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Belle, played by Emily Eschbacher, shows some of the village girls her book in the opening act of dress rehearsal Monday night of Smith-Cotton High School's "Beauty and the Beast." Belle, who loves to read, is underappreciated in the village for her knowledge.

PHOTO BY FAITH BEMISS | DEMOCRAT

A 'tale as old as time' S-C presents 'Beauty and the Beast'

By Faith Bemiss
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Filled with magic, unlikely love, and life lessons, Smith-Cotton High School's "Beauty and the Beast" opens this weekend with stellar costumes, vocals, and a live orchestra.

Dress rehearsal for the musical began Monday night, and SCHS Speech and Theatre Teacher Elizabeth

Carter said they rented the elaborate costumes from Wagner Costume Collective LLC in Columbus, Ohio, this year. And adding to the magic, music is performed live by a student orchestra directed by Mitchell Martinez.

Carter said they chose the musical to perform something fun.

"It's Disney, and it's family-friendly," she added. "It's

just kind of fun for the whole family."

The performance is known by most as a tale of unexpected love between Belle, played by Emily Eschbacher, and the Beast, performed by MacAllister Gartner. Before being turned into the Beast, the one-time prince learned a hard lesson from an enchantress disguised as an older woman, played by Lillibeth

Sokolowski. Due to his insolence toward her, he was transformed into the Beast. The only way to escape his hideous appearance is for someone to look beyond what is apparent and fall in love with his heart.

"It's about Belle, who is a beautiful, intelligent young woman," Carter noted. "And she feels out of place in her village."

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Local JROTC cadet earns statewide award

By Nicole Cooke
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KNOB NOSTER — A local student has been named the 2022 Junior ROTC Cadet of the Year by the American Legion Department of Missouri.

Cadet Col. Madeline Souder, a senior at Warrensburg High School, is a member of the TRIAD AFJROTC hosted by Knob Noster High School. The program includes cadets from four area high schools, Crest Ridge, Knob Noster, La Monte, and Warrensburg. Souder, who has been part of JROTC all four years of high school, was selected to command the Corps for the 2022-23 school year.

Her parents, MSgt. (Ret.) Ethan and Laura Souder, encouraged her to join the program after their experiences in ROTC. After moving to Warrensburg from Las Vegas, she decided to give it a try. She's enjoyed it so much that her list of accomplishments is quite long.

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JROTC Cadet Col. Madeline Souder and ROTC Chairman Alex Siocum, of Matthews-Crawford Post 131, pose for a photo after Souder received her 2022 Junior ROTC Cadet of the Year award from the American Legion Department of Missouri during a ceremony in October in Jefferson City.
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SCJH students learn about the nursing profession

By Skye Melcher
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On Tuesday, Smith-Cotton Junior High School students learned about the nursing profession from a local nurse.

Career Education teacher Jeremy Brownfield has scheduled multiple professionals to present to his class throughout the semester to show students different career fields to ready them for the future.

"The main idea behind it is to expose the children to real-world situations," Brownfield said.

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Smith-Cotton Junior High student Zachary Izoita practices CPR with Registered Nurse Serena Cronk after her presentation on Tuesday. Izoita was the first student to step up to learn CPR.

PHOTO BY SKYE MELCHER | DEMOCRAT

Sedalia men arrested in Saline County

By Chris Howell
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At 4:35 p.m. Sunday, the Missouri State Highway Patrol arrested two Sedalia men after a traffic stop in Saline County.

Driver Michael L. Waddle, 19, and occupant Melvin E. Osburn, 25, were initially pulled over after the teenage driver cut off another vehicle on U.S. Highway 65.

From a probable cause statement sworn by Trooper T. Jackson, the trooper was traveling south on Highway 65 at Odell Avenue when he witnessed a silver SUV driving slowly in the passing lane.

As the trooper slowed,

Highway Patrol finds weapons, drugs, trafficking evidence

the suspicious SUV behind slowed as well, eventually passing the trooper yet staying in the passing lane, which caused another vehicle to attempt passing in the right-hand lane. Waddle then cut off the vehicle in front of the trooper, who noticed a piece of black tape obscuring Waddle's registration sticker.

During a traffic stop, Jackson identified the men as Osburn and Waddle and asked Waddle if he had any weapons, to which he replied, "Umm..."

Jackson had Waddle sit in his vehicle and noted the strong aroma of marijuana coming from Waddle.

Osburn told the trooper he had shared a marijuana cigarette with Waddle in Marshall minutes earlier. Then Jackson noticed a meth pipe in clear view, prompting a search of the vehicle.

"I knew it was a bad idea to call him," Osburn said, speaking of calling Waddle for a ride to Sedalia.

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OBITUARIES

Jeri Ann Fielding

Jeri Ann Fielding, 59, of Sedalia, passed away Monday, November 7, 2022, at Kansas University Cambridge Medical Center in Kansas City, Kansas.

Jeri Ann was born on March 4, 1963, in Medicine Lodge, Kansas. Following her parents' move to Sedalia, Jeri attended Horace Mann Elementary School and Smith-Cotton High School.

She married Bart Bird in 1983. After living in Springfield, MO, where their two daughters, Anna Lee and Emily Sue, were born, they moved back to Sedalia. Jeri Ann completed a degree in Computer Information Science at State Fair Community College.

She was married to David Swafford (now deceased) and in 1998, they moved to Lee's Summit, MO, where Jeri was employed at Sprint as a Systems Analyst. Following a disabling illness, Jeri

returned to Sedalia to live.

She is survived by her mother, Velma Joyce Kimball (Darrell), and her father, Marvin R. Fielding (Rhonda); brother Steven R. Fielding (Cheryl) and nieces Clare Bogle (Daniel) and Cydney Williams (Chris); brother David Gregg Fielding (Laurette) and niece Sarah Fielding (William Pasley); and brother James Fielding (Lynne). Also surviving are daughters Anna Lee Wood (Chad) and grandson Hayden; Emily Sue Bird (Curtis Hull) and grandchildren Carlee, Curtis Jr. Calder, Cadence, and Carter; two great-nieces and one great-nephew.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the SFCC Foundation Scholarship fund, preference to single mothers as per Jeri Ann's last wishes.



Dee Neumeyer

With great sadness, we announce the passing of Dee Neumeyer, 79, of Boca Raton, Florida, on Monday, November 7, 2022. She will be greatly missed by her children and their families, especially her husband, Stephen Neumeyer.



A graveside service and burial will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, November 18, 2022, at Smithton Cemetery, Smithton, MO, with Pastor Jason Veale officiating.

Arrangements are in the care of Rea Funeral Chapel, Sedalia.

FUNERALS

Smith, Thelma Lucille

10 a.m. Thursday at Rea Funeral Chapel in Sedalia. Arrangements are under the direction of Rea Funeral Chapel.

Neumeyer, Dee

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

Rowden, Ima Jean (Shryock)

11 a.m. Saturday at Encounter Church in Sedalia. Arrangements are under the direction of Heckart Funeral Home and Cremation Services in Sedalia.

Stevenson, Sheri Lynn (Rabourn)

1 p.m. Saturday at First United Methodist Church Celebration Center in Sedalia. Arrangements are under the direction of Heckart Funeral Home and Cremation Services in Sedalia.

CRASH REPORTS

Climax Springs woman hurt in Henry accident

Mykeala R. Robbins, 21, of Climax Springs, sustained minor injuries at 7 p.m. Saturday in a Henry County accident.

According to a Missouri State Highway Patrol report, Robbins was an occupant in a 2018 Nissan Frontier driven by Austin G. Hammond, 21, of Pleasant Valley. They were traveling north on Route 7 just south of NW 1001 Road when they struck a deer.

Robbins was wearing a seat belt and was transported to Golden Valley Memorial Hospital in Clinton by Golden Valley Ambulance District.

Canadian man hurt in Pettis accident

Jason S. Menge, 41, of Innisfail, Alberta, Canada, sustained minor injuries at 9:04 p.m. Monday in a Pettis County accident.

According to a Missouri State Highway Patrol report, Menge was driving a 2009 Infiniti G37 north on U.S. Highway 50 at Pleasant Green Road when he attempted to cross the westbound lanes and pulled into the path of a westbound 2013 Chevrolet Cruze driven by Rylan T. Colette, 29, of Warrensburg.

Colette was wearing a seat belt; Menge was not and was transported by Pettis County Ambulance District to Western Missouri Medical Center in Warrensburg.

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

Compiled by Chris Howell.

Walmart offers to pay \$3.1 billion to settle opioid lawsuits

By Geoff Mulvihill
Associated Press

Walmart proposed a \$3.1 billion legal settlement on Tuesday over the toll of powerful prescription opioids sold at its pharmacies, becoming the latest major drug industry player to promise major support to state, local and tribal governments still grappling with a crisis in overdose deaths.

The retail giant's announcement follows similar proposals on Nov. 2 from the two largest U.S. pharmacy chains, CVS Health and Walgreen Co., which each said they would pay about \$5 billion.

Most of the drugmakers that produced the most opioids and the biggest drug distribution companies have already reached settlements. With the largest pharmacies now settling, it represents a shift in the opioid litigation saga. For years, the question was whether companies would be held accountable for an overdose crisis that a flood of prescription drugs helped spark.

With the crisis still raging, the focus now is on how the settlement dollars — now totaling more than \$50 billion — will be used and whether they will help curtail record numbers of overdose deaths, even as

prescription drugs have become a relatively small portion of the epidemic.

Bentonville, Arkansas-based Walmart said in a statement that it "strongly disputes" allegations in lawsuits from state and local governments that its pharmacies improperly filled prescriptions for the powerful prescription painkillers. The company does not admit liability with the settlement, which would represent about 2% of its quarterly revenue.

"Walmart believes the settlement framework is in the best interest of all parties and will provide significant aid to communities across the country in the fight against the opioid crisis, with aid reaching state and local governments faster than any other nationwide opioid settlement to date," the company said in a statement.

Lawyers representing local governments said the company would pay most of the settlement over the next year if it is finalized.

New York Attorney General Letitia James said in a release that the company would have to comply with oversight measures, prevent fraudulent prescriptions and flag suspicious ones.

Some government lawyers suggested Walmart has acted more responsibly than other

pharmacies when it came to opioids.

"Although Walmart filled significantly fewer prescriptions for opioids than CVS or Walgreens, since 2018 Walmart has been the most proactive in trying to monitor and control prescription opioid diversion attempted through its pharmacies," Nebraska Attorney General Doug Peterson said in a statement.

The deals are the product of negotiations with a group of state attorneys general, but they are not final. The CVS and Walgreens deals would have to be accepted first by a critical mass of state and local governments before they are completed.

Walmart's plan would have to be approved by 43 states by Dec. 15, and local governments could sign on by March 31, 2023. Each state's allocation depends partly on how many local governments agree.

"Companies like Walmart need to step up and help by ensuring Pennsylvanians get the treatment and recovery resources they need," Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro, who last week was elected governor of his state, said in a statement. "This deal with Walmart adds to the important progress we've already achieved through our settlements with the opioid manufacturers and distributors —

and we're not done yet."

The share of Walmart's proposed settlement going to Native American tribes is \$78 million, to be divided among all the federally recognized tribes, said Robins Kaplan, a law firm representing tribes.

After governments used funds from tobacco settlements in the 1990s for purposes unrelated to public health, the opioid settlements have been crafted to ensure most of the money goes to fighting the crisis. State and local governments are devising spending plans now.

Opioids of all kinds have been linked to more than 500,000 deaths in the U.S. over the past two decades.

In the 2000s, most fatal opioid overdoses involved prescription drugs such as OxyContin and generic oxycodone. After governments, doctors and companies took steps to make them harder to obtain, people addicted to the drugs increasingly turned to heroin, which proved more deadly.

In recent years, opioid deaths have soared to record levels, around 80,000 a year. Most of those deaths involve illicitly produced version of the powerful lab-made drug fentanyl, which is appearing throughout the U.S. supply of illegal drugs.

POLICE REPORTS

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

Sedalia Police Department Incidents Nov. 14

10:21 a.m.: An officer was dispatched to the 700 block of East Broadway Boulevard in reference to a vehicle theft. The victim stated while she was inside shopping at a business, her vehicle was stolen. It was later

recovered.

10:35 a.m.: An officer met a victim in the 4000 block of South Limit Avenue who wished to report two catalytic converters had been cut off of a vehicle parked there. There are no suspects.

5:36 p.m.: An officer was dispatched to the 900 block of East 10th Street in reference to an animal running at large. The caller said his son was riding his bike and was attacked by a dog near East 12th Street and South Washington Avenue. The officer was unable to contact the dog's owner and no ar-

rests have been made.

7:26 p.m.: Officers responded to the 3100 block of West 10th Street in reference to a subject check. Officers made contact with four subjects in a vehicle who were found in possession of an amount of marijuana that exceeded limits. All subjects were under the required age for medical and recreational use, so the marijuana was taken into evidence for destruction. No charges were made.

7:40 p.m.: An officer was dispatched to a burglary report in the 1200 block of East 12th Street. The victim said

someone had broken into their residence and stolen several items valued at \$710. No arrests have been made.

Nov. 4

2:02 p.m.: During the search of a premises related to an assault report in the 1400 block of East 13th Street, an officer located a firearm reportedly stolen out of Moberly. The firearm, valued at \$500, and ammunition were seized. The gun's owner and Moberly Police were contacted.

Compiled by Chris Howell.

LOCAL BRIEFS

MSF accepting Youth in Ag applications

The Missouri State Fair and the Youth in Agriculture Committee are accepting applications for Youth in Agriculture scholarships for Missouri high school seniors graduating in 2023. The application form can be found at mostatefair.com.

Applications should be submitted to the Missouri State Fair and must be postmarked by Feb. 1, 2023. Applicants must submit an original copy of their application and three additional copies.

These scholarships are possible thanks to the contributions of many individuals and companies supporting Youth in Agriculture. A total of 55 scholarships amounting to \$93,000, the largest amount ever, will be awarded as follows: one \$5,000 S. Wayne Yokley Platinum Scholarship sponsored by Youth in Agriculture supporters; one \$3,500 Sharon Topliff Scholarship sponsored by Youth in Agriculture supporters; one

\$2,500 supreme scholarship sponsored by Sydenstricker Nobbe Partners/Sydenstricker Genetics; four \$2,500 supreme scholarships sponsored by the Missouri State Fair Foundation; and 48 \$1,500 scholarships sponsored by Youth in Agriculture supporters.

Applicants must be high school seniors, active members of Missouri 4-H or FFA, and have participated at least once as a 4-H or FFA exhibitor at the Missouri State Fair. Selected students must enroll (fall and/or spring semester immediately following graduation from high school) in an accredited community college, college or university.

Missouri State Fair scholarships are funded by Youth in Agriculture sponsors, hometown supporters and buyers of the livestock sold during the annual Sale of Champions. A portion of each animal's sale price is allocated to the scholarship program. Additional support is also provided by The Hayden Freedom Foundation, Guesa Grandstand Concessions, Walmart of Sedalia and Sarah Ellen Jesse Memorial Contributions.

Photo Submissions

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

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S-C Raiders compete in Georgia

On Nov. 5, the Smith-Cotton Raider Team made it to Molena, Georgia, for Raider Nationals.

The team competed in the Master's Division against 109 teams from all over the nation. The events were the one-rope bridge, the Physical Team Test (PTT), Cross-Country Rescue (CCR), Gauntlet, and the 5K run. The Male and Female teams placed in the top 20. The Mixed team placed fifth in the nation.

As well as the team events, there was an individual event: The Ultimate Raider. Seniors Lyvia Halvorsen and Kaiden Smith participated in the Ultimate Raider. They competed against 190 other cadets from all over the nation.

With this being the last competition of the season, all cadets will now go to their next seasonal sport or start training for the next Raider season.

Release courtesy of Sedalia School District 200.



Top row from left, Draiven Short, Natali Newkirk, Jameshia Bennett, Ayden Haulotte, Justin Samotugin, Indiana Ellison, Jeremy Weber, Zachary Weber, Levi Jones, Thomas Gardner, Genesis May, Juan Ubaldo, Kaiden Smith, Parker Hemme. Middle row, Amelia Patterson, Sadie Mackin, Erick Nandho, Pedro Gonzalez, Mason Maley, Jonas Wilwohl, Jacob Brownfield, Jose Lorenzo, Julie Kuehner, Hunter Langdon, Roselia Waldo, Shawn Bailey. Bottom row, Lizbeth Nandho, Priscila Cano, Sienna Blaisdell, Ku'u Rayphand, Carmen Ventura, Katelynn Drogsvold, Edith Rubio, Kaylynn Rickerson, Lyvia Halvorsen, Chloe George, Daniela Gonzalez, Keaton Belsha.

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It's in fall, not summer, that leaves show their true colors

By Jessica Damiano

Associated Press

The landscape across much of the country has changed from green to vibrant shades of yellow, orange, red and even purple. But is this dramatic annual kaleidoscope the leaves' transformation into something new? Not exactly.

The visual feast we see in autumn is actually a return to normal for the leaves. The real magic occurs in spring, when trees and shrubs begin using

sunlight to produce the green pigment chlorophyll and photosynthesize it into food to sustain themselves during the growing season. When that happens, the plants' naturally colorful leaves take on the green hue we associate with them.

When summer gives way to fall, temperatures drop, days shorten, and the amount and intensity of sunlight decreases. As a result, the chlorophyll within leaves breaks down, essentially draining them of the green substance that had been masking their

true colors.

As you've probably noticed, some years are better than others for leaf peeping. During years when overnight temperatures are warmer than usual, for instance, the color transformation is typically delayed. Drought, too, can play a role, muting the intensity of the annual show. And an early freeze can put the brakes on the spectacle altogether.

Different trees produce different pigments. Anthocyanins, for example, are present in purple and red leaves, like those of

dogwoods, oaks, and some maple species. They're also responsible for the color of fruits like apples, strawberries, blueberries and plums, as well as red and purple flower petals.

Carotenoids, the same pigments present in carrots, are responsible for yellow, orange and brown foliage, like that of beech, birch and sycamore trees. They also give corn, bananas and flowers like daffodils their color.

The most vibrant colors are produced during years with warm, rainy springs, "Goldilocks" summers (not

too hot; not too cold) and dry, cool autumn days.

Sometimes, anomalies occur, like when leaves appear brighter on one side of a tree than the other. That's usually due to differences in sunlight exposure.

But when one side of a tree has vibrantly colored leaves and the other side remains green, damage or disease could be to blame. Girdled roots, sometimes found on sidewalk trees and others growing in cramped conditions, can disrupt the even distribution of nutrients to all sides, as can a split trunk.

As the season progresses, and trees approach dormancy, hormonal changes within them spur a process called "abscission," the growth of cells at the points where branches connect to leaves. After the color transition is complete, that connection gradually weakens until, like Rose in "Titanic," it just lets go.

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US wholesale inflation eases to 8%, 4th straight slowdown

By Christopher Rugaber
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Prices at the wholesale level rose 8% in October from a year ago, the fourth straight decline and the latest sign that inflation pressures in the United States are easing from painfully high levels.

The annual figure is down from 8.4% in September. On a monthly basis, the government said Tuesday that its producer price index, which measures costs before they reach consumers, rose 0.2% in October from September. That was same as in the previous month, which was revised down from an initial reading of 0.4%.

The figures came in lower than economists expected and make it more likely that the Federal

Reserve will increase its benchmark interest rate in smaller increments. It has hiked its short-term rate by three-quarters of a point for four meetings in a row, but economists now increasingly foresee an increase of a half-point at its December meeting.

"The improvement in the October inflation data, if it persists, supports the Fed's expectation of a step down in the pace of increases going forward," said Rubeela Farooqi, chief U.S. economist at High Frequency Economics, a forecasting firm.

Most of the monthly increase reflected higher gas prices at the wholesale level, which rose 5.7% just in October. The cost of new cars fell 1.5%, last month, which could lead to lower prices at the retail level as well.

Excluding the volatile food and energy catego-

ries, core producer prices were unchanged in October from September, the lowest reading in nearly two years. Core prices increased 6.7% last month from a year ago, down from a 7.1% annual rate in September.

The cost of services, such as hotels, air travel, and health care, slipped 0.1% in October from September, the first drop since November 2020.

The report follows last week's better-known consumer price index, which showed that year-over-year inflation cooled to a slower-than-expected 7.7% in October, down from 8.2% in September. And excluding volatile food and energy costs, that report also said that core prices rose just 0.3% in October from the previous month, half the increase of the previous two months.



Ian Beydler steps up as a patient and gets his blood pressure taken by Jenni Quetzecua and Elatia Vaughn. PHOTO BY SKYE MELCHER | DEMOCRAT

Nursing

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"Most of the time in the classroom, we just learn about things in theory. So it's great for them to hear it from a professional, so they can learn about the day-to-day and the requirements."

Another hope Brownfield has is to see if students will later become interested in the profession and seek it out themselves.

Brownfield has exposed the students to emergency and medical professionals, with more set to come before the semester ends.

"I really want them to be exposed to a professional in real life because, at this age, it's hard to keep their interest," Brownfield said.

Brownfield wants students to see professions in action versus researching a profession. The students will be doing hands-on activities with each career to see what that person has to do in their line of work.

Registered Nurse Serena Cronk, of Bothwell Regional Health Center, visited Brownfield's students on Tuesday to speak about the medical profession and nursing.

Cronk has a Master of Science degree in Nursing and is Wound Care Certified. She worked in the COVID-19 unit during the pandemic.

"There is not enough people going into nursing right now," Cronk said. "I think the pandemic caused a lot of people to leave the nursing field. We just need more people that care to come in and help."

Cronk explained her nursing background, the benefits of nursing, what nurses do, where you can work as a nurse and the diversity of the job.

Cronk said there is a high demand for nurses, but it's a competitive field.

There are three different types of education routes someone can take.

For a one-year route, a student can become a licensed practical nurse, who works under a doctor or registered nurse. An LPN is mainly responsible for taking vitals, collecting samples, administering medications and ensuring patient comfort.

There is an Associate of Science degree in Nursing, which takes two years to obtain, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing, which takes four years.

While they can earn a degree, the students still need to get a license to practice.

To demonstrate some of what a nurse does, Cronk brought CPR mannequins, a bag-mask valve, a blood pressure cuff, a stethoscope and other small nursing items.

"I just want them to see that we do a lot of different things as a nurse," Cronk said. "There's some exciting things. You can really make a difference and save a life."

Seeing an example like this can help lead students to take CPR certifications.

"They are pretty excited to see some of the hands-on stuff and seeing the exciting part of the job," Cronk added.

Brownfield explained that after seeing the presentation and demonstration, some students showed an increased interest in the medical field.

"Immediately, some students came up to me and said, 'Wow, I very well may pursue the medical field,'" Brownfield said. "Before this, they had no real interest in it but to see it firsthand and to hear directly from a professional amazed them."

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

Arrest

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The probable cause statement then quotes a conversation between the two Sedalia men as they discussed the items they had in the vehicle.

Waddle: "Wait, how is he doing a search? Stop! (Expletive), we're going to go to jail! Dude, I don't know how I'm going to get out of jail. Dude, we got guns in there."

Osburn: "He seen the dope pipe on the middle console. I told him it was mine, (expletive)."

Waddle: "Yeah, but what about the guns, bro? (expletive)"

Osburn: "So, what are we going to do when he asks whose they are?"

Waddle: "Bro, I'm not claiming all three of them,

bro."

Osburn: "Okay, so I got to claim my two, yeah?"

Waddle: "So are you telling him the one that's yours, is yours?"

Osburn: "I'm not telling him anything. I'm going to be like? I don't know, (expletive)."

Jackson's search revealed an AR-15 rifle with no serial numbers and hundreds of rounds of ammo, a Hi-Point pistol with ammo and filed-off numbers, a Taurus 9mm pistol with ammo, six baggies of synthetic marijuana under the center console, numerous meth pipes, scales, baggies and two notebooks containing transactions for the sale of controlled substances including names, addresses, profits and the amounts of substances sold, indicating trafficking.

Waddle has been charged with delivery of a controlled substance, un-

lawful use of a firearm, possession of a defaced firearm, and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia. He was transported to the Saline County Jail and placed on a 24-hour hold pending charges.

Osburn has been charged with unlawful possession of a firearm, delivery of 35 grams or less of marijuana or synthetic cannabinoid, and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia. He was also placed on a 24-hour hold pending charges.

Both men were issued a \$10,000 bond, cash or surety, and both had an arraignment Monday in Saline County Circuit Court. A hearing for counsel status was scheduled for Nov. 23 and a preliminary hearing for Dec. 7, again for both subjects.

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

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JROTC

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Over the last four years, she has served as a flight logistics representative, information management officer in charge, Honor Guard assistant coordinator, Honor Guard coordinator, Drill Team assistant coordinator, inspector general for the corps, and filled in as deputy group commander. She is part of the Drill Team, Raider Team and Honor Guard and has earned numerous awards.

Col. (Ret.) Mark Talley, the Senior Aerospace Science Instructor for AFJROTC at KNHS, joked that Souder has so many ribbons that she's running out of room on her uniform to pin them.

Souder said she's especially enjoyed the various events the Honor Guard has participated in, such as a NASCAR race in Kansas City, the Bass Pro 50th anniversary, and First Lady Jill Biden's visit to Knob Noster earlier this year.

Despite her small stature, Talley said Souder holds her own during Raider meets. This past year, the program was unable to field a mixed-gender team for a competition, so Souder was the sole female on the male team.

"I really enjoy drill the most out of all the ac-



Madeline Souder

tivities I do," she said. "I like to command, and I like being part of a team. I'm really detail-oriented and organized and I like everything to be the same and the routines the same. We practice and get really good at it. Drill and Raiders and just the corps, in general, has become a family, so we're all really close with each other."

In her senior year, Souder has been tasked with leading the corps as group commander.

"Her efforts in the corps is what rose her above all of her peers," Talley said. "Just her approach to leadership — she is quiet, but she doesn't have to be loud. She is listened to and that is because she says what needs to be said, she doesn't say a whole lot else."

"... She can talk to every one of those areas we did. She's had her hand in all of them in some way."

Souder is also involved with the National Honor Society, Warrens-

burg Wheels Car Club, and Big Brothers Big Sisters. In Girl Scouts, she has earned her Silver and Bronze awards and she's working on her Gold Award.

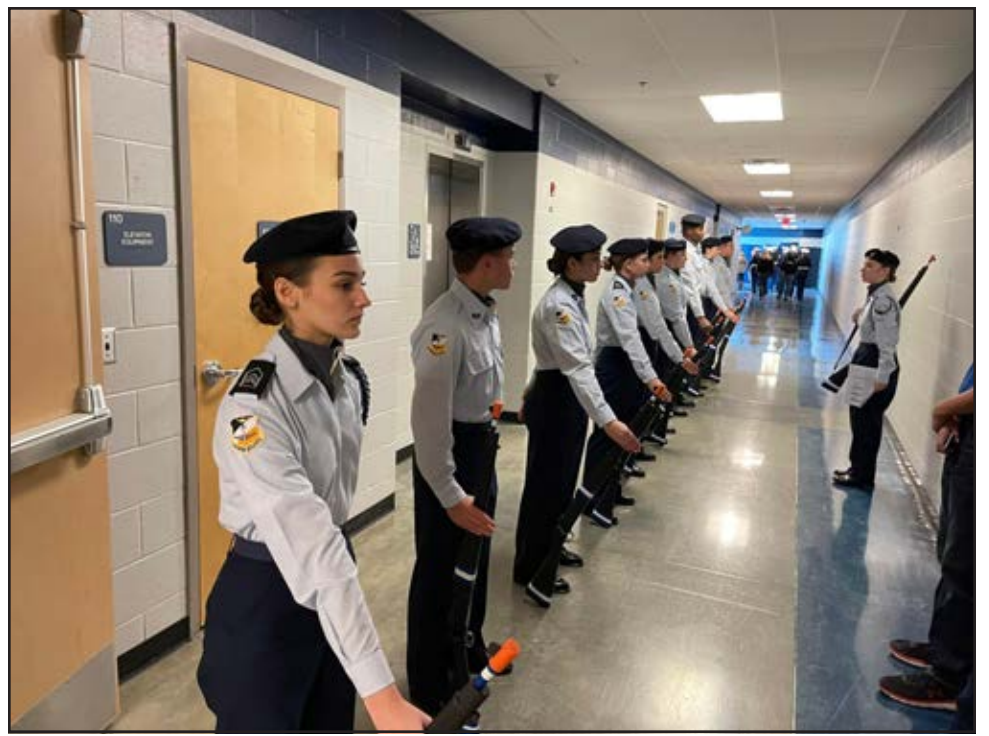
As Souder prepares for graduation in May, she wants to go to college for art illustration. If she earns a particular scholarship, she would need to commit to ROTC and the Air Force after college. If the scholarship doesn't pan out, she'll focus on art.

No matter what path she takes, she said the leadership, communication and organizational skills she's learned in ROTC will help her in the workforce.

"I always want to help the community," she said. "... I want to keep pushing myself and keep growing because I know it doesn't hurt to try and I can see what I can do."

TRIAD AFJROTC was selected as one of 106 units, out of 870, to receive the 2021-22 Distinguished Unit with Merit Award, the highest award available to an AFJROTC unit during its inspection year.

Talley said Souder, the inspector general during the triannual inspection, and the other leaders played a large role in receiving the distinction. While the instructors are mentors who can help, much of the pressure falls on the cadets during



JROTC Cadet Col. Madeline Souder, front, is seen during a drill competition on Dec. 4, 2021, at Lee's Summit West High School. PHOTOS COURTESY OF TRIAD AFJROTC

inspections.

"She led the effort on the cadet side and a good probably 60-80% of that inspection is cadet stuff," Talley explained. "Are they involved, are they filling the paperwork out, are they trained? All of that is what she helped make sure was done. Then, for the inspection itself, they gave presentations. ... Almost 90% of standards, we got exceeded, and that is incredible."

Souder was selected as the local candidate for the statewide cadet competition; each JROTC program in the state can submit one cadet for the award. She received her award — a plaque and a \$750 scholarship — at the American Legion

Department of Missouri 2022 Fall Conference in October in Jefferson City.

Talley notified Souder about the award during a camp this summer. He pulled Souder aside, which usually isn't a good thing. Souder said she was nervous, and Talley said it was hard to not crack a smile.

"I definitely had to work on the stone face because I was jumping up and down," Talley said. "... Having worked with her, I felt pretty confident that it (her application) could go far. Since I don't know what her competition was, I don't know how close, but her accomplishments and her character are one that I was just super

excited that she earned this. I'm careful not to use the word 'win' — she didn't win anything, she earned this. There is no doubt in my mind."

"I was really excited that I won and it feels like all I've been doing and all my hard work with my leadership positions really paid off," Souder said of the award. "I felt proud for me but proud for my parents because ROTC was something they wanted me to do and I did it and then I got this scholarship for it. I just felt accomplished and proud of myself and happy for my family and my unit."

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On his way to the fair to exhibit his new invention, Maurice (Jeffthan Glaster) gets lost in the woods and is attacked by wolves. The attack causes him to seek shelter in the Beast's castle.



Maurice (Jeffthan Glaster) gives his daughter, Belle (Emily Eschbacher), a hug before he sets out to the fair to show his invention. The ill-fated trip ultimately brings Belle and the Beast together, where they eventually fall in love.



Belle's father, Maurice, left, played by Jeffthan Glaster, is confronted by the Beast, MacAllister Gartner, Tuesday during a dress rehearsal scene of "Beauty and the Beast" at Smith-Cotton High School. The musical will be performed Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

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Beauty

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Belle's father, Maurice, an inventor played by Jeffthan Glaster, takes his latest creation off into the woods to a fair. Unfortunately, he becomes lost, is chased by wolves, and takes refuge in the Beast's castle. A castle where all the help has also been transformed into inanimate objects, such as clocks, candlesticks, feather dusters, teapots, and tea cups. While Maurice is in the castle, the Beast loses his temper, setting the stage for a future meeting with the kind-hearted Belle.

"There is a time limit

for the Beast," Carter explains. "Because there is a magical rose that loses all of its petals slowly throughout the show."

If the rose loses all its petals before someone falls in love with the Beast, it will forever remain in its ghastly form.

"But the Beast's enchanted household is populated by characters like Mrs. Potts, Lumiere, and Cogsworth..." Carter added. "They all just anxiously watch Belle and the Beast grow to be friends, and they...are all hoping things work out for the best."

The subplot involves the egotistical Gaston, who wants Belle for himself, and puts her down for her intelligence.

Carter said the students enjoy acting in the

musical.

"I'm really proud of them," she noted. "Not only have my actors spent time outside of rehearsal practicing and making sure they understood their characters, their lines, and all of their lyrics, but I have a significant crew that is helping me with organizing costumes and props."

"We also rented backdrops," she continued. "I have quite a few dedicated students who are excited to help the show who aren't on stage. So, that's exciting."

The cast and music ensemble has 36 students participating, with another 30 students helping as the crew. Carter added they have been working on the musical since Sept. 19.

Life lessons in the production demonstrate self-sacrifice and looking beyond outside appearances and into the heart. It also illustrates the ugliness of vanity and the difficulty in saying goodbye to those you love.

SCHS's "Beauty and the Beast" will be performed at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Heckart Performing Arts Center, 2010 Tiger Pride Blvd. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$10 for general admission. The performance is open to all ages, and doors will open a half hour before the musical begins.

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TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
33 19	41 18	30 18	41 17	38 27	55 36	52 32
Mostly sunny, brisk and cold	Cold; breezy in the afternoon	Mostly sunny and colder	Sunny, breezy and not as cold	Plenty of sunshine, but cold	Sunny and milder	Plenty of sun

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	6:56 a.m.												
Sunset tonight	4:59 p.m.												
Moonrise today	none												
Moonsset today	1:31 p.m.												
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WEATHER HISTORY

On Nov. 16, 1933, Arctic air invaded the Northeast, dropping the temperature to 19 in Washington, D.C., the coldest it has ever been there so early in the season.

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TEMPERATURES

High	43
Low	24
Normal high	54
Normal low	33
Record high	79 in 1999
Record low	7 in 1986

PRECIPITATION

Monday	0.09"
Month to date	1.01"
Normal m-t-d	1.44"
Year to date	35.22"
Normal y-t-d	39.94"

HEATING DEGREE DAYS

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

Monday	31
Month to date	193
Season to date	475
Normal season to date	660
Last season to date	408

RIVER LEVELS

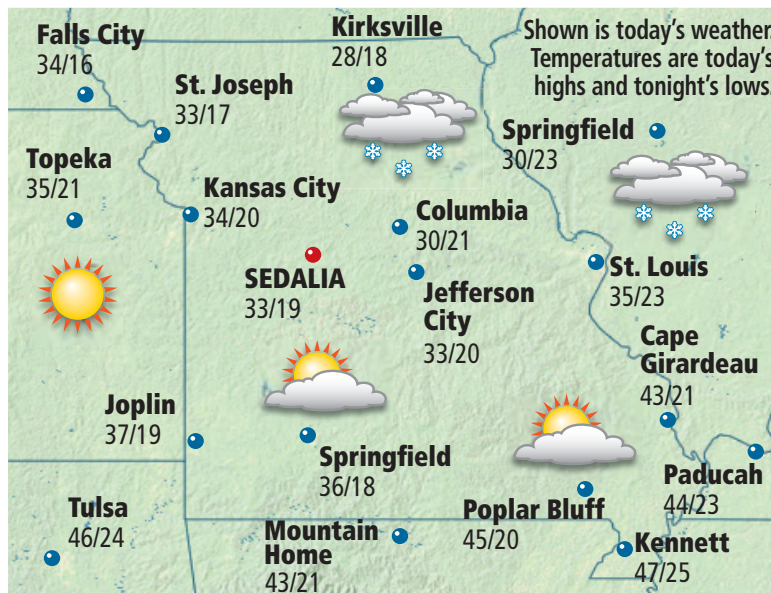
In feet as of 7 a.m. Tuesday

Blackwater	Stage	Chg	Fld Stg
Blue Lick	7.34	-0.27	24
Valley City	2.95	-0.11	22

Lamine	Stage	Chg	Fld Stg
Otterville	0.98	-0.02	15

Missouri	Stage	Chg	Fld Stg
Boonville	6.65	-0.43	21

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BRANSON
High: 44. Low: 20. Chilly today with clouds and sun. Clear and cold tonight. Plenty of sunshine tomorrow. Friday: mainly cloudy. Saturday: plenty of sun.

KANSAS CITY
High: 34. Low: 20. Mostly sunny and cold today. Partly cloudy and cold tonight. Cold tomorrow with intervals of clouds and sunshine.

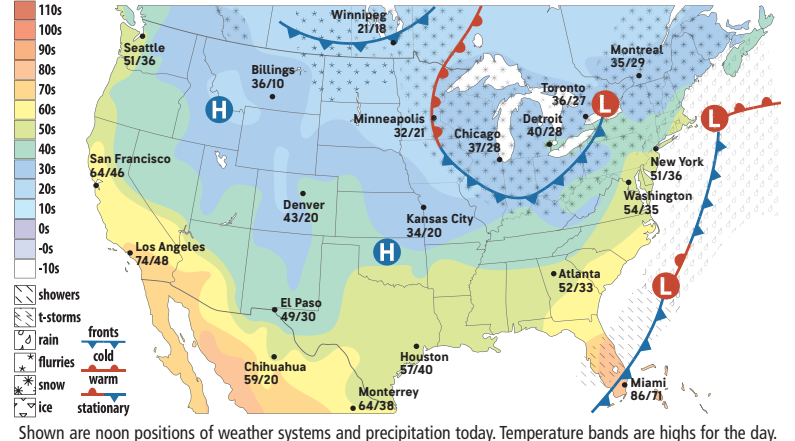
ST. LOUIS
High: 35. Low: 23. Brisk and cold today with clouds and sun; a couple of afternoon flurries. Rather cloudy and cold tonight. Clouds and sun tomorrow.

NEW YORK CITY
High: 51. Low: 36. Breezy with rain early this morning, then times of clouds and sun this afternoon. Partly cloudy and breezy tonight. Mostly sunny tomorrow.

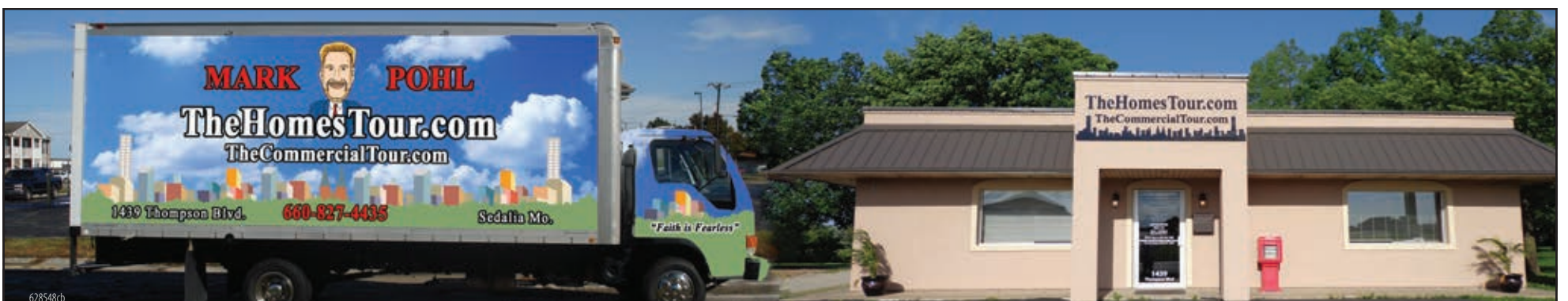
LOS ANGELES
High: 74. Low: 48. Plenty of sunshine today. Mainly clear and cool tonight. Pleasant tomorrow with sun and areas of high clouds.

NATIONAL WEATHER

	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thursday Hi/Lo/W	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thursday Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	52/33/c	49/30/s	38/27/sf	32/21/sf
Baltimore	53/33/pc	47/28/s	44/26/s	44/26/s
Boston	36/10/sn	17/5/pc	55/46/pc	52/40/c
Buffalo	52/37/r	47/33/sf	58/40/pc	50/34/pc
Charlotte	40/32/sn	38/29/sf	47/26/c	52/24/s
Chicago	58/34/pc	50/26/pc	80/56/pc	71/52/pc
Cleveland	37/28/sn	31/19/sf	71/45/s	70/45/s
Dallas	38/30/sf	37/24/sf	39/29/sf	38/26/sf
Denver	55/35/c	59/37/s	43/31/r	44/27/sf
Detroit	43/20/s	25/4/sn	Portland, ME	51/35/s
Houston	40/28/sf	38/24/sf	Portland, OR	51/35/s
Indianapolis	84/70/c	85/72/pc	Sacramento	63/35/s
Las Vegas	57/40/c	58/36/pc	St. Louis	35/23/sf
	35/27/sn	34/22/c	San Francisco	64/46/s
	60/38/s	60/43/s	Seattle	51/36/s
			Washington, DC	54/35/pc



Summary: Rain will fall along the Northeast coast today with snow inland. Light snow will whiten areas from Montana to Michigan with heavier snow showers around the Great Lakes. Southern California will be windy.



Judge rules Hawley-led agency broke record laws on purpose

By Summer Ballentine
Associated Press

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — A Missouri judge ruled that a state agency previously led by Republican Josh Hawley broke public record laws on purpose to help his U.S. Senate campaign.

Cole County Presiding Judge Jon Beetem on Monday fined the Attorney General's Office \$12,000 and attorney fees, the maximum penalty for violating what's known as the Sunshine Law.

Open record laws are aimed at making sure the public can access documents related to how taxpayer dollars are spent and how government is being run.

At issue are Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee records requests from 2017 and 2018, when Republican Hawley was serving as state attorney general and campaigning for former Democratic U.S. Sen. Claire McCaskill's seat.

The Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee requested emails and other communications between Attorney General's Office staff and politicians tied to Hawley's campaign, claiming that official staffers were being directed by campaigners in order to help Hawley's

Senate bid.

In one instance, the Attorney General's Office found responsive records three days after receiving the Democratic request but did not release the documents until forced to as part of the lawsuit more than a year later.

Other responsive records were provided to the Secretary of State's Office within days after that office launched an investigation into whether Attorney General's Office resources were improperly used to help Hawley's Senate Campaign. But the Attorney General's Office never handed those documents over to the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee.

The Secretary of State's Office, led by Republican Jay Ashcroft, found no wrongdoing in terms of misuse of public resources.

"The decision to withhold documents responsive to the DSCC's Sunshine requests was made by public officials who had personal and professional stakes in the documents not being released and in the success of then-candidate Hawley's campaign," Beetem wrote in his ruling.

Beetem ruled that the deception was intentional, pointing to the fact that Attorney General's Office staffers would switch to private email

accounts to message political consultants.

In Missouri, all government records are open to the public, even if officials use private email accounts.

"Attorney General Hawley's office illegally concealed public documents immediately prior to a U.S. Senate election against Senator Claire McCaskill for the sole purpose of preventing damage to Hawley's campaign and affecting the outcome of the election," DSCC lawyer Mark Pedroli tweeted Tuesday. "Concealing public records in order to prevent damage to your campaign is cheating, it deprives competing candidates of a level playing field, and it's illegal."

An Attorney General's Office spokesman said the agency is reviewing the ruling but declined to comment further.

"These allegations are based on Democrat campaign attacks," Hawley's campaign spokesman Kyle Plotkin said in a statement. "They have been investigated multiple times, and no wrongdoing has been found, including by a Democrat State Auditor."

Republican Eric Schmitt is now serving as state attorney general, although voters in November also elected him to the U.S. Senate.

World Population hits 8 billion, creating many challenges

By Dan Ikpoyi and Chinedu Asadu

Associated Press

LAGOS, Nigeria (AP) — The world's population will likely hit an estimated 8 billion people on Tuesday, according to a United Nations projection, with much of the growth coming from developing nations in Africa.

Among them is Nigeria, where resources are already stretched to the limit. More than 15 million people in Lagos compete for everything from electricity to light their homes to spots on crowded buses, often for two-hour commutes each way in this sprawling megacity. Some Nigerian children set off for school as early as 5 a.m.

And over the next three decades, the West African nation's population is expected to soar even more: from 216 million this year to 375 million, the U.N. says. That will put Nigeria in a tie for third place with the United States after India and China.

"We are already overstretching what we have — the housing, roads, the hospitals, schools. Everything is overstretched," said Gyang Dalyop, an urban planning and development consultant in Nigeria.

The U.N.'s Day of 8 Billion milestone Tuesday is more symbolic than precise, officials are careful to note in a wide-ranging report released over the summer that makes some staggering projections.

The upward trend threatens to leave even more people in developing countries further behind, as governments struggle to provide enough classrooms and jobs for a rapidly growing number of youth, and food insecurity becomes an even more urgent problem.

Nigeria is among eight countries the U.N. says will account for more than half the world's population growth between now and 2050 — along with fellow African nations Congo, Ethiopia and Tanzania.

"The population in many countries in sub-Saharan Africa is projected to double between 2022 and 2050, putting additional pressure on already strained resources and challenging policies aimed to reduce poverty and inequalities," the U.N. report said.

It projected the world's population will reach around 8.5 billion in 2030, 9.7 billion in 2050 and 10.4 billion in 2100.

Other countries rounding out the list with the

fastest growing populations are Egypt, Pakistan, the Philippines and India, which is set to overtake China as the world's most populous nation next year.

In Congo's capital, Kinshasa, where more than 12 million people live, many families struggle to find affordable housing and pay school fees. While elementary pupils attend for free, older children's chances depend on their parents' incomes.

"My children took turns" going to school, said Luc Kyungu, a Kinshasa truck driver who has six children. "Two studied while others waited because of money. If I didn't have so many children, they would have finished their studies on time."

Rapid population growth also means more people vying for scarce water resources and leaves more families facing hunger as climate change increasingly impacts crop production in many parts of the world.

"There is also a greater pressure on the environment, increasing the challenges to food security that is also compounded by climate change," said Dr. Srinath Reddy, president of the Public Health Foundation of India. "Reducing inequality while focusing on adapting and mitigating climate change should be where our policy makers' focus should be."

Still, experts say the bigger threat to the environment is consumption, which is highest in developed countries not undergoing big population increases.

"Global evidence shows that a small portion of the world's people use most of the Earth's resources and produce most of its greenhouse gas emissions," said Poonam Muttreja, executive director of the Population Foundation of India. "Over the past 25 years, the richest 10% of the global population has been responsible for more than half of all carbon emissions."

According to the U.N., the population in sub-Saharan Africa is growing at 2.5% per year — more than three times the global average. Some of that can be attributed to people living longer, but family size remains the driving factor. Women in sub-Saharan Africa on average have 4.6 births, twice the current global average of 2.3.

Families become larger when women start having children early, and 4 out

of 10 girls in Africa marry before they turn 18, according to U.N. figures. The rate of teen pregnancy on the continent is the highest in the world — about half of the children born last year to mothers under 20 worldwide were in sub-Saharan Africa.

Still, any effort to reduce family size now would come too late to significantly slow the 2050 growth projections, the U.N. said. About two-thirds of it "will be driven by the momentum of past growth."

"Such growth would occur even if childbearing in today's high-fertility countries were to fall immediately to around two births per woman," the report found.

There are also important cultural reasons for large families. In sub-Saharan Africa, children are seen as a blessing and as a source of support for their elders — the more sons and daughters, the greater comfort in retirement.

Still, some large families "may not have what it takes to actually feed them," says Eunice Azimi, an insurance broker in Lagos and mother of three.

"In Nigeria, we believe that it is God that gives children," she said. "They see it as the more children you have, the more benefits. And you are actually overtaking your peers who cannot have as many children. It looks like a competition in villages."

Politics also have played a role in Tanzania, where former President John Magufuli, who ruled the East African country from 2015 until his death in 2021, discouraged birth control, saying that a large population was good for the economy.

He opposed family planning programs promoted by outside groups, and in a 2019 speech urged women not to "block ovaries." He even described users of contraceptives as "lazy" in a country he said was awash with cheap food. Under Magufuli, pregnant schoolgirls were even banned from returning to classrooms.

But his successor, Samia Suluhu Hassan, appeared to reverse government policy in comments last month when she said birth control was necessary in order not to overwhelm the country's public infrastructure.

Even as populations soar in some countries, the U.N. says rates are expected to drop by 1% or more in 61 nations.

US Catholic bishops elect Timothy Broglio as new president

By Peter Smith and David Crary

Associated Press

BALTIMORE (AP) — Archbishop Timothy Broglio of the Military Services, who oversees Catholic ministries to the U.S. armed forces, was elected Tuesday as the new president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Broglio, 70, was elected from a field of 10 candidates. He will succeed Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, who assumed the post in 2019.

The archbishop of Baltimore, William Lori, was elected as vice president.

Usually the election of a new USCCB leaders is a formality, with the bishops elevating the conference's vice president to the post. But this year's election was wide open because the incumbent VP — Detroit Archbishop Allen Vigneron — will turn 75 soon, making him ineligible to serve.

The 10 candidates ranged from the relatively moderate Archbishop Paul Etienne of Seattle to San Francisco Archbishop San Salvatore Cordileone, a staunch conservative. Cordileone made headlines this year by barring House Speaker Nancy

Pelosi, a San Franciscan, from receiving Communion in the archdiocese because of her support for abortion rights.

The candidates were nominated by their fellow bishops, who bypassed several of their colleagues who have been elevated to cardinal by Pope Francis.

The bishops' annual fall meeting will conclude its public sessions on Wednesday. During the course of the meeting, there are expected to be discussions about the church's efforts to prevent clergy sex abuse and the impact of the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in June striking down the nationwide right to abortion.

Broglio has extensive experience outside U.S. borders, having studied in Rome and serving in the Vatican's diplomatic corps. And his current archdiocese is based in Washington, D.C., which also is home to the USCCB's head office.

Broglio grew up in the Cleveland area, attending Catholic schools there before attending Boston College and then earning a doctorate in canon law from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome.

He was ordained to the priesthood, for the diocese of Cleveland, in

May 1977 at a chapel in Rome.

In addition to serving as an associate parish pastor and as a college lecturer, Broglio engaged extensively in the Vatican's diplomatic service.

He served as secretary of the apostolic nunciatures in Ivory Coast and Paraguay, and from 1990 to 2001 served as Chief of Cabinet to Angelo Cardinal Sodano, secretary of state to Saint Pope John Paul II and desk officer for Central America.

Broglio was ordained as an archbishop by St. John Paul II in March 2001. In 2007, he was named the fourth archbishop of the Military Services USA.

As a member of the USCCB, Broglio currently serves as secretary of the conference. In the past he has served as chairman of the Committee on International Justice and Peace and chairman of the Canonical Affairs and Church Governance Committee.

Crary reported from New York.



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CONTRIBUTING COLUMN

Two cases of domestic violence in 1884

Domestic violence was common during the 19th century, though it wasn't often talked about. Women often did not discuss the abuse they suffered at the hands of their husbands, fearing their husbands might retaliate with worse abuse. Society often portrayed the abused wife as responsible, claiming if she had been a better wife, her husband would not have beaten her.



Rhonda Chalfant
Contributing Columnist

J. West Goodwin, editor of the Sedalia Bazon, spoke of domestic violence by denouncing any man who would hurt a woman. In 1882, two cases of domestic abuse called forth his disgust.

In July 1884, the Weekly Bazon reported on L.P. Heldman, "who would cast a stigma on the name of Satan" by abusing his wife.

The family consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Heldman, her daughter from a previous marriage, and a son and daughter from their marriage. Heldman appeared to be a good man. He didn't use alcohol and worked as a mechanic at the Mo Pac machine shops.

Mrs. Heldman and her daughters and son were recognized for their virtuous reputations. Mrs. Heldman tried to help support her family by sewing for others, and the son ran a lemonade stand.

Heldman regularly refused to provide for his family, refused to allow the 13-year-old stepdaughter to live with the family, forbade his wife from visiting her daughter when she was sick, and attempted to blacken their reputations with lies.

He went so far as to offer their daughter \$500 to poison her mother and to offer their son the deed to the family home near Third Street and Massachusetts Avenue, which he didn't really have as the house was heavily mortgaged, if he would say that his mother was crazy.

After a series of incidents in which Heldman pointed a loaded gun at his wife and threatened to kill her, he left, giving the impression that he was going to Kansas City and then back to Ohio. He didn't leave; instead, within a few days, he attempted to break into the back door of the family house at 3:30 a.m.

The son fired two shots into the door.

Heldman fled. Neighbors heard the family's screams and alerted the police, who obtained a warrant for his arrest. Heldman was nowhere to be found.

The second incident involved York Robinson, who did not even appear to be a good man. He was known to drink to excess and become violent. In February 1884, the Bazon reported that the "brutal and cowardly villain" beat and stabbed his wife.

Mrs. Robinson went to Beaman, where she had relatives, to attend a dance. Robinson followed her there, found her, and the couple argued. He ordered her to return to Sedalia.

Mrs. Robinson finally agreed and the couple left in Robinson's wagon. Robinson began to beat his wife with a club he carried. He also tried to stab her with a razor and with a knife. She escaped from the wagon and began to run. Robinson followed.

Mrs. Robinson began to scream, and fainted beside the railroad tracks. The train from Sedalia was approaching and, in the light of the train's headlight, the engineer saw the two running, saw the flash of the knife, and saw Mrs. Robinson fall.

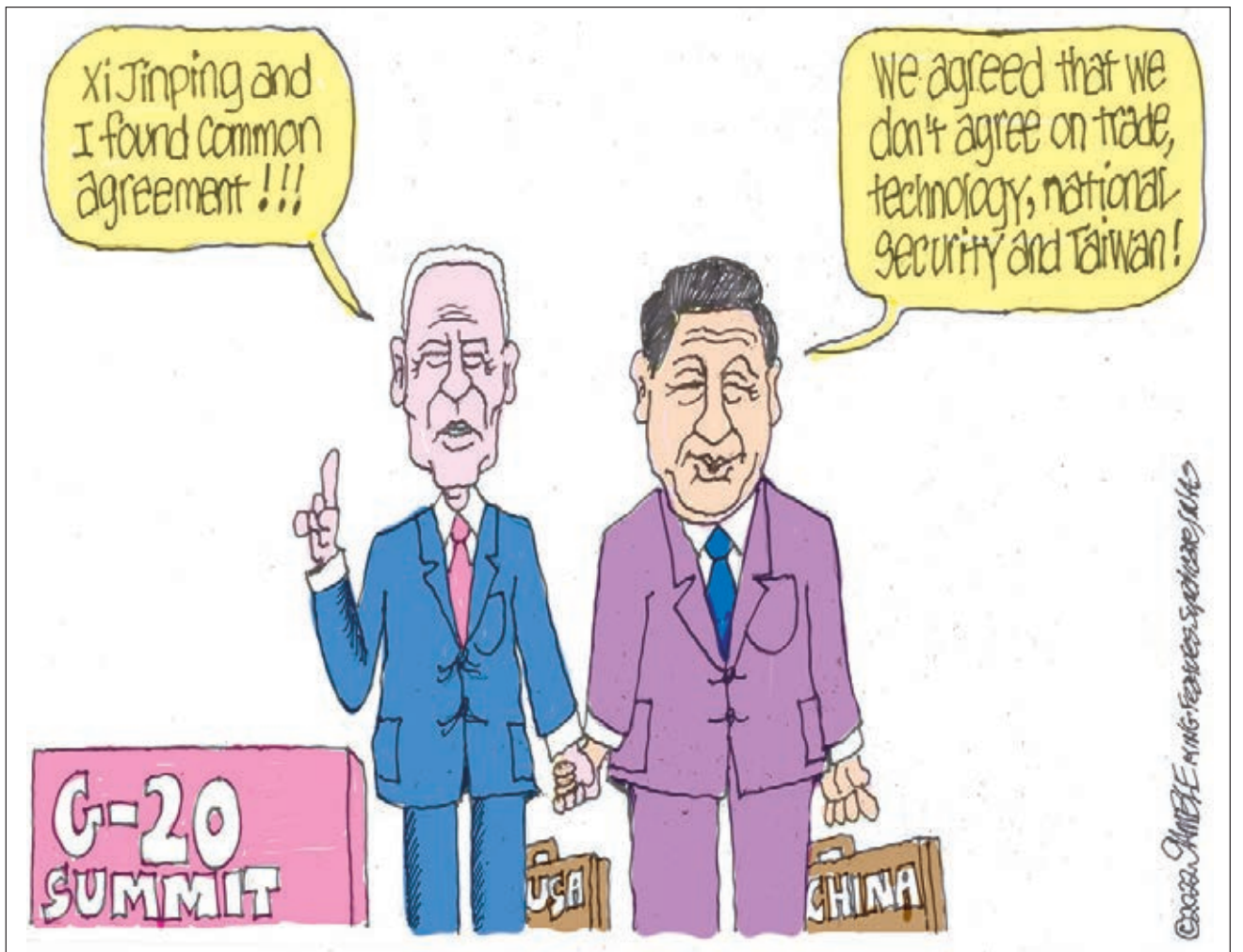
The engineer stopped the train, reversed, picked up Mrs. Robinson, and carried her back to Beaman, where trainmen took her to a relative's home.

Dr. Rothick treated her two broken ribs and a serious cut to her abdomen.

Robinson, meanwhile, went on to Sedalia, where he visited his wife's sister Nannie Braymer, told her his wife was seriously ill, and took the \$12 Mrs. Robinson had given her sister.

Robinson then left for Kansas City, where he was arrested. Sedalia Constable Carnes brought him back to Sedalia to await trial.

Rhonda Chalfant is active in the Sedalia/Pettis County chapter of NAACP and the Pettis County Historical Society.



THEIR VIEW

Divided election shows one way voters are united: They want compromise

Kansas City Star

Republicans inched closer to gaining control of the U.S. House last Wednesday morning, while party control of the Senate remained undecided. It may be some days before the full outcome is known.

To the nation's great relief, however, the predicted "red wave" of landslide Republican victories turned out to be more of a ripple than a tsunami. Our government remains divided, because voters remain deeply divided.

Kansas — which shocked the nation by upholding abortion rights in August — once again showed the limits of GOP ambition. Democratic Gov. Laura Kelly appeared to defeat Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt, the Republican, in unofficial returns. The race remains officially too close to call, with Kelly telling supporters that it's too soon to celebrate.

There's more. Democratic incumbent Rep. Sharice Davids easily defeated Republican Amanda Adkins in the race for the 3rd District. These outcomes were no accident.

Kansans appeared tired of the culture shenanigans of candidates like Schmidt. He offered no vision for the state. Kansas voters seem more interested in problem-solvers than would-be conservative TV stars.

We hope that message is clear in Topeka next year. Republican lawmakers gerrymandered Davids' seat and still lost. They foolishly forced a primary vote on abortion rights, prompting thousands of younger voters to register and cast ballots.

Sadly, Kris Kobach narrowly won the attorney general's race. He'll cause no end of mischief. At the same time, all six Kansas Supreme Court justices facing retention votes won. That's good news for Kansas.

Yes, incumbent Sen. Jerry Moran, a Republican, easily won reelection. We endorsed his candidacy because we believed sane voices in Congress should be encouraged. We now expect him to fulfill that commitment.

In Missouri, Sen.-elect Eric Schmitt appears unreachable by any appeals to logic or patriotism.

Schmitt's victory was not a surprise. His candidacy was a deep disappointment because it further divided the state. Schmitt largely ignored Kansas City and St. Louis, a practice we hope he will not continue in Washington.

Missourians endorsed recreational marijuana. They also took the frustrating step of enabling the state legislature to set minimum funding for the Kansas City Police Department. It's deeply

regrettable colonialism, and should be challenged in court.

Kansas City overwhelmingly approved borrowing for the housing trust fund, Bartle Hall, and parks activities. It was the right thing to do.

The national picture remains cloudy. Voters appear to have endorsed mixed government, likely gridlock, and a continuation of the partisan sniping that sadly defines much of our national politics.

With a Democrat Joe Biden in the White House and Republicans potentially in charge of the House, prospects for significant progress on issues such as energy costs, inflation and aid to Ukraine are dim. The nation is looking at two years of subpoenas and investigations instead.

We could be wrong. We hope we're wrong. It's now up to the Republican Party to prove us so, by turning aside the most strident voices to focus on real concerns.

Plans to hold the debt ceiling hostage to extremists must be discarded. We should now expect a Republican House majority to provide real details of a plan to reduce the nation's inflation-riddled economy. We should see those plans early in 2023, with a goal of falling prices within the year. If not, Republicans will have failed.

Congress should not

reduce inflation by eliminating jobs. The classic cure for inflation is higher joblessness. That's unacceptable.

Let's be clear: Democrats are hardly blameless for the inflationary economy that led to some stinging defeats at the polls. Yes, it's important to focus on climate change, women's bodily autonomy, student debt and other issues. When moms and dads struggle to buy groceries or pay the rent, though, it's hard for them to hear a reasonable debate on those concerns.

Democrats have acted for a year as if expensive gas and eggs are a minor quibble. Some prices have fallen — gas in Kansas City has been closer to \$3 a gallon for months — and it's also true that inflation is a worldwide phenomenon tied to the pandemic and the war in Ukraine, hardly something unique to America. But Democrats have yet to treat the rising prices as seriously as they should have. We urge them to work with Republicans on a reasonable plan to address high prices, particularly on food and fuel.

We think voters want progress and compromise. Now that the campaign ads have mercifully left the screen, we implore office-holders of good faith to work harder to solve problems, instead of assembling fodder for the next campaign.

THEIR VIEW

A tale of two cannabis states

St. Joseph News-Press

Missouri and Maryland passed marijuana legalization in Tuesday's election, joining more than 20 other states that authorize recreational cannabis.

Both states will allow adults aged 21 or older to buy and consume marijuana, but the two measures contain some significant differences.

Maryland allows possession of 1.5 ounces of marijuana, but Missouri will authorize double that amount at 3 ounces. More marijuana means more opportunities to divert it to underage users.

Maryland allows two

plants for "home grow," compared to Missouri, which will permit six flowering plants, six nonflowering plants and six clone plants at home. Again, more chances to divert and resell in other states or to younger users.

Recreational marijuana will be taxed at 6% in Missouri, which sounds like a lot until you realize it's 15% in Colorado, around 16% in Illinois, 37% in Washington state and as much as 38% when all taxes and fees are added up in tax-happy California.

Get this: Maryland will allow its legislature to decide on the taxation and other regulation of

cannabis following voter approval on Tuesday.

It would be naïve to believe that marijuana legalization wasn't coming as the public became more tolerant and questioned the fairness of a hard line on cannabis enforcement. But the way that Maryland handled it, with that state's legislature taking an active hand in putting an initiative on the ballot and then regulating and taxing it on the back end, allows for a final result that's more in the public interest than what Missouri has today.

That's because the legislature in Missouri abdicated its responsibility on this matter, resulting

in a constitutional amendment that was developed and funded by the marijuana industry and for the marijuana industry. Because it's a constitutional amendment, it can't be tweaked easily if problems arise with how the sudden plunge into legalization affects everything from drug treatment courts to usage in public spaces.

It's sort of like letting Anheuser-Busch write your drunken-driving laws. Missouri might not regret legalization but there will be some second thoughts in going about it this way.

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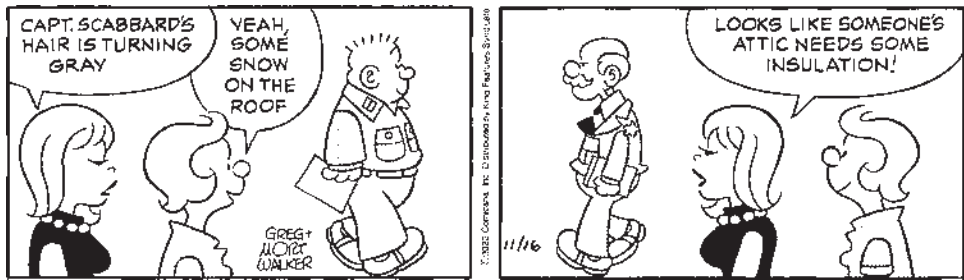
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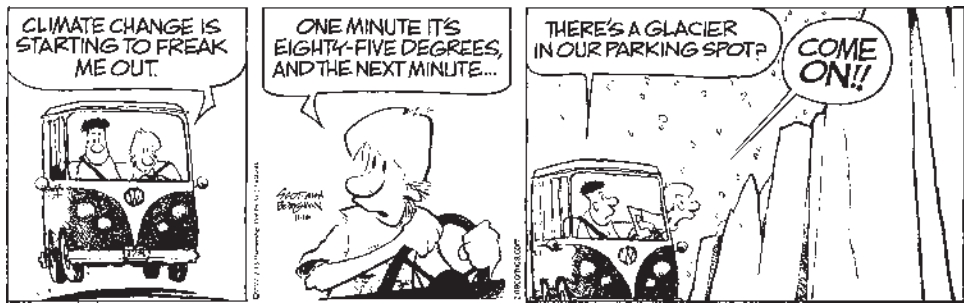
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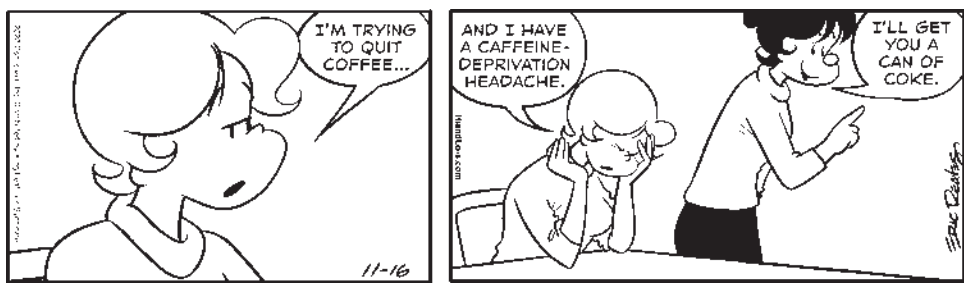
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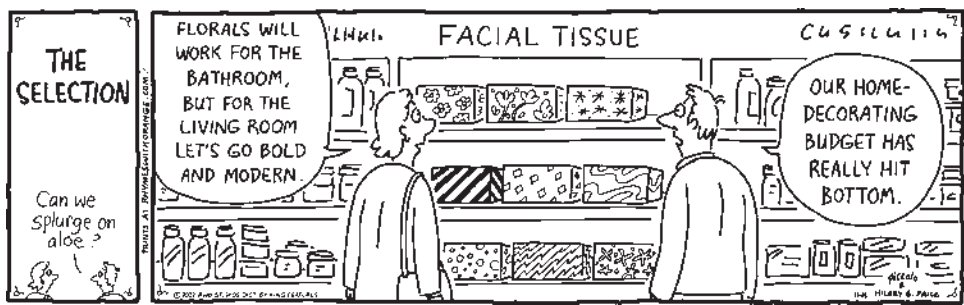
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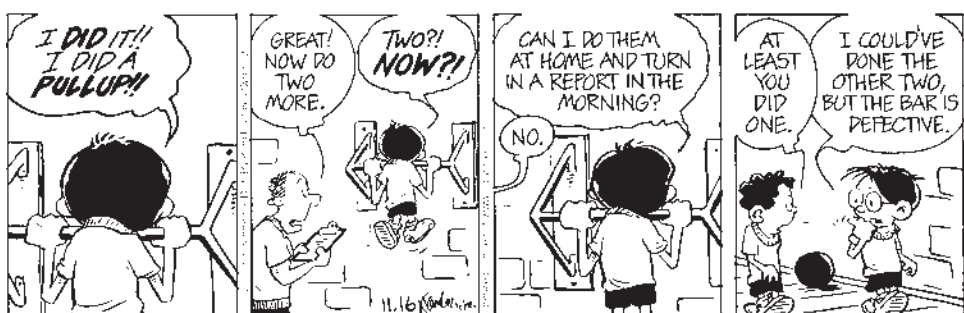
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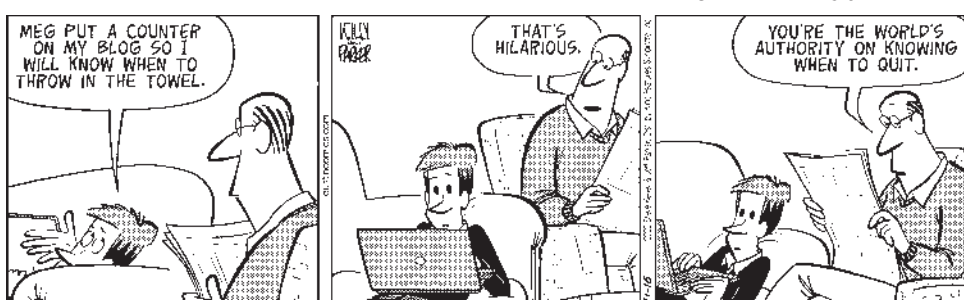
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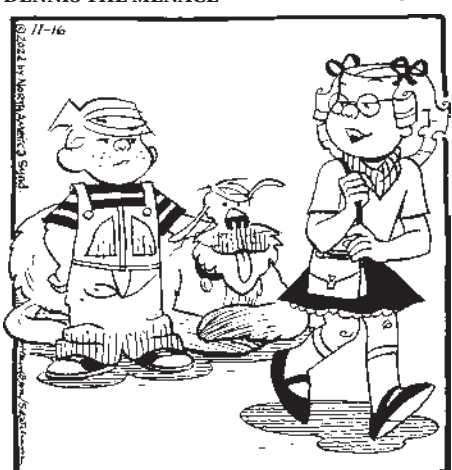
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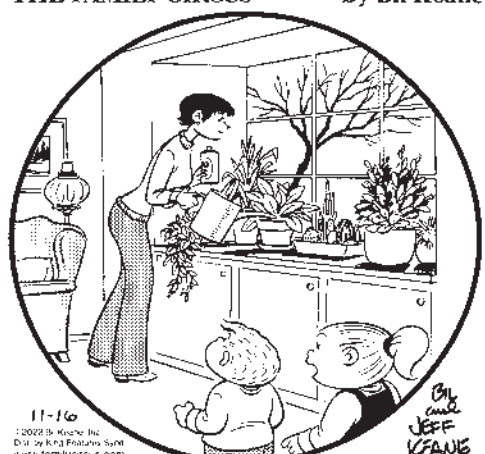
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"A MAN'S BEST FRIEND IS HIS DOG... BUT A WOMAN'S BEST FRIEND IS DIAMONDS. DO THE MATH."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"Indoor plants don't get the winter off the way outdoor plants do!"

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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 - 12 Bewildered
 - 13 Zeal
 - 14 Letter before omega
 - 15 Forming sharp curves
 - 17 Going under
 - 19 "My word!"
 - 20 Abounds
 - 21 Parties
 - 22 Bandage material
 - 24 Bro's sibling
 - 26 Jazz phrases
 - 29 Do a checkout job
 - 30 Signaling slyly
 - 32 Joining
 - 34 Writer Rita — Brown
 - 35 By the way
 - 36 Summon up
 - 38 Tender areas
- 39** Copenhagen natives
- 40** Apple or pear
- 41** Snowman's carrot
- DOWN**
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 - 2 Mind a mutt, say
 - 3 Bearlike
 - 4 Female rabbit
 - 5 School grade
 - 6 Rainbow color
 - 7 Treats with tea
 - 8 Suit material
 - 10 Washing-ton city
 - 11 "Phooey!"
 - 16 Pancreas product
 - 18 Gun-powder holders
 - 21 Dealer's need
 - 23 Criticized sharply
 - 24 Salt
 - 25 Disregard
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MARVIN

BY TOM ARMSTRONG



THE LOCKHORNS

BY BUNNY HOEST & JOHN REINER



"LEROY WATCHES AN ALL-NEWS CHANNEL UNTIL HE BECOMES ALL-ANGRY."

SUDOKU

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

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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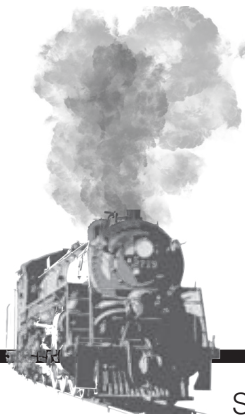
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AREA ROUNDUP

SMITHTON'S SEASON ENDS IN QUARTER FINALS

By Democrat staff

Turning a five-goal result within the same season is always going to be a difficult task, but one that Smith-ton had to face head-on regardless in Saturday's Class 1 Boys Soccer quarterfinal in Springfield.

The Tigers' opponent, New Covenant Academy, had beaten them 5-0 in Springfield on Sept. 30. In the rematch, Smithton was more resolute defensively, but still had its season put to bed by the Warriors, 3-0.

"It wasn't our best game of the year, but it was an improvement," Smithton head coach Sean Hutchinson said in comparing the two performances. "We played them before with all our starters, but two were just coming back from injuries, so keeping it 3-0 without all of them showed how much we've improved."

Hutchinson had hoped to get All-Kaysinger performer Hayden Grose back in time

for the match that could have led to the program's first Final Four appearance since 1986, but the junior's foot injury left the Tigers without a key player. It helped New Covenant to key even more on senior Braedon Cairer.

"They had been scouting Braedon and knew he was our leading scorer, and he was basically marked up non-stop," Hutchinson said. "We didn't get a lot of opportunities to score other than one we almost got in, but were just unlucky. Our defense did a really good job of keeping the score down, and Ryan [Pond] made a couple good saves."

In the past four seasons, Smithton has compiled 69 wins, including this year's 19-7 record.

"We had a lot of success with starters out at the same time [during stretches]," said Hutchinson, who noted that the two Sacred Heart defeats were the only ones

suffered when his team was at full strength. "I'd say record-wise, we would have been pretty close to last year's if we'd had everybody healthy the entire year. Overall, we had a really good season."

S-C swim wraps at state Clay Pilliard wrapped his Smith-Cotton career with another record-breaking day at last weekend's Class 1 Boys Swimming and Diving State Championships held over two days at the City of St. Peters Rec-Plex.

The senior swam the 500-yard freestyle in 4:52.51 and finished the 100-yard backstroke in 54.37 seconds. In addition to taking 10th place in those events, both times saw Pilliard shatter his own school records once again.

Also there for S-C, Findlay Hume placed 30th in the 100-freestyle and 28th place in the 200-free. In diving, Julius Washington made second cuts and took 15th,



Along with Smith-Cotton coaches, Tigers swimmers and divers Findlay Hume, Clay Pilliard, Julius Washington and Jakobe Linn stand together at the Class 1 State Championships last weekend at the City of St. Peters Rec-Plex.

PHOTO COURTESY OF SMITH-COTTON SWIM & DIVE TEAM

while Jakobe Linn was 26th. SFCC XC teams end historic season

Both State Fair Community College teams finished their respective record-best seasons at the NJCAA Division II Cross Country Championships at Apalachee Regional Park on Saturday, November 11 in Tallahassee, Florida.

The men's team took 21st place as a team with 549 points, led by sophomore

Nathan Gemechu's 74th place with a time of 29:00.9. Sophomore Logan Shaw also came inside the top-100 with a time of 29:29.1, good for 91st place.

The Lady Roadrunners took 20th place with 502 points, paced by freshman Tanner Maggard's 21:26.3 time, recording her a 65th-place finish. Sophomore Korry Davis came in 97th (22:24.2), while freshman Kara Van Vleck narrowly

missed the top-100, coming in 102nd with a time of 22:41.2.

"It was an amazing finish to an incredible year," Roadrunners head coach Brad Hagedorn said. "The weather was hot and humid, but this team ran smart. The results come from a season of tough conditioning and consistent hard work that our athletes committed to from the start of the season. I couldn't be prouder."



Los Angeles Rams wide receiver Cooper Kupp, left, walks out in street clothes and a boot on his foot with wife Anna after Kupp suffered an injury in an NFL football game against the Arizona Cardinals Sunday, Nov. 13, 2022, in Inglewood, Calif.

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Rams' Kupp to IR after ankle surgery; OL Jackson, Brewer out

By Greg Beacham

AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Los Angeles Rams receiver Cooper Kupp will have surgery on his sprained right ankle, sidelining the Super Bowl MVP for at least the next four weeks while on injured reserve.

Starting left tackle Alaric Jackson will miss the rest of the year because of blood clots, and starting right guard Chandler Brewer will be out four to six weeks after knee surgery, coach Sean McVay said Tuesday while revealing the latest injury setbacks to the defending champions' dismal season.

Kupp, the AP's Offensive Player of the Year last season after winning the triple crown of receiving, sprained his ankle in

the Rams' 27-17 loss to Arizona last Sunday. He needs surgery Wednesday that is likely to sideline the Rams' top offensive player for several weeks, but McVay did not rule out a return this season for his top offensive playmaker.

"Obviously you never, ever replace a player like Cooper Kupp," McVay said. "But we've got to figure out the best way to accentuate the skillsets of the guys that will be playing."

Kupp currently is second in the NFL with 75 catches, while his 812 yards receiving and six TD receptions are fifth. He was injured when he landed awkwardly after trying to catch a poorly thrown pass from backup quarterback John Wolford.

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No. 1 Georgia eyes perfect season with tightly bonded team

By Paul Newberry

AP Sports Writer

ATHENS, Ga. (AP) — Georgia added another title to its growing collection, yet there wasn't a whole lot of reason to celebrate.

The Bulldogs, you see, are chasing the loftiest of goals.

Perfection. Having locked up another trip to the Southeastern Conference championship game as the top dog in the Eastern Division, No. 1 Georgia (10-0) quickly moved on Monday.

"I didn't really celebrate too much," receiver Kearis Jackson said. "I know we have bigger goals ahead of us."

It's a rather lengthy list, for sure. The Bulldogs are positioned to make a run at their first SEC title since 2017. They certainly have their sights on a return for the College Football Playoff as the top seed, which would undoubtedly be rewarded with a short trip to Atlanta for the Peach Bowl semifinal. And, of course, they want to become the first team since Alabama in 2011-12 to repeat as national champion.



Georgia tight end Brock Bowers (19) is lifted by a teammate after scoring on a two-yard touchdown pass reception during the first half of an NCAA college football game against Mississippi State in Starkville, Miss., Saturday, Nov. 12, 2022.

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Last year's title team had a blemish on its record — an upset loss to the Crimson Tide in the SEC championship game. In fact, only two teams in Georgia's modern football history have made it through a season unscathed.

The 1946 Bulldogs went 11-0, tied for the SEC title, won the Sugar Bowl, but only finished third in The Associated Press rankings behind Notre Dame and Army, who played to a scoreless tie in what was billed as the "Game of the Century."

The 1980 Georgia squad, led by freshman star

Herschel Walker, finished 12-0 and, until last season, was the only team in the school's storied history to win a consensus national title.

Can this team complete what is undoubtedly a more difficult undefeated journey, with the longer schedule and additional gauntlet of a conference championship game and four-team playoff to get through?

"That would be great," Jackson said, his face lighting up. "I've never been a part of an undefeated season,

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Colts' Jeff Saturday hire ripples across stunned NFL

By Arnie Stapleton

AP Pro Football Writer

Sixteen years after a mic'd up Peyton Manning castigated his star center "Quit calling the (bleeping) plays!," Jeff Saturday called all the right shots in his successful NFL head coaching debut on the Las Vegas Strip.

That included reinserting Matt Ryan as the Colts' starting quarterback and elevating assistant QBs coach Parks Frazier to offensive play-caller after his shocking hire as Indy's interim head coach following Jim Irsay's firing of Frank Reich last week.

The Colts rallied past the Raiders 25-20 two weeks after Saturday, then an ESPN analyst, tweeted that the "Raiders look horrible."

Of course, two weeks ago nobody, including Saturday, could have imagined he'd be making his NFL head coaching debut last weekend.

His sole coaching experience had come as head coach of Hebron Christian Academy, a college preparatory school in Georgia, from 2017-2020.

Cutting to the head of the coaching line without any college or pro coaching experience put Saturday in the crosshairs of criticism

and dismay across the league.

Two of his harshest critics were former Cleveland Browns offensive lineman Joe Thomas and Hall of Fame coach Bill Cowher.

Thomas called Saturday's hiring a disgrace to the league and its coaches, questioned why Saturday would accept the job at all and ripped Irsay for saying he was glad Saturday lacked NFL head coaching experience because he wouldn't bring the usual baggage to the position when it comes to crucial in-game decisions.

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Indianapolis Colts interim head coach Jeff Saturday on the sideline in the second half of an NFL football game against the Las Vegas Raiders in Las Vegas, Fla., Sunday, Nov. 13, 2022.

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SPORTS CALENDAR

Wednesday ON AIR COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)
 Noon ESPN — HBCU Tip-Off: TBD, Third-Place Game, Uncasville, Conn.
 2:30 p.m. ESPN — HBCU Tip-Off: TBD, Championship, Uncasville, Conn.
 5 p.m. ESPN — Legends Classic: Michigan vs. Pittsburgh, Brooklyn, N.Y.
 6 p.m. BTN — E. Illinois at Ohio St.
 6:30 p.m. FS1 — Iowa at Seton Hall
 8:30 p.m. ESPN2 — Gonzaga at Texas
 7 p.m. ACCN — S. Indiana at Notre Dame

COLLEGE BASKETBALL (WOMEN'S)
 8 p.m. BTN — Notre Dame at Northwestern
 PAC-12N — Oklahoma at Utah
 10 p.m. PAC-12N — Cal Poly at Stanford

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
 5 p.m. ESPN2 — E. Michigan at Kent St.
 6 p.m. CBSSN — Miami (Ohio) at N. Illinois
 7 p.m. ESPN — W. Michigan at Cent. Michigan

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL (WOMEN'S)
 5 p.m. ACCN — Wake Forest at Duke
 7 p.m. SECN — Arkansas at Missouri

GOLF

1 a.m. (Thursday)
 GOLF — DP World Tour: The DP World Tour Championship, First Round, Jumeirah Golf Estates - Earth Course, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

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

MLB BASEBALL
 5 p.m. MLBN — 2022 BBWAA Cy Young Award

NBA BASKETBALL
 6:45 p.m. ESPN — Boston at Atlanta
 9:05 p.m. ESPN — Golden State at Phoenix

NHL HOCKEY
 6:30 p.m. TNT — St. Louis at Chicago
 9 p.m. TNT — Los Angeles at Edmonton

TENNIS
 4:30 a.m. TENNIS — ATP Finals Doubles Round Robin
 5 a.m. TENNIS — ATP Finals Doubles Round Robin
 7 a.m. TENNIS — ATP Finals Singles Round Robin
 11:30 a.m. TENNIS — ATP Finals Doubles Round Robin
 2 p.m. TENNIS — ATP Finals Singles Round Robin
 4:30 a.m. (Thursday) TENNIS — ATP Finals Doubles Round Robin
 5 a.m. (Thursday) TENNIS — ATP Finals Doubles Round Robin

D-line becomes latest Chargers position plagued by injuries

By Joe Reedy
 AP Sports Writer

Just when Brandon Staley and the Los Angeles Chargers thought things couldn't get worse with injuries, along came the loss to the San Francisco 49ers on Sunday night when the defensive line became the latest group to be decimated.

Staley said Monday that Otito Ogbornia and Christian Covington suffered season-ending injuries during the 22-16 loss that dropped the Chargers to 5-4.

Ogbornia, a fifth-round pick in last April's draft, ruptured the patellar tendon in his left knee during the first quarter. Covington tore a pectoral muscle during the fourth quarter.

After Ogbornia and Covington's injuries, Los Angeles was down to only three defensive linemen as the Niners scored the go-ahead touchdown on Christian McCaffrey's 2-yard run with 7:54 remaining in the game.

"We'll have to work through some things in the next 36 hours, and probably make some acquisitions," Staley said. "I think we're trying to mine the entire NFL to find the best fits. Maybe we've got relationships in certain places, or maybe they play in certain styles that are similar to ours."

Staley did add that Joe Gaziano is expected to be



Los Angeles Chargers defensive tackle Christian Covington (95) is helped off the field during the second half of an NFL football game against the San Francisco 49ers in Santa Clara, Calif., Sunday, Nov. 13, 2022.

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called up from the practice squad to fill one of the open spots.

Los Angeles has had difficulty stopping the run this season, even at close to full strength. With top run-stopper Austin Johnson lost for the year with a knee injury last week and the release of 2019 first-round pick Jerry Tillery, the Chargers went into the game already thin on the defensive line.

Add in the two injuries that happened during the game, and San Francisco was able to dominate the line of scrimmage.

Two of the three Niners' scoring drives in the second half were at least 12 plays and they had the ball for

21:38. San Francisco had 106 of its 157 rushing yards after halftime.

The Chargers' offense — down their top two receivers and a right tackle — didn't help with only three first downs and 62 yards on five second-half drives.

Justin Herbert passed for 196 yards, the fourth-lowest total of his three-year career.

"In the second half, we had to play a lot of plays," Staley said. "There were a couple of third downs in there that were tough, that we missed a tackle, were tight in coverage, and they made a couple of good throws and catches."

Los Angeles enters Sunday's game against Kansas City allowing 5.39 yards per

carry, one of the highest in the league.

With Staley and general manager Tom Telesco likely to make moves to shore up the defensive line, the rest of the locker room and coaches will not use injuries as an excuse. They nearly bristle at being asked if coming close on the road should count as a moral victory.

"If you're on the field, you're getting paid to play. You have to step up and make your plays," running back Austin Ekeler said. "We got some of our guys that are down, but that doesn't matter. The opponent doesn't care. We have to play hard, but we also have to make plays. We can't just do the minimum."

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

The Sedalia Democrat is pleased to announce Clay Pilliard and Madilyn Hamline as area players of the week for Sunday, Nov. 6 to Saturday, Nov. 12.

BOYS: Smith-Cotton senior Clay Pilliard broke the program record once again for the 100-yard backstroke and the 500-yard freestyle at last weekend's state finals. Pilliard made it to the finals and placed 10th in both events there.

GIRLS: Central Missouri redshirt freshman Madilyn Hamline recorded a brace in the 5-0 victory over Southwestern Oklahoma in the NCAA Division II Central Region Tournament Nov. 11. She also scored a goal and assisted another in the Jennies' 4-3 win for the MIAA Championship on Nov. 6.

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HOROSCOPES

By Georgia Nicols

Moon Alert: Avoid shopping or major decisions from 6:45 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. EST today (3:45 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. PST). After that, the Moon moves from Leo into Virgo.

Happy Birthday for Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2022:

You are an interesting combination of being sensitive, private, even distant and yet determined, willful and strong. You are intuitive, perceptive and very creative. This year has been one of service, especially to family. Therefore, it's important to take care of yourself. Enroll in courses or consider a makeover.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ This is an excellent day to ask for a favor from someone. It's also an excellent day to approach a bank for a loan or a mortgage, because doors will open for you today. People are willing to help you. It's the perfect day to conclude a deal or sign contracts. Tonight: Work.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ This is a wonderful day for important discussions with partners and close friends, because people will be cooperative and eager to share their information. Everyone wants the same result, which is why everyone is on the same page. There is a general feeling of mutual trust. Tonight: Play!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ This is a positive day at work for you, because you are upbeat and optimistic. In particular, it's an excellent day to work with groups. Meetings will go well because ideas will build upon each other and the results will please everyone. Work-related travel is likely. Tonight: Cocoon.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ This is a fun-filled, playful day! Accept invitations to party. Enjoy fun times with children. Tap into your creative juices, because you will be productive and confident about exploring your artistic talents. Meet friends for fun times. This is a wonderful date day. Tonight: Conversations.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ This is a feel-good day! The Sun is in your sign, which gives you a slight edge over all the other signs. Why not ask the universe for a favor? Family discussions will go well today. This is also a wonderful day to entertain at home. Tonight: Check your cash flow.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ This is a great day for a short trip, because you're eager to do something to expand your world. You feel upbeat, positive and confident! This is also a good day to learn or study something. You also might make plans for the future, especially about creating organizational systems. Tonight: You win!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Business and commerce are favored today, because Mercury is in your Money House dancing with lucky moneybags Jupiter. "There's gold in them thar hills!" Act on your moneymaking ideas. Share your ideas with others, because you might enrich your coffers. Tonight: Solitude.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Today Mercury is in your sign dancing with lucky moneybags Jupiter, which means this is a great day to make plans, organize activities or have intellectual, stimulating discussions with others. Your mind is sharp today, and you are quick to see the big picture with all its potential. Tonight: Schmooze.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Venus is in your sign today, which will pave the way for smooth interactions with others, because you will be diplomatic and charming. This is also an excellent day to do research of any kind, because you will joyfully plunge into a quest for answers to your questions. Tonight: You are noticed.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ It's a popular day! Enjoy hanging out with younger people, because they will enthuse and inspire you. In fact, a discussion with someone younger might cause you to rethink your future goals. ("Maybe I should quit my job and buy a motorcycle.") Tonight: Explore!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You will impress bosses, parents, teachers and VIPs today, because you are optimistic and adventurous in your thinking. You might suggest big ideas that you were once afraid to entertain. You might see ways to be successful in dealing with foreign interests. Anything is possible. Tonight: Check your finances.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ This is a wonderful day to study and explore philosophical, metaphysical subjects. Discussions about politics and religion will be surprisingly upbeat and illuminating. This is the perfect day to make travel plans for the future. You intend to go places! Tonight: Cooperate.

BORN TODAY

Actress Lisa Bonet (1967), actress Maggie Gyllenhaal (1977), video game developer Shigeru Miyamoto (1952)



Cristiano Ronaldo stretches with teammate Pepe, in the background, during a Portugal soccer team training session in Oeiras, outside Lisbon, Monday, Nov. 14, 2022. Portugal will play Nigeria Thursday in a friendly match in Lisbon before departing to Qatar on Friday for the World Cup. PHOTO BY ARMANDO FRANCA | AP PHOTO

AP source: Glazer to decide on Ronaldo's Man United future

By James Robson
AP Soccer Writer

MANCHESTER, England (AP) — Manchester United co-owner Joel Glazer will make the final decision about Cristiano Ronaldo's future at the club after the forward's incendiary TV interview, a person with knowledge of the situation told The Associated Press.

Ronaldo's position at United is considered untenable after saying he felt "betrayed" by the club in an interview set to be broadcast in Britain this week, where he also said he does not respect manager Erik ten Hag.

The interview has been widely viewed as an attempt by Ronaldo to force a move away from United after the World Cup. But Glazer will have the final say on any decision to sell the forward and it will be up to Ronaldo's agent Jorge Mendes to present potential clubs willing to buy him, the person with knowledge of the situation said. The person spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because they were not

authorized to discuss the issue publicly.

The person also said United's hierarchy has backed Ten Hag's handling of the player and were fully supportive of his decision to cut Ronaldo from the squad and order him to train away from the first team after the Portugal international refused to come on as a substitute against Tottenham last month.

For Sunday's match against Fulham in the Premier League, Ronaldo was left out of United's squad for a second game in a row after the club said he had an unspecified illness. But he trained with Portugal's national team on Monday as it began preparations for the World Cup in Qatar.

There was widespread speculation about Ronaldo leaving United even before the season started, but a potential exit is being complicated by the limited number of clubs that can afford to meet his reported salary of around 500,000 pounds (\$590,000) per week.

Ronaldo has six months remaining on his contract, and United's lawyers are currently

reviewing footage of the 37-year-old's explosive interview to determine the club's legal position, the person with knowledge of the situation said.

In the excerpts of the interview that were released Sunday evening, Ronaldo is heavily critical of Ten Hag, the owning Glazer family and the club in general.

"I don't have respect for (Ten Hag) because he doesn't show respect for me," Ronaldo told interviewer Piers Morgan. "If you don't have respect for me, I'm never going

to have respect for you." United officials have yet to see the full interview and had no knowledge that it had been conducted before excerpts started to circulate on Sunday.

"The club will consider its response after the full facts have been established," United said. "Our focus remains on preparing for the second half of the season and continuing the momentum, belief and togetherness being built among the players, manager, staff and fans."

AP source: Rizzo, Yankees agree to \$40M, 2-year contract

By Ronald Blum
AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Anthony Rizzo is staying with the New York Yankees, agreeing Tuesday to a \$40 million, two-year contract, according to a person familiar with the negotiations.

The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the agreement was subject to a successful physical.

Rizzo gets \$17 million in each of the next two seasons, and the deal for the first baseman includes a \$20 million team option for 2025 with a \$6 million buyout. Rizzo had opted out of his previous contract

with New York, giving up a \$16 million salary for 2023.

Since joining the Yankees at the 2021 trade deadline, Rizzo had provided needed left-handed power for New York and has taken advantage of the right field short porch at Yankee Stadium.

Now 33, Rizzo hit .224 with 75 RBIs and had 32 home runs for the fourth time in his career. While the Yankees led the major leagues with 254 home runs, just 77 were by left-handed batters.

His agreement is the first major offseason move for the Yankees, who are attempting to re-sign star right fielder Aaron Judge.

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Verstappen shows crack in relationship with Perez

By Jenna Fryer
AP Auto Racing Writer

Max Verstappen needed only four words for Sergio Perez after his Red Bull Racing teammate dutifully held up Lewis Hamilton in last year's Formula One season finale.

"Checo is a legend," Verstappen radioed last December.

The phrase made its way onto merchandise, and some began referring to Perez as "Mexico's Minister of Defense" for his commitment to aiding his two-time F1 world champion teammate.

The camaraderie apparently has fractured in the year since Verstappen beat Hamilton at Abu Dhabi to win his first F1 title. Verstappen steadfastly refused to help Perez on the final lap Sunday of the Brazilian Grand Prix, where Red Bull asked the Dutchman to pull over and give Perez sixth place.

Perez needed the spot because he's in a fight with Charles Leclerc of Ferrari for second in the final F1 standings, which will be decided in this Sunday's season finale at Abu Dhabi. Verstappen's defiance left Perez and Leclerc tied in the standings; had he given up the spot, Perez would hold a two-point advantage.

The radio transmissions between Verstappen and Red Bull raised eyebrows, as did the later images of team boss Christian Horner huddled in the team's hospitality suite with his drivers, trying to tamp down a dramatic refusal of team orders that could tarnish Red Bull's incredible season.

"Max, what happened?" asked Verstappen race engineer Gianpiero Lambiase, who had plainly told Verstappen to yield sixth to Perez.

Verstappen's reply was curt: "I told you already last time. Don't ask that again to me. Are we clear

about that? I gave my reasons and I stand by it."

On the Perez channel, Horner immediately apologized to the Mexican driver. Perez simply replied: "It shows who he really is."

It was a bad look for the 25-year-old Verstappen, who already has a reputation for unapologetically doing whatever he wants at Red Bull. Now he's seemingly put himself above the team and the only logical reason could be out of spite.

After all, Verstappen wrapped up his second F1 title with four races remaining. He and Perez helped Red Bull win the constructors championship with three races remaining, and Verstappen set the single-season record for wins in a season with 14 victories and can add to that total.

Two races ago in Mexico City, where Perez desperately wanted to become the first Mexican to win his home race, Verstappen said in advance that he would not move out of the way to help his teammate reach that goal. Verstappen went on to win his record-breaking 14th race while Perez finished a disappointing third.

Why quibble over sixth place in Brazil?

Perez was stunned and grumbled after the race that he helped Verstappen win his back-to-back titles and has been the consummate No. 2 teammate. There were at least eight instances of Perez



Red Bull driver Max Verstappen, of the Netherlands, right, and teammate Sergio Perez, of Mexico, wave to the crowd during a parade prior to the Formula One Mexico Grand Prix auto race at the Hermanos Rodriguez racetrack in Mexico City, Sunday, Oct. 30, 2022.

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running interference for Verstappen in last year's nail-biting title race with Hamilton.

It has continued this year, too, when Perez followed Red Bull orders at the Spanish Grand Prix in May to let Verstappen through to win the race. Perez even has supported Verstappen off the track: When the Dutchman boycotted official broadcast partner Sky Sports F1 two weeks ago at the Mexico City Grand Prix, Perez joined him and didn't speak to the network, either.

There was postrace speculation in Brazil that frustration has been simmering since Monaco in May because Verstappen believes Perez intentionally crashed at the end of qualifying. Perez won the race, Verstap-

pen finished third and Verstappen apparently hasn't let it go over five months, despite picking up 10 more victories.

Red Bull claims that Monaco did not even come up in Sunday's postrace peacekeeping session.

Red Bull is determined to go 1-2 in the drivers' championship standings for the first time in its history, but Verstappen's defiance has made Perez's job far more difficult this weekend in Abu Dhabi.

Horner said his drivers shook hands Sunday after their team meeting, but precedent has been set by Verstappen that Red Bull team orders are optional.

"If we go to Abu Dhabi and he needs the points, because they're tied, it's

not the end of the world, it's all about who finishes ahead anyway. If he needs the help, I'll be there," Verstappen said. "But it's good that we talked about it now and basically cleared everything that was there."

Horner insisted that Verstappen has given "his commitment" to helping Red Bull finish 1-2 in the standings. But it remains to be seen what happens in Abu Dhabi.

"It's a straight fight between Checo (Perez) and Charles, and if Max can help in any way he will," Horner said. "We discussed it as a team, we discussed it behind closed doors. We'll discuss it in a larger group later. It's all dealt with above the table and we move on."

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Surgery

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Matthew Stafford could return this week at New Orleans after missing a game in the concussion protocol, but he won't have his favorite target.

Kupp has accounted for more than 35% of the Rams' receptions this season, the highest rate for any player in the league. Their second-leading receiver, tight end Tyler Higbee, has 31 fewer catches than Kupp.

McVay said the recovery time for Kupp's procedure is typically five to six weeks. The Rams (3-6) have eight games left in their season.

"This is unfortunately just part of the game," Kupp tweeted. "Appreciate having a trusted medical team around me. Gonna get this thing fixed, then get back to work to get back to work!"

Kupp's absence, along with injuries to two more offensive line starters, will be another collective setback for Los Angeles' struggling offense, which is 31st in the NFL in yards per game (282.7), 29th in scoring (16.4) and last in yards rushing (68.1).

"What we have to really be able to do is figure out what is the best way for us to utilize the players that we're expecting to play, what do they do best, and then how does that

get reflected in the way that you're trying to attack certain schemes," McVay said.

Jackson had been praised since taking over at left tackle for injured Joseph Noteboom, but the undrafted free agent from Iowa needs medication for blood clots that will keep him out for the season, McVay said. Jackson had started six games this season at guard and tackle.

Brewer, who beat non-Hodgkin lymphoma in college, began the season on the Rams' practice squad. He joined the starting lineup for the past two games and performed well while finally getting an offensive role after four years on LA's roster. He continued to play after hurting his knee against the Cardinals, impressing McVay.

The Rams will have their 10th different starting combination in 10 games on the offensive line when they visit the Saints on Sunday. Ty Nsekhe, the 37-year-old veteran who joined the Rams last month, is likely to continue at left tackle after starting against Arizona.

Stafford was still in the NFL's concussion protocol Tuesday morning.

"We are hopeful to get a little bit more clarity on some of those things this afternoon, whether that means he's out of it or whether he'll continue to remain in it," McVay said.

Team

From Page 11A

besides like rec league or something like that. I'm sure it would be very difficult and very special, but I think this team is special enough to accomplish a goal like that."

Without question, these Bulldogs are instilled with a passion and desire that often slips away from a reigning champion.

There's a reason they say it's harder to remain on the mountaintop than it is to get there.

"The pitfall of every profession, of everything people do in society, is being able to repeat habits," coach Kirby Smart said. "Can you do what you do better than the people in your profession on a daily basis and not get bored with monotony. It's hard to sustain anything in life, in your career, whatever it is."

Smart's job was made a bit easier, in a way, by losing a record 15 players in the NFL draft. Many of the players on this roster are getting their first crack at a starring role.

But there's also

something more innate going on, a hunger that never ceases even as the Bulldogs have every reason to stumble over their already impressive accomplishments.

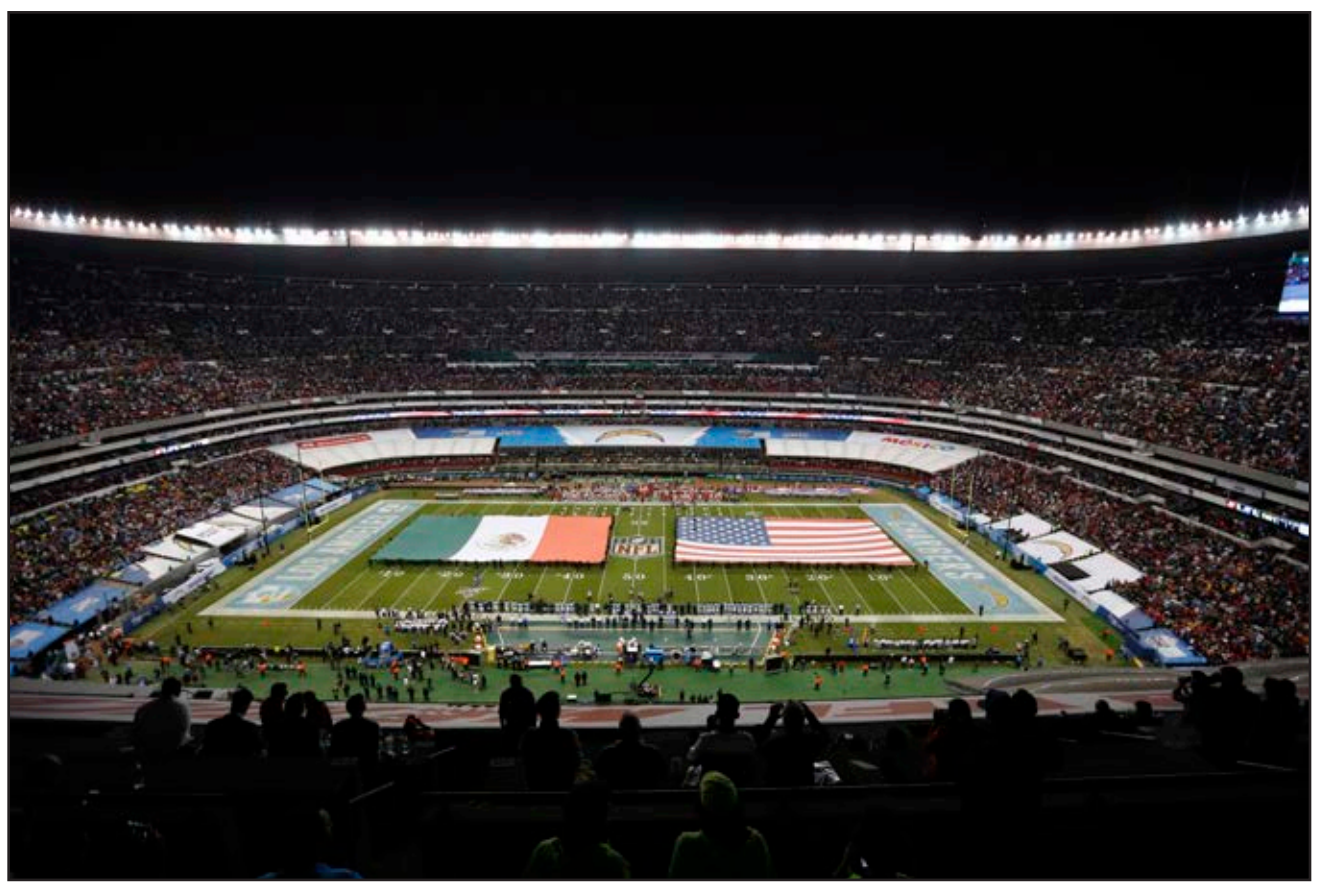
"Sometimes people get comfortable," Smart said. "When you get comfortable, you're not always at your best. We're trying our best to be at our best. That's our job."

Don't overlook the culture that Smart has built in Athens, which makes the sum of the roster greater than its individual parts.

"We say we're at our best when the worst happens," the coach explained. "It's hard to be connected when a guy misses you for a touchdown pass and you don't pout about it. A guy fumbles, a guy throws an interception, a guy gives up a huge pass interference. Where's your connection now when it's needed most?"

No worries there. Smart is hard-pressed to recall another group of players who were so invested in each other.

"That's the muscle that we like to say is the strongest muscle on our team," he said. "If you've got it, why not use it?"



The flags of Mexico and the United States cover the field before an NFL football game between the Los Angeles Chargers and the Kansas City Chiefs Monday, Nov. 18, 2019, in Mexico City. The NFL returns to Mexico City on Monday, Nov. 21, 2022, when Arizona Cardinals play the San Francisco 49ers.

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Latinos love football, but numbers lag at NFL, college level

By David Brandt

AP Sports Writer

NOGALES, Ariz. (AP) — Benjamin Ley-Shipley is like thousands of other teenagers across the United States. He's a high school football player who loves the game and has hopes of playing at the small college level over the next few years.

He's a running back, defensive back and a standout on special teams. He's also a long-suffering Chicago Bears fan.

And like an increasingly larger share of the country, he's also Latino.

"I tried football out in eighth grade and just fell in love with it," Ley-Shipley said. "The teamwork involved, it really fit. There's nothing quite like it. If you're weak in one area, it can affect everything."

The popularity of football in this town of about 20,000 on the border between Arizona and Mexico sometimes takes a backseat to that of soccer, baseball or basketball, but there's little doubt football has gained a substantial foothold over the last few decades. Ley-Shipley — whose father is from

Mexico — just wrapped up his senior season and has received some interest from a few NCAA Division III college programs.

"I just hope they know there's some good players down here," the 18-year-old said.

It's a curious phenomenon for football: While the game continues to build its already substantial Latino fan base, particularly among Mexican-Americans as well as in Mexico itself, it hasn't really translated to more Latino players in the NFL or at the college level.

Latinos' love of football — particularly in Mexico — is clear. That passion will be on display Monday night when the Arizona Cardinals face the San Francisco 49ers at Estadio Azteca in Mexico City. A sellout crowd is expected.

It's one of five international games for the NFL this season, though it's the only one not in Europe.

According to a report by the Institute of Diversity and Ethics in Sport, there were just 12 players in the NFL who identified as Latino in 2021, or less than 1% of the league.

That number has stayed fairly steady over the past

20 years, though categories have changed and been added, with nearly 10% of the league identifying as 'two or more races' in 2021.

The numbers for NCAA Division I college football players are slightly better, with 3.4% identifying as Latino.

But those figures are still way below the 18.7% of the U.S. population that identified as Latino, according to the 2020 Census.

Nogales coach Jake Teyechea said he's worked hard to get some of his players more looks from college coaches. Ley-Shipley and Esteban Acevedo — a 6-foot-4 offensive lineman — are two players he believes could help a college team.

"It just comes down to getting those coaches down here," Teyechea said. "We all want the same thing for them. We want them to grow up, be better men and help wherever they can. I wish these schools would come out and give it a chance. I think they'd be surprised at what they find."

The 49ers-Cardinals matchup on Monday comes about 17 years after

the two teams were part of the first regular-season NFL game played outside of the U.S., which was also at Estadio Azteca. Arizona beat San Francisco 31-14 in 2005 in front of more than 100,000 fans.

This will be the fifth regular season game played at Estadio Azteca and the first since 2019.

Rolando Cantú was part of that 2005 Cardinals team as an offensive lineman and is now a broadcast analyst for Telemundo. He'll be working the game Monday night and said he can't wait for Mexico City to get another moment in the spotlight.

"It instantly becomes a playoff or Super Bowl-type environment for whatever teams are involved," Cantú said. "A lot has changed, the fan base has a lot of youth. The NFL has done a great job at the grass roots levels with kids camps."

"Every year, the fan engagement is better."

Cantú also credited the NFL for expanding its flag football reach in Mexico, which is more accessible for some kids because it doesn't involve buying helmets and pads that can be prohibitively expensive.

Hire

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"When you hire your drinking buddy to be the head coach of an NFL football team, it is one of the most disrespectful things I have ever seen in my entire life to the commitment, the lifestyle and the experience that it takes to be an NFL coach," Thomas, a 10-time Pro Bowler, said Friday on "Good Morning Football."

Thomas said being an NFL head coach isn't "just something you can show up for."

"So the disrespect NFL coaches have to feel when they saw that this hire was made is higher than almost anything I can possibly remember in the NFL," Thomas continued. "And then to defend the decision by saying, 'I'm happy he doesn't have experience?'"

That was just several steps too far for Thomas.

Cowher didn't hold back, either.

"It's a disgrace to the coaching profession," snarled Cowher on the CBS studio show Sunday where he also called out Saturday for spurning previous overtures from

the Colts to serve as an assistant coach because he was working in TV.

Cowher complained that Irsay bypassed members of Reich's staff who had been there all season, some of whom even have head NFL coaching experience, and deserved the opportunity over Saturday.

Cowher also blasted Saturday's suggestion at his introductory news conference that he'd be building his resume over the next two months to see if this whole coaching thing was something he'd like to keep doing.

"For an owner to hire a coach who has never been an assistant at the college or pro level and overseeing a lot of qualified candidates to build a resume, it's a disgrace to the coaching profession," Cowher argued. "In regards to how this played out, what happened in Indianapolis is a travesty."

Saturday then went out and delivered another shocker: a win in his head coaching debut, and when Irsay presented him with a game ball afterward, Saturday turned it into a bonding moment with his players, who probably should have been wearing nametags to go with their

surnames stitched across their backs.

"Everybody's getting a game ball," Saturday bellowed. "And my favorite thing about football: Victory Monday. We'll see you all Wednesday."

Back in Indianapolis, Saturday was basking in the congratulations he'd been receiving after taking so many barbs for taking the job.

"I felt conviction about the opportunity," Saturday said. "I knew I was going to take it for those reasons and I have no qualms about what anybody says about their opinion. Great. If they disagree with it, still love them. Not really worried about it. I've got other things I've got to take care of."

Back in Las Vegas, Raiders coach Josh McDaniels, who famously backed out of the Colts gig a few years ago, leading to Reich's hire, fell to 2-7 with the loss, his sixth by one score.

On Monday, Raiders owner Mark Davis said he's standing by his beleaguered first-year coach who's now gone 7-24 in his last 31 games, including 5-17 in Denver in 2009-10.

"I think there's a process that we're going through, certainly slower and more

painful than anyone wants it to be," McDaniels said.

Broncos coach Nathaniel Hackett knows the feeling.

He's 3-6 with five one-score losses and the other came at Las Vegas in September, a 32-23 defeat that was a two-point game just before the 2-minute warning.

The Raiders go for the season sweep Sunday in Denver, where Hackett's pairing with Russell Wilson has been even more of a fiasco than McDaniels' union with Derek Carr.

Hackett, who also received a vote of confidence halfway through his first season, smiled when asked if he felt he'd be coaching for his job Sunday.

"I learned a long time ago, you're coaching for your job every day," Hackett replied. "I mean, every single day you come in that building and you compete and you fight to be the best version of yourself and try to get the best out of everybody around you. That's just how this is."

Whether you're a first-time head coach, one who's grateful for a second chance or another who's catching the third degree.

With contributions from AP Sports Writer Michael Marot in Indianapolis.

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