m. Thursday at Rea Funeral Chapel in Sedalia. Arrangements are under the direction of Rea Funeral Chapel.

Young, Richard "Jim" James Jr.

11 a.m. Friday at Rea Funeral Chapel in Sedalia. Arrangements are under the direction of Rea Funeral Chapel.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Warrensburg Rainbow Fellowship to be Sept. 22

Warrensburg Rainbow Fellowship, a family-friendly gathering, will be from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Sept. 22 in the basement of the First Presbyterian Church, located at the corner of College and Market streets.

The event is free and open to the public. The event is not a religious service.

FPC is the only nationally certified and publicly open and affirming church in Warrensburg.

Free stickers, flags and bracelets will be available, as well as free mom hugs. Food will be provided.

The event is sponsored by More Light Presbyterians.

For more information, visit facebook.com/rainbowfpc.

SFCC to host merit badge college for Boy Scouts of America

State Fair Community College will host its first ever Merit Badge College for the Boy Scouts of America on Sept. 24 in Sedalia. The camp is an opportunity for scouts, both male and female, to earn merit badges in animal and plant science, robotics, welding, auto maintenance, dentistry, health care, citizenship, and more.

"We have seen similar camps at other colleges be very successful," said Chris Harper, district executive for the Great Rivers Council of Boy Scouts of America. "It is an exciting opportunity to showcase some of these high skill areas and give the scouts an opportunity to earn some merit badges in areas that might not be as accessible as others."

The scouts will have the benefit of learning in one of the state's premier technical centers, the Olen Howard Workforce Innovation Center. The Howard Center is a new 35,000-square-foot facility that boasts more than 30 welding stations, welding simulators and industrial computerized manufacturing equipment, including the only five-axis CNC machines in any educational center in Missouri.

More than 120 scouts and scouters from across Missouri have already signed up for the merit badge college. All participants will receive an SFCC Roadrunners patch. Scouts (and parents of scouts) interested in the State Fair Community College Merit Badge College should contact their scout leaders or Harper at chris.harper@scouting.org for more details.

Upcoming local blood drives

September is National Preparedness Month and the American Red Cross of Central and Northern Missouri urges everyone to get ready for these emergencies now.

Just last year, more than 40% of Americans — some 130 million people — were living in a county struck by a climate-related disaster, according to analysis from the Washington Post. Disasters can happen anywhere, anytime.

Three simple steps can help to keep your family safe during disasters: get a kit, make a plan, and be informed. Include your pets in your emergency plans. Take any special considerations into account as part of your emergency planning. For tips on how to prepare, visit redcross.org/prepare.

As a thank-you, all who come to give Sept. 1-18 will get a limited-edition Red Cross T-shirt while supplies last. Plus, those who race to give Sept. 1-30 will be entered for a chance to win a VIP NASCAR experience, including two tickets to a 2023 race, and will also receive a coupon for a free haircut by email, all thanks to Sport Clips Haircuts.

Donors can schedule an appointment to donate using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, by visiting RedCrossBlood.org or by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

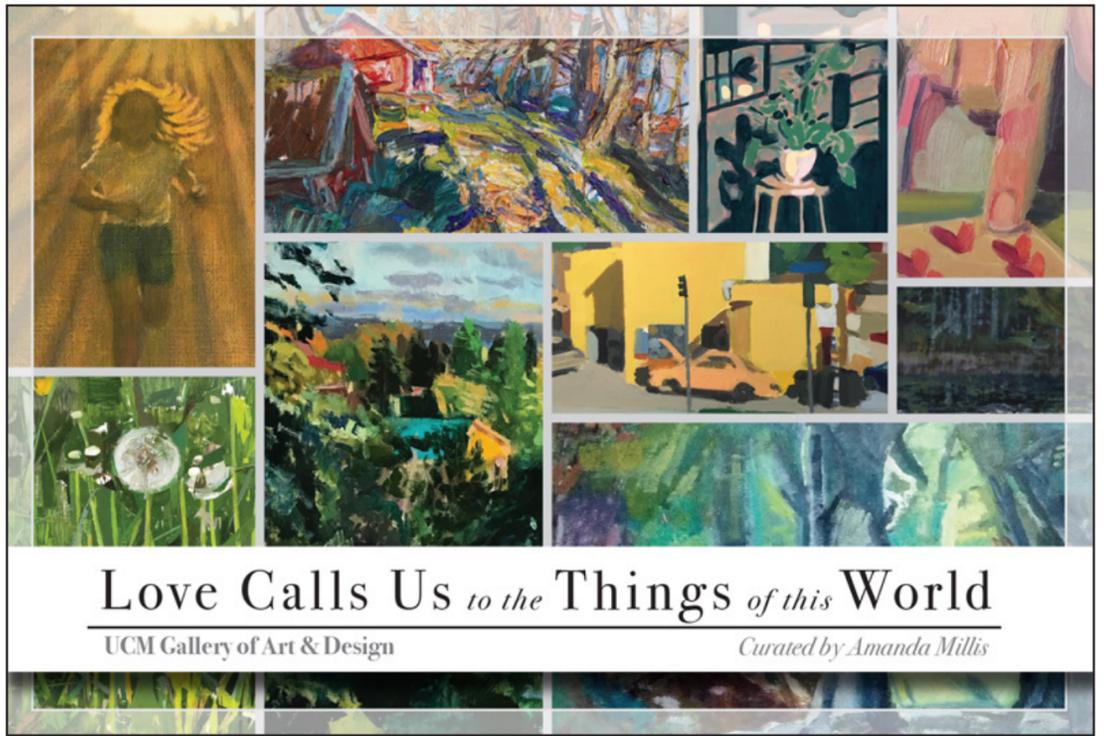
Upcoming blood donation opportunities:

Sept. 9 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Katy Trail Community Health Center, 821 Westwood Ave. in Sedalia.

Sept. 14 from 2 to 6 p.m. at La Monte High School, 301 S. Washington in La Monte.

Photo Submissions

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



Love Calls Us to the Things of this World

UCM Gallery of Art & Design

Curated by Amanda Millis

The exhibit, "Love Calls Us to the Things of this World," is on display through Sept. 17 at the University of Central Missouri Gallery of Art and Design.

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UCM Gallery to host two exhibitions through Sept. 17

WARRENSBURG — The University of Central Missouri Gallery of Art and Design is beginning the 2022-23 academic year with two free exhibitions available for viewing through Sept. 17.

The gallery, a creative hub featuring works ranging from the home-grown creations of students and faculty to artists from across the country, is open to the public and features exhibitions throughout the year.

Exhibitions "Love Calls Us to the Things of this World" and "Art of the Children's Book," featuring the work of two illustrators, will be featured in the gallery through mid-September.

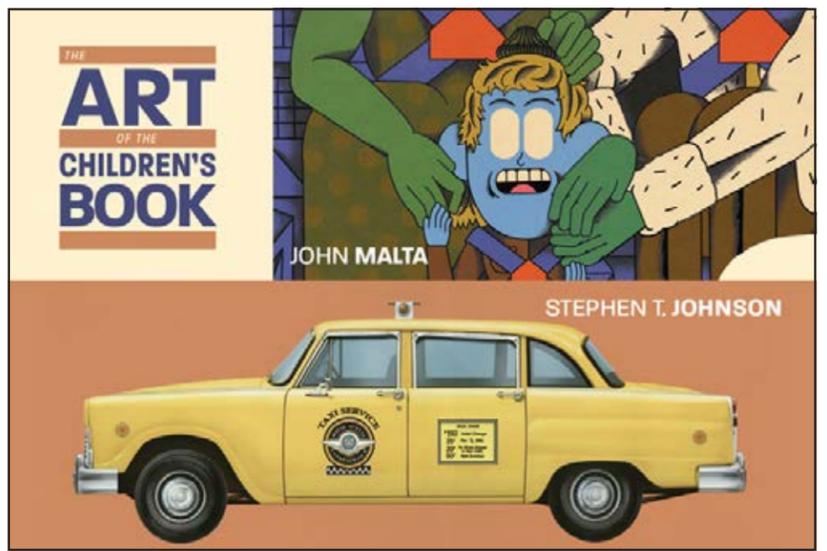
The Artist Gallery Talk for the "Art of the Children's Book," featuring artist Stephen T. Johnson, will be at 3 p.m. with a reception at 4 p.m. Sept. 8.

Inspired by a poem written by author Richard Wilbur, "Love Calls Us to the Things of this World" is a presentation that acknowledges the significance of the everyday and presents the "extraordinary ordinary."

Each artist taking part in this show uses their unique sensibilities and talents to transform ordinary scenes in life to make them extraordinary.

This show is curated by painter Amanda Millis, who has a studio at Waltham Mills in Waltham, Massachusetts, and has been recognized at exhibitions throughout the United States, Australia and Germany.

Millis has been awarded painting residencies at PLAYA, the Hambridge



Children's book illustrators John Malta, who teaches illustration at the University of Central Missouri and has worked with nationally known clients, and Stephen T. Johnson, an artist whose work is included in some of the most prestigious museums and institutions in the United States, will have illustrations displayed in the "Art of the Children's Book" exhibit Aug. 17 to Sept. 17 at the UCM Gallery of Art and Design.

Center for the Creative Arts, Monson Arts, Virginia Center for the Creative Arts, the Eastern Frontier Educational Foundation, and Mount Gretna School of Art.

"The Art of the Children's Book" offers the works of two artists, Stephen T. Johnson and John Malta, rolled into one exhibit.

Johnson offers illustrations from the book "My Little Yellow Taxi" and Malta will display items from "Intergalactic Moving Day."

Malta is an associate professor of art and design at UCM who teaches illustration courses at all levels.

In addition to his work at UCM, Malta has self-published more than 30 books, zines, anthologies and comics. Malta regularly exhibits at festivals and conventions in the U.S. and abroad.

Malta has worked on art direction and illustration projects for clients such as the New Yorker, Honda, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, The New York Times, Washington Post, Hasbro and others.

Johnson's work has been displayed at site-specific public places, art commissions, gallery and museum exhibitions and in original award-winning children's books. This includes "Alphabet City," which is a Caldecott Honor and New York Times Best Illustrated book of the year.

Johnson's drawings and painting are included in the collections of individuals such as singer-songwriter Paul Simon and actress Cherry Jones and in permanent collections at Carnegie Mellon University in Pitts-

burgh, Pennsylvania, the New Britain Museum of American Art in Connecticut, and the National Portrait Gallery at The Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

The UCM Gallery of Art and Design is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday; 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday; and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and is located at 217 E. Clark St. in Warrensburg.

For information about future exhibits, contact Eric Stykel, associate professor of art and design, at 660-543-4667 or stykel@ucmo.edu or call the gallery at 660-543-4498.

For more information about the gallery, visit ucmo.edu/gallery.

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Survey finds young people follow news, but without much joy

By David Bauder

AP Media Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Young people are following the news but aren't too happy with what they're seeing.

Broadly speaking, that's the conclusion of a study released Wednesday showing 79% of young Americans say they get news daily. The survey of young people ages 16 to 40 — the older of which are known as millennials and the younger Generation Z — was conducted by Media Insight Project, a collaboration between The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research and the American Press Institute.

The report pokes holes in the idea that young people aren't interested in news, a perception largely driven by statistics showing older audiences for television news and newspapers.

"They are more engaged in more ways than people give them credit for," said Michael Bolden, CEO and executive director of the American Press Institute.

An estimated 71% of this age group gets news daily from social media. The social media diet is becoming more varied; Facebook doesn't dominate the way it used to. About a third or more get news each day from YouTube and Instagram,

and about a quarter or more from TikTok, Snapchat and Twitter. Now, 40% say they get news from Facebook daily, compared with 57% of millennials who said that in a 2015 Media Insight Project survey.

Yet 45% also said they get news each day from traditional sources, like television or radio stations, newspapers and news websites.

The poll found that about a quarter of young people say they regularly pay for at least one news product, like print or digital magazines or newspapers, and a similar percentage have donated to at least one nonprofit news organization.

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Reid named Hall of Fame Agent by American Family

Osage Beach businessman Nathan Reid, owner of Reid & Associates LLC, has been named a Hall of Fame Agent by American Family Insurance.

Reid earned Hall of Fame status for outstanding sales of American Family products over a period of 10 consecutive years.

"This is a tremendous and well-deserved honor for Nathan," said Jennifer Keen, American Family sales district leader. "He has a very strong insurance background and realizes it takes commitment and high-quality, personalized service to earn the trust and respect of his customers."

Reid was quick to credit his staff: Abby Harmon and Kevin Henson.

"Success in this business takes a team effort with the insurance company, agent and agent's



Nathan Reid

staff working together to provide products and services that have value," he said.

Reid & Associates LLC is located at 1026 Palisades Blvd. in Osage Beach.

Reid is a 2001 graduate of Northwest High School and a 2003 graduate of State Fair Community College. His dad, JR Reid, is an American Family agent in Sedalia.

Release courtesy of American Family Insurance.

WMMC recognized for commitment to quality care for heart attacks

WARRENSBURG — Western Missouri Medical Center (WMMC) has received the American Heart Association's Mission: Lifeline STEMI Referring Center Bronze recognition for its commitment to ensuring science-based treatment for all people experiencing a specific type of heart attack known as an ST-elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI). This type of heart attack is known to be more severe and dangerous than other types of heart attacks.

Each year, more than 280,000 people in the U.S. experience a STEMI, caused by a complete blockage in a coronary artery. Nearly 40% of people who go to the emergency room with acute coronary syndrome are diagnosed with a STEMI. Like all heart attacks, this requires timely treatment to restore blood flow as quickly as possible.

"WMMC is dedicated to improving the health care of our community," President and CEO of WMMC Darinda Dick said. "We put proven knowledge and guidelines to work on a daily basis, so members of our community who experience a STEMI have the best possible chance of survival. When you're having a heart attack, time is critical, which is why receiving an award recognizing that we provide high-quality, life-saving care when time matters is an achievement we are very proud of."

Mission: Lifeline is a national, community-based initiative improving systems of care for patients with STEMI, non-ST

elevation myocardial infarction (NSTEMI), stroke, and out-of-hospital cardiac arrest. The program focuses on streamlining processes to speed the delivery of proper treatment for time-sensitive, neuro-cardiovascular disease states.

Recognition is designed to showcase hospitals of every size on the front lines of care that do not have 24/7 cardiac catheterization lab availability but work in collaboration with emergency medical services to ensure patients receive guideline-directed STEMI and NSTEMI care. This specific award is earned by hospitals that demonstrate a commitment to getting patients the most up-to-date research-based care for STEMI as outlined by the American Heart Association.

"Care coordination is particularly important when someone experiences a STEMI heart attack, and American Heart Association guidelines call for specific science-based treatment," said James G. Jollis, M.D., volunteer chair for the American Heart Association's Get with The Guidelines - Coronary Artery Disease Systems of Care Advisory Work Group and professor of medicine at Duke University School of Medicine. "Hospitals like Western Missouri Medical Center are recognized for consistently supporting patients to ensure the best opportunity for recovery."

Contributed by Western Missouri Medical Center.

Lower US job gain in August could aid Fed's inflation fight

By Christopher Rugaber

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — America's employers added a healthy number of jobs last month, yet slowed their hiring enough to potentially help the Federal Reserve in its fight to reduce raging inflation.

The economy gained 315,000 jobs in August, a still-solid figure that pointed to an economy that remains resilient despite rising interest rates, high inflation and sluggish consumer spending. Friday's report from the government also showed that the unemployment rate rose to 3.7%, up from a half-century low of 3.5%. Yet that increase was also an encouraging sign: It reflected a long-awaited rise in the number of Americans who are looking for work.

"It's a very positive report and still holds open the possibility for a soft landing," said Ellen Gasko, an economist at PGIM Fixed Income, referring to the Fed's goal of slowing the economy enough to cool inflation without going so far as to cause a recession.

Prices are rising at nearly the fastest pace in 40 years, which has handed congressional Republicans a hammer to use against Democrats in the fall congressional elections. Texas Republican Rep. Kevin Brady noted Friday that rising wages aren't keeping up with inflation, leaving Americans with "shrinking paychecks."

The White House has pushed back, claiming credit for what it calls evidence that the economy remains on firm footing.

"Jobs are up, wages are up, people are back to work and we're seeing some signs that inflation may be, may be ... beginning to ease," President Joe Biden said Friday.

Inflation did fall to an 8.5% annual rate in July from 9.1% in June, mostly as gas prices steadily dropped. Prices at the pump fell to \$3.81 a gallon Friday from a

peak of \$5.02 in mid-June. But inflation has declined in the past only to jump higher again, and few economists are willing to declare yet that it has peaked.

The August hiring gain was down from 526,000 jobs that were added in July, and it fell below the average increase of the previous three months. Wage growth weakened a bit last month, too, which could also serve the Fed's inflation fight. Average hourly pay rose 0.3% from the previous month, the smallest gain since April. Businesses typically pass the cost of higher wages on to their customers through higher prices, thereby fueling inflation.

Gaske suggested that the figures could allow the Fed to raise its benchmark short-term interest rate by a half-percentage point at its next meeting later this month, rather than by three-quarters of a point, as many Wall Street traders and some economists have expected. Either size increase would exceed the Fed's typical hike of a quarter of a percentage point. When the Fed increases its rate, it leads over time to higher rates on mortgages, auto loans and business borrowing and can weaken the economy.

The Fed is rapidly raising rates to try to cool the economy and reduce inflation. Some economists fear, though, that the Fed is tightening credit so aggressively that it will eventually tip the economy into recession.

Most industries added workers last month, with the biggest increases in professional and business services, which gained 68,000 jobs. That sector includes architects, engineers and some tech workers. Health care added 61,500 jobs, retailers 44,000.

Some companies, particularly in technology, have announced layoffs in recent months. On Wednesday, Snap, the parent company of the social media platform Snapchat, said it would cut 20% of its staff. The fitness

equipment maker Peloton, the stock trading app Robinhood and the online furniture Wayfair have also said they are laying off workers. Bed, Bath & Beyond says it will close 150 stores and slash its workforce by 20%.

Yet with unemployment still very low and many businesses desperate to find workers, people who have been laid off are still finding plentiful opportunities elsewhere. One eager employer is TruBlue Total House Care, which does home renovations and repairs, with a focus on making homes safer for senior citizens.

Sean Fitzgerald, president of TruBlue, based in Cincinnati, said all its 87 locations have posted job openings. The number of people applying has risen recently, he said — a welcome sign for a company that has been short-staffed since soon after COVID-19 struck in the spring of 2020.

"We have far more demand than we do employees," Fitzgerald said. "Our biggest hurdle continues to be getting enough qualified employees hired."

To help retain its workers, TruBlue in some cases is lending company vehicles to employees and paying for gas.

Fitzgerald said a slowdown in home building, one consequence of the Fed's rate hikes, has likely cost some construction workers their jobs, making it a bit easier for his company to hire.

Becky Frankiewicz, president of the staffing firm Manpower Group North America, said that laid-off workers, particularly in technology, are being quickly rehired. Software development, she said, is the second-most in-demand skill, behind nursing. The job market is the "eye of the economic hurricane," she said, with hiring resilient despite the turmoil created by weaker growth and high inflation.

But Frankiewicz said she is starting to see some early signs that employers are

dialing back: Job postings at Manpower were down 6% in August from a month ago. Wage growth has also started to plateau.

Mathieu Stevenson, CEO of Snagajob, an hourly hiring platform, said his firm has also seen a small decline in job postings, though hiring is still strong. Some employers, after being short-staffed for so long, appear to have figured out how to get by with fewer workers, he said — a trend that could slow future job gains.

"People are less panicked by the understaffing, because they've just gotten so accustomed to operating with it," Stevenson said. "And so they're much less aggressive about how hard they're trying to hire."

Recent data has painted a somewhat conflicting picture of the economy. The broadest measure of the economy's output — gross domestic product — has shrunk for two straight quarters, meeting one informal definition of a recession. Yet another measure, focused on incomes, indicates the economy expanded in the first half of the year, albeit slowly.

Fed Chair Jerome Powell, in a high-profile speech last week, made clear that the central bank was prepared to continue raising short-term interest rates and to keep them elevated to keep fighting inflation. Powell warned that the Fed's inflation fight would likely cause pain for Americans in the form of a weaker economy and job losses.

The Fed chair also said the job market was "clearly out of balance," with demand for workers "substantially exceeding" the available supply. Friday's jobs figures and a report earlier this week that showed the number of job openings rose in July suggest that the Fed's rate hikes so far haven't restored much balance.

There are roughly two advertised job openings for every unemployed worker.

Microsoft's Activision Blizzard deal gets global scrutiny

By Matt O'Brien and Kelvin Chan

AP Technology Writers

Microsoft's plan to buy video game giant Activision Blizzard for \$68.7 billion could have major effects on the gaming industry, transforming the Xbox maker into something like a Netflix for video games by giving it control of many more popular titles.

But to get to the next level, Microsoft must first survive a barrage of government inquiries from New Zealand to Brazil, and from U.S. regulators emboldened by President Joe Biden to strengthen their enforcement of antitrust laws.

In the United Kingdom, regulators on Thursday threatened to escalate their investigation unless both companies come up with proposals within five days to ease competition concerns. More than seven months after Microsoft announced the deal, only Saudi Arabia has approved it.

"A growing number of countries are subjecting major global transactions to deeper scrutiny," said William Kovacic, a former chairman of the five-member U.S. Federal Trade Commission. "Many of the jurisdictions that are exercising that scrutiny are significant economies and can't be brushed off."

Microsoft has faced antitrust scrutiny before, mostly notably more than two decades ago when a federal judge ordered its breakup following the company's anticompetitive actions related to its dominant Windows software. That verdict was overturned on appeal, although the court imposed other, less drastic, penalties on the company.

In recent years, however, Microsoft has largely escaped the more intense regulatory backlash its Big Tech rivals such as Amazon, Google and Facebook's parent company Meta have endured. But the sheer size of the Activision Blizzard merger has drawn global attention.

The all-cash deal is set to be the largest in the history of the tech industry. It would give Microsoft, maker of the Xbox console and gaming system, control of popular game franchises such as Call of Duty, World of Warcraft and Candy Crush. There's also a growing sense that past review of Big Tech mergers was too lax — such as when Facebook bought Instagram in 2012 and WhatsApp in 2014.

"Collectively, that means that the kinds of concessions you're going to have to make become more difficult," Kovacic said.

The possibility of Microsoft gaining control of Call

of Duty has been particularly worrisome to Sony, maker of the PlayStation console that competes with Microsoft's Xbox. In a letter to Brazilian regulators, Sony emphasized Call of Duty as an "essential" game — a blockbuster so popular and ingrained that it would be impossible for a competitor to develop a rival product even if they had the budget to do so.

The U.K. watchdog's preliminary inquiry raised similar worries. It said Microsoft's control of popular Activision Blizzard games raised concerns that the deal would hurt rivals in multi-game subscription services and the cloud gaming market.

One solution could be a settlement in which Microsoft agrees to ensure that console-making rivals such as Sony or Nintendo won't be cut off from popular Activision Blizzard games. Microsoft has already publicly signaled its openness to that concept.

Microsoft's president, Brad Smith, has said the company committed to Sony to make Activision games like Call of Duty "available on PlayStation beyond the existing agreement and into the future" — although many are skeptical about how long those promises would last if not set into regulatory consent decrees.

On the other hand, Mic-

rosoft also has a much better reputation in Washington than it did in 2000. It is "seen as more reasonable and sensible" on issues such as data privacy, Kovacic said.

Microsoft has also been working to win over skeptics in the U.S., starting with a labor union that's been trying to organize Activision Blizzard employees. Democratic lawmakers have also expressed concern about allegations of Activision's toxic workplace culture for women, which led to employee walkouts last year as well as discrimination lawsuits brought by California and federal civil rights enforcers.

In March, the Communications Workers of America had issued a call seeking tougher oversight of the deal from the U.S. Department of Justice, the FTC and state attorneys general. But a June 30 letter from the union to the FTC said it had switched to supporting the deal after Microsoft agreed "to ensure the workers of Activision Blizzard have a clear path to collective bargaining."

Gaming represents a growing portion of Microsoft's business, despite the company's efforts to portray itself and Activision Blizzard as "small players in a highly fragmented publishing space," per a document filed with New Zealand's Commerce Commission.

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Pulitzer Prize-Winning author Gordon-Reed to speak at UCM

WARRENSBURG — The University of Central Missouri will host An Evening with Annette Gordon-Reed, a guest speaker event featuring nationally known Harvard University educator, historian and Pulitzer Prize-winning author Annette Gordon-Reed.

The event will take place at 7 p.m. Sept. 22 in Hendricks Hall. It is free and open to the public.

Gordon-Reed is the Carl M. Loeb University Professor at Harvard University, where she teaches law and also pursues an interest in topics such as American Slavery and Law; American Legal History; Law; Politics and

Culture in the Early American Republic and subjects that have contributed to her reputation as one of the most authoritative voices on race and history in the United States.

Gordon-Reed has received 16 awards for her writings, including "The Hemingses of Monticello: An American Family (W.W.Norton, 2008)," which received the Pulitzer Prize in History in 2009 and the National Book Award in 2008.

Gordon-Reed also wrote "Thomas Jefferson and Sally Hemings: An American Controversy (UVA Press, 1997)," and Vernon Can Read! A Memoir," a collaboration

with Vernon Jordan (Public Affairs 2001).

Gordon-Reed's most recent book, "On Juneteenth," was published in 2021 and commemorates the end of slavery in the United States.

Gordon-Reed has received numerous honors, including the National Humanities Medal awarded by President Barack Obama, a Guggenheim Fellowship and MacArthur Fellowship, and was elected as a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Gordon-Reed's visit to UCM is sponsored by the American Democracy Project, Office of the Provost and Vice President



Annette Gordon-Reed, a nationally known Harvard University educator, historian and Pulitzer Prize-winning author, will speak at the University of Central Missouri on Sept. 22. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL MISSOURI

for Academic Affairs, Department of Political Science and International Studies, Department of History, Student Activity Fee, Students for Political Action and the Center

for Multiculturalism and Inclusivity.

An anonymous donor contributed to the Political Science and History programs to make this program possible. The gift

was made in the name of university alumni Gloria J. Maxwell and Simon E. Maxwell, both deceased.

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Taulman receives WILS Empowerment Scholarship



WILS Independent Living Programs Coordinator Samantha Jarvis with WILS Empowerment Scholarship winner Eli Taulman. PHOTO COURTESY OF WEST-CENTRAL INDEPENDENT LIVING SOLUTIONS

West-Central Independent Living Solutions awarded Windsor High School graduate Eli Taulman, of Windsor, the \$500 WILS Empowerment Scholarship.

This scholarship is open to any high school senior in Johnson, Lafayette, Henry, Benton, Pettis, or Saline counties with a disability who wishes to continue their education at a four-year college, associate's program, community college, or vocational technology program. The recipient was chosen by a panel based on an essay application.

"I am so honored to be

chosen for this scholarship," Taulman said. "As a person who stutters, I am excited to be able to advocate for others. This is a journey of self-improvement, not of being dependent on others for help."

Last summer, Taulman attended Missouri Boys State and lived in a residence hall for a week. He currently attends the University of Central Missouri and lives on campus.

WILS collaborates with local high schools to offer independent living courses for students with disabilities to prepare them for transitions

to secondary education, the workforce and living on their own.

"Eli's essay conveyed the importance of self-determination and motivation needed to manage one's own life. We are honored to make this investment, excited for what the future holds for Eli, and offer our sincere and very best wishes as Eli starts this new life chapter of empowered independence," said Kathy Wyatt, WILS Senior Executive Assistant.

As a Center for Independent Living (CIL), WILS strives to remove barriers and prejudices and empowers persons with disabilities to live independently. It is a consumer-driven, non-residential, 501(c)3 nonprofit resource center that serves people with disabilities and their families.

For more information, visit w-ils.org or contact info@w-ils.org.

Release courtesy of West-Central Independent Living Solutions.



Runners participate in a previous Run for Freedom 5K and 10K. The 20th annual run will be hosted Sept. 24 at the Missouri Veterans Home in Warrensburg. PHOTO COURTESY OF MISSOURI VETERANS HOME

Run for Freedom returns to the Missouri Veterans Home

WARRENSBURG — The 20th annual Run for Freedom 5K and 10K, sponsored by the West Central Missouri Veterans Assistance League (VAL), will be at 9 a.m. Sept. 24 at the Missouri Veterans Home in Warrensburg. Runners from all over West Central Missouri and Eastern Kansas participate in this event to help enhance the lives of the veterans who live at the Missouri Veterans Home.

The event offers a 5K and 10K run that is US-

ATF certified and uses a professional timing company to document running times. At the last in-person race in 2019, runners ranged in age from 7 to 83. The veterans at the home will assist in cheering the runners on and with the awards ceremony.

Medals are presented to the top three finishers in each age category for the run by the veterans who live at the home.

This year's proceeds will be used for a variety of programs that will enhance the lives of the home's veterans. This includes providing free ice cream to veterans at the canteen, cash prizes in bingo games, special drinks and food at their weekly happy hour and

specialty meals throughout the year like shrimp boils, whole hog roasts and much more.

The cost to participate is \$30. The deadline to receive a shirt is Sept. 9. Online registration is available at register.chronotrack.com/r/68028. Entry forms may also be picked up at the Missouri Veterans Home, 1300 Veterans Road in Warrensburg.

Sponsorship and volunteer opportunities and additional information are available by calling Latisha Koetting, supervisor of volunteer services, at 660-429-4661.

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EXPLAINER: Should you get a new COVID booster? If so, when?

By Lauran Neergaard
AP Medical Writer

John Wherry will wait until later in the fall to consider getting an updated COVID-19 booster. The University of Pennsylvania immunologist knows it's too soon after his shot late this summer, especially since he's not at high risk from the virus.

It's the kind of calculation many Americans will face as booster shots that target currently circulating omicron strains become available to a population with widely varying risks and levels of immunity.

Here are some things to know: **HOW ARE THE NEW BOOSTERS DIFFERENT?**

They're combination or "bivalent" shots that contain half the original vaccine that's been used since December 2020 and half protection against today's dominant omicron versions, BA.4 and BA.5. It's the first update to COVID-19 vaccines ever cleared by the Food and Drug Administration.

WHO'S ELIGIBLE?

Updated shots made by Pfizer and its partner BioNTech are authorized for anyone 12 and older, and rival Moderna's version is for adults. They're to be used as a booster for anyone who's already had their primary vaccination series -- using shots from any U.S.-cleared company -- and regardless of how many boosters they've already gotten.

IF I JUST GOT ONE OF THE ORIGINAL BOOSTERS, SHOULD I GET THE NEW KIND RIGHT AWAY?

No. The FDA set the minimum wait time at two months. But advisers to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said it's better to wait longer. Some advise at least three months, another said someone who's not at high risk might wait as long as six months.

"If you wait a little more time, you get a better immunologic response," said CDC adviser Dr. Sarah Long of Drexel University.

That's because someone who recently got a booster already has

more virus-fighting antibodies in their bloodstream. Antibodies gradually wane over time, and another shot too soon won't offer much extra benefit, explained Wherry, who wasn't involved with the government's decision-making.

WHAT IF I RECENTLY RECOVERED FROM COVID-19?

It's still important to get vaccinated even if you've already been infected -- but timing matters here, too.

The CDC has long told people to defer vaccination until they've recovered but also that people may consider waiting for three months after recovering to get a vaccination. And several CDC advisers say waiting the three months is important, both for potentially more benefit from the shot and to reduce chances of a rare side effect, heart inflammation, that sometimes affects teen boys and young men.

HOW MUCH BENEFIT WILL THE NEW BOOSTERS OFFER?

That's not clear, because tests of this exact recipe have only just begun in people.

The FDA cleared the new boosters based in large part on human studies of a similarly tweaked vaccine that's just been recommended by regulators in Europe. Those tweaked shots target an earlier omicron strain, BA.1, that circulated last winter, and studies found they revved up people's virus-fighting antibodies.

With that earlier omicron version now replaced by BA.4 and BA.5, the FDA ordered an additional tweak to the shots -- and tests in mice showed they spark an equally good immune response.

There's no way to know if antibodies produced by an omicron-matched booster might last longer than a few months. But a booster also is supposed to strengthen immune system memory, adding to protection against serious illness from the ever-mutating virus.

HOW DO WE KNOW THEY'RE SAFE?

The basic ingredients used in both omicron-targeting updated vaccines are the same. Testing by Pfizer and Moderna of their BA.1-targeted versions proved safe in human studies and CDC's advisers concluded the additional small recipe change should be no different.

Flu vaccines are updated every year without human trials.

CAN I GET A NEW COVID-19 BOOSTER AND A FLU SHOT AT THE SAME TIME?

Yes, one in each arm.

WHAT IF I WANT TO WAIT?

People at high risk from COVID-19 are encouraged to get the new booster when they're due. After all, BA.5 still is spreading widely and hospitalization rates in older adults have increased since spring.

Most Americans eligible for an updated booster have gone at least six months since their last shot, according to the CDC -- plenty of time that another shot should trigger a good immune response.

Shooting

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Officers arrived at the residence and after a white male matching the suspect's description fled on foot, officers established a perimeter to contain him. They attempted to make contact with Moore by giving verbal commands and searched the area with a police K9.

The release states that during the search, Moore came out of hiding and ran north, crossing Broadway Boulevard between Prospect and Stewart avenues. Moore fired three rounds at officers. Officers took cover to prevent being struck by the shots and tried to stop crossing traffic to prevent motorists from being shot. In addition, officers tried to warn

neighbors to go back inside their residences and seek a safe place; several neighbors told the Democrat after the shooting that they had heard several gunshots.

Officers gave Moore another verbal command, but he crossed Broadway and took up a position against officers. The release states he fired two more shots at police when an officer with a patrol rifle fired one shot at Moore to stop the threat. Officers then cautiously approached Moore, secured him and the weapon, and rendered medical aid.

Moore was transported by the Pettis County Ambulance District to Bothwell Regional Health Center, where he was later pronounced dead.

The MSHP investigation indicated Moore fired a total of five shots.

Survey

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Only 32% say they enjoy following the news. That's a marked decrease from seven years ago, when 53% of millennials said that. Fewer young people now say they enjoy talking with family and friends about the news.

Other findings, such as people who say they feel worse the longer they spend online or who set time limits on their consumption, point to a weariness with the news, said Tom Rosenstiel, a University of Maryland journalism professor.

"I wasn't surprised by that," Bolden said. "It has been a challenging news cycle, especially the last three years."

About 9 in 10 young people say misinformation about issues and events is a problem, including about 6 in 10 who say it's a major problem. Most say they've been exposed to misinformation themselves.

Asked who they consider most responsible for its spread, young people pointed to social media companies and users, politicians and the media in equal measure.

That may surprise people in the media who believe they are fighting misinformation, and are not part of the problem, Bolden said. A significant number of people disagree.

"Whether that's accurate or not, the people in this business have to deal with that perception," he said.

He suggested that it's important for news orga-

nizations to better explain what it is that they do and how coverage decisions are made, along with taking a step back to make clear how government functions, as well as holding leaders to account.

The percentage of people who say "news stories that seem to mostly create conflict rather than help address it" and "media outlets that pass on conspiracy theories and unsubstantiated rumors" are a major problem exceeded the number of people concerned about journalists putting too much opinion in their stories, the survey found.

That would seem to point a finger at cable news outlets that fill air time with debates on particular issues, often pitting people with extreme points of view. New CNN chief executive Chris Licht has recently called on his network to cool the overheated segments.

"There are people who have grown up in this world of political food-fight media, and this is the only world they know," said Rosenstiel, who worked on the survey as Bolden's predecessor at the press institute. "They might have heard their parents talk about Walter Cronkite, but they haven't seen that."

The topics people ages 16 to 40 say they most follow in the news? Celebrities, music and entertainment, at 49%, and food and cooking, at 48%, top the list. At least a third follow a wide range of other issues, including health and fitness, race and social justice, the environment, health care, education, politics and sports.

Bike

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Certain situations lend themselves to bike patrols, and Overstreet knows the silent patrols would prove helpful in many scenarios.

"Parades, festivals, special events," Overstreet said. "We can deploy these on special issues, proactive policing issues. Looking at the criminal analysis through our record system, we see that if there's something that needs to take precedence, we can deploy the bikes. The two bikes that we have are old and not the right size that we need across the board for several officers."

Overstreet spoke with Chief Matt Wirt about it and then reached out to local business owners. They were able to get a grant and donations for equipment.

Sonny Broyles with Preuitt Insurance Services was very receptive to the idea, according to the detective.

"He was on board almost immediately. He said, 'Oh my gosh, I love this idea,' and we went with it," Overstreet recalled. "He just said, 'tell me what you need, and we'll try to get it done.'"

Panhandlers bothering his customers along South Ohio Avenue was enough to get Broyles involved.

"I'm a downtown business owner and we really need that on our streets downtown," Broyles said. "I'm seeing a lot of different things and there's a lot of traffic. On several occasions, I've had to go out and help my customers because there are people knocking on windows of cars with older people in them and it's scaring them. Ozark Cof-



Two new mountain bikes and two newly-repaired bikes owned by the Sedalia Police Department for 20 years form the basis of the department's new Bike Patrol Unit. PHOTO BY CHRIS HOWELL | DEMOCRAT

fee has the same problem where we're having a lot of people wanting money. I think this will help the downtown area clear some of that."

Impact Signs created graphics for the bicycles and helmets. Pro-Velo Cycle Sport repaired the two old bikes and researched the two new mountain bikes the unit purchased to be able to accommodate a wider range of officers.

There is increased interest among officers in the newly formed patrol unit.

"We were hoping for five to 10 officers, and we ended up with eight," Overstreet said. "Sgt. Daniel Benner was selected as the coordinator, Sgt. Michael Elwood will be a bicycle officer, but Daniel is going to be our supervisor for the unit. Daniel and one other officer will be selected to go through

the instructor course and receive training to be able to instruct the rest of the unit for special tactics."

Bike Patrol Unit officers will train with the International Police Mountain Bikes Association.

Broyles is happy he was able to donate toward equipment for the bike patrol and believes they will be an asset to downtown safety.

"I'm just excited for the Police Department to have the new bike patrol," Broyles said. "I think it will be an asset to the community and I appreciate Detective Overstreet and her reaching out and trying to help the Police Department because it is a very valuable asset."

The purchase of the bicycles was made possible through the KC Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety.

Chris Howell can be reached at 660-530-0146.



From left, Sgt. Michael Elwood, Detective Neva Overstreet, Sonny Broyles with Preuitt Insurance Services, Anne Townsend with Impact Signs, Officer Tony Karr, Sgt. Daniel Benner and Police Chief Matt Wirt pose for a photo outside the Sedalia Police Department with the four bicycles that will be used by the new Bike Patrol Unit. PHOTO COURTESY OF SEDALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Open

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“We’re going to have craft made, we call them munchies, a lot of places call them appetizers,” Garrett said. “Our pizza is going to be a fire-oven crust, our sauce will be made in-house and our cheese blend is made in-house. We’re going to have a lot of craft sandwiches, a lot of kinds, off-the-wall, fun, made in-house sandwiches.”

The Volkners have kept the menu under wraps since the process started and won’t be officially releasing it until closer to opening.

Many times in the past, the couple tried to work toward their restaurant dreams, but when they really wanted to do it, the pandemic started. In November 2021, the Volkners were finally able to make their vision start coming to life.

“The city of Sedalia has been very helpful, very informative and guided us on what we needed to do to get this building up to par and the standards of being a quality restaurant here in Sedalia,” Garrett said.

The Volkners also had help from their contractor, Dan Bailey, and from Rob Rolling

Architects in combining all of the couple’s ideas. Those ideas have transformed the former Russell Stover Outlet building into Volker’s.

“We had literally, from the ground-up, torn this place apart,” Garrett said. “There wasn’t a whole lot in here, it was basically just a shell. We took out shelves, ground down the floor, and took out the ceiling.”

Everything in the Volker’s building is brand new, from the electric work to extending the back of the building to installing a full kitchen.

The couple both worked at their previous jobs throughout the entire process of getting their restaurant ready.

“My manager Scott, at Colton’s, was awesome with being like, ‘hey, I know you’re needing another day off, go ahead,’ and so I would take a day off to get stuff done,” Ciara said.

It was the same for Garrett with Stacey and Holly Fitter at Fitters Fifth Street Pub. They allowed him to continue working at the Sedalia Fitters location until three weeks ago.

Ciara said Volker’s will be a family-oriented restaurant that might look like a bar but is much more than that.

“(Volker’s) will have a clean, streamlined industrial

look with just a relaxing atmosphere,” Ciara said. “We don’t want to be a party bar, but we still want to be a place where you can come in and enjoy yourself but still have a kid next to you.”

The restaurant’s patio will also be dog friendly, plus there will be a dog menu and water bowls provided.

Once the restaurant is open, the Volkners want to help sponsor and support the community. This would include possibly supporting the Sedalia Animal Shelter, sponsoring sports teams, providing a location for car washes and more. The couple set aside a percentage of their earnings that they will give back to the community.

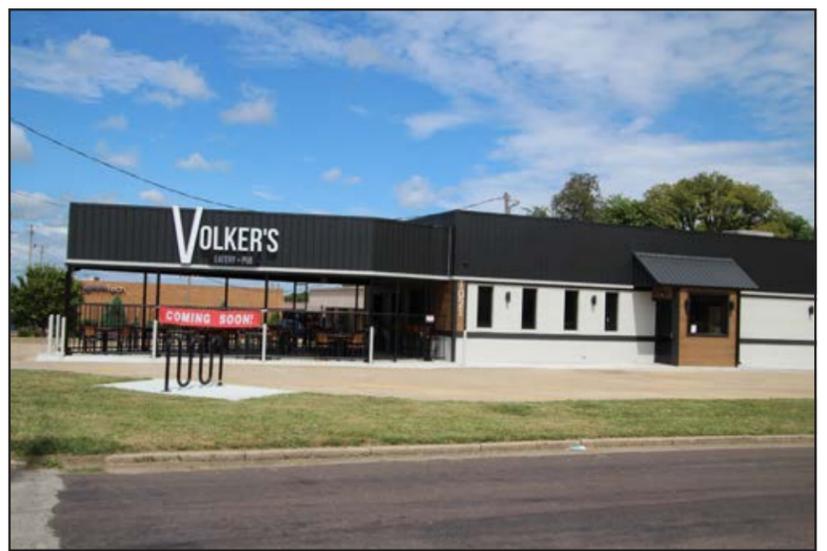
Ciara said she looks forward to seeing the community visit the restaurant and their reactions, while Garrett is looking forward to customers trying the food.

Volker’s is now hiring and applications are available at the restaurant.

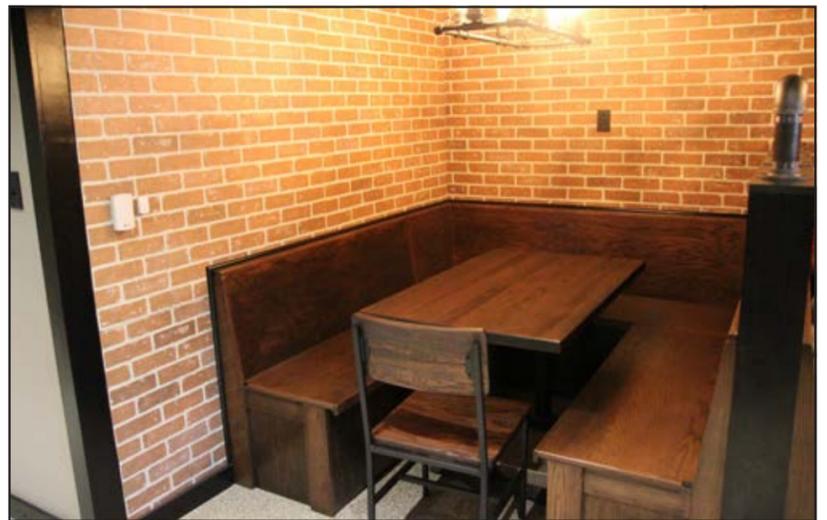
Volker’s Eatery + Pub will be open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 11 a.m. to midnight on Friday and Saturday.

For more information about Volker’s Eatery + Pub, visit the Facebook page.

Skye Melcher can be reached at 660-530-0144.



Volker’s Eatery +Pub is located at 1021 S. Limit Ave. and will open in October. PHOTO BY SKYE MELCHER | DEMOCRAT



The other side of the restaurant includes booths and tables for larger groups.

Fair

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The floats are judged several times. They are judged as they sit on the road before the parade, they are judged as they go through the parade and judged on craft. There is a parade on Thursday and Friday nights and Saturday morning during the fair. The floats must also be in all three parades to be considered for

the grand champion award.

Fairgoers will find hobby entries, baked goods, and fine arts, Theisen said, in the L.C. Snell Auditorium.

“We also have floriculture in another part of a building in town,” he noted. “And we have farm products. People bring in tomatoes or what they’ve grown in their garden or what they’ve grown in their fields.”

People can enter many contests during the fair, but entries must be in a specific territory. The territory rules

are 12 miles north of Cole Camp, south to Hickory County, east to Stover, and west to Henry County.

“The livestock actually has one open show,” Theisen said. “And I believe photography has an open category also to where they can be from outside the territory.”

The Cole Camp Queen competition took place Sunday, Aug. 28, and the new Queen will be crowned at the beginning of the parade on Thursday night. Contestants are Haidyn Jo

Massingill, 17, Cora Elizabeth Oelrichs, 16, Aubrey Horstman, 18, Reyna Elise Kammeyer, 17, and Dylana Sage Stoppel, 17.

“This year, we’ve done things differently,” Theisen said. “We have actually invited all five contestants to ride through the parade, and not just the top three.”

“These girls, it takes a lot to get up in front of people and do this,” he continued. “And the committee people, they wanted to recognize what they did. So, they wanted everybody

that wasn’t able to come to the queen contest to really know who ran.”

The music lineup sponsored by the Cole Camp Fair includes the ABLeS on Thursday night, Cedar Creek on Friday, and Fred Kennedy on Saturday. In addition, the Jaycees will host music in the Jaycee Beer Garden, with Cedar Creek playing on Thursday night, Twisted Fate on Friday, and the Clay Clear Band on Saturday.

Theisen noted volunteers play an essential part in the

fair each year.

“The fair itself, none of it would happen if it wasn’t for the volunteers and sponsors,” he added. “The volunteers are the big thing.”

“That’s where we out-rate a lot of others that we go (to) is because we have people who want to make it great,” he continued. “It’s pride — that’s hard to find.”

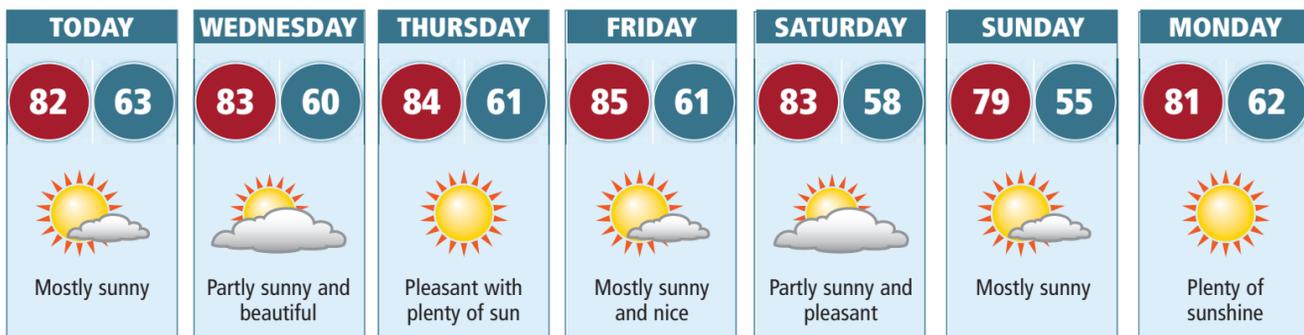
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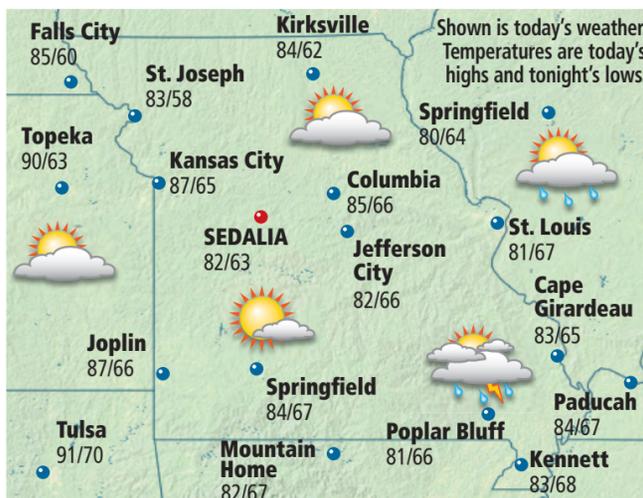
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Record low	37 in 1974

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Year to date	29.22"
Normal y-t-d	31.36"

COOLING DEGREE DAYS	
Sunday	11
Month to date	37
Year to date	1459
Normal year to date	1064
Last year to date	1348

RIVER LEVELS			
In feet as of 7 a.m. Sunday			
Blackwater	Stage	Chg	Fid Stg
Blue Lick	6.98	-0.13	24
Valley City	2.66	-0.04	22
Lamine			
Otterville	0.50	-0.01	15
Missouri			
Boonville	6.22	-0.09	21

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BRANSON
High: 84. Low: 65. Partly sunny and humid today with a thunderstorm around in the afternoon. Partly cloudy and humid tonight. Clouds and sun tomorrow.

KANSAS CITY
High: 87. Low: 65. Partly sunny today. Clear and humid tonight. Mostly sunny tomorrow. Thursday: plenty of sunshine. Friday: plenty of sunshine.

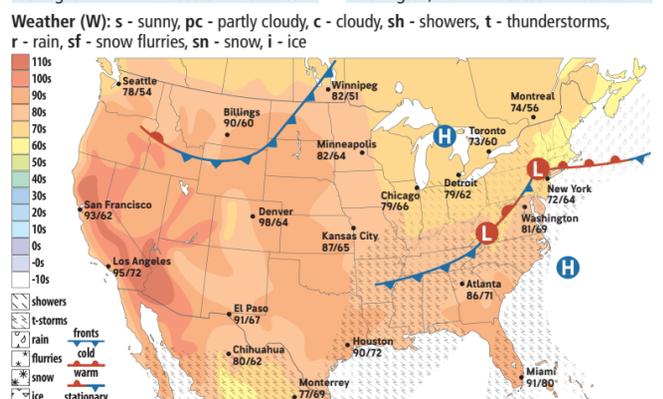
ST. LOUIS
High: 81. Low: 67. Partly sunny today with a thundershower on the prowl. Mainly clear and humid tonight. Partly sunny and humid tomorrow.

NEW YORK CITY
High: 72. Low: 64. Rain, heavy at times today. Occasional rain and drizzle tonight. A little rain tomorrow.

LOS ANGELES
High: 95. Low: 72. Hot today with hazy sunshine; caution advised if outside for extended periods of time. Clear tonight. Mostly sunny and hot tomorrow.

NATIONAL WEATHER

	Today	Wednesday	Today	Wednesday
	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	86/71/t	86/71/t	Milwaukee	78/66/pc
Baltimore	80/67/t	76/64/r	Nashville	84/69/r
Billings	90/60/s	100/67/s	New Orleans	86/77/t
Boston	66/60/r	71/58/s	Norfolk	87/71/t
Buffalo	73/60/pc	75/62/s	Oklahoma City	90/67/s
Charlotte	87/71/t	87/69/t	Orlando	93/75/t
Chicago	79/66/pc	80/64/s	Phoenix	108/83/pc
Cleveland	75/63/c	78/62/sh	Pittsburgh	74/64/sh
Dallas	92/73/c	92/72/pc	Portland, ME	66/54/c
Denver	98/64/s	95/66/s	Portland, OR	89/61/s
Detroit	79/62/pc	80/63/s	Sacramento	113/70/s
Honolulu	88/76/sh	90/76/s	St. Louis	81/67/pc
Houston	90/72/t	91/72/t	San Francisco	93/62/s
Indianapolis	79/65/pc	81/62/pc	Seattle	78/54/s
Las Vegas	111/88/s	108/84/s	Washington, DC	81/69/t



Summary: Rain and thunderstorms will stretch from the Northeast to the Gulf Coast once again tomorrow, some of which may be heavy. Extreme heat will continue in the West, with daily records likely threatened.





Smith-Cotton blanked by aggressive Bruins

By Bryan Everson
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Rock Bridge made Smith-Cotton's dramatic victory a week prior seem very distant with its visit Friday night to Sedalia in Week 2.

A running clock speeded up the proceedings throughout the entire second half as the Bruins shut out the Tigers, 49-0.

Offensively, the positives were hard to come by. A 10-yard run by senior quarterback Lane Simmons was the only double-digit gain from scrimmage of the evening for the Tigers. Simmons completed all three of his passes for a gain of four yards, while the rushing attack ended with a net of negative yards in 34 total carries.

The best of what S-C had to offer came immediately, teasing that the game could finish closer than last year's 50-0 defeat in Columbia. On Rock

Bridge's first drive, the Bruins had to convert a fourth down once, then another third down to keep it going before Landon Block powered through several defenders for a nine-yard score just under four minutes in.

During the Bruins' second drive, Rock Bridge went for it again on fourth down and quarterback Sam Kaiser completed a pass despite traffic from the pass rush. Again, Smith-Cotton looked poised for a stop, but on 3rd and 24 he completed a pass to one target, who then lateraled to teammate Tomisaac Johnson, and the senior went down the left sideline for a 48-yard touchdown with 1:20 remaining in the opening quarter.

Finally, S-C had something to show for its efforts and bottled up Kaiser for three yards on 4th and 10 to force its first turnover of the game early in the second quarter.

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Smith-Cotton senior quarterback Lane Simmons escapes a tackle attempt by a Bruins defender in Friday night's 49-0 home defeat. PHOTO BY BRYAN EVERSON | DEMOCRAT



Georgia tight end Darnell Washington (0) runs past Oregon linebacker Jeffrey Basso, bottom, after a catch in the first half of an NCAA college football game Saturday, Sept. 3, 2022, in Atlanta. PHOTO BY JOHN BAZEMORE | AP PHOTO

AP Top 25 Takeaways: Georgia underrated? Pac-12 dumped again

By Ralph D. Russo
AP College Football Writer

Maybe Georgia was underrated.

The defending national champions came into the season ranked No. 3 in the country and hardly overlooked behind No. 1 Alabama and No. 2 Ohio State.

But after losing 15 players to the NFL draft,

including nearly half a defense in the first round, it seemed fair to bake in a little bit of regression.

Or not.

The Bulldogs crushed No. 11 Oregon with stunning ease, unleashing a more dynamic offense and a defense that was just as salty as last season's wrecking crew.

Stetson Bennett passed for 368 yards without play-

ing a down in the fourth quarter. Seven Georgia receivers caught multiple passes; all averaged at least 13 yards per catch.

"We want people who want to play in this offense," coach Kirby Smart said. "And if you're sitting at home watching this offense today, I think you're saying, I want to play in this offense."

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Kyrgios beats 2021 champ Medvedev, discusses mental state

By Howard Fendrich
AP Tennis Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Nick Kyrgios sat in the Arthur Ashe Stadium locker room after ending Daniil Medvedev's U.S. Open title defense and stay at No. 1 in the rankings and felt a mix of pride and relief.

Pride at the big-serving, solid-returning performance that resulted in a 7-6 (11), 3-6, 6-3, 6-2 victory over Medvedev on Sunday night, the latest in a series of career-altering results that carried Kyrgios to his first quarterfinal at Flushing Meadows on the heels of his run to his first Grand Slam final at Wimbledon.

Pride, he said, at lifting himself out of

"some really tough situations, mentally" and "some really scary places" off the court, which he first revealed in February. Pride, he went on, at succeeding in distancing himself from "feeling so depressed all the time, so feeling sorry for myself."

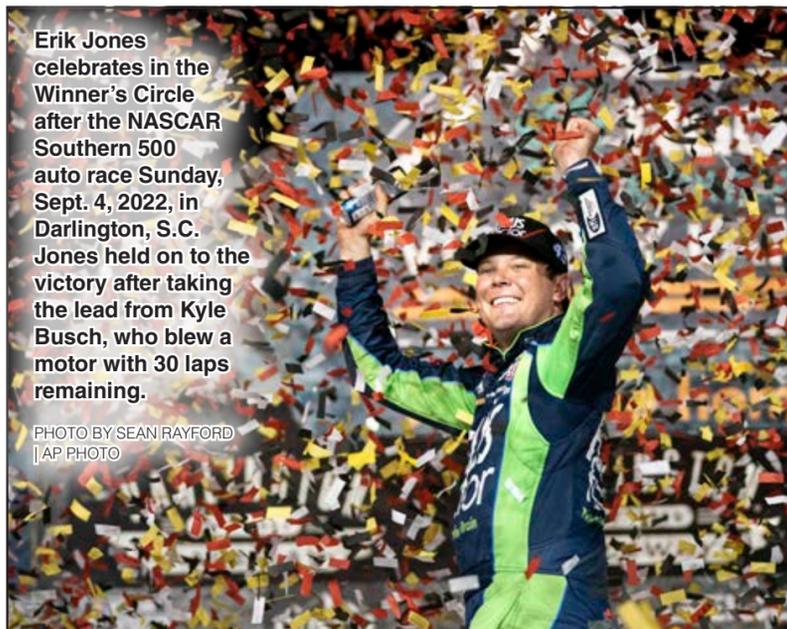
And relief, Kyrgios explained as he fiddled with the gray Boston Celtics cap he was wearing to his post-match news conference, at being able to come through when the lights are the brightest and stakes the highest, "because there's just so much pressure every time I go out on court, so much expectation, so much unpredictability of what I can do."

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Nick Kyrgios, of Australia, celebrates during his match against Daniil Medvedev, of Russia, during the fourth round of the U.S. Open tennis championships, Sunday, Sept. 4, 2022, in New York. PHOTO BY ADAM HUNGER | AP PHOTO

Jones holds off ex-JGR teammate Hamlin to win at Darlington



Erik Jones celebrates in the Winner's Circle after the NASCAR Southern 500 auto race Sunday, Sept. 4, 2022, in Darlington, S.C. Jones held on to the victory after taking the lead from Kyle Busch, who blew a motor with 30 laps remaining.

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By Pete Iacobelli
AP Sports Writer

DARLINGTON, S.C. (AP) — Erik Jones gave the No. 43 car a landmark 200th victory — along with maybe a few regrets to his old employers at Joe Gibbs Racing.

Jones moved in front when JGR star Kyle Busch blew an engine, then outraced another former Gibbs colleague in Denny Hamlin over the final 31 laps to win the Southern 500 on Sunday night. It's the first time a non-playoff driver won the opener of the 10-race postseason.

Jones won this event in 2019 for the Gibbs orga-

nization, where he raced Cup cars from 2017-20.

He came out on top once more, this time for Petty GMS Motorsports owned in part by Richard Petty.

"I never lost any belief in myself through any of it," Jones said. "I knew I could still do it and I knew we needed to grow the program to do it. And we have."

The celebration continued for the Petty organization, which had not won since Aric Almirola's Daytona 500 victory in 2014.

"I know my dad," Kyle Petty said. "What time is it, 11 (p.m.)? He just opened a bottle of red

wine."

The King went to Twitter shortly after Jones took the checkered flag, "Congratulations to @ Erik_Jones and the entire #43 team!!!!"

Jones just wanted the Hall of Famer to keep his promise.

"He said I'd get a hat if I win," Jones said, laughing.

Hamlin, seeded sixth in the playoffs, closed in on Jones' back bumper on the final lap, but couldn't make the winning pass.

"Erik just did a really great job," Hamlin said. "Great day for Erik, a great day for our team."

See NASCAR | 12A

Analysis: Will a bigger College Football Playoff be better?

By Ralph D. Russo
AP College Football Writer

While enthusiastically announcing plans to expand the College Football Playoff, those in charge of the post-season system downplayed the revenue windfall that will come with tripling the number of participants and declined to speculate about whether a new format will tap the brakes on conference realignment.

Instead, they stuck to a strict script, touting how many more athletes will get to play games with national championship implications and how many more fans will get to root for playoff contenders.

"It will be a new day for college football," Mississippi State President Mark Keenum said late last week after the announcement was billed as "historic."

No doubt.

Expanding the College Football Playoff from four to 12 teams will fundamentally change the sport on the field and off — for better or worse.

More regular-season games will have playoff implications, but the biggest games will no longer have winner-take-all tension.

The new format will break up a conference caste system fortified by the four-team model, but it won't stop the growing gap between haves and have nots.

More teams will play in the championship tournament and bowl games that are suffering from player apathy will be replaced by playoff games.

But a larger field probably won't increase the number of teams that have a realistic chance of winning the whole thing.



Georgia coach Kirby Smart wears the "Old Leather Helmet" after Georgia defeated Oregon during an NCAA college football game Saturday, Sept. 3, 2022, in Atlanta. PHOTO BY JOHN BAZEMORE | AP PHOTO

How soon expansion will come is still to be determined. As soon as 2024, but no later than 2026.

"Overall, it's a day for celebration," CFP Executive Director Bill Hancock said. Maybe.

The Game of the Century, that in-season matchup of highly ranked teams with seemingly everything on the line, has gone from being a staple of college football to an endangered species. The 12-team playoff will now make it extinct and redefine what it means to play an important regular-season game.

Let's use last year's Ohio State-Michigan game as an example. The Wolverines

not only broke a long losing streak in the rivalry, but they eliminated the Buckeyes from both Big Ten and playoff contention.

Under a 12-team playoff, that game is for seeding and a first-round bye.

The flip side is that under the new format, any team that enters the final month of the season with a chance to win its conference is a playoff contender.

Think back to last Thanksgiving Day weekend, with Ohio State-Michigan and Oklahoma-Oklahoma State basically playing elimination games and Alabama facing Auburn with playoff hopes in peril.

That was pretty great.

Now what if Wisconsin-Minnesota, Michigan State-Penn State, Oregon-Oregon State and three different Atlantic Coast Conference games involving Clemson, Wake Forest and North Carolina State also had playoff implications?

For some fans, that sounds even better. For others, those teams are just watering down the field.

"What motivated the presidents and me as well was that we need to have an opportunity for more participation of teams in our nation's national championship tournament," Keenum said. "And having only four teams, we felt like that's not fair to our student-athletes from a participation standpoint."

Yes, it's all about the student-athletes, who now will likely need to play 16 games — maybe even 17 — to win a national championship.

Combine that with what could very well be a \$2 billion yearly payout to the major conferences for the media rights to the new playoff, and it is yet another step toward players being paid.

"We are just getting started on this, but I will tell you that the management committee and the board starting last fall were having significant conversations about some way to provide some benefits for the

players," Hancock said. "We don't know what those will be yet. We just started on the path for this."

The new format will take out some of the subjectivity over how the field is selected. The selection committee that currently chooses the so-called four best teams isn't going away. But six spots in the 12-team field will be reserved for the best (as chosen by the selection committee) conference champions. There will be no distinction between the 10 FBS conferences. At least not officially.

"It is a merit-based format that recognizes the value of conference championships while simultaneously allowing at-large access for six deserving teams," American Athletic Association Commissioner Mike Aresco said.

The Power Five and Group of Five monikers also appear to be going the way of the dinosaurs. But make no mistake, the power and the wealth in college football will continue to consolidate.

Massive TV deals for the Big Ten and Southeastern Conference are allowing the Super Two to separate from the rest of the Power Five as that revenue is converted into competitive advantages.

The new playoff format and the access it provides could help keep the Pac-12, Big 12 and Atlantic Coast Conference alive, but there

still isn't a school in those leagues that wouldn't jump to the Big Ten or SEC given the opportunity.

"I don't know how this plays into the whole landscape of college athletics," said Keenum, who heads the group of university leaders that oversees the playoff.

There is hope among some that increased playoff access could boost parity on the field as more schools are able to use playoff appearances to lure recruits.

That could help in the margins, but whether it closes the bigger-than-ever talent gap between a small number of elite teams such as Alabama and Georgia and the rest is iffy at best.

Early-round playoff games, some played on campus, should be far more entertaining than traditional marquee bowl games, which are now routinely skipped by top players prioritizing NFL draft preparation.

The entire postseason should be better, but the blowouts that have plagued the four-team playoff are still likely to happen, just in later rounds. And an expanded format only increases the chances of one of the super teams winning the title.

The College Football Playoff is getting bigger. Whether it is getting better is a matter for personal preference.

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- SOCCER (MEN'S)**
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10 p.m. FS2 — Liga MX: Cruz Azul at Monterrey
- SOCCER (WOMEN'S)**
6 p.m. ESPN2 — International Friendly: U.S. vs. Nigeria, Washington
- TENNIS**
12 p.m. ESPN — ATP/WTA: The U.S. Open, Quarterfinals, Flushing, N.Y.
7 p.m. ESPN — ATP/WTA: The U.S. Open, Quarterfinals, Flushing, N.Y.
- WNBA BASKETBALL**
8:15 p.m. ESPN2 — Semifinal Playoff: Chicago at Connecticut, Game 4
10:15 p.m. ESPN2 — Semifinal Playoff: Las Vegas at Seattle, Game 4

HOROSCOPES

By Georgia Nicols

Moon Alert: Avoid shopping or making important decisions from 5:30 p.m. to 11:50 p.m. EDT today (2:30 p.m. to 8:50 p.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from Capricorn into Aquarius.

Happy Birthday for Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2022:

You are vibrant, multitalented and sociable. You are always active and like to be around fascinating people. You value your security and your independence. This is a good year for you because it promotes socializing and enjoying life. Old friends might return to your world. Focus on your personal self-expression. Have fun!

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)

★★★ A conversation with a boss or a parent might make you feel financially independent today. Or perhaps this conversation will trigger a change regarding something that you own. Some of you might suddenly quit your job. Tread carefully and don't say anything that you will later regret. Tonight: Set goals.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Today you might express your ideas about politics, religion, racial matters or a life-belief system, and your conviction and beliefs might surprise someone. No matter! You will stick to your own ideas and defend them if necessary. Hey, you have a mind of your own. Tonight: You're noticed.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Mars in your sign boosts your energy! It also makes you direct and proactive when dealing with others. This is why you have strong opinions about inheritances, shared property or how to divide or share responsibilities or wealth. You're going to tell it like it is! Tonight: Explore!

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ A discussion with a partner or close friend will be lively today because one of you feels passionately about something and has strong opinions. Whatever happens, your response will be diplomatic and charming because this week, Venus will sweeten your words. That's nice. Tonight: Check your finances.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You have excellent ideas today about how to improve something or introduce reforms where you work. Or perhaps this improvement might relate to your health or even how you handle a pet. Whatever the case, you like your ideas and you intend to follow through on them. Tonight: Cooperate.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You are powerful and tactful with both the Sun and Venus in your sign this week. Meanwhile, conversations with your kids or a romantic lover are intense and passionate. When the dust settles, you will get your way, because you want the independence and authority to do what you want. Tonight: Work.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Today you will speak up about what you want, especially at home or when dealing with a family member, perhaps a female. You will express your thoughts eloquently because Mercury is in your sign. It will please you to clear the air with your ideas. Tonight: Play!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ You'll have no trouble expressing what you want to others today, especially neighbors, siblings and relatives. You might find a truce regarding disputes about shared property or insurance issues. Friendships are cozy. In fact, a friend might become a lover. Tonight: Relax.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ You continue to look good to others, with the Sun casting you in a flattering spotlight. Be patient with partners and close friends, especially if conflict arises. A younger friend might have advice for you. Don't let your obsession about money or shopping cloud your judgment. Tonight: Conversations.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You have strong feelings about things today because the Moon is in your sign lined up with Pluto, which makes you passionate and intense. Meanwhile, you're working hard, and yet at the same time, you would like to travel for pleasure. Seek a creative solution. Tonight: Maintain your possessions.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ One of the best ways to handle today's energy is to enjoy physical activity, especially competitive sports. Get involved in projects with kids. Focus on some long-range plans for future travel to give yourself something to look forward to. Tonight: You win!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Issues with a friend will be intense today. Don't worry, because you are strong and independent, which means you can listen to others and at the same time maintain your views and your personal integrity. Relax. Tonight: Solitude.

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Actor Idris Elba (1972), actress Naomie Harris (1976), actress Rosie Perez (1964)

Sporting KC earns draw with Pulskamp's PK save

By Bryan Everson

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Javier Hernández's Penenka from the spot seven minutes into second-half stoppage time ensured a point for Sporting Kansas City in Sunday night's 2-2 draw at the LA Galaxy.

Chicharito was on a hat trick at the time of Sporting goalkeeper John Pulskamp's denial, which was the third penalty kick awarded on the night. The previous two were successful, including one by Hernandez less than 10 minutes prior. He got the better of Pulskamp in just the fourth minute, then tied the match with his second goal of the evening after Kevin Cabral was corralled attempting to round Pulskamp, who dove left while Chicharito put it into the opposite upper-90.

Referee Ramy Touchan sent LA to the spot once again when Samuel Grandsir's header struck the arm of Sporting defender Kayden Pierre, but Chicharito elected to go down the middle for a strike that Pulskamp gathered with both hands.

Signed to a long-term extension earlier in the year, it represented a feel-good moment for Pulskamp and KC, who defeated the Galaxy 4-2 on Aug. 6 at Children's Mercy Park.

"I think the great thing there was that John kept his composure," said Sporting KC head coach Peter Vermes, who set a record by participating in a record 663rd MLS match as a player or coach, surpassing Jason Kreis. "He didn't let the emotions of the situation get to him. I give him a lot of credit because he definitely matured a lot in that moment because he could have easily gotten caught up in all the emotion that was in the stadium. The fans did a great job putting a lot of pressure on the referee to make the call. Now John's all in it and obviously he's the protagonist. He's got



Sporting Kansas City forward William Agada kicks the ball during the first half of an MLS soccer match against the Portland Timbers Sunday, Aug. 21, 2022, in Kansas City, Kan. Agada assisted a goal in Sunday night's draw at LA Galaxy and has helped Sporting's attack get back on track over the last month since his arrival.

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to be the guy that has to make something happen at that moment. His control and his control over his emotions was excellent. That's big for him and big for us."

In the 67th minute, winger Johnny Russell evened the score with his penalty, called after LA's Derrick Williams was whistled for a hand ball infraction.

Nine minutes later, Felipe Hernández's shot deflected off Julián Araujo and in as Sporting went ahead.

"I had a lot of space," Hernandez said. "I think the right back was up the field, so I took a look over my shoulder and I had tons of space. The only thing on my mind was to cut back onto my right foot and put it front post. Obviously, there's a de-

flection but you put it on target and things like that happen."

SILVER LINING

Sporting hit the bottom at the end of July when it was eliminated by USL Championship side Sacramento Republic FC in penalties, then beaten three days later 2-0 by Austin FC. Since then, the club has taken 10 points from its last five matches, including Sunday's.

Fifteen of Sporting's 33 goals the entire MLS season have come in those last handful of games. Two have come from Erik Thommy, who is signed through 2024 with an option for an additional year. Willy Agada, who assisted Hernandez's goal Sunday, has found the back of the net five times since his midseason arrival with Thommy and is also

under club control for the next several seasons. With five games remaining, the resurrection of the team's attack means there's a smaller rebuild project in store for 2023.

"[We'll] just continue doing what we've been doing for the past month or so," Vermes said. "I think we've done well in all three phases of the game: defensively, offensively and set pieces. That's the important thing. We have just got to keep working on those and minimize the mistakes and we'll be in a good spot."

NEXT UP

Sporting is back on the road Saturday to take on Houston Dynamo FC, who sit in the bottom of the Western Conference on 29 points, just one back of Sporting.

No team orders: Penske sends 3 drivers to IndyCar title race

By Jenna Fryer

AP Auto Racing Writer

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Scott Dixon watched Scott McLaughlin lead lap after lap around Portland International Raceway and figured at some point, his fellow New Zealander would be ordered to pull over.

There's a championship on the line — the closest IndyCar title fight in 19 years — and McLaughlin is at best a longshot. His teammate Will Power is the points leader, and so Dixon figured the radio orders would eventually come to call for McLaughlin to hand the lead to Power.

"I think I called it with 10 laps to go, I'm surprised they haven't swapped yet," Dixon said.

Team Penske issued no such team orders and will now wait until Sunday to see if it costs the organization the IndyCar title.

McLaughlin won his third race of the season and goes into this weekend's season finale trailing points leader Power by 41 points. Still mathematically in the fight, but in need of a lot of help on the California road course.

Power, meanwhile, finished second to McLaughlin

at Portland on Sunday to widen his lead in the standings. He arrived in Portland with just a three-point cushion over teammate Josef Newgarden, and Power is now up by 20 points over both Newgarden and Dixon.

Like Dixon, Power wondered why Team Penske didn't move McLaughlin aside.

"Absolutely. I was on the radio asking for it," said Power, noting that a victory would have been worth 11 additional points and sent him to Laguna Seca up 31 over the competition.

"Obviously, 10 points, 11 points would make a big difference," Power said. "You wouldn't be having to finish third (to win the title). You would have been having to finish eighth or something."

Power then turned to Dixon and asked his long-time rival if his car owner, Chip Ganassi, would have called team orders in that position. Dixon nodded affirmatively.

But Power has seen it before from years of championship battles against the Ganassi group, including a four-year fight with Dixon and Dario Franchitti from 2010 through 2013. As Dixon and Franchitti

always worked as a group, they often wondered why Power at Penske was forced to equally contend with his own teammates.

Power finished second in the championship race to a Ganassi driver three consecutive years, was fourth in 2013, and then finally won his only title in 2014 when he beat teammate Helio Castroneves.

Roger Penske allows each of his drivers to represent their teams and sponsors individually, and his drivers

can race each other, but he draws that line at crashing into one another. Because he wants everyone to have a fair chance, any pre-race discussions about potential team orders for pole-sitter McLaughlin were brief.

"At the end of the day it was completely circumstantial. It's pretty obvious what position you're in if you do need to give up," McLaughlin said. "I told Will before the race that I would fight him cleanly, and I think that's all he expected."





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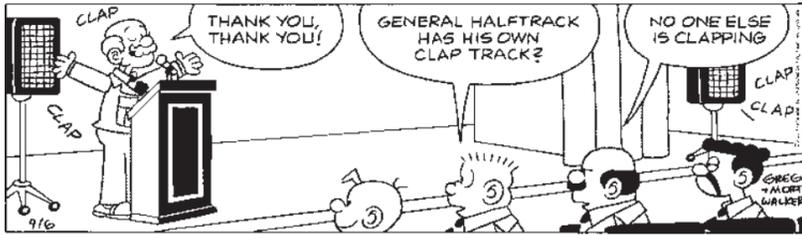
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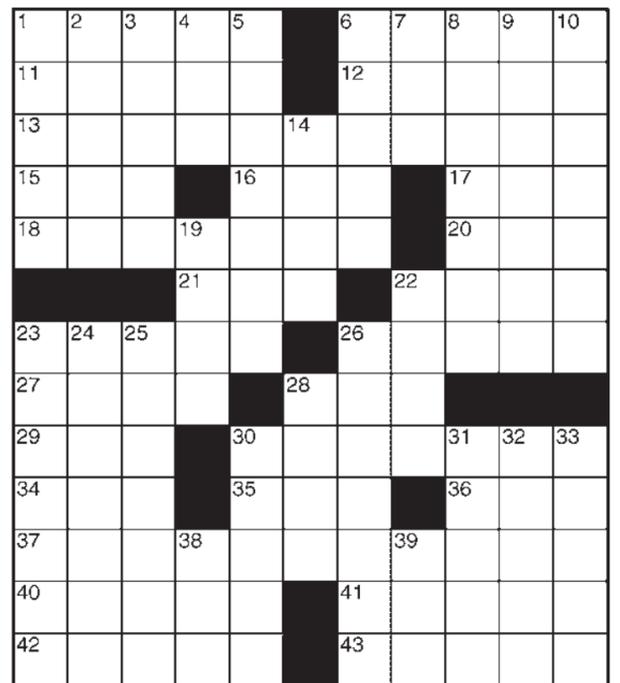
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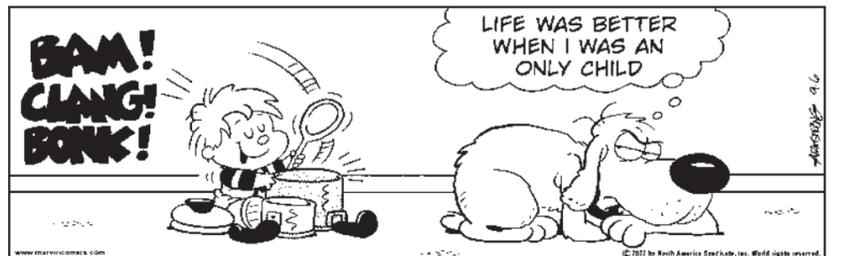
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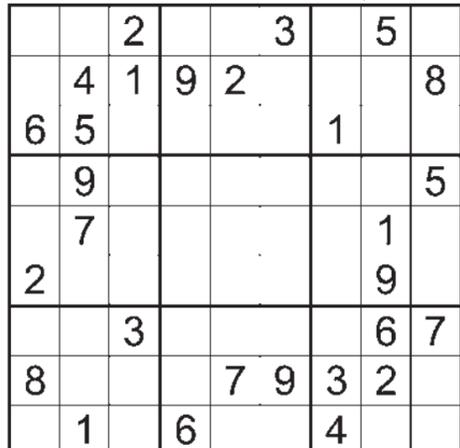
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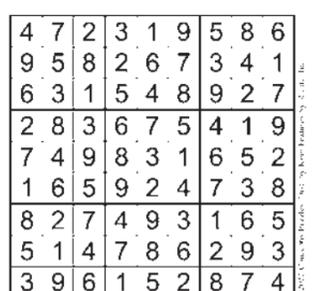
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Concepts Sudoku

By Dave Green



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Rock

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“Defensively, early on we held on,” S-C head coach Josh Gray said. “We put ourselves in good situations defensively to get off the field, but [we had] a missed tackle here and there, [or weren’t] in the right spot. I give our kids a lot of credit, they played our butts off and kept fighting. But you can’t make the little mistakes against a team like that because they’ll take advantage of them.”

Simmons was sacked as S-C went three-and-out after its own stop, and Kaiser went over the Tigers’ safeties on the first play of the Bruins’ drive to find Drevyn Seamon for a 60-yard TD to make it 21-0. Backed up to 3rd and 13 on its next drive, Rock Bridge did more than convert as Kaiser went back to Seamon for a 46-yard catch-and-run TD with 81 seconds until halftime.

After forcing another punt, Rock Bridge needed to go 54 yards to score again before halftime and did through Mark Hajicek’s 31-yard TD catch



The Tigers’ duo of Cody Smith (left) and Jimmy Browning are unable to stop the momentum of Rock Bridge’s Landon Block for the game’s first touchdown.

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with 11.8 seconds left in the second quarter.

Coming out of halftime, Rock Bridge and first-year head coach Matt Perkins, who arrived via West Plains, elected to try and keep with the aggressive decisions by going for an onside kick.

“If you feel like you trust in your defense, you feel like you can be a little more gutsy with those decisions,” Perkins said. “There’s kind of a place in a ball game where you think, do you

take your starters out or how aggressive are you within the game, that sort of thing. You’re one play from that clock stopping running, so that was kind of the mindset of, ‘let’s try and sneak a ball here’ and see if we couldn’t get one more punch in and get our [starters] off the field.”

On the decision, Gray responded, “You’ve got to be ready for those things. As they’re trying to steal a possession, you talk about going from good to great, we’ve got to be ready and

heads up on those plays. I didn’t have them prepared for that type of scenario yet or it wasn’t in their minds, so we’ll get better at those things and make sure our guys are ready [going forward].”

Running back Stephen Gibson provided Rock Bridge’s first TD of the second half on a 48-yard reception with 4:14 left in the third quarter and the reserves added another late score with under six minutes remaining.

Smith-Cotton won’t have to travel far in its effort to respond to the defeat. The Silver Tiger Trophy will be on the line with a Week 3 trip to Warrensburg, who beat St. Charles 5-0 in Week 2 after losing the season opener at Capital City, 24-14.

“It’s really important we all understand it’s an emotional game,” Simmons said. “It’s the Silver Tiger game and there’s a reason there’s a trophy for it. I think after four years not having it, a lot of these guys haven’t experienced what it’s like to have [the trophy], so they’re going to be ready to come out and show they want it back. It means a lot [to me]. I’m ready to get it back.”



S-C sophomore Rashawn Umbles tries to bring down Bruins quarterback Sam Kaiser in the backfield.

NASCAR

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The third of Jones’ old JGR teammates, Martin Truex Jr. held a substantial lead over Busch when his No. 19 had power steering problems and went off to the garage.

Jones remained in control and in one piece while many of the favored playoff participants couldn’t do the same.

Along with the blow up of Busch, the 11th playoff seed, No. 9 seed Kevin Harvick saw his car catch fire in a scary scene. Harvick scrambled away from his stopped car to safety.

Top-seeded Chase Elliott was gone during the first stage, sliding into the wall, hitting Chase Briscoe as he tore up his suspension and was out of the race.

Kyle Larson, the defending series champion seeded fourth, was three laps down in the opening stage after engine problems. Larson finished 12th.

Hamlin was second followed by three more playoff chasers in Tyler Reddick, Joey Logano and Christopher Bell. Michael McDowell was sixth, then Brad Keselowski, William Byron, Bubba Wallace

Busch led 155 of 367 laps, the most of anyone. He ended in 30th.

“It’s unfortunate circumstances,” Busch said. “We just had a great car and didn’t come out with anything to show for it. That’s what I hate about it.”

Logano moved into the points lead with William Byron second, Hamlin third and Christopher Bell, Jones’ replacement at JGR, in fourth. The four drivers below the 12-team cutoff line for the second round were Austin Cindric in 13th, followed by Austin Dillon, Chase Briscoe and Harvick in 16th.

CHASING PROBLEMS

Chase Elliott was out of the Southern 500 before it got to half-

way. Elliott slid in turn one, then collected playoff participant Chase Briscoe. Elliott’s suspension was damaged. His crew could not fix it in the pits and took it to the garage.

Elliott finished 36th, last in the field. His plans going forward: “Run better than we did today.”

FIRE DRILL

The scariest incident came in the final stage when Harvick caught fire on lap 276 as he came down the front stretch. Harvick quickly pulled the car on the grass and jumped out of the car, running to safety.

Moments later during the caution brought out by Harvick, J.J. Yeley’s car headed into the pits on fire. That blaze, too, was extinguished.

Harvick said it’s another safety problem with the Next Gen car NASCAR must fix.

“What a disaster, man,” Harvick said. “No reason ... here we are in the pits with a burned up car and we can’t finish the race during the playoff” because of unreliable parts.

QB1

Coastal Carolina quarterback Grayson McCall at the track “Too Tough To Tame,” as NASCAR’s first college athlete to receive a name, image and likeness deal with Darlington Raceway. McCall did some promotional work for the track and even had his face on the side of Ryan Vargas’ No. 6 car in the Xfinity Series race here.

McCall was the NCAA record-setter in passing efficiency at 207.6 last season. He threw three TD passes and ran for a fourth as the Chants opened the season with a 38-28 victory over Army on Saturday night.

UP NEXT

Round one of the playoffs continues at Kansas next Sunday. Kurt Busch, currently recovering from a concussion in a crash at Pocono, won the race there in May. He gave up his playoff spot because he has not been medically cleared to return to the track.

Top

From Page 7A

Offensive coordinator Todd Monken barely had to use All-America tight end Brock Bowers (two catches for 38 yards) while Georgia was scoring touchdowns on its first seven drives.

The question coming into the season about Georgia was not whether it would be among the best teams in the country again. That was clear.

Rather, could Georgia truly be like Alabama — a regression-proof juggernaut that pumps out national championship-level teams annually?

Looks like it. The last defending national champ to beat a ranked opponent so decisively in its season opener? Alabama, when it thumped USC 52-6 in 2016.

The beatdown at Mercedes-Benz Stadium was also yet another indictment of the Pac-12.

Oregon might still be one of the beleaguered conference’s best teams. The Ducks under former coach Mario Cristobal have recruited better than other Pac-12 team recently. But they’re not anywhere near what Georgia has built.

One of the reasons why Oregon hired Georgia defensive coordinator Dan Lanning was the hope of bringing some of that SEC secret sauce to the Pacific Northwest.

Whether that can be done as the Pac-12 is whittled away is an open question. Everything about the Pac-12 seems tentative and tenuous these days.

The conference’s Week 1 got even worse later when league favorite and No. 7 Utah lost a heart-breaker at Florida.

Champ

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The 23rd-seeded Kyrgios, a 27-year-old from Australia, never had managed to make it past the third round of the U.S. Open until now, going 0-4 at that stage in the past. He also never has managed to parlay his unquestioned skill into the terrific play with any semblance of the consistency he is displaying lately.

“I’m just glad I’m finally able to show New York my talent,” Kyrgios said after delivering 21 aces and employing his typical go-for-broke style against Medvedev. “I haven’t had too many great trips here.”

He reached his first Grand Slam semifinal, then first Grand Slam final, at the All England Club in July, before losing to Novak Djokovic in the title match. Then Kyrgios won his first ATP title in three years at Washington in August. He followed that up with a victory over Medvedev at a hard-court tournament in Montreal soon after. He leads the ATP Tour in match wins since June.

Medvedev likened the way Kyrgios played Sunday to the level regularly reached by Rafael Nadal, who owns 22 Grand Slam titles and plays his fourth-round match Monday against American Frances Tiafoe, and Djokovic, who has 21 majors but is not at the U.S. Open because he is not vaccinated against COVID-19 and so was not allowed to travel to the United States.

“Didn’t miss a lot. Didn’t really surprise me,” Medvedev said. “If he plays like this ‘til end of the tournament, he has all the chances to win it.”

Wouldn’t that be something?

Kyrgios is still Kyrgios during the course of a

match, and was again on this evening.

Unsure of the relevant rule, he lost a point by running around the net to hit a ball that was going to land way out, then celebrated what he thought was a terrific play by raising a finger to make an “I’m No. 1” gesture.

During his on-court interview, Kyrgios sheepishly told the crowd: “I still can’t believe the bonehead play I made over here. I thought it was legal. That’s going to be all over ‘SportsCenter,’ so I’m going to like an idiot!”

He yelled at his guest box. He argued with the chair umpire and drew a warning for cursing. He smacked a ball in anger that ricocheted off a blue wall behind a baseline, coming close to flying over and landing amid spectators.

Medvedev, meanwhile, had been playing well enough to win all nine sets he played in Week 1 and look ready to give himself a shot at becoming the first man to win consecutive trophies in New York since Roger Federer grabbed the last of his five in a row from 2004-08.

But the 26-year-old Russian said he was bothered by a sore throat and generally “felt a little bit sick,” which he attributed to too-powerful air conditioning in the U.S. that he finds “just crazy.”

Now Medvedev — whose victory over Djokovic in the 2021 U.S. Open final ended his bid for the first calendar-year Grand Slam in men’s tennis since 1969 — will relinquish the top ranking. Three players have a chance to replace him there: Nadal, Carlos Alcaraz and Casper Ruud.

“I feel like tonight was another message that rankings don’t matter,” said Kyrgios, who will meet No. 27 seed Karen Khachanov for a spot in the semifinals.

State and played an early candidate for game of the year. UNC needed to stop two late 2-point tries to survive a stunning 40-point fourth quarter by the Mountaineers.

Mack Brown’s team barely managed to avoid being the second in the ACC to lose at a Sun Belt school this weekend.

The start of the Brent Pry era at Virginia Tech got off to a rough start Friday night when the Hokies made a mountain of mistakes (five turnovers and 15 penalties) and lost at brand-new Sun Belt member Old Dominion.

Fun Belt, indeed.

PLAYOFF TALK

Southeastern Conference Commissioner Greg Sankey is at best cautious in his assessment of whether the College Football Playoff can be expanded to 12 teams by the 2024 season.

The university presidents who oversee the CFP voted Friday to implement by 2026 a 12-team plan that Sankey worked on for two years and was first unveiled in June 2021. Expansion plans stalled last year, much to Sankey’s chagrin, but the presidents pushed it forward.

Can the commissioners now work out the details and logistical hurdles quickly enough to to replace the four-team model with 12 teams by 2024?

Sankey said it will be difficult.

“To me what’s unfortunate is we could have spent the last nine months talking about the implementation and we’re nine months farther behind than we would have been had we gotten to this back in January,” he told reporters before the Georgia-Oregon game in Atlanta.

The Tar Heels went west to Boone to face Appalachian