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Prysmian Group announces \$45 million expansion in Pettis County

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60 to be hired at local facility

Economic Development Sedalia-Pettis County has announced another big win with a \$45 million expansion by Prysmian Group, the world leader in the energy and telecom cable industry.

"They will add about 115,000 square feet to the existing footprint they have out there by Dresden," Economic Development Director Jessica Craig told the Democrat on Friday. "They will be hiring 60 new employees to support the expansion."

According to a news release, hiring will begin in 2023 for various production roles.

Known locally over the last 50 years as Alcan Cable and General Cable, the facility was purchased by Prysmian Group in 2018, bringing their employees in North America to 6,000 and worldwide employees to 29,000.

"As we expand in North America, the Sedalia expansion is important in furthering our aluminum building wire pipeline. We are not only ensuring we can help build the cities of the

future today, but we are also investing in our employees and the facilities that they work in every day," Andrea Pirondini, CEO of Prysmian Group North America, said in a news release. "This investment will allow us to expand our facility, invest in our employees and add to our workforce."

The news release states that Prysmian Group's North American operations include 28 manufacturing facilities, eight distribution centers, six research and development centers, and net sales of over \$4 billion.

Prysmian employs 215 administrative and manufacturing employees in its facility located on more than 63 acres between Sedalia and Dresden on Whitfield Road. The Missouri facility manufactures aluminum building wire for commercial and institutional construction markets.

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From left, Community Santa volunteers Marjorie Griffin, Carla Eding and Jyll Jones go over paperwork Thursday morning in Santa's Workshop, aka Community Santa headquarters in the State Fair Shopping Center.

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Community Santa preparing for gifting season

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Applications due Dec. 2

Less than two weeks remain for Pettis County families to sign up for assistance from Community Santa, and the volunteer elves at Santa's Workshop in Sedalia are ready to help.

Community Santa provides holiday gifts to Pettis County families

that can't afford them, based on the state poverty guidelines. Every child gets two toys, two books, and a stuffed animal, plus necessities like socks, gloves, toothbrushes and toothpaste. Each family receives a board game to play together.

After two years of

COVID-19 restrictions, Community Santa is returning to standard procedures. Applicants need to visit Santa's Workshop in person to get signed up, which is different from the past two years when applicants would visit the Pettis County Community Partnership or receive an

application in the mail. Organizers are trying to spread the word, as applications are looking slower than usual for this time of year.

"We know there aren't fewer people in need this year, it's just that they haven't quite wrapped their heads around the fact that you've got to come in," said Carol McMillin, a Community Santa organizer.

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Pettis County ends budget hearings with many requests

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On Friday, the Pettis County Commission began its last day of budget hearings for the fiscal year 2023.

Each elected official, department head and representative from county-funded organizations will present their budget in 30-minute or one-hour sessions. The commission did not make any formal decisions during the hearings.

To begin the day of budget hearings, Melissa Burten came to present

Judge Robert Koffman's circuit judge budget. Koffman requested a little more in office and operating supplies.

Pettis County Joint Communications Director Danelle Lauder requested a \$40,000 increase from the contributing entities (County, City, and Ambulance). Lauder said the City of Sedalia already agreed to the \$40,000 increase after her city budget hearing on Nov. 7.

Lauder also requested an increase in the purchase of new equipment, equipment repairs and

office supplies.

Lauder explained that due to the recent pay increase, joint communications has dropped from needing 16 full-time operators down to 12. She wants to wait to move back up to a larger number of operators.

"I would like to have stable, mature in their knowledge, confident in their knowledge before I start putting a lot more new people into those positions," Lauder said.

Lauder plans to negotiate for more employees in the 2024 budget hearing.

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Lighting ceremony, fireworks to kick-off holidays

By Faith Bemiss
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Once again, the local holiday season will be kicked-off Thanksgiving night through a grand celebration by the Furnell family with an evening downtown lighting ceremony and a 10-minute fireworks display.

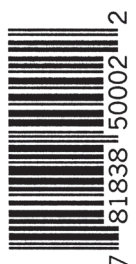
Erica Eisenmenger, vice president of Furnell Investments Inc., said they first began hosting the fireworks in 2001 for the Hotel Bothwell's 75th anniversary.

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The Hotel Bothwell Lighting and Fireworks Ceremony will kick off the holiday season on Thanksgiving night in downtown Sedalia.

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Reindeer Run 5K

Join us for this fun 5K at Centennial Park! Prizes for Best Reindeer, Most Creative, and Best Rudolph Look-a-Like. Register by November 23rd! Friday, December 2 • Liberty Park Check in at 6:00 p.m.; run begins at 7:00 p.m. Kids - \$15, Age 13+ - \$25. Register online, over the phone (660-826-4930) or in person at the Heckart Community Center.

Pizza & PJ's with Santa!

Santa and his family want to have dinner with you in your fun Christmas PJ's! Space is limited so register by December 2. Event will be held from 6pm-7:30pm on Friday, December 9 at Convention Hall. All ages are welcome, cost is \$10 per person.

Light Up Liberty!

Light Up Liberty is back and expanded for 2022! Displays will be on nightly starting at 5:30pm - Midnight November 24th - January 1st. It is FREE to drive thru. However, we will have a bucket for donations if you would like to donate. All money will go directly back to adding more lights for years to come. Thank you to our generous sponsors for helping create this fun holiday tradition! Our 2022 sponsors include: Tyson Foods, Sacred Heart School Foundation, Bothwell Regional Health Center, Simmons Bank, and REMAX of Sedalia.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Heckart to host Wreath of Remembrance

Heckart Funeral Home, in the spirit of the holiday season, will host an afternoon of fellowship and reflection for those families whom we have served throughout the year.

The Wreath of Remembrance Dedication is at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20 at the home. Families join together in decorating the Wreath of Remembrance. Heckart will also host an open house with refreshments following the ceremony. The public is invited to attend.

Gobble Up Hunger Food Drive a success

The Food Bank for Central & Northeast Missouri's Gobble Up Hunger Food Drive, hosted Nov. 14, raised \$10,000, which will be used for the Buddy Pack Program in Pettis County. The funds raised will benefit 37 children in the program.

The Food Drive also collected 2,700 pounds of food that will be donated to Open Door Food Pantry and the Sedalia Salvation Army. Starline Brass donated matched funds to the drive. Inter-State Studios and Publishing, KDRO Radio, the Sedalia Rotary Club and other partners also supported the drive.

DEATH NOTICE

Carpenter

Jane H. Carpenter, of Overland Park, Kansas, died Sunday, Nov. 13, 2022.

Visitation will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 25, 2022, at Church of the Holy Cross in Overland Park, Kansas, with funeral mass starting at 10:30 a.m. Entombment will follow at Resurrection Cemetery in Lenexa, Kansas. Arrangements are under the direction of Penwell-Gabel Funeral Home in Olathe, Kansas.

FUNERALS

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.

Brauer, Ray Dean Wilbert

11 a.m. Monday at the First United Methodist Church in Cole Camp. Arrangements are under the direction of Fox Funeral Home.

Widel, Joy Virginia

11 a.m. Tuesday at Rea Funeral Chapel. Arrangements are under the direction of Rea Funeral Chapel.

Carpenter, Jane H.

10:30 a.m. Friday at Church of the Holy Cross in Overland Park, Kansas. Arrangements are under the direction of Penwell-Gabel Funeral Home in Olathe, Kansas.

CRASH REPORTS

Montrose man injured in Henry accident

Anthony P. Lesmeister, 70, of Montrose, sustained moderate injuries at 1:50 p.m. Thursday in a Henry County accident.

According to a Missouri State Highway Patrol report, Lesmeister was driving south on Route K at SW 402 Road in a 2002 Chevrolet Silverado when he failed to negotiate a curve, causing the vehicle to strike a sign, driveway, and corner fence post. Lesmeister was not wearing a seat belt and was transported by Golden Valley ambulance to Golden Valley Memorial Hospital in Clinton.

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

Compiled by Chris Howell.

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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.

US gives protections to rare Midwest bird as prairie suffers

The Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — The U.S. government announced protections Thursday for two populations of a rare prairie bird that's found in parts of the Midwest, including one of the country's most prolific oil and gas fields.

The lesser prairie chicken's range covers a portion of the oil-rich Permian Basin along the New Mexico-Texas state line and extends into parts of Colorado, Oklahoma and Kansas. The habitat of the bird, a type of grouse, has diminished across about 90% of its historical range, officials said.

"The lesser prairie-chicken's decline is a sign our native grasslands and prairies are in peril," said Amy Lueders, Southwest regional director at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The crow-size, terrestrial birds are known for spring courtship rituals that include flamboyant dances by the males as they make a cacophony of clucking, cackling and booming sounds. They were once thought to number in the millions, but now, surveys show, the five-year average population across the entire range hovers around 30,000.

Environmentalists have sought stronger federal protections for decades. They consider the species severely at risk due to oil and gas development, livestock grazing, farming and the building of roads and



A lesser prairie chicken is seen amid the bird's annual mating ritual near Milnesand, N.M., April 8, 2021. On Thursday, Nov. 17, 2022, the U.S. government added two segments of a rare grouse to the endangered species list. The move bolsters protections for the lesser prairie chicken, which is found in parts of the Midwest that include one of the country's most prolific areas for oil and gas development.

FILE PHOTO BY ADRIAN HEDDEN | CARLSBAD CURRENT ARGUS VIA AP

power lines.

Republicans in Congress said greater protections weren't needed and the government instead should rely on voluntary conservation efforts already in place. Kansas' newly elected Republican attorney general promised to challenge the Fish and Wild Life Service's decision in court once he takes office in January.

The decision covers the grouse's southern population in New Mexico and the southern reaches of the Texas Panhandle, where they are considered endangered, and their northern range, where they received the less severe "threatened" status. The rule takes effect in late January.

Landowners and the oil and gas industry say they have had success

with voluntary conservation programs aimed at protecting habitat and boosting the bird's numbers.

But population estimates reveal that the southern areas have lower resiliency and may have as few as 5,000 birds remaining, with the estimates dropping to as low as 1,000 in 2015 and 2022 following drought conditions, officials said.

The federal government in 2014 classified the bird as a threatened species, but was forced to reverse that two years later after court rulings determined the agency didn't properly consider the voluntary conservation efforts.

Landowners and oil companies already participating in such programs won't be affected

by Thursday's decision because they have been taking steps to protect habitat, officials have said. It prevents activities that result in the loss or degradation of existing habitat.

More than 9,375 square miles (24,280 square kilometers) were covered by conservation agreements as of last spring.

"In their final rule, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service first commended landowners' voluntary efforts to increase lesser prairie-chicken populations in Kansas, and then unilaterally decided that the federal government is better equipped to address these local areas," Kansas Republican Rep. Tracey Mann of Kansas said in a statement.

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POLICE REPORTS

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

Sedalia Police Department Arrests Nov. 3

9:33 p.m.: Joey Douglas Hays, 32, of the 200 block of South Engineer Avenue, was arrested after members of the Crime Resolution Unit and K-9 unit executed a search warrant. Hays was in possession of fentanyl and drug paraphernalia. Three subjects were arrested and transported to the Pettis County Jail. Two residents at the address were placed on 24-hour holds pending charges. Hays was arrested for drug possession - other dangerous drug, and possession of drug paraphernalia. Paul Timothy Leary, 52, of the 2700 block of South Stewart Avenue, was arrested for second-degree trafficking drugs. Linzee Payne Rank, 27, of the 200 block of South Engineer Avenue, was arrested for second-degree drug trafficking and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Nov. 17
8:14 p.m.: Jessica N. Tackett, 25, of the 1600 block of South Engineer Avenue, was arrested after she arrived at a traffic stop where the driver was being arrested. Tackett was intoxicated by drugs. She was arrested and taken to the hospital and the Pettis County Jail, where she was booked for driving while intoxicated - drugs.

9:49 p.m.: William F. Fizer, 39, of the 1500 block of South Grand Avenue, was arrested after a vehicle stop for legal window tint and suspected license suspension. Fizer was transported to the Pettis County Jail, booked and released with a

charge of driving with a suspended driver's license.

9:53 p.m.: Jessica Lea Reed, 25, of the 1300 block of East Seventh Street, was arrested after a subject check at a business in the 1700 block of West Broadway Boulevard. After speaking with the subjects involved, Reed provided a false name and further investigation found a crystal substance testing positive for meth. Reed was transported to the Pettis County Jail and placed on a 24-hour hold for possession of a controlled substance and identity theft.

Incidents Nov. 2

10:20 a.m.: An officer spoke with a victim over the phone who stated her wallet went missing while visiting her sister in the 1700 block of South Limit Avenue in early October. It is not known at this time if it was stolen or lost.

Nov. 7

9:07 a.m.: An officer responded to the Sedalia Police Department lobby for a fraud report. A resident of the 900 block of East Seventh Street reported she was scammed by someone over the phone for a \$300 Apple gift card. A suspect has not been identified.

Nov. 16

7:11 a.m.: An officer responded to Liberty Park, 1500 W. Third St., for a property damage report. Park employees stated Christmas lights on the park's train depot were damaged, with damage valued at \$450. At the time of the report, a suspect has not been located.

Nov. 17

6:04 a.m.: An officer responded to a business in the 3100 block of Aaron Avenue to investigate property damage. The complainant stated someone threw a rock

through the front glass door with an estimated damage of \$750. There are no known suspects.

6:46 a.m.: An officer responded to a business in the 3100 block of Erika Avenue to investigate reported property damage. The complainant said someone had thrown a rock through a window valued at approximately \$750. There are no suspects.

7:38 a.m.: An officer responded to the 2900 block of Clinton Road to investigate a report of property damage. The complainant showed two exterior windows of the business that had been shattered overnight. The damage is estimated at \$1,500. There are no suspects.

12:27 p.m.: An officer patrolling the 700 block of West Broadway Boulevard was notified by a subject of a man getting out of a vehicle to steal a package from the porch of one of the nearby residences. The suspect vehicle was later located and the owner was questioned. The owner of the missing package could not be located at the time of the report. The investigation is ongoing.

12:39 p.m.: Officers were dispatched to the 1600 block of East 14th Street for a call reporting an attempted scam. Officers gathered information for documentation.

Missouri State Highway Patrol Arrests Nov. 17

5:02 p.m.: Jeffrey J. Rodgers, 33, of Osage Beach, was arrested in Morgan County for a felony Camden County warrant, a felony Cole County warrant, no valid driver's license, failure to display valid plates, and a window tint violation. He was transported to the Morgan County Jail and held with no bond.

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Shattered windows leave business owners wondering why?

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Shattered glass and broken windows were discovered in several south Sedalia businesses early Thursday morning as rocks were maliciously hurled through windows.

Lisa Braverman, manager of Wilson Toellner CPA firm on Matthew Drive, said a rock thrown through a window facing Clinton Drive was discovered first thing by a coworker.

"She arrived yesterday (Thursday) morning and could see glass in the hallway and looked into this office and saw the window, broken glass all over the floor, and a pretty decent-sized rock on the floor," Braverman said. "Who would do that? Especially on this side of the building right there on the street? It's kind of brazen. It's senseless. What was to be gained? It doesn't look like anyone tried to make entry into the building, they were just looking to cause damage."

Across a field at Honey Bear Daycare at Aaron Drive and West 32nd Street, security cameras picked up nothing but the breaking of the front door glass.

"My first teacher got here at 6 a.m.," said Shelli Webb, owner of Honey Bear Daycare. "She realized the front door was broken out and called me. It's very disheartening. I can't think of the words. It's just it's so hard to deal with because we're already struggling with costs of everything and this is a cost that will not be picked up, my insurance deductible doesn't touch it."

Webb hates the feeling of her business being invaded and wonders why her daycare was targeted.

"It's an invasion of privacy," Webb said. "We have kids here. It's very personal when somebody does that and they



The Boys and Girls Clubs of West Central Missouri's administrative office on Aaron Avenue picked up video of a person throwing three rocks at a window around 2:30 a.m. Thursday.

PHOTOS BY CHRIS HOWELL | DEMOCRAT

obviously weren't doing it for money, just doing it for the kicks. It's just, I guess, to be cruel and cause inconvenience."

Webb wondered if the proximity of new homes among the scattered businesses lends to the problem.

"It's kind of scary and I've talked to a couple of the other businesses," Webb said, "because we have all these new houses. I wonder, I'm not saying they're doing it, but it makes me wonder. It's a little bit more of a closed territory where somebody can come and do it and not be spotted as easily."

Jason Kempton, manager of Dugan Paints on Erika Drive, got a 6 a.m. call from his warehouse guy saying the store had been vandalized. Kempton told the Democrat this wasn't the first time his building had been targeted by criminals.

"We've had quite a crime spree around here

the last six months," Kempton complained. "We've had a trailer stolen, we've had a catalytic converter cut out of a truck, and now this. So, we feel pretty susceptible."

Kempton knows little about the vandals damaging his business but is sure of one thing: "Since it happens mainly in the middle of the night, I'm assuming it makes me think they need to get a job, so they're resting during the night, working during the day."

Tyler Hudson, Director of Operations of Boys and Girls Clubs of West Central Missouri on Aaron Drive, got a call at 2:36 a.m. from the nonprofit's security company alerting him to window breakage.

"It just went through one pane of the double-pane glass," Hudson said. "We're talking between \$700 and \$800 it's going to cost to replace this. Insurance doesn't really touch it and we have a deductible to pay, so that's a good amount out-of-pocket for a nonprofit."

Boys and Girls Clubs captured video of the rock-throwing vandal, though a positive ID could be difficult.

"Our security camera showed them walking right up from the north to that first little tree there," Hudson said, "and threw three rocks and ran off back to the north."

The business owners say the increased crime is a warning sign to them.

"I love Sedalia. I've lived here all my life and I wouldn't change a thing," Webb said, "but it is getting to the point that you just have to be careful after dark."

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A broken window at the Wilson Toellner CPA firm was caused by a thrown rock Thursday morning and was discovered by an employee.

US home sales fell in October for ninth straight month

By Alex Veiga
AP Business Writer

Sales of previously occupied U.S. homes fell in October for the ninth consecutive month to the slowest pre-pandemic sales pace in more than 10 years as homebuyers grappled with sharply higher mortgage rates, rising home prices and fewer properties on the market.

Existing home sales fell 5.9% last month from September to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 4.43 million, the National Association of Realtors said Friday. The string of monthly sales declines this year is the longest on record going back to 1999, the NAR said.

Sales cratered 28.4% from October last year. Excluding the steep slowdown in sales that occurred in May 2020 near the start of the pandemic, sales are now at the slowest annual pace since December 2011, when the housing market was still mired in a deep slump following the foreclosure crisis of the late 2000s.

Despite the slowdown, home prices continued to climb last month, albeit at a slower pace than earlier this year. The national median home price rose 6.6% in October from a year earlier, to \$379,100.

The median home price is down about 8% from its June peak, but remains 40% above October 2019, before the pandemic, said Lawrence Yun, the NAR's chief economist.

"That's really hurting affordability," he said. "Most household incomes have not risen by 40%."

The inventory of homes on the market declined for the third month in a row. Some 1.22 million homes were for sale by the end of October, down 0.8% from September, the NAR said.

That amounts to 3.3 months' supply at the current pace. In a more balanced market between buyers and sellers, there is a 5- to 6-month supply.

The housing market has slowed as U.S. mortgage rates have more than doubled from a year ago, shrinking the buying power of Americans.

The average rate on a 30-year home loan was 6.61% this week, according to mortgage buyer Freddie Mac. A year ago, the average rate was 3.1%. Late last month, the average rate topped 7% for the first time since 2002.

That can add hundreds of dollars to monthly mortgage payments, and also discourage homeowners who locked in an ultra-low rate the last couple of years from buying a new home. It's part of the reason that there are fewer homes on the market.

Mortgage rates are likely to remain a significant hurdle for some time as the Federal Reserve has consistently signaled its intent to keep raising its short-term interest rate in its bid to squash the hottest inflation in decades.

Two weeks ago, the Fed raised its short-term lending rate by another 0.75 percentage points, three times its usual margin, for a fourth time this year. Its key rate now stands in a range of 3.75% to 4%.

While mortgage rates don't necessarily mirror

the Fed's rate increases, they tend to track the yield on the 10-year Treasury note. The yield is influenced by a variety of factors, including expectations for future inflation and global demand for U.S. Treasuries.

With the number of properties on the market scarce, sellers typically receive multiple offers, especially for the most affordable homes.

On average, homes sold in just 21 days of hitting the market last month, up from 19 days in September, the NAR said. Before the pandemic, homes typically sold more than 30 days after being listed for sale.

The combination of higher mortgage rates and rising prices are keeping many first-time buyers on the sidelines. They represented 28% of sales last month, down from 29% in September, the NAR said. By historical standards, first-time buyers typically made up as much as 40% or more of transactions.

"First-time buyers are really struggling in today's market," Yun said.

Yun expects home prices will decline about 5% in roughly half the country next year, with metropolitan areas where home values skyrocketed in recent years experiencing the biggest declines. That includes San Francisco, where prices could fall 15% next year, he said. That said, Yun also forecasts home prices will climb about 5% in Indianapolis and other markets where job growth remains strong and real estate values have risen more modestly.

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Battling through a Mom Cold

Hello, dear readers: I am ill (again) with something that is not COVID but is very unpleasant. It began with a sniffle and slight stuffy nose but has since progressed to a low fever, wheezing, coughing, body aches and violent sneezing. Perhaps this is a cold! Along with everyone else in America, my immune system has forgotten what it's like to get winter viruses that are not COVID, and now I am paying the piper.



Liz Schleicher
Contributing Columnist

I am terribly bored. A sick day can be tolerable for 24 or even 48 hours, if one has access to good TV, lots of soup and some sunshine coming through the window. But this has been going on since Monday, and my sanity is now at risk. I have read the books. I have watched the documentaries. I have eaten the soup. I have not accomplished much in the way of housework, although I have tried. Every time I get up, I start sneezing again.

I've thrown around the idea of going to the doctor, but I'm honestly not sure what that would accomplish.

"You have a bad cold. That will be \$100."

\$100 would buy a lot of extra soup.

So I endure here. Not silently! No, I am never silent. But I endure all the same, though my hope for getting rid of this nastiness is fading by the hour. I will

be stuck like this forever. I will buy stock in Kleenex and Netflix. I will need to hire a sherpa to help me navigate the mountain of laundry that has accumulated in my infirmity. My children will never have a home-cooked meal again.

Now that I have forced you all to share in my delusions of misery, I suppose it's time to stop feeling sorry for myself. I will go back to the couch and find another documentary, something calming and tropical. I will crack open my umpteenth Gatorade, wrap my electric blanket around my fuzzy socks, and say a little prayer that I will stop sneezing. Because if I can't stop sneezing and I can't breathe through my nose for another whole week, I'm going to go berserkers — a sneezing, coughing ball of rage and soup.

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



CONTRIBUTING COLUMN

The frenzy of Thanksgiving meal prep

Though I know it must be boring by now, I simply cannot avoid talking about Thanksgiving. My favorite holiday, Thanksgiving, has always meant family and food, and this year is no exception. I have laid out the new recipes — I know some people say not to cook new recipes on Thanksgiving, but forget that sage advice — and we will be assaulting the grocery stores between now and Monday. That's not to say we won't be madly dashing to Bing's/Woods sometime on Wednesday because I left something off the list. I hear that Walmart will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, so I hope I am as organized as necessary before shrieking about something I don't have on Thursday morning.

The new recipes include Ina Garten's suggestions for the day. The first one is supposedly an appetizer: cacio de pepe puffs. These are little popover-type puffs that contain lots of black pepper and Parmesan cheese. I make a similar recipe for guests that are laden with blue cheese and bacon, so I think this will go off without a hitch.

The second new



Deborah Mitchell
Contributing Columnist

Ina Garten recipe was requested by Max when he saw Ina's video. This is a chocolate bourbon pecan pie. I usually make a sweet potato pecan pie, but when I saw Max's mouth watering when he watched the ice cream melt over the top of the pie, I decided to give it a try.

Because Emily cannot eat pecans, I'm also making Ina's dark chocolate terrine with orange sauce. I have no idea what this is going to taste like; however, everything of hers I have ever made has been delicious, so I am going to suppose this will be no exception. It contains no nuts. Best of all, it can be made a week in advance, so I will try it out on Monday. If it's a flop, I will have plenty of time to find another recipe.

Because one cannot

have a family dinner with only two desserts, I am also making Ina's apple spice cake with caramel sauce. I'm going to cheat, though. I am not making the caramel sauce. Further, because the main ingredients are apples, I can feel as if we are doing something healthy for dessert. Forget that it contains both brown and white sugar — and lots of each. It contains apples!

A few years ago, a friend gave me a recipe for bourbon jellied cranberries. That dish is now a staple at dinner, but I thought I should have a non-alcoholic selection, so I am making Ina's cranberry chutney for the under-21 crowd. The best part of this recipe is that it calls for canned cranberries. I don't have to cook them first!

The final Ina dish is a cranberry martini. It looks beautiful, so if it tastes bad, we can just look at it in the glasses.

The rest of the dinner will be, for the most part, traditional fare. I am, however, going to make curried pumpkin soup, which will be my homage to the humble pumpkin. I am also going to make a salad with kale, Brussels sprouts, and dried cranberries.

Libby was not happy to hear this because, in her opinion, no one eats a salad for Thanksgiving. She said she'd rather have Brussels sprouts sauteed with bacon. That one will have to wait.

Besides, she is getting her favorite vegetable. She likes canned green beans that are cooked to almost mush. They taste all right, though, because they are combined with sauteed onion and bacon. Bacon makes everything taste all right.

Because we will have five kiddos, I am making mac and cheese — also Ina Garten's recipe. This mac and cheese is really good. I hope the kids eat it all, because if they don't, I can see myself gaining lots of weight eating the leftovers.

I get my love of this holiday from my grandmother Gillespie, who always invited a small army for Thanksgiving dinner. For that one day, all was well, all were happy, and all ate good food until we foundered. Maybe it's really those feelings, and not the food, that make Thanksgiving special for me. Hope it is for you. Happy Thanksgiving.

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THEIR VIEW

Student-debt crisis better understood as tuition crisis

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

The debate over the Biden administration's college loan relief plan has obscured a broader and more important issue: Why has college education become so expensive to begin with? It's a complicated question that has many answers, but it's one that anyone interested in real college-debt reform should be asking.

Biden's plan to forgive between \$10,000 and \$20,000 per student in federally backed college loan debt is currently stalled in court — and isn't doing so well in the court of public opinion. Polling shows support for the plan predictably split along partisan lines, but with low support from independents. Overall, a plurality of Americans support it, but not a majority.

As we have noted before, there are reasons for even liberals and progressives to have reservations about this plan: Its \$125,000 income ceiling loops in a lot of people who don't need relief. Offering relief to current debt-holders is unfair to those who have already paid off their debts, or who will acquire them in the future. And it's inflationary to effectively pump hundreds of billions of federal dollars into the economy.

But the biggest problem with Biden's plan is that it fails to address the underlying causes of skyrocketing tuition, which is ultimately the cause of the debt crisis. The net cost of a four-year degree — after applying financial aid and other price breaks — is twice what it was 20 years ago. Only hospital care has risen at a

faster rate.

No wonder average student loan debt has ballooned from about \$17,000 per graduate in 2000 to almost \$40,000 now. Total outstanding debt today tops \$1.7 trillion.

Experts point to a range of reasons for out-of-control tuition: There is the explosion of high-cost student amenities (state-of-the-art recreational facilities and the like) that have become major selling points as universities compete for students. There are bloated administrative costs, which have risen even as spending on professors and instructors has dropped. And perhaps most disturbingly, there's the abdication by state governments of their funding responsibilities for higher education, forcing universities to push more of the cost onto students.

Data from the National Science Foundation shows that state spending per student has remained flat or even dropped (when adjusted for inflation) over the past 20 years, even as education has become more expensive. Missouri, for example, spent on average about \$6,200 per student in university funding in 2020, compared to almost \$8,000 (inflation adjusted) in 2000.

The student-loan debt crisis is ultimately better understood as a tuition-hike crisis — one that could threaten to return society to the days when higher education was solely the purview of the wealthy. Debt is the symptom. Trying to alleviate it without addressing the root causes of the disease isn't the answer.

CONTRIBUTING COLUMN

A few thoughts on general election results

As was expected, Missouri voters approved Amendment 3 on Nov. 8, legalizing recreational marijuana. Pettis County voters had the good sense to reject the amendment.

My Sept. 24 column dealt with a troubling new case against marijuana — the serious mental health effects of heavy use, especially the high THC varieties.

This isn't alarmism but sound medical science. Which raises a question: Where was the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services on Amendment 3? I searched the internet three times for information on that but found nothing.

Didn't the department have a responsibility to inform voters about the growing medical concerns related to heavy cannabis use? Why didn't Gov. Parson ensure that was done? Missouri is now



Doug Kneibert
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careening down the same road California, Colorado and other states have taken, and will soon begin to experience what they are experiencing — the very serious downsides of legalized marijuana.

The "red wave" we were told to expect in the elections failed to materialize, but at least the Republicans took the House of Representatives, but by how many seats was still unclear Friday morning. Assuming Republi-

cans will have a working majority, President Biden's big spending — which ignited a roaring inflation — is history, and the House Progressive Caucus won't be bankrolling him and passing any more radical bills. That's good news for the country, not just Republicans.

That it has taken more than 10 days in some states to decide congressional races is inexcusable. The people in those states should demand reforms so this doesn't become the norm.

Locally, the high-profile race was for prosecuting attorney. Judging from the advertising blitz we saw, many voters probably thought it was a close race.

But it wasn't, with Prosecuting Attorney Phillip Sawyer defeating Sam Kempton by a huge margin. Congratulations to him and state

Rep. Brad Pollitt for the overwhelming vote of confidence they received in the elections.

The midterms catapulted Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, who easily won a second term, into the top ranks of presidential prospects.

I often vacationed in Florida when it was a solid blue state. Republican candidates would do well to study the DeSantis Effect, and seek to emulate it.

Instead of congratulating DeSantis on his victory, Donald Trump trashed him, along with Florida Sen. Marco Rubio, another big winner. Trump has a history of doing the Democrats' work for them, and should heed President Ronald Reagan's 11th Commandment: "Thou shalt not speak ill of any fellow Republican."

Doug Kneibert is a former editor of the Sedalia Democrat.

Birds

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A 2014 Kansas law says the state has the sole power to regulate the species — along with the larger, darker and more abundant greater prairie chicken — and their habitats within state limits. It authorizes the attorney general or county prosecutors to sue over any federal attempt to enforce conservation measures.

Kansas Attorney General-elect Kris Kobach — a strong advocate of the 2014 state law when it was enacted — had predicted during his campaign this year that President Joe Biden's administration would act on the lesser prairie chicken and said its move "seriously impairs" building wind farms and pushes oil and natural gas production "to the

brink of extinction."

"What a surprise they waited until after the election to announce this move!" Kobach said in a statement. "As attorney general, I will fight this illegal action in court."

Michael Robinson of the Center for Biological Diversity said having protections for the animals is "terrific" but came too late for prairie chickens in some areas. Robinson's group sued the government last month because it was five months late in releasing a final decision. The initial petition for protections for the bird was filed in 1995.

"We wish that the Fish and Wildlife Service hadn't delayed this protection for 27 years," Robinson said, "because quicker action would have meant a lot more lesser prairie chickens alive in a lot more places today."

Budget

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Pettis County Prosecuting Attorney Phillip Sawyer requested the victim assistance advocate receive a raise. Sawyer also requested his full-time salaries to be raised from \$104,000 to \$140,000; he said this is to help hire another full-time employee.

There was discussion on having an investigator co-mingling between the Sheriff's Office and Prosecuting Attorney's Office. It is common for a prosecuting attorney's office to have an investigator.

Other requests presented to the commission during Friday's hearings include:

- Pettis County Auditor Beverly Dillon requested for operating supplies to increase to \$10,000 from \$9,000.
- Pettis County Surveyor Kerry Turpin requested for his budget to stay the same.
- Pettis County Corner Robert "Skip" Smith requested that testing expenses be increased to \$5,000 from \$2,500. This is due to the number of drug overdoses he has seen in the past year.
- Pettis County Public Administrator Charli

Ackerman requested that her budget stay the same with the exception of raises for the employees in her office.

- Pettis County Treasurer Kim Lyne requested for her budget to stay the same.
- In Pettis County Clerk Nick La Strada's proposed budget, which was presented by Dillon, he requested an increase in full-time salaries, part-time salaries, and election supplies.

Now that hearings have concluded, the commission will look at all the budget requests, the salary number and the county's income. The commissioners may meet with some of the county officials again about making changes to their budgets.

Once the budget is complete, the commission will lay a table copy out for 10 days in the commission chambers. County officials can make last-minute changes to their budget in case something comes up. Once those 10 days have passed, the commission will make the adjustments and amend the budget.

The commission hopes to have the process done before Christmas, but it could take until the middle of January.

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'Viral jambalaya': Early flu adding to woes for US hospitals

By Mike Stobbe and Lindsey Tanner

Associated Press

As Americans head into the holiday season, a rapidly intensifying flu season is straining hospitals already overburdened with patients sick from other respiratory infections.

More than half the states have high or very high levels of flu, unusually high for this early in the season, the government reported Friday. Those 27 states are mostly in the South and Southwest but include a growing number in the Northeast, Midwest and West.

This is happening when children's hospitals already are dealing with a surge of illnesses from RSV, or respiratory syncytial virus, a common cause of cold-like symptoms that can be serious for infants and the elderly. And COVID-19 is still contributing to more than 3,000 hospital admissions each day, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

In Atlanta, Dr. Mark Griffiths describes the mix as a "viral jambalaya." He said the children's hospitals in his area have at least 30% more patients than usual for

this time of year, with many patients forced to wait in emergency rooms for beds to open up.

"I tell parents that COVID was the ultimate bully. It bullied every other virus for two years," said Griffiths, ER medical director of a Children's Health Care of Atlanta downtown hospital.

With COVID-19 rates going down, "they're coming back full force," he said.

The winter flu season usually doesn't get going until December or January. Hospitalization rates from flu haven't been this high this early since the 2009 swine flu pandemic, CDC officials say. The highest rates are among those 65 and older and children under 5, the agency said.

"It's so important for people at higher risk to get vaccinated," the CDC's Lynnette Brammer said in a statement Friday.

But flu vaccinations are down from other years, particularly among adults, possibly because the past two seasons have been mild. Flu shots are recommended for nearly all Americans who are at least 6 months old or older.

Adults can get RSV too and that infection can be especially dangerous for older adults who

are frail or have chronic illnesses, doctors say. There is not yet a vaccine against RSV although some are in development.

One infectious disease specialist urged Americans to take precautions before gathering for Thanksgiving, including avoiding public crowds, getting COVID-19 tests before they meet, and wearing masks indoors — particularly if you are old or frail, or will be around someone who is.

"Nobody wants to bring a virus to the table," said Dr. William Schaffner, of Vanderbilt University.

The American Academy of Pediatrics and Children's Hospital Association this week urged the Biden administration to declare an emergency and mount a national response to "the alarming surge of pediatric respiratory illnesses." An emergency declaration would allow waivers of Medicaid, Medicare or Children's Health Insurance Program requirements so that doctors and hospitals could share resources and access emergency funding, the groups said in a letter.

AP reporter Heather Hollingsworth contributed to this report.

Pfizer booster spurs immune response to new omicron subtypes

By Lauran Neergaard

AP Medical Writer

Pfizer said Friday that its updated COVID-19 booster may offer some protection against newly emerging omicron mutants even though it's not an exact match.

Americans have been reluctant to get the updated boosters rolled out by Pfizer and rival Moderna, doses tweaked to target the BA.5 omicron strain that until recently was the most common type. With relatives of BA.5 now on the rise, a question is how the new boosters will hold up.

Pfizer and its partner BioNTech said their updated booster generated virus-fighting antibodies that can target four additional omicron subtypes,

including the particularly worrisome BQ.1.1.

The immune response wasn't as strong against this alphabet soup of newer mutants as it is against the BA.5 strain. But adults 55 and older experienced a nearly 9-fold jump in antibodies against BQ.1.1 a month after receiving the updated booster, according to a study from the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston and the companies. That's compared to a 2-fold rise in people who got another dose of the original vaccine.

The preliminary data was released online and hasn't yet been vetted by independent experts.

It's not the only hint that the updated boosters may broaden protection against the still mu-

tating virus. Moderna recently announced early evidence that its updated booster induced BQ.1.1-neutralizing antibodies.

It's too soon to know how much real-world protection such antibody boosts translate into, or how long it will last. Antibodies are only one type of immune defense, and they naturally wane with time.

The BA.5 variant was responsible for about 30% of new cases in the U.S. as of Nov. 12, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, but two new variants have been crowding out the once-dominant strain in recent weeks. The BQ.1.1 variant now accounts for 24% of cases, up from 2% in early October and

the close cousin BQ.1 accounts for 20% of cases.

The original COVID-19 vaccines have offered strong protection against severe disease and death no matter the variant.

That's a good reason to stay up-to-date on boosters, Dr. Kathryn Stephenson of Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center said earlier this week, ahead of Pfizer's data.

"Any kind of boost really reduces your chances of getting very sick from COVID," she said.

Updated boosters are available for anyone 5 or older, but only about 35 million Americans have gotten one so far, according to the CDC. Nearly 30% of seniors are up-to-date with the newest booster but only about 13% of all adults.

Group

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"They're continuing to grow to meet market de-

mands and we could not be happier they chose to invest in Pettis County,"

Craig said. "This comes after the company had their corporate board meeting in Milan, Italy, last week and ultimately

chose this as their preferred location."

Craig gave thanks to the current workers at Prysmian for their work in acquiring the expansion.

"I would just say

thank you to the men and women who work at Prysmian every full day," Craig said, "because, without them, this could not be possible."

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Santa

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The number of families and children served in 2020 seemed a little higher, presumably because of the pandemic, but numbers returned to average in 2021. McMillin said over 600 families and over 1,200 children were served last year. Organizers are expecting similar numbers for 2022.

Applications can be picked up and dropped off at Santa's Workshop in the State Fair Shopping Center, 1400 S. Limit Ave., which is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. Applications are due Dec. 2.

Applicants must provide a Social Security card for each child in the household, proof of income, proof of residence, and amount of all aid. For the fun part, parents should be prepared to offer a list of gift ideas for their children, which helps volunteers ensure kids are getting presents

that match their interests. McMillin said they get invested in picking out just the right toy for every child.

"We don't do electronics, but we do really nice hands-on learning toys. Toys that are popular right now, we've got a lot of it, actually. We've got enough fidgets for the town," McMillin said. "... We've got everything from puzzles to farm sets to skateboards to dolls and building blocks."

Fewer COVID restrictions also mean more red boxes and jars for toy and monetary donations at area businesses.

"We weren't able to do that last year as much. ... Now we're back and everyone wanted their boxes and jars to donate in," she said. "There are a lot of groups collecting this year, it seems like, which is great."

While Community Santa volunteers search for toy deals all year to prepare for Christmas, they still need specific donations. McMillin said they're short on card and board games. Other needs

include toys for children ages 2-4 and monetary donations.

From 6 to 10 a.m. Dec. 2, Charlie Thomas will devote his entire morning show on KDRO to sharing information about Community Santa and soliciting donations.

"This community is so generous every year," McMillin said. "Every year, they bring us what we need or give us the wherewithal to get us what we need. It's a happy time. We genuinely like what we're doing. We feel like it's a plus for the community."

"We don't have the wherewithal to pay the light bills or help with rent, and I know there are always a few people who maybe think this is frivolous, but it isn't frivolous. Every child needs to get up and get something as a holiday, whatever your holiday is, a gift. They're going to go to school and everyone will be saying, this is what I got. We think it's important for their well-being that they have a role in that particular conver-



Surrounded by hundreds of toys, Carol McMillin organizes a section of items in the Community Santa Workshop on Thursday morning.

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sation. We don't want anyone to feel left out."

McMillin noted items are given to applicants in a black trash bag, leaving it to the parents to wrap the gifts however they'd like.

"Once it leaves our front door, it's the property of the parents and they then make Christmas for their kids. Those are gifts now from the parents," she said. "They did the leg-

work. Yes, they didn't have the cash, but they had the wherewithal to come in, fill out the paperwork and make holidays special for their children. We're proud of them for that. We think that's very special."

Community Santa is operated entirely by volunteers. McMillin said they don't need any more help now, but some extra hands during distribution

days, Dec. 12-13, would be appreciated.

To contact Community Santa, call 660-473-2408, email communitysanta@gmail.com, or message Pettis County Community Santa on Facebook. Monetary donations can be mailed to P.O. Box 43, Sedalia, MO, 65301.

Nicole Cooke can be reached at 660-530-0138 or on Twitter @NicoleRCooke.



Jyll Jones talks with a client at the front counter as the woman gets signed up for holiday assistance from Community Santa.

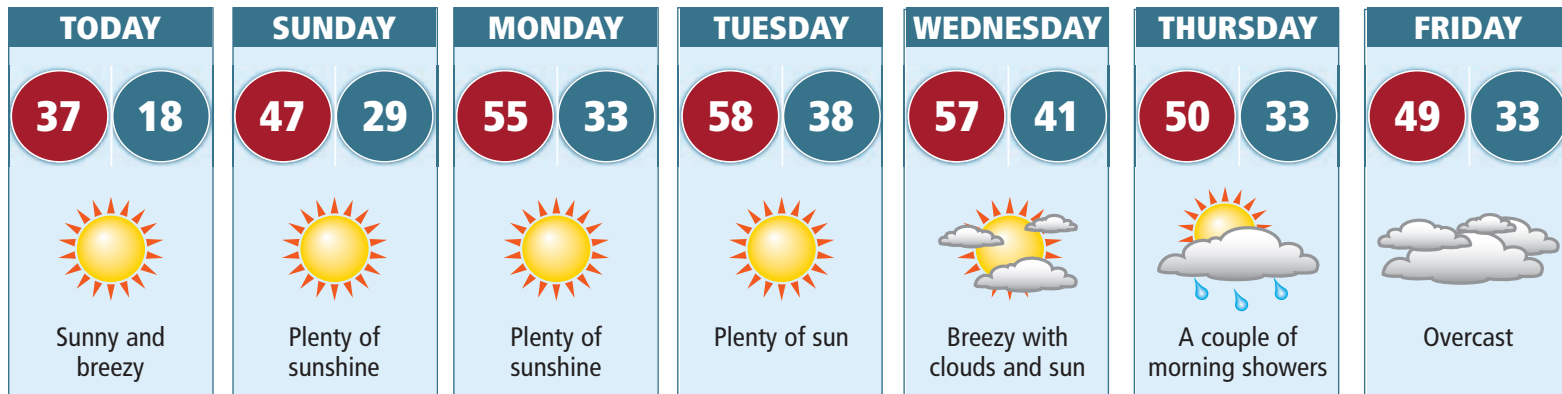


Among the countless toys in Santa's Workshop are boxes of books and stuffed animals waiting to meet their new friends. Each child who receives gifts from Community Santa also receives two new books and a stuffed animal.

THE WEATHER

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST



SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	6:59 a.m.
Sunset tonight	4:57 p.m.
Moonrise today	2:07 a.m.
Moonset today	2:44 p.m.



WEATHER HISTORY

Copious amounts of snow fell in the mountains of Arizona on Nov. 19, 1993. Mt. Lennon received 24 inches of snow. Up to 17 inches accumulated in Red River.

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Sedalia Regional Airport Thursday

TEMPERATURES	
High	43
Low	21
Normal high	53
Normal low	32
Record high	80 in 1958
Record low	1 in 1959

PRECIPITATION	
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Normal m-t-d	1.72"
Year to date	35.29"
Normal y-t-d	40.22"

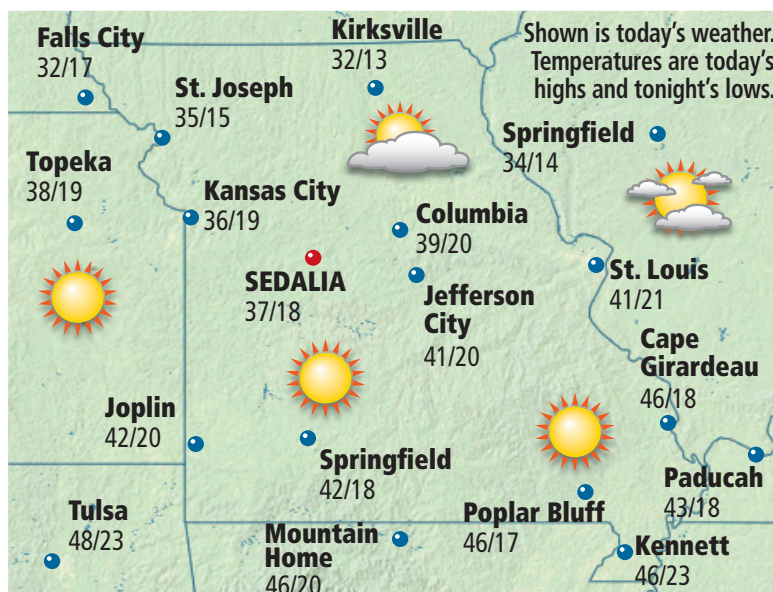
HEATING DEGREE DAYS

Index of energy consumption indicating how many degrees the average temperature was below 65 degrees for the day.	
Thursday	33
Month to date	295
Season to date	577
Normal season to date	727
Last season to date	435

RIVER LEVELS

In feet as of 7 a.m. Friday				
Blackwater	Stage	Chg	Fid	Stg
Blue Lick	7.07	-0.06	24	
Valley City	2.81	-0.02	22	
Lamine				
Otterville	0.97	-0.04	15	
Missouri				
Boonville	6.39	+0.04	21	

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BRANSON
High: 45. Low: 19. Chilly today with plenty of sun. Clear and cold tonight. Chilly tomorrow with plenty of sunshine. Monday: plenty of sunshine.

KANSAS CITY
High: 36. Low: 19. Breezy in the morning; otherwise, mostly sunny and cold today. Clear and cold tonight. Plenty of sunshine tomorrow.

ST. LOUIS
High: 41. Low: 21. Mostly sunny and breezy today. Clear and very cold tonight. Plenty of sunshine, but cold tomorrow. Monday: sunny. Tuesday: plenty of sun.

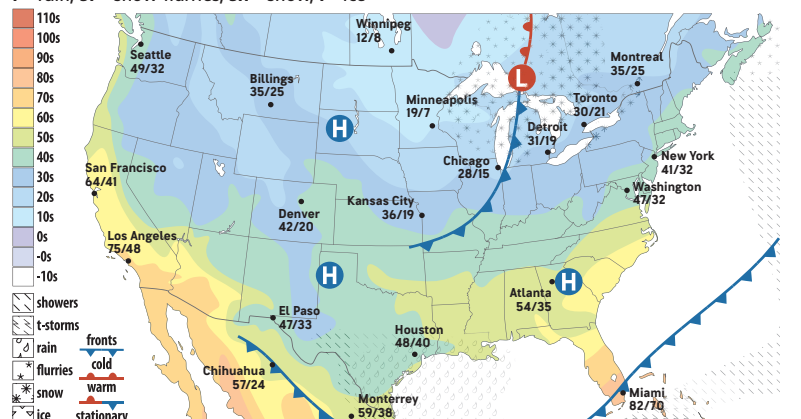
NEW YORK CITY
High: 41. Low: 32. Cold today with plenty of sunshine. Clear tonight; there will be a freeze. Winds becoming strong tomorrow.

LOS ANGELES
High: 75. Low: 48. Plenty of sunshine today. Clear and cool tonight. Mostly sunny and pleasant tomorrow. Monday: nice with more sunshine than clouds.

NATIONAL WEATHER

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sunday Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sunday Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	54/35/s	50/32/s	Milwaukee	28/12/sf	31/27/pc
Baltimore	46/27/s	39/23/s	Nashville	47/23/s	41/24/s
Billings	35/25/s	43/23/pc	New Orleans	56/46/r	56/45/pc
Boston	44/31/s	40/26/s	Norfolk	52/39/s	45/30/pc
Buffalo	31/22/sf	28/24/sf	Oklahoma City	49/25/s	51/30/s
Charlotte	57/32/s	52/25/s	Orlando	72/55/c	64/58/r
Chicago	28/15/sf	30/27/s	Phoenix	74/50/s	73/48/s
Cleveland	32/20/pc	29/23/sf	Pittsburgh	33/18/c	27/20/pc
Dallas	50/33/pc	53/39/s	Portland, ME	42/26/s	40/19/s
Denver	42/20/s	50/24/s	Portland, OR	47/31/pc	48/39/c
Detroit	31/19/pc	28/22/sf	Sacramento	61/33/s	62/34/pc
Honolulu	85/74/pc	85/73/sh	St. Louis	41/21/s	41/30/s
Houston	48/40/r	52/40/pc	San Francisco	64/41/s	64/46/pc
Indianapolis	35/14/s	31/23/s	Seattle	49/32/pc	48/40/c
Las Vegas	58/38/s	59/40/s	Washington, DC	47/32/s	40/28/s

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



Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation today. Temperature bands are highs for the day. **Summary:** Heavy, lake-effect snowfall will continue in portions of the Midwest and Northeast today, with up to a foot of additional accumulation possible. Rain, some locally heavy, will spread over the Gulf Coast.



The AP Interview: Pence says voters want new leadership

By Jill Colvin

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Former Vice President Mike Pence said Wednesday that voters are "looking for new leadership" following the disappointing midterm elections for Republicans, who are now openly debating whether his onetime boss, Donald Trump, should maintain a leading role in the party.

In an interview with The Associated Press just hours after Trump announced another White House run, Pence declined to say whether he thinks the former president is fit to return to his old job. But he implicitly positioned himself as a potential alternative for Republicans seeking conservative leadership without the chaos of the Trump era.

"I think we will have better choices in 2024," Pence said. "I'm very confident that Republican primary voters will choose wisely." He said that he and his family will gather over the holidays "and we'll give prayerful consideration to what our role might be in the days ahead."

Asked whether he blamed Trump for this week's Republican losses, he said, "Certainly the president's continued efforts to relitigate the last election played a role, but ... each individual candidate is responsible for their own campaign."

Pence, while considering a presidential campaign of his own, has been raising his profile as he promotes his new memoir, "So Help Me God," which was released on the same day that Trump made official his long-teased White House bid. If Pence moves forward, he would be in direct competition with Trump, a particularly awkward collision for the former vice president, who spent his four years in office defending Trump, refusing to criticize him publicly until after Jan. 6, 2021.

That's when a mob of Trump's supporters — driven by Trump's lie that Pence could somehow



Former Vice President Mike Pence sits for an interview with the Associated Press, Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2022, in New York. PHOTO BY JOHN MINCHILLO | AP PHOTO

reject the election results — stormed the Capitol building while Pence was presiding over the certification of Democrat Joe Biden's victory. The vice president was steered to safety with his staff and family as some in the mob chanted, "Hang Mike Pence!"

Still, Pence on Wednesday remained largely reticent to criticize Trump beyond the insurrection. That hesitance reflects the reality that the former president remains enormously popular with the GOP base that Pence would need to win over to be competitive in primary contests.

"It wasn't exactly the style of presidency that I would have advanced had I been the first name on the ballot," Pence said of his unlikely partnership with Trump. "But it was his presidency and I was there to support him and help him. And until that fateful day in January 2021, I sought to do just that."

Pence said he hadn't watched Trump's full announcement speech on Tuesday, but made the case that voters are looking for a new, less contentious direction.

"You know, the pres-

ident has every right to stand for election again," he said. But after traveling the country campaigning with midterm candidates, "I have a genuine sense that the American people are looking for new leadership that could unite our country around our highest ideals and that would reflect the respect and civility the American people show to one another every day, while still advancing the policies that we advanced during those years of service," he said.

Trump's campaign launch comes as Republicans grapple with fallout from elections in which they failed to wrest control of the Senate and are on track to win only the narrowest majority in the House. Those results came despite voters' deep concerns over inflation and the direction of the country under Democrat Biden.

Trump endorsed a long list of candidates in competitive states including Pennsylvania and Arizona who then lost their general election races. While Pence said he was pleased Republicans were taking the House, he acknowledged the election "wasn't quite the red wave that we all had hoped for."

"My conclusion," he said, "is the candidates that were focused on the future, focused on the challenges the American people are facing today and solutions to those challenges did quite well." But those still questioning the 2020 results — as Trump demanded — "did not do as well."

In his new book, Pence writes in detail about his experience on Jan. 6, and he expounded on that Wednesday.

"I'll never forget the simmering indignation that I felt that day, seeing those sights on the cellphones as we gathered in the loading dock below the Senate chamber. I couldn't help but think not this, not here, not in America," he said.

In the interview, he recalled his reaction to Trump's tweets "that criticize me directly at a time that a riot was raging in the Capitol hallways."

"The president's words were reckless, and they endangered my family and everyone at the Capitol building," he said. "The president had decided to be a part of the problem. I was determined to be a part of the solution."

Asked what consequences Trump should

face for his actions, however, Pence punted.

"That's up to the American people," he said he believes. "I truly do. And look, I'll always be proud of the record of the Trump administration for four-and-a-half years. President Trump was not just my president. He was my friend. And we worked closely together to advance the policies that we'd been elected to serve."

"It didn't end well," he acknowledged, in an understatement. "And that tragic day in January will always be a day of great sadness for me, a sadness about what had happened to our relationship, to the bad advice the president was accepting from a group of lawyers that, as I write in my book, should never have been allowed on the White House grounds, let alone in the Oval Office."

Pence and Trump were always an odd couple — a pugilistic, crude New York celebrity and a staid Midwestern evangelical who once wrote an essay on the evils of negative campaigning and who, as a rule, says he will not dine alone with a woman who is not his wife. Asked why he so rarely spoke up when Trump launched

deeply personal insults against figures such as the late Sen. John McCain, Pence said, in effect, that that was what he had signed up for.

"As his vice president, I believed it was my role to be loyal to the president," he said. "And so every step of the way, the way I squared it was I believe that I had been elected vice president to support the presidency that Donald Trump had been elected to advance."

Indeed, Pence in the book writes that even after Jan. 6, the two men "parted amicably when our service to the nation drew to a close."

"And in the weeks that followed, from time to time, he would call me and to speak and check in," Pence said in the interview. "But when he returned to criticizing me and others who had upheld the Constitution that day, I just decided I'd be best to go our separate ways. And we have."

Asked why he would part "amicably" with Trump given the president's actions — including his decision not to call Pence to check in on his safety while the riot was underway — Pence said he believed the president had been genuinely regretful when they met for the first time after the 6th.

"For the balance of about 90 minutes, we sat, we talked. I was very direct with the president. I made it clear to him that I believe that I did my duty that day, and I sensed genuine remorse on his part," Pence recalled. "The president and I had forged not only a good working relationship, but a friendship over four-and-a-half years. We worked together literally every day. But he was different in that time. I encouraged him to take the matter to prayer."

As for his plans for the future, as everyone asks whether he plans to run, he and his family will gather over the holidays "and we'll give prayerful consideration to what our role might be in the days ahead."

Missouri summer camp operators sued over abuse settlement

By Margaret Stafford

Associated Press

A Tennessee man filed a lawsuit Friday claiming that operators of the Kanakuk Camps in Branson, Missouri, lied to him and his parents while persuading them to sign a settlement over sexual abuse by a camp counselor.

Logan Yandell, 27, of Hendersonville, Tennessee, and his parents reached a confidential settlement with Kanakuk in 2010 that included a non-disclosure agreement after Yandell was abused by Peter Newman, who is serving two life sentences for sexually abusing multiple children while working for the Christian summer camps.

The lawsuit names Kanakuk Ministries, Kanakuk CEO Joe White, Kanakuk Heritage Inc., Westchester Fire Insurance Company and a John Doe. A statement from

Kanakuk said the company just received the lawsuit on Friday and does not comment on pending litigation.

"We will respond further if or when appropriate," the company said. "In the meantime, we continue to pray for all who have been affected by Pete Newman's behavior."

Yandell was sexually abused while attending the summer camp and other activities between 2005 and 2008.

The lawsuit alleges that Kanakuk officials claimed they did not know about Newman's sexual abuse of children prior to his arrest but the Yandell family later learned that wasn't true.

In December 2021, the conservative online news outlet The Dispatch reported that Newman's supervisor, Will Cunningham, recommended in 2003 that Newman be fired because of reports of child sexual abuse, including participating in several activities with chil-

dren while nude, "counseling" them in a hot tub and sleeping alone with children.

The lawsuit filed Friday contains an affidavit from Cunningham confirming that he wanted Newman fired. Instead, White overruled the suggestion and promoted Newman to camp director, according to the lawsuit.

The family would not have signed the settlement and non-disclosure agreement if they had known that Kanakuk officials had lied to them, Brian Kent, one of the family's attorneys, said Friday.

He said company officials took advantage of the family.

"Knowing that the Yandells were really trying to deal with making sure their child is OK and getting him better, this was a clear effort by Joe White and Kanakuk to advise them this is something they should do. And they lied to them in order to get them to sign."

The lawsuit is not a class action but Kent said it's possible more of Newman's victims will file similar lawsuits because of the new information.

The Associated Press generally does not name victims of sexual abuse but Yandell is named in the

lawsuit and has publicly discussed his case.

One of the reasons the family decided to file the lawsuit 12 years after signing the settlement was to allow Yandell to "get his voice back and have his voice heard," Kent said.

Newman is serving two

life sentences plus 30 years in state prison after his 2010 sentencing on seven felony counts of sexually abusing boys while he was a Kanakuk counselor. The number of victims is believed to be in the hundreds, according to the lawsuit.

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Consumer groups want grocers to ditch digital-only deals

By Dee-Ann Durbin

AP Business Writer

A coalition of consumer groups is asking grocery chains to rethink their digital-only coupons, saying the deals discriminate against people who don't have smartphones or reliable internet access.

Digital-only deals — advertised online or on store shelves — can offer significant savings, but they generally require customers to electronically clip a coupon in a grocer's app or on its website.

For example, a Kroger in Cincinnati, Ohio, is advertising frozen turkey for 60 cents per pound this week; with a digital coupon, the price drops to 49 cents per pound. And a Stop & Shop in Somerville, Massachusetts, is offering a half pork loin for \$2.99 per pound; with a digital coupon, that drops to \$1.79 per pound.

"There's nothing wrong with digital coupons as long as they're equitable and everyone can take advantage of the advertised price in one way or another," said Edgar Dworsky, a consum-

er advocate and former assistant attorney general in Massachusetts who runs the website Consumer World.

Dworsky and others — including Consumer Reports, Consumer Action, the Public Interest Research Group and the National Consumers League — sent letters this week to Kroger, Albertsons, Stop & Shop and Smart & Final urging them to make sure deals are available in both digital and non-digital formats.

Kroger and Smart & Final didn't respond to requests for comment from The Associated Press. Stop & Shop said it will review the letter.

Albertsons said it offers digital deals as a way to reward customers in its loyalty program, who can download the deals into their apps. But the company said many of its stores also let customers present the weekly circular to cashiers so the discounts can be applied at the register.

Dworsky said that can be problematic, since customers and cashiers don't always know that's an option.

Albertsons also pointed out that it owns Vons, a California-based chain that Dworsky praised for offering "clip or click" coupons in its circulars, which allow customers to cut out coupons or download them to their apps. Pennsylvania-based Giant Co. also offers "clip or click" coupons, Dworsky said.

"We will continue to provide assistance to users of the rewards program in the store to help them ensure they get the best possible experience and prices," Albertsons said in a statement.

Dworsky said some stores offer refunds to customers who ask for the digital price, but that requires the customer to make an extra effort. He wants stores to ensure cashiers will honor digital deals upon request, or even go to the lengths of Texas-based H-E-B, which puts physical coupons in its stores next to advertised deals.

Dworsky said seniors are the most likely to lack smartphone or internet access or the technical savvy to figure out how digital-only coupons work.



Pam Junion, 65, and other members of the Milwaukee Dancing Grannies practice in a parking lot in Milwaukee on Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2022. Junion is one of a few women who answered a call for new members as the group attempted to rebuild in the face of tragedy. Three Dancing Grannies and one group member's husband were among those killed at a Christmas parade in Waukesha, Wisconsin, when the driver of an SUV struck them on the parade route. Dozens more, including some Grannies, were injured.

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Grannies will dance again in parade where tragedy struck

By Adam Geller

AP National Writer

MILWAUKEE (AP) — The high winds forecasters warned about are blasting down Wisconsin Avenue, but 15 grandmothers lining up in the street are ready to march.

They're dressed for this morning's parade in wide-brimmed hats held on tight with elastic chin straps. They've subbed out red pom poms for white ones so the dye won't run in rain that is teasing its return from a leaden November sky.

"This is like my calling," says Kathi Schmeling, a retired human resources assistant, her grin framed by the crimson lipstick that is a signature of the women who call themselves the Milwaukee Dancing Grannies. "This is my happy place."

Given where they've come from, it's no small accomplishment that they're here at all.

A year ago, a driver plowed an SUV through a Christmas parade in the nearby suburb of Waukesha, killing six people and scarring many more. Four of the victims were from the Dancing Grannies, including their longtime leaders, threatening to extinguish the tight-knit band of women — not old, they say, just well-seasoned — first drawn together by the aerobics craze of the 1980s.

Somehow, they held on. They drew on resilience banked well before the tragedy, during bouts with cancer and divorce, the loss of jobs and loves ones. They accepted that to keep going would require taking a risk on new ways of doing things, with new dancers who had not lived their history.

Soon, though, the calendar will come full circle. And to keep moving forward, the group has made a decision. When the parade returns to Main Street in Waukesha, they need to go back.

That day a year ago, eight women were slated to march through Waukesha's cozy downtown, where the annual Christmas parade, cancelled the previous year because of the pandemic, had returned with a new

theme: "Comfort and Joy."

Families thronged Main when the Grannies funneled into the procession behind a Girl Scout troop and a youth dance corps. At 4:38 p.m. they sauntered through an intersection to a crowd favorite, Winter Wonderland, swinging pom poms skyward.

In the din, they didn't hear the red SUV plowing down Main until it hit them.

"It was a flash," says Donna Kalik, who was watching the parade with her boyfriend from a coffee shop window. "And as I'm running out there's a body on the left of me and there's a body on the right ... It looked like a war zone."

A few feet from the curb, group leader Ginny Sorenson lay dead. Hurling to the sidewalk, the bodies of Leanna Owen and Tamara Durand, both killed instantly, would not be identified until hours later.

Nearby, the husband of another Granny who was a regular volunteer, lay bruised and battered, and succumbed to his injuries the following day. Down Main, an 8-year-old who had been parading with his Little League team and a 52-year-old woman marching with co-workers from a local bank were also killed.

Wandering through the chaos, Schmeling found fellow dancer Sharon Millard, a teacher's aide so invested in the group that she had called to sign up the night before the birth of her first grandchild.

"Kathi!" she said, dazed. "What's going to happen to the Grannies?"

The days and weeks after the parade were filled with doubt. Several dancers were injured, including 64-year-old Betty Streng, comatose for five days afterward with a double skull fracture.

Others nursed hidden scars. One granny kept replaying the choice she'd made to dance on the left side of the formation — leaving Durand a few feet to her right, in death's path. Another, at work, broke down when "Winter Wonderland" played over the school intercom.

Yet it seemed like they owed it to those who'd

died to keep the group going, or at least to try.

When they reconvened in late January, 34 hopefuls showed up, forming a dance line that circled the tables of a fraternal hall.

Some peeled away in the weeks that followed, reluctant to commit to months of practices and more than 20 parades a year. A few veterans, taxed by memories, retired.

Early on a frigid Saturday the Original Grannies marched again for the first time in a Milwaukee St. Patrick's Day procession, new arrivals wearing sashes identifying them as trainees walked alongside.

By spring's end, the Grannies — increasingly seen as an embodiment of the region's "Waukesha Strong" motto — were fielding parade invites from around the state. In town after town, spectators shouted their thanks for the group's return, shaping hearts with outstretched hands.

"It's bittersweet at times," Jeannie Knutson, one of the Original Grannies, recalls thinking. "I mean, before the tragedy you'd have crowds clapping and singing along, but now it's totally different."

When October arrived, the terrifying memories of Waukesha were revived in a Milwaukee courtroom.

"I didn't want to hear about it," says Schmeling, recalling the anger that welled up inside when she recounted her memory of Waukesha for prosecutors before the trial. "I'm done with that chapter."

The driver, Darrell Brooks, was convicted of all 76 counts against him, and sentenced to life in prison.

With that resolution behind them, the Grannies, old and new, hope that going back will bring comfort, proof that the recovery of the past year is permanent.

They move to the message Ginny Sorenson long preached.

"Ginny always had this saying before parades: 'If you make a mistake, if you get off kilter, if you drop your pom poms, no matter what, you keep on dancing,'" says Jan Kwiatkowski, one of the new leaders of the Grannies.

Holidays

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Beginning at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 24, background holiday music will play throughout downtown, and Charlie Thomas with KDRO Radio will begin a simulcast of music and interviews on 1490 AM and 101.3 FM. Hotel Bothwell will also live-stream the event on Facebook.

If people prefer, they can sit in their vehicle and tune into the radio station for the event.

"A lot of times, particularly if it's cold or if weather conditions aren't ideal, you'll be able to watch from your vehicle," Eisenmenger noted. "Even with the fireworks being synchronized to music, you'll hear the music there off the radio and be able to watch the show in real-time."

Miss Missouri Superstar Brooklyn Bryant will provide vocal entertainment inside the Hotel Bothwell at 6:30 p.m. At 6:50 p.m., Sedalia Mayor Andrew Dawson will speak from the balcony of the Furnell Investments Inc. building, and the Furnell family will welcome everyone and

thank the sponsors. The countdown for the fireworks display will begin at 7 p.m.

"We are hoping for a wonderful weather night so people can come out," Eisenmenger said. "And walk up and down the streets of downtown."

"Thanks to the efforts by the City of Sedalia, they have helped secure lighting for several businesses downtown," she continued. "So those Christmas lights will also be lit."

She added Joleigh Cornine, Sedalia's planner and downtown specialist, and John Simmons, Sedalia's community development director, helped get the businesses' lights.

After the 7 p.m. countdown, the Hotel, the Christmas tree atop the Hotel, and the businesses will be lit, and fireworks will follow.

"The fireworks are synchronized to holiday music," Eisenmenger noted. "We use a local sound company, John Rooks, Jamified Marketing."

"And our fireworks company are the guys we've used from the beginning," she added. "They are called AM Pyrotechnics (Aaron Mayfield) from Buffalo." Since the fireworks be-

gan in 2001, Eisenmenger said it'd become a fun tradition to host them.

"We kicked it off that first year in 2001, and every year since, we've just tried to make our show the best it could be for the community," she said. "We are very grateful for the opportunity to host this event every year."

"A lot of helping hands go into making this possible," she continued. "The City of Sedalia, the CBCD (Central Business and Cultural District) is also a financial sponsor, of course, KDRO... But most importantly, our fire department and our police department — health and safety is always our top priority. Without these two departments, this event wouldn't be able to be the event it is."

She added the Furnell family is "very appreciative" of how the event has been "embraced" by the leaders and patrons of the community each year.

"It's a fun way to kick off the holiday season," Eisenmenger said. "It's become a family tradition for us, and we're hoping it becomes a community tradition for everyone else."

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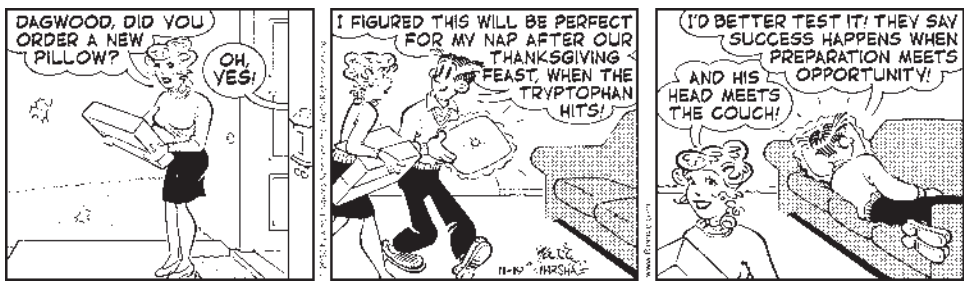
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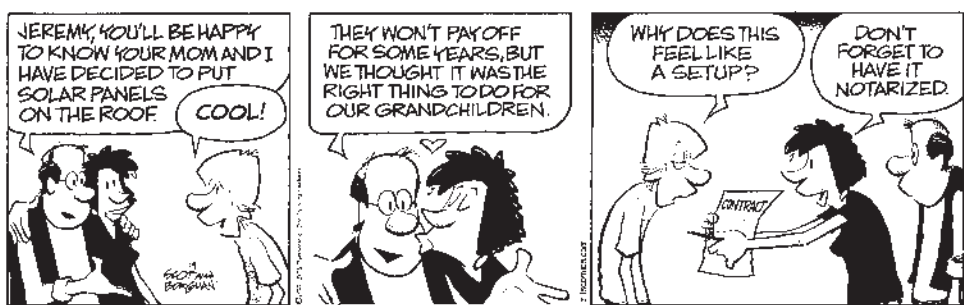
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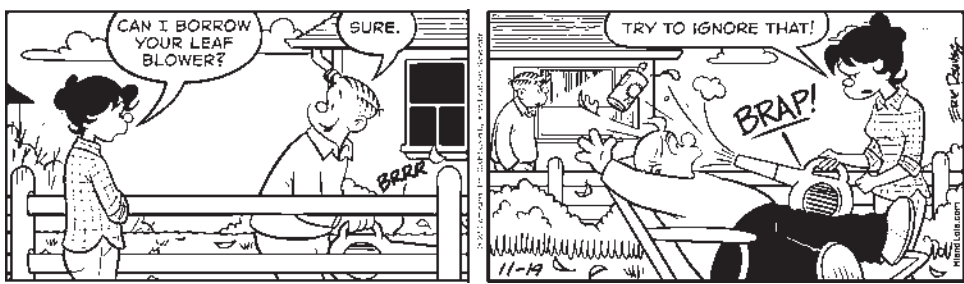
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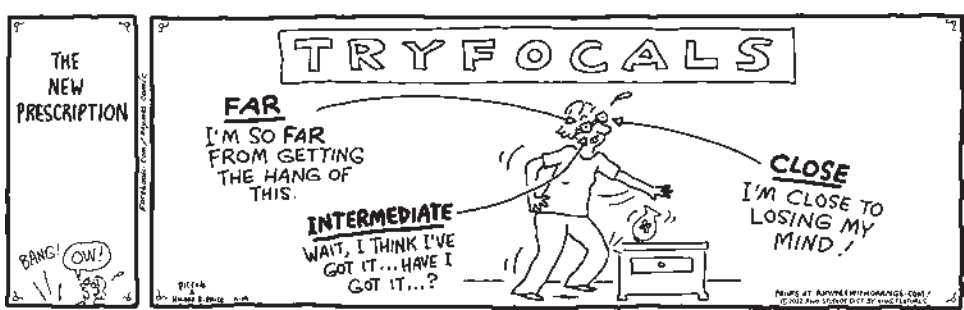
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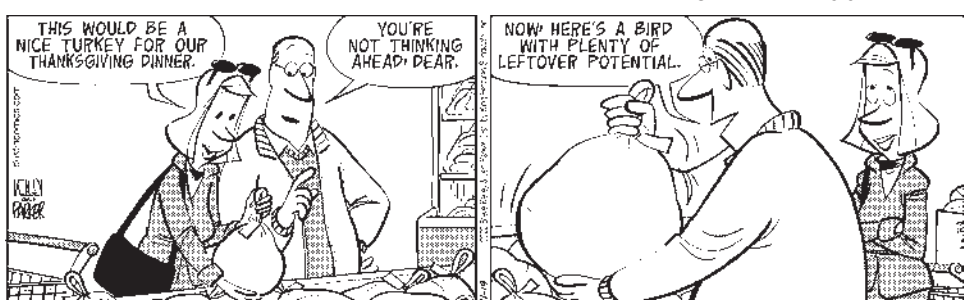
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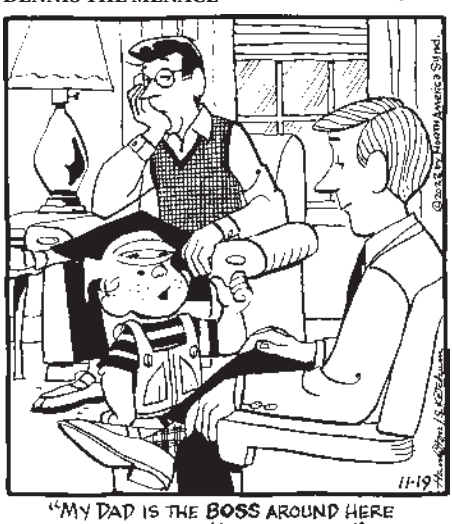
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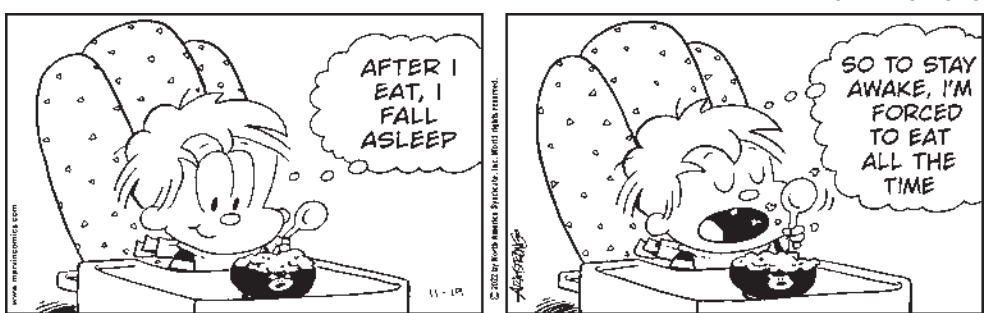
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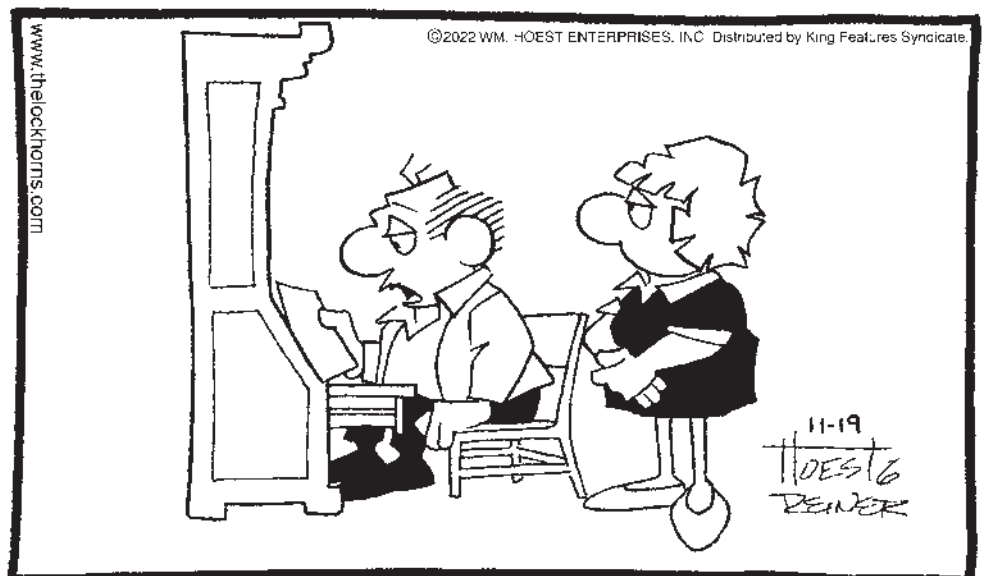
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"ACCORDING TO THE DATA, THE METADATA AND THE META-METADATA, WE'RE FLAT BROKE."

SUDOKU

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

Concepts Sudoku

By Dave Green

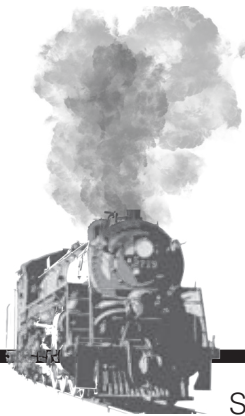
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Sacred Heart, Smithton lead All-Kaysinger Boys Soccer

By Bryan Everson
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A handful of Gremlins and four more Smithton Tigers led the way on this year's All-Kaysinger Boys Soccer Team that was recently released.

Fortunately for Sacred Heart's side next year, just one, Oz Garcia, will be lost to graduation. Head coach Warren Dey says one-half of the Gremlins' center-back pairing "will be sorely missed."

The quartet that will return includes juniors George Bain, Jackson Manning, Traven Wheeler, and sophomore Diego DeLeon.

Sacred Heart won the Kaysinger Conference Regular Season Championship, as well as the conference tourney, where the Gremlins (16-9) outscored their three opponents 16-0. Their season ended in districts against Odessa.

Bain ended his penultimate campaign with

30 goals and nine assists, while Jackson Manning tallied 25 and 15. Garcia contributed three goals and an assist, while Wheeler assisted in eight shutouts. DeLeon ended with six goals and a trio of assists.

On the strength of those players who return, Dey said, "With another year of growth and maturity, strength and speed, I'm hoping we get quicker and attack the goal faster. We're sitting pretty good."

Adding that district championship will be the goal that remains for those players, Dey added, saying, "Obviously, it'll be our biggest goal. We need to buckle down and try to get that accomplished, and we have the kids that can do it."

Smithton, who again made a deep playoff run by reaching the Class 1 quarterfinals, got representation by way of four players, including seniors Braedon Cairer and Tanner Eisenbarth.

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Sacred Heart junior Jackson Manning works on the ball in a victory over Smithton on Sept. 13. The two teams posted a combined nine first-team All-Kaysinger players. FILE PHOTO BY BRYAN EVERSON | DEMOCRAT



United States' Yunus Musah shoots against Mexico during the first half of a FIFA World Cup qualifying soccer match between Mexico and the United States, Friday, Nov. 12, 2021, in Cincinnati. FILE PHOTO BY JULIO CORTEZ | AP PHOTO

Qatar 2022: U.S. seeks progression in World Cup return

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Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo. Human rights concerns. America's redemption. Bribery allegations. And no beer?

It seems unfavorable that a sporting event which takes place every four years has generated more buzz revolving around controversies than chatter of what may transpire on the field, but

this has become standard fare for FIFA and the World Cup.

A report from The Guardian in 2021 claimed data from findings showed more than 6,500 migrant workers have died in Qatar in the decade after it was selected to host the World Cup that begins Sunday. U.S. prosecutors revealed in 2020 that large sums of money were paid to FIFA executives to vote for

Russia (2018) and Qatar to host the world's biggest sporting event. Last week, Qatar FIFA World Cup ambassador Khalid Salman, who scored for his country at the 1984 Summer Olympics, called homosexuality as a "damage in the mind." And then, of course, there was the reversal Friday to ban beer sales at stadiums. Sorry, Budweiser.

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LPGA purses will top \$100M in 2023, a record for tour

By Tim Reynolds
AP Sports Writer

NAPLES, Fla. (AP) — More than \$100 million will be awarded to LPGA players for the first time in 2023, an increase of about 18% over what was planned for this season and more than doubling what was paid out on the tour just a decade ago.

And in the eyes of LPGA Commissioner

Mollie Marcoux Samaan, that's a good start.

The LPGA's 33 official events next year will have a combined \$101.4 million in purses, the tour announced Friday while unveiling the schedule. But reaching nine digits in total purse for the first time hardly means that the tour has reached its target, Marcoux Samaan said.

"I think we're trying

to just grow as much as we can possibly grow," Marcoux Samaan said. "I think it is a milestone, not a target. I think it just symbolizes the next level of evolution for the tour. But I don't think we feel like we're done. We feel like there's much more investment to be had in the women's game and we're passionate about getting that."

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Lydia Ko, of New Zealand, watches her tee shot on the fifth hole during the first round of the LPGA Pelican Women's Championship golf tournament at Pelican Golf Club, Friday, Nov. 11, 2022, in Belleair, Fla. PHOTO BY PHELAN M. EBENHACK | AP PHOTO

Qatar bans sale of beer at World Cup stadiums in about-face



Ads for Budweiser are seen at a hotel hosting a major bar for the brewer in Doha, Qatar, Friday, Nov. 18, 2022. PHOTO BY JON GAMBRELL | AP PHOTO

By Graham Dunbar
AP Sports Writer

DOHA, Qatar (AP) — Qatar banned the sale of beer at World Cup stadiums on Friday, a sudden U-turn on the deal the conservative Muslim emirate made to secure the soccer tournament with only two days to go before the opening game.

The move was the latest sign of the tension of staging the event, which is not just a sports tournament but also a month-long party, in the autocratic country where the sale of alcohol is heavily restricted. It's also a significant blow to World Cup beer sponsor Budweiser and raised questions about how much control

FIFA retains over its tournament.

When Qatar launched its bid to host the World Cup, the country agreed to FIFA's requirements of selling alcohol in stadiums — but the details were only released in September, just 11 weeks before the first kickoff, suggesting how fraught the negotiations may have been. Friday's statement from FIFA said non-alcoholic beer will still be sold at the eight stadiums, while champagne, wine, whiskey and other alcohol will be served in the luxury hospitality areas of the arenas.

But the vast majority of ticket holders don't have access to those areas; they will be able to drink

alcoholic beer in the evenings in what is known as the FIFA Fan Festival, a designated party area that also offers live music and activities. Outside of the tournament-run areas, Qatar puts strict limits on the purchase and consumption of alcohol, though its sale has been permitted in hotel bars for years.

"Following discussions between host country authorities and FIFA, a decision has been made to focus the sale of alcoholic beverages on the FIFA Fan Festival, other fan destinations and licensed venues, removing sales points of beer from ... stadium perimeters," FIFA said in a statement.

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SPORTS CALENDAR

Saturday ON TAP
COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
 3 p.m. State Fair Community College vs. Moberly Area Community College (at Crowder)
HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL
 1 p.m. Lincoln at Monroe City
HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL
 4 p.m. Tipton vs Ozark (at Rolla)
ON AIR
AUTO RACING
 4:25 a.m. ESPN2 — Formula 1: Practice, Yas Marina Circuit, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
 7:55 a.m. ESPNEWS — Formula 1: Qualifying, Yas Marina Circuit, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)
 5 a.m. ESPN2 — Cent. Arkansas vs. Rider, Dublin
 Noon ESPNEWS — Hall of Fame Tip-Off: Saint Louis vs. Maryland, Semifinal, Uncasville, Conn.
 3 p.m. ESPNEWS — Hall of Fame Tip-Off: Miami vs. Providence, Semifinal, Uncasville, Conn.
 6 p.m. FS2 — The Citadel at Butler
COLLEGE CROSS-COUNTRY
 9 a.m. ESPN2 — NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Championships: From Stillwater, Okla.
COLLEGE FOOTBALL

10 a.m. ESPN2 — Navy at UCF
 11 a.m. ABC — Illinois at Michigan
 ACCN — Duke at Pittsburgh
 BTN — Indiana at Michigan St.
 CBSSN — UConn at Army
 ESPN — Wisconsin at Nebraska
 ESPNU — Yale at Harvard
 FOX — TCU at Baylor
 FS1 — Northwestern at Purdue
 SECN — Florida at Vanderbilt
 1 p.m. PAC-12N — Washington St. at Arizona
 1:15 p.m. ESPN2 — Oregon St. at Arizona
 1:30 p.m. NBC — Boston College at Notre Dame
 PEACOCK — Boston College at Notre Dame
 2:30 p.m. ABC — Ohio St. at Maryland
 ACCN — NC State at Louisville
 CBS — Georgia at Kentucky
 CBSSN — Akron at Buffalo
 ESPN — Miami at Clemson
 FS1 — Texas at Kansas
 NFLN — S. Alabama at Southern Miss.
 3 p.m. ESPN2 — Cincinnati at Temple
 FOX — Iowa at Minnesota
 SECN — W. Kentucky at Auburn
 4:30 p.m. ESPN2 — Georgia Tech at North Carolina
 PAC-12N — Stanford at California
 6 p.m. CBSSN — Boise St. at Wyoming
 ESPN — Tennessee at South Carolina
 FS1 — Texas Tech at Iowa St.
 6:30 p.m. ABC — Oklahoma St. at Oklahoma
 ESPNU — New Mexico St. at Missouri
 SECN — Mississippi at Arkansas
 7 p.m. ACCN — Syracuse at Wake Forest
 FOX — Southern Cal at UCLA
 8 p.m. ESPN2 — UAB at LSU
 FS2 — Colorado St. at Air Force
 PAC-12N — Colorado at Washington
 8:45 p.m. FS1 — San Jose St. at Utah St.
 9:30 p.m. CBSSN — Fresno St. at Nevada
 ESPN — Utah at Oregon
 10 p.m. ESPN2 — Bethune-Cookman vs. Florida A&M, Orlando (Taped)
COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL (WOMEN'S)
 7 p.m. BTN — Wisconsin at Penn St.
GOLF
 Noon GOLF — PGA Tour: The RSM Classic, Third Round, Sea Island Golf Club, Saint Simons Island, Ga.
 3 p.m. GOLF — LPGA Tour: The CME Group Tour Championship, Third Round, Tiburon Golf Club - Gold Course,

Naples, Fla.
 12:30 a.m. (Sunday) GOLF — DP World Tour: The DP World Tour Championship, Final Round, Jumeirah Golf Estates - Earth Course, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
HORSE RACING
 10:30 a.m. FS2 — NYRA: America's Day at the Races
NBA BASKETBALL
 6:30 p.m. NBATV — Minnesota at Philadelphia
 9 p.m. NBATV — Utah at Portland
NHL HOCKEY
 Noon NHLN — New Jersey at Ottawa
 3 p.m. NHLN — Calgary at Florida
 6 p.m. NHLN — Chicago at Boston
SOCCER (WOMEN'S)
 8:55 a.m. CBSSN — FASL: Manchester City at Everton
TENNIS
 4:30 a.m. TENNIS — ATP Finals Doubles Semifinal
 5 a.m. TENNIS — ATP Finals Doubles Semifinal
 7 a.m. TENNIS — ATP Finals Singles Semifinal
 11:30 a.m. TENNIS — ATP Finals Doubles Semifinal
 2 p.m. TENNIS — ATP Finals Singles Semifinal
Sunday ON TAP
COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL
 7 p.m. SEMO Prep at State Fair Community College
ON AIR
AUTO RACING
 5:55 a.m. ESPN2 — Formula 1: The Etihad Airways Abu Dhabi Grand Prix, Yas Marina Circuit, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
 12:30 p.m. CNBC — FIM World Superbikes: Round 12, Victoria, Australia (Taped)
CFL FOOTBALL
 5:30 p.m. ESPN2 — The Grey Cup: Toronto vs. Winnipeg, Championship, Regina, Saskatchewan
COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)
 9:30 a.m. ESPNEWS — Charleston Classic: TBD, Seventh-Place Game, Charleston, S.C.
 8:30 p.m. ESPN — Houston at Oregon

ESPNU — Myrtle Beach Invitational: TBD, Third-Place Game, Conway, S.C.
 11 a.m. ACCN — James Madison at North Carolina
 CBSSN — Jersey Mike's Classic: TBD, Third-Place Game, Montego Bay, Jamaica
 Noon ESPN — Hall of Fame Tip-Off: TBD, Championship Uncasville, Conn.
 ESPNU — Myrtle Beach Invitational: TBD, Championship, Conway, S.C.
 ESPNEWS — Charleston Classic: TBD, Third-Place Game, Charleston, S.C.
 FS1 — Wagner at Seton Hall
 2:30 p.m. BTN — Ark.-Pine Bluff at Nebraska
 ESPN2 — Charleston Classic: TBD, Championship, Charleston, S.C.
 ESPNU — Hall of Fame Tip-Off: TBD, Third-Place Game, Uncasville, Conn.
 3:30 p.m. CBSSN — Baha Mar Hoops Bahamas: TBD, Third-Place Game, Nassau, Bahamas
 4 p.m. FS1 — Delaware St. at UConn
 4:30 p.m. BTN — Miami (Ohio) vs. Indiana, Indianapolis
 ESPN — Continental Tire Main Event: TBD, Third-Place Game, Las Vegas
 5 p.m. ESPN2 — Charleston Classic: TBD, Fifth-Place Game, Charleston, S.C.
 6 p.m. CBSSN — Baha Mar Hoops Bahamas: TBD, Championship, Nassau, Bahamas
 ESPNEWS — Myrtle Beach Invitational: TBD, Fifth-Place Game, Conway, S.C.
 6:30 p.m. BTN — Ohio at Michigan
 ESPN — Kentucky vs. Gonzaga, Spokane, Wash.
 8:30 p.m. ESPN — Houston at Oregon

COLLEGE BASKETBALL (WOMEN'S)
 Noon FS1 — NC State at UConn
 1 p.m. ACCN — Georgia at Georgia Tech
 2 p.m. ABC — South Carolina at Stanford
 3 p.m. ACCN — Ball St. at Notre Dame
 7 p.m. PAC-12N — Idaho St. at Washington
COLLEGE FIELD HOCKEY
 12:30 p.m. ESPNU — NCAA Tournament: TBD, Championship, Storrs, Conn.
COLLEGE FOOTBALL
 11:30 a.m. ESPN2 — FCS Football Selection Show
COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL (WOMEN'S)
 11 a.m. SECN — Mississippi St. at Tennessee
 Noon BTN — Purdue at Nebraska
 1 p.m. SECN — Kentucky at Florida
 2 p.m. PAC-12N — Southern Cal at Oregon
 3 p.m. SECN — Texas A&M at Missouri
 7:30 p.m. ESPNU — Mid-Eastern Athletic Tournament: TBD, Championship, Dover, Del.
 9:30 p.m. ESPNU — Southwestern Athletic Tournament: TBD, Championship, Houston (Taped)
FIGURE SKATING
 3 p.m. NBC — ISU: The Grand Prix Figure Skating, Sapporo, Japan (Taped)
FIH HOCKEY (WOMEN'S)
 6 p.m. NHLN — Rivalry Series: U.S. vs. Canada, Seattle
GOLF
 Noon GOLF — PGA Tour: The RSM Classic, Final Round, Sea Island Golf Club, Saint Simons Island, Ga.
 NBC — LPGA Tour: The CME Group Tour Championship, Final Round, Tiburon Golf Club - Gold Course, Naples, Fla.
HORSE RACING
 11 a.m. FS2 — NYRA: America's Day at the Races
NBA G-LEAGUE BASKETBALL
 2 p.m. NBATV — Delaware at Maine
NFL FOOTBALL
 Noon CBS — Regional Coverage: Cleveland at Buffalo, Philadelphia at Indianapolis, NY Jets at New England
 FOX — Regional Coverage: Chicago at Atlanta, LA Rams at New Orleans, Detroit at NY Giants, Carolina at Baltimore, Washington at Houston
 3:05 p.m. FOX — Regional Coverage: Las Vegas at Denver
 3:25 p.m. CBS — Regional Coverage: Dallas at Minnesota, Cincinnati at Pittsburgh
 7:15 p.m. NBC — Kansas City at LA Chargers
SOCCER (MEN'S)
 10 a.m. FS1 — FIFA World Cup Group Stage: Qatar vs. Ecuador, Group A, Al Khor, Qatar
TENNIS
 7:30 a.m. TENNIS — ATP Finals Doubles Final
 10 a.m. TENNIS — ATP Finals Singles Final

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HOROSCOPES

By Georgia Nicols

Moon Alert: Avoid shopping or making important decisions from 3:30 a.m. to 6 a.m. EST today (12:30 a.m. to 3 a.m. PST). After that, the Moon moves from Virgo into Libra.

Happy Birthday for Saturday, Nov. 19, 2022:

You are a natural leader. You are confident, friendly and very much an independent thinker. You exude strength, and you have opinions. This year is the end of a nine-year cycle for you, which means it is appropriate to let go of people, places and things that are holding you back from your positive future.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★ Avoid hasty decisions today. Don't jump into a situation without thinking, because you might be confused. If you are confused, acknowledge it. The wiser move would be to hesitate. (Did you know that the origin of the word "scruples" meant "to hesitate"?) Tonight: Cooperate.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★ Tread carefully when dealing with financial matters today, because things might not unfold as you expect. A friend or a member of a group might not be completely honest or open with their information. Postpone important financial expenditures. Tonight: Work.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★ Today Mars is in your sign; however, today it is at odds with fuzzy Neptune. This has the effect of taking the wind out of your sails. You might feel discouraged about something. You might doubt your ability to do something. Actually, this is the perfect day to take a nap. Tonight: Enjoy fun times.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★ This is a classic day to have second doubts about something. You might doubt a situation; you might doubt another person; you might doubt yourself. If you feel somewhat paralyzed and unable to act, listen to this. Be smart and do nothing. Tonight: Home and family.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★ If you have second thoughts about leading a group of people today or urging someone to do something, listen to that little voice on your shoulder. You might want to rethink things. Alternatively, if someone suggests something to you that makes you feel hesitant, again, listen to that voice on your shoulder. Tonight: Share ideas.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★ Today you might question someone's leadership, or question the instructions of a parent, boss, teacher or a member of the police. Obviously, you don't want to get into hot water, but it might be foolish to follow directions that are questionable. It's a tough call. Tonight: Earnings and cash flow.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ When it comes to travel plans or ideas related to publishing, the media, medicine or something to do with legal matters, postpone actions if you can today. That is because today things are in a state of flux, with too much confusion and a lack of direction. Tonight: Ask for what you want.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★ Postpone important decisions about shared property, taxes, inheritances and insurance issues today, because things are unclear. Furthermore, you are not in a position to defend yourself as well as you might be able to on other days. Timing is everything. Tonight: Enjoy solitude.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★ Today you have to cut others some slack, especially partners and close friends, because things are confusing, and this confusion can make you judgmental. You might accuse someone of letting the team down or accuse them of something different. Be forgiving. Tonight: Talk to a friend.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★ Don't be hard on yourself if you feel confused about doing whatever you're doing. You might work in fits and starts. Or you might feel too lazy to tackle anything. This is because the energy for everyone today is sluggish. Tonight: You're high-viz.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★ If you're involved in sports or dealing with kids, your energy will be flagging. You might feel confused about what is expected of you. This is what's happening; it's not your fault. Get as much done as you can, but go gently. Tonight: Explore!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★ This is a poor day to shove the furniture around or make big decisions. Lower your expectations. Don't try to do too much, because you don't have the juice for it. Furthermore, family discussions will be a bit lame. It's a poor day for important actions. Tonight: Check your finances.

BORN TODAY

Actor Adam Driver (1983), actress Jodie Foster (1962), actress Allison Janney (1959)



Alabama coach Nick Saban reacts to a call during the second half of the team's NCAA college football game against LSU in Baton Rouge, La., Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022. LSU won 32-31 in overtime.

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Enjoy a couple of months without Bama and Nick Saban

By Paul Newberry

AP Sports Columnist

The Alabama Crimson Tide will play a football game Saturday that means ... well, absolutely nothing.

Not being cruel. It's just the way things work in Tuscaloosa.

The Southeastern Conference championship is out of reach. All hope of claiming a spot in the College Football Playoff is gone. Which means there's no chance of Bama winning its seventh national title since Nick Saban arrived 15 years ago.

Which means, of course, that the season is effectively over for the Tide.

Just how momentous of an occasion is this for the greatest dynasty in college football history?

One must go all the way back to Nov. 13, 2010, for the last time Alabama played a regular-season game sans impact on the national championship race.

Since that day more than a dozen years ago, the Tide has hoarded five national titles, finished as the runner-up three other times, and lost in the semifinals the first year of the playoff. The other two seasons, Bama was eliminated from the title race by gut-wrenching defeats at the hands of rival Auburn in the regular-season finale.

With two losses — gasp! — already this season, Alabama will trot on the field at Bryant-Denny Stadium for an expected beatdown of Austin Peay, relying on motivational goals that are generally reserved for the common folks.

Things like pride and a better bowl bid.

"We've still got goals we'd like to reach," linebacker Jalen Moody insisted, without naming them. "We've got to go out there and prepare every day so we can go out the way we came in. We can't win a championship now, but we've still got to finish the right way."

Alabama's elimination is good news for the rest of the nation, which had grown weary of spending most every January watching Saban's behemoth win, or at least contend, for championships.

Then again, it seems a good time to add some perspective to just what an amazing run this has been for the Tide:

—The last time Alabama played a meaningless regular-season game, Saban's coaching colleagues in the SEC were Steve Spurrier, Urban Meyer, Mark Richt, Gene Chizik, Les Miles, Bobby Petrino, Houston Nutt, Dan Mullen, Joker Phillips, Derek Dooley and Robbie Caldwell. No need to mention the Texas A&M and Missouri coaches; those schools were still two seasons away from joining the SEC.

—The last time Alabama played a meaningless regular-season game, Barack Obama was approaching the midway point of his first term and less than two weeks removed from a huge Democratic defeat in the midterm elections.

—The last time Alabama played a meaningless regular-season game, the Miami Heat's "Big Three" — LeBron James, Dwyane Wade and Chris

Bosh — were off to a sluggish 5-4 start in their first season together.

—The last time Alabama played a meaningless regular-season game, people still used BlackBerry phones, hailed a cab when they needed a ride, read a newspaper to figure out what was going on in the world, and shopped at places known as malls.

—The last time Alabama played a meaningless regular-season game, Tom Brady was a mere child of 33 and the Buffalo Bills were 0-8 at the midway point of the NFL season.

—The last time Alabama played a meaningless regular-season game, Ke\$ha had the No. 1 song in the land with "We R Who We R" and "Mega-mind" was the top-grossing movie.

—The last time Alabama played a meaningless regular-season game, Donald Trump was hosting "The Apprentice" and most of us had never heard of Elon Musk.

Some are wondering — hoping might be a better word — that this slight dip of a season is a sign that Saban's grip on the game is loosening.

He just turned 71. Nothing lasts forever.

Sorry, that's just wishful thinking. While undoubtedly a disappointing season by Alabama's standards, the two defeats came on a last-second field goal at Tennessee and a 2-point conversion at LSU in overtime.

The Tide is just four points away from being undefeated and right back in the thick of things. Come 2023, there's no reason to think the school won't be one

of the leading title contenders again.

For now, Alabama still has next week's regular-season finale — the Iron Bowl against Auburn — to stir its competitive fire.

Depending on how things shake out, the Tide could end up in a major bowl, though it's hard to envision future NFLers like quarterback Bryce Young and linebacker Will Anderson risking injury to play in a postseason game that doesn't really matter.

These days, Saban sounds more like a motivational speaker than a football coach. He figures the last few games, as hollow as they truly are, will go a long way toward establishing if this is just a blip in his dynasty or the first indication of a more significant decline.

"You know, we talk a lot about culture, we talk a lot about identity, but really what makes you sort of motivated — what creates an identity for all of us? We all strive for self-respect, but how do we go about doing it?" Saban mused this week.

"Playing this game for what we want to accomplish, what we want to do, re-establish the identity that we want in Alabama football," he went on. "That's what we're gonna try to finish and do, and it'll be interesting to see how players choose to do that."

Never bet against Nick Saban.

Just enjoy this rare chance to spend the next couple of months without him.

AP Sports Writer John Zener in Montgomery, Alabama contributed to this report.

Spain overtakes USA for No. 1 spot in FIBA men's rankings

By Tim Reynolds

AP Basketball Writer

For the first time in 12 years, USA Basketball is not atop the world men's rankings.

FIBA, the sport's governing body, updated its rankings on Friday — and Spain moved into the top spot, a sliver ahead of the U.S.

The four-time defending Olympic champion Americans moved into the top spot after winning the FIBA world championship in 2010, and had been there since.

"It's not exactly a new

title and it probably can't be maintained for too long, but it's something so unique, prestigious and historic that I feel tremendously proud of everyone who ... have contributed to it," Spain coach Sergio Scariolo wrote Friday on Twitter.

FIBA's rankings were changed in 2017 to a system that only takes results from the most recent eight years into account. That means the U.S. is no longer reaping the benefits of the 2014 World Cup title, but still is seeing the Olympic gold medals won at Rio de Janeiro and Tokyo factor-

ing into the rankings. The U.S. was only seventh at the 2019 World Cup.

Spain won the last World Cup, plus the EuroBasket title earlier this year. The EuroBasket win was Spain's fourth in its last six appearances at the continental championship, all of those wins coming under Scariolo.

Spain is just 1.1 points ahead of the U.S. men now; the margin is 758.6-757.5.

The next 10 spots in the world rankings were unchanged. Australia is third, Argentina — which was No. 1 before the U.S. took that spot in 2010 — is

fourth, followed by France, Serbia, Slovenia, Lithuania, Greece, Italy, Germany and the Czech Republic.

The U.S. is still ranked No. 1 in women's basketball by a nearly 200-point margin over China. The Americans rolled to a gold at the women's World Cup this year, further cementing their spot atop the list.

USA Basketball also holds comfortable leads atop the worldwide boys and girls rankings.

FIBA's most recent rankings include the men's national teams from 164 countries, as well as 118 women's national teams.

Ban

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Several soccer fans took the decision in stride, with some noting that they knew the rules would be different in Qatar.

"We're not here to drink beer," said Adel Abou Hana, a fan from the United States. "We're here to watch the world-class soccer."

But Federico Ferraz lamented that the decision came on such short notice. "I think it's a bit bad because for me, beer and football go hand in hand," said Ferraz, who was visiting from Portugal.

As the news broke, Budweiser's Twitter account tweeted: "Well, this is awkward..." without elaborating. The tweet was later deleted.

Ab InBev, the parent company of Budweiser, acknowledged in a statement that some of its plans "cannot move forward due to circumstances beyond our control."

The company pays tens of millions of dollars at each World Cup for exclusive rights to sell beer and has already shipped the majority of its stock from Britain to Qatar in expectation of selling its product to millions of fans. While the actual sales at the tournament might not be a significant percentage of the massive company's revenues, the World Cup nonetheless represents a major branding opportunity.

The company's partnership with FIFA started at the 1986 tournament, and they are in negotiations for renewing their deal for the next World Cup in North America.

Ronan Evain, the executive director of the fan group Football Supporters Europe, called the decision to ban beer sales at the stadiums in Qatar "extremely worrying."

"For many fans, whether they don't drink alcohol or are used to dry stadium policies at home, this is a detail. It won't change their tournament," Evain wrote on Twitter. "But with 48 (hours) to go, we've clearly entered a dangerous territory — where 'assurances' don't matter anymore."

Qatar, which is governed by a hereditary emir who has absolute say over all government

tal decisions, follows an ultraconservative form of Islam known as Wahhabism like neighboring Saudi Arabia. In recent years, Qatar has transformed into an ultra-modern hub following a natural gas boom in the 1990s, but it has faced pressure from within to stay true to its Islamic heritage and Bedouin roots.

Islam forbids the consumption of alcohol, and several Muslim residents of Qatar cheered the decision on Friday, noting that visitors should respect the country's customs. In the runup to the World Cup, rights groups have raised concerns about how the nation will host millions of foreign fans, some of whom might violate Islamic laws criminalizing public drunkenness, sex outside of marriage and homosexuality.

Qatar's government and its Supreme Committee for Delivery and Legacy did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

Friday's was not Qatar's first back-track — but it was the most significant. Last weekend, AB InBev was left surprised by a new policy insisted on by Qatari organizers to move beer stalls to less visible locations within the stadium compounds.

And Qatar also changed the date of the opening match only weeks before the World Cup began.

Previous World Cup hosts have been asked to make concessions. For the 2014 tournament, Brazil was forced to change a law to allow alcohol sales in stadiums — but the same cultural issues were not at play.

AB InBev's deal with FIFA was renewed in 2011 — after Qatar was picked as host. However, the Belgium-based brewer has faced uncertainty in recent months on the exact details of where it can serve and sell beer in Qatar. And some have balked at the price, which was confirmed at \$14 for a beer.

At the W Hotel in Doha — where the company will be based — workers continued putting together a Budweiser-themed bar planned at the site. Its familiar AB logo was plastered on columns and walls at the hotel, with one reading: "The World Is Yours To Take."

For Miami's Jim Larrañaga, a milestone 700th win awaits

By Tim Reynolds
AP Basketball Writer

CORAL GABLES, Fla. (AP) — It's almost like Miami coach Jim Larrañaga wrote the script. A game against his alma mater, one win away from a milestone few have reached.

That's the scenario on Saturday.

Larrañaga and Miami take on Providence in the opening round of the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame Tip-Off Tournament in Uncasville, Connecticut — with the Hurricanes' coach, and 1971 Providence graduate, entering with 699 career wins.

"People talk about milestones," Larrañaga said. "I've been at this a long time. I enjoy the coaching. If I get to my 700th win, I'm hoping it will be this season. I hope I don't have to coach another year to get to it. Only got one more to get; I'm assuming I'll get there at some point. But quite honestly, it's more about this team trying to play its best basketball on Saturday at 4 o'clock against a very fine opponent."

When Larrañaga — who is in season No. 39 as a head coach — gets there, he will become the 34th Division I men's coach with 700 wins on his official NCAA resume, and the ninth active coach on that list. Iona's Rick Pitino likely will be next; he needs 15 more to officially reach 700.

At 73, Larrañaga shows no signs of slowing down. Miami won 26 games last season and reached the Elite Eight, falling there to eventual national champion Kansas, in Larrañaga's deepest postseason run since taking George Mason to the Final Four in 2006. This season's Miami team has opened with three double-digit wins, and a win over Providence would move the Hurricanes to 4-0 for the first time in the last four years.

"Coach L, obviously, he's been doing this for many years," Miami guard Bensley Joseph said. "I feel like it's just instilled in his mind, what he preaches, what he wants from us players and his message to us is very on-point, very understandable. However many years Coach L goes, he just doesn't want to stop. Basketball is instilled in his mind. He loves the game. He loves us players. He wants us to be great at life and on the court."

Larrañaga's career started when he was 27, hired at Division II American International. He won his first game, 84-66 over UMass-Boston.

The game has changed quite a bit since then. Larrañaga hasn't.

Guests at practice are greeted with handshakes from every player. Practices begin with some inspirational words, not always said by Larrañaga either. The tenets of Miami basketball — "the

10 habits," he calls them — are repeated. It sets a tone, and the Hurricanes get to work.

"We do it every day," Joseph said. "Coach L is like a teacher to us. I love learning from him."

Turns out, Larrañaga has been that way from the beginning.

Major Jennings is the principal at Buzz Aldrin Middle School in Montclair, New Jersey. He was a longtime high school basketball and volleyball coach, and some of the lessons he taught those teams were ones he learned from Larrañaga — his coach at American International. Jennings led Larrañaga's first team in scoring. "You could tell he knew the game," Jennings said. "He wasn't a yeller. He was more of an instructor. He's a great teacher. He always had a detailed report on the opposition, their strengths, their weaknesses, what we had to do to be successful."

When Larrañaga went to the Final Four in 2006, Jennings had to go as well to show his respect.

"It really means so much to see a really good guy starting his coaching days at the Division II level and working his way up," Jennings said. "He always aspired to get better, to be better and to be a part of his legacy in a really small way from a small school in New England makes me feel tremendously blessed."

Larrañaga still ranks among Providence's career scoring leaders. The short shorts, replete with metal belt buckle, of that era send his grandchildren into hysterics when they see the photographs. But his game was no joke; he had a 20-point, 15-assist, 12-rebound triple-double when he was there, though some of the details of that game escaped him until reminded about it this week.

He's also 0-2 against Providence (3-0) as a coach. Those losses have not been forgotten.

Larrañaga's first time coaching against Providence was in the championship game of the 1989 Fleet Basketball Classic. The other was a match-up in the 2014 Brooklyn Hoops Holiday Invitational.

The first one, Larrañaga and Bowling Green led by 10 with 6 1/2 minutes left, only to get outscored 15-3 the rest of the way and lose 81-79. The other, Miami fell apart in the second half and lost 76-62.

But weirdly, had either of those games gone Larrañaga's way, he wouldn't have had the chance that now awaits. He'd have No. 700 already.

"I think beating Providence anytime in basketball is a big accomplishment," Larrañaga said. "But it's not about my wins. It's about this year's team."

Lead

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Cairer's special talent showed in his numbers. He finished this year with 59 goals, and easily surpassed the Tigers' previous program record of 86 career goals — he broke it early in the year against La Monte — finishing with a total of 137.

"He's hungry to win, always wants to improve

himself and the team, just gives it his all," Tigers head coach Sean Hutchinson said.

Eisenbarth concluded with four goals and eight assists, and Hutchinson credited his other senior with his performance at center defensive midfield, a new position for him in 2022.

Also recognized from Smithton were juniors Hayden Grose (six goals, team-high 21 assists) and defender Brock Huffman (one goal, two assists).

Stover earned three first-team nods, including the late sophomore Caleb Broderson. Juniors Cody Mosher and Jae Monroe were the other pair, while Bulldogs head coach Chris Witte was named Kaysinger Coach of the Year. They ended the year with a record of 10-12.

Like Stover, Green Ridge also posted a trio of its players. Along with talisman Kamryn Hoos, a senior, the Tigers got in junior Weston Crawford and sophomore

Mateo Rivas.

Cole Camp had two picks in senior Christian Abey and junior Issac Vo-Smith, while La Monte's Erick Arroyo, a senior, was also a first-team selection.

Honorable Mentions included Cole Camp senior Diego Hernandez, Green Ridge senior Logan Dove, La Monte freshman Carter Breshears, Sacred Heart sophomore Josh Pacheco, Smithton junior Luke Pyle, and Stover junior Elijah Judd.

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Cup

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There are so many abnormalities with the 22nd FIFA World Cup, where the United States makes its return after inexplicably missing out on Russia 2018, that inevitably are real factors when it comes around to the talk of what will happen on the field leading up to the final on December 18.

WINTERFUL WORLD

As pointed out in the new Netflix documentary "FIFA Uncovered," reports on the viability of a World Cup to be held in Qatar during the summer were not favorable, but that didn't stop the country of less than three million from being awarded this year's event. What wasn't known at the time was that it would become the first of its kind to take place in the winter.

Because the club soccer season ends in late May, typically three-to-four weeks before the start of the World Cup, that period usually grants time for all but the most severe injuries to heal for players.

This year, players who have suffered significant damage will be joined on the sideline by those who have escaped such an injury, but whose knocks are enough to keep them out of the World Cup, which has been pitted directly in the middle of the club season. Senegal's Sadio Mane is one such casualty. Fixtures across Europe's biggest leagues have been congested with the hiatus, and most teams played games up until last weekend.

Two of the favorites have been hit hardest by the injury bug in the event's lead-up. Reigning champion France will be without both of its holding midfielders that started in the 2018 World Cup Final, N'Golo Kante and Paul Pogba. The 2020 European Championship runner-up England will miss left back Ben Chilwell and right back Reece James, arguably the best the Three Lions

have at their respective spots.

AMERICA'S YOUTH

The United States Men's National Team, and the program as a whole, is quite different since its catastrophic failure to qualify in 2018, breaking a seven-Cup streak.

At the time, the viral rants and disappointment surrounding that failure overshadowed the fact that Major League Soccer academies were beginning to develop some of the products who will take the field for the US in Qatar. That's represented in the statistics, as America looks to have the youngest roster of all 32 teams. This US team is the second-youngest at the tournament, which means that a number of players will be in their prime for not just this World Cup, but the one the country will host in 2026.

Christian Pulisic, relegated to playing a substitute role much of this season for Chelsea, remains the biggest star for the USMNT, but he could become a true American household name with a strong showing. Still just 20, Gio Reyna (Borussia Dortmund) has the kind of dribbling skill-set typically reserved for players of the favored nations. Midfielder Brenden Aaronson, 22, has been starting regularly in his first Premier League season with Leeds United. Yunus Musah, who turns just 20 on Saturday, is being courted by major European clubs and will be an engine in the midfield. Goalscoring could come from the 22-year-old pair of Timothy Weah, whose Liberian father George won the Ballon d'Or Award, or Josh Sargent, an O'Fallon native.

On Monday, the USMNT opens against Wales, then faces England on Black Friday before the final group stage game on Nov. 29 against another nation it shares a political history with, Iran. Expect both Wales and Iran to sit back and wait for the Americans to advance deep, each hoping to

counterattack. It will likely take at least a win and a draw from the first and third games for a chance to advance to the knockout rounds.

OLD GOATS, NEW GREATS

Argentina's Lionel Messi, winner of a record seven Ballon d'Or awards, has already said this will be his fifth and final World Cup at 35. Five-time winner Cristiano Ronaldo has refused to say whether this World Cup, also his fifth, will be his last for Portugal, but at the same age as Messi, this should be the final one where the best of their generation will still be close to the peak of their powers.

Neither, though, has won a World Cup like Diego Maradona (Argentina) or Pele (Brazil), the players frequently brought up in the conversation for greatest all-time. Winning in Qatar would change all of that. Both Argentina and Portugal are favored to make it to at least the quarterfinals, but wouldn't meet until the final if each were to make it that far.

Several younger stars will be in their way, including several of Messi's teammates at Paris Saint-Germain. Winger Neymar is having one of his best seasons in years and is a reason why Brazil (+400) is the odds-on favorite. Behind Argentina, France (+650) is next thanks in part to 23-year-old forward Kylian Mbappe, the closest thing to the sport's heir after Messi and Ronaldo are through.

As potential breakout stars go, Netherlands should go into the knockout rounds and has a starlet in fast, lanky attacker Cody Gakpo (PSV), who fancies himself in the mold of a Thierry Henry. For as many knowns as Argentina has, relatively unknown 21-year-old midfielder Enzo Fernández (Benfica) could be key to linking his team's attack. There's also Gavi and Pedri, Spain midfielders, and 17-year-old German attacker Youssoufa Moukoko (Borussia Dortmund).

Tour

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World No. 1 Nelly Korda called the \$100 million milestone "amazing."

"Women's golf is really trending in a great direction," Korda said. "I think every year we see a lot of positives come from it. I would say when we're given the stage we prove that we're exciting and we're fun to watch. ... Sponsors can see it and they're really backing us and we're really grateful."

The schedule has events in 11 states and 12 countries. It has two tournaments — if they happen — in China. The LPGA has not played there since October 2019, canceling each of its last five planned events in China after the coronavirus pandemic.

For now, there's some hope about getting back to China.

"I think we're just still waiting to hear and we told the players that we'll keep them posted, but we have the contract and it's on the schedule, and we'll let them know as that evolves," Marcoux Samaan said.

The five women's golf majors account for \$37.9 million of the planned purses, led by \$10 million set to be paid out at the U.S. Women's Open at Pebble Beach next July. That tournament is immediately preceded on the schedule by the Women's PGA Champi-

onship at Baltrusol, a \$9 million event.

That's \$19 million to be paid out in a span of just two events, something that was unfathomable in women's golf just a few years ago.

The last four of the five majors occur in an eight-week, seven-tournament span.

"I think part of it is because we we are playing at some phenomenal golf courses and a bit of those decisions were based on availability at the golf courses and the ability to get in and play in these really important and iconic venues," Marcoux Samaan said. "So, I do think in the ideal load, those that would be spread out more."

Official purses for this season wound up reaching about \$93.5 million, mainly through increases to what was offered at the majors. The plan entering 2022 was for purses to be \$85.7 million.

For now, Saudi-funded LIV Golf — which will offer \$405 million in 14 men's events in 2023 — has not revealed any formal plans about trying to entice women's players, though CEO Greg Norman has mentioned the possibility. The LPGA hasn't had to worry about LIV, yet.

"A fractured golf environment is not good for anyone," Marcoux Samaan said. "It's my role as the commissioner, as a steward of this organization, my responsibility to really listen and learn and we are doing that and we'll continue to

do that. There's nothing new to report on it."

Every tournament on the LPGA's 2023 slate carries a purse of at least \$1.5 million, and there are only four with purses that small. There are 16 tournaments, excluding the majors, with purses of at least \$2 million, including seven of the final eight on the schedule.

After the Solheim Cup in Spain in late September, the LPGA will play eight consecutive weeks to finish its season in a bit of a frenzy. The first two stops are in Arkansas and Texas, then a four-tournament Asian swing through China, Korea, Taiwan and Japan, followed by the last two weeks in Florida — and capped again by the \$7 million CME Group Tour Championship in Naples, with \$2 million to the winner.

The \$2 million first-place prize matches what will be awarded to the winner this weekend in Naples, and is the biggest single check in women's golf.

"We're a global brand, a global organization with players from all over the world, being distributed all over the world," Marcoux Samaan said. "And we have an extremely fast-growing fan base where brands and partners can really grow their own business. So the commercial opportunity is really strong, intrinsic opportunities are really strong, and we're extremely bullish on where we're going."

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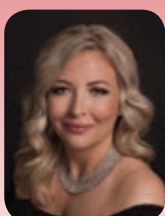
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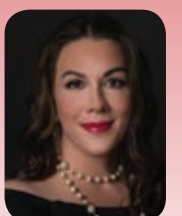
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A repeat ode to Thanksgiving and unconventional traditions

Editor's note: I was a little too tired (and unmotivated, if we're being honest) after eating a plate full of food during our office's annual potluck



Nicole Cooke
Democrat Editor

Thanksgiving lunch on Friday to come up with a good column, so here is a repeat from November 2021. Apparently, we've had pre-Thanksgiving snow two years in a row, and I will be spending my ninth Thanksgiving without my family this year, but for the first time, my boyfriend and I will be hosting dinner at our house with his parents. And I can confirm that green bean casserole remains my favorite Thanksgiving side dish; I'm usually pretty open to a good debate on popular topics, but I don't think I'm budging on this one. Happy early Thanksgiving, Democrat readers!

I know there were some snow flurries this week and many people have already decorated their Christmas tree, but we still have another national holiday before the calendar turns to December: the sometimes forgotten Thanksgiving.

I've always loved Thanksgiving. I'm an amateur foodie, so I love a day centered around food. It's also a chance to focus solely on a good meal shared with loved ones. No stress about buying the perfect present or remembering if you bought enough stocking stuffers or if you're going to be a family with matching holiday pajamas. As someone who likes cooking, helping create a Thanksgiving feast isn't something I dread but rather something I enjoy.

Everyone has holiday traditions, and while some of mine have changed, others remain the same. Mine might be a little different than most, though.

This will be my ninth Thanksgiving while employed at the Democrat and my eighth not traveling to see family in the Kansas City area. I spent my first Thanksgiving as a gainfully employed reporter with my mom's entire family crammed into my aunt and uncle's home, as we did most years while I was growing up. Around midnight, I found out an explosion had happened near Hughesville, so I packed up my bags, whispered to my annoyed, confused and half-asleep parents that I had to leave for a breaking news story, and made my way back to Sedalia. I haven't been home for a Thanksgiving dinner since — someone has to put out the day-after-Thanksgiving edition of the Democrat.

Instead, my Sedalia friends, who have turned into family, have welcomed my boyfriend and me into their home for Thanksgiving. We become honorary family members for the day and always come prepared with a bottle or two of wine, my famous "Nicole's Salad," and a bouquet of flowers for the hostess. While my parents might disapprove of this statement, I've come to love my friend/family Thanksgiving each November. A new tradition.

The first year I was invited, it was a last-minute thing and all the traditional side dishes had been spoken for so my friend suggested I bring a salad. Not wanting to be the one to bring a dish that takes five minutes to throw into a bowl, I made a homemade vinaigrette, chopped up some freshly-fried bacon, and tossed it all together with sliced almonds, sliced red onion, dried cranberries and crumbled feta cheese. As a humble-brag, everyone raved about it, and I have been asked to bring it every year since. Another new tradition.

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On Thursday, Rose Anne Scrogin-Livengood, owner of Raven's Nest Antiques & Things in Windsor, holds a turkey created from a gourd by artist Betty Reed. The newly opened shop has 28 vendors and a wide assortment of gift items.

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Raven's Nest selling an assortment of gifts

Newly opened shop is ready for Christmas

By Faith Bemiss

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WINDSOR — A small shop in Windsor is ready for the holidays with an assortment of Christmas gifts and decorations, along with items from 28 Sedalia and Windsor vendors.

Rose Anne Scrogin-Livengood, the owner of Raven's Nest Antiques & Things, opened the shop March 18. She and her husband, Scooter Livengood, now live in Windsor but used to live in Sedalia.

"We moved over here in 2010," she noted. "And then we bought a house three years ago."

Scrogin-Livengood was a yearbook representative in Sedalia before retiring in February. Owning an antique and gift store was always something she wanted to do. She has over 40 years of sales experience. The store is nestled in a brick building that used to house Bambino's Pizza.

"I've always liked this building," she said. "I used to manage Schlomer Photog-



The Raven's Nest celebrated its Christmas Open House last Saturday. Owner Rose Anne Scrogin-Livengood said she has many holiday gift items and decorations for sale at the shop.

raphy in Sedalia, and we did all the seniors' pictures from Windsor. So, when this was Bambino's Pizza, we displayed pictures in here of the seniors."

The building is a perfect fit for the shop, and

Scrogin-Livengood said after Christmas, she plans to introduce a small tea room in the back of the shop. She will start simple and offer a sandwich and soup of the day. There will be no menu.

"I'm planning on having fresh pie and ice cream," she said. "The tea room will be open from 11 to 2."

Scrogin-Livengood said family and friends help her at the shop. The black raven painted on her front door was created by granddaughter Lyvia Halvorsen, a senior at Smith-Cotton High School. Lyvia also makes an assortment of earrings. Her daughter Misty Halvorsen also helps at the shop and refinishes and distressed furniture. Two vendors and a friend, Sharon Sammons, volunteer at the store.

"She is my godsend," Scrogin-Livengood said of Sammons. "I don't know what I'd do without her because

she's dependable — it's just beyond words."

As for the gifts at the Raven's Nest, it has a "little bit of everything," Scrogin-Livengood noted.

"It has antiques, flea market items (and) homemade crafts. I like to feature local artists."

Betty Reed, of Windsor, owner of 2nd Life Creations, makes creative pieces with dried gourds, such as birdhouses, colorful Thanksgiving turkeys, and small bowls. Sedalians Brea Handley and Angelia Chapin, with The Grounding Circle, have an assortment of teas, room sprays, dream pillows, and salves.

Jeree Vogt, of Windsor, makes wreaths, and Scrogin-Livengood noted during the Christmas Open House last Saturday many of her holiday wreaths sold. But Vogt planned to bring more into the shop on Thursday.

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Rose Anne Scrogin-Livengood, left, owner of the Raven's Nest, and her friend, Sharon Sammons, add batteries to lighted Christmas trees on Thursday. The tree will decorate the shop this holiday season.

CLUB NOTES

The Grow and Glow Garden Club FGCM

The Grow and Glow Garden Club FGCM met at 9:30 a.m. Nov. 15 at the Tipton United Methodist Church fellowship hall to plan activities and programs for the 2023 year.

Linda Dahl and Gay Nau furnished breakfast treats, coffee and tea for the group. Dahl, club president, conducted the yearbook planning session and following club meeting of the 14 members attending. A lunch break was taken at 12:30 p.m. for sandwiches and visiting.

The program for the club meeting was "Gardening After Fifty." A YouTube presentation, "Safe Gardening for Seniors," was viewed. It highlighted seven tips for seniors to make it easier and safer to get outside and enjoy their hobby for as long as possible. The Roll Call encouraged members to share gardening safety tips and describe their favorite gardening tool.

Linda Reid and grandchildren and Debbie Ellis-Harper will install the club's Christmas decorations at Tipton City Park. Dahl reported on the committee meeting, planning for the FGCM State Convention in 2024, attended by Kendra Johnson, Cynthia Brodersen and Dahl. The club will be responsible for the Hospitality Room at the convention. A report was related from Kathy Coffman stating her appreciation for the Lifetime Membership to the club. It was reported that Peggy Moon is doing well following surgery.

Possible ways of reducing costs of the club yearbooks were discussed. New individual pictures are to be taken at the December meeting for the yearbooks. Ellis-Harper and Johnson have agreed to construct the 2023 yearbook. Funds were approved for Powell Gardens, Springfield Botanical Garden, Missouri Prairie Foun-

ation, Disaster Fund, and Youth Essay and Poetry Fund.

It was decided to continue to have optional lunches at local restaurants before meetings in place of refreshments at the meetings. Vision of Beauty Calendars will be ordered by the treasurer, Reid. Ordering matching shirts to identify Grow and Glow members hosting the Spring District Meeting was discussed.

The Christmas lunch and gift exchange will be Dec. 13 at the Bee's Knees in Versailles. The possibility of giving an individual donation to a charity rather than exchanging gifts was discussed. It will be left up to each person to decide.

Sue Prestage will be responsible for the Price James floral arrangement in December.

Those interested in joining the gardening group may call 660-433-2366.

BRHC Auxiliary Board

The Bothwell Health Center Auxiliary Board met on Nov. 9 in the hospital board room with 11 members present.

President Karen Kay Taylor called the meeting to order. The October board minutes were read and approved. Virginia McAllister, treasurer, read the Treasurer's Report for October and it was also approved.

The total volunteer hours worked for October were 1,354 hours.

The following auxiliary members received their new volunteer hour pins in October: Steve Barnes, a 4,500-hour pin; Harry Buford, a 6,500-hour pin; Judy Naylor, a 700-hour pin; Shirley Scrape, a 2,000-hour pin; and Karen Kay Taylor, a 5,500-hour pin.

The Amazing Volunteer for November is Gerald Wolf. Wolf started volunteering in 2017. He volunteers in the Orthopedic Group and also helps with blood drives. Wolf has volunteered over 600 hours.

There is a large Santa Claus located in the

gift shop. The Auxiliary is selling raffle tickets for him. The cost of the raffle tickets is \$1 for one ticket and \$5 for six tickets.

Don't forget to get a yearly flu shot.

Dates to Remember: Nov. 17: Book Fair Mike Sale.

Nov. 24: Thanksgiving Day, all volunteer services are canceled.

Dec. 1: Sunrise Sale from 6 to 9 a.m. in the Gift Shop.

Dec. 6: Moonlight Madness Sale from 6 to 11 p.m. in the Gift Shop.

Dec. 13 and 14: blood drives.

The hospital visiting hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. The gift shop hours are from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, and from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. The Gift Shop will be closed on all holidays. If there are school closings due to inclement weather, the gift shop and other volunteer services will be canceled on these days.

Those interested in becoming an Auxiliary Volunteer can call Sara at 660-827-0343 for more information.

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MARRIAGE LICENSES

Pettis County Recorder of Deeds Barbara Clevenger recently issued marriage licenses to:

Lindsey Jade Young, 29, and Miles Christopher Curry, 32, both of Sedalia; Donald Wesley

Goff, 49, and Kristy Lea Currtner, 44, both of Sedalia;

Eric James Hayes, 37, and Nirel Hafit Morris, 36, both of Sedalia; Jacob Michael Moreland, 24, and Talia Corinne Hutchings, 22, both of Warrensburg;

Mathew Ross Wilson, 39, and Marissa Lindy McLaughlin, 36, of Sedalia;

Christopher Dylan Masterson, 28, and Danielle Louise Mefford, 28, both of Sedalia.

DIVORCES

These people were recently granted divorces in Pettis County Circuit Court: Juliet E. Barman and Anthony S. Barman

POPULAR BOOKS

Boonslick Regional Library Fiction

"The River of Silver: Tales from the Daevabad Trilogy," by S.A. Chakraborty.

"No Plan B: A Jack Reacher Novel," by Lee Child and Andrew Child.

"Thief of Fate," by Jude Deveraux and Tara Sheets.

"Our Missing Hearts," by Celeste Ng.

"Home Sweet Christmas," by Susan Mallery.

"The Twelve Long, Hard, Topsy-Turvy, Very Messy Days of Christmas," by James Patterson.

"Poster Girl," by Veronica Roth.

"Santa's Little Yelpers," by David Rosenfelt.

"Righteous Prey," by John Sandford.

"Signal Fires," by Dani Shapiro.

Nonfiction

"An American Martyr in Persia: The Epic Life and Tragic Death of

Howard Bakersville," by Reza Aslan.

"The Escape Artist: The Man Who Broke Out of Auschwitz to Warn the World," by Jonathan Freeland.

"Guinness World Records 2023," by Guinness World Records.

"You Should Sit Down for This: A Memoir About Wine, Life, and Cookies," by Tamera Mowry-Housely.

"The Revolutionary Samuel Adams," by Stacy Schiff.

NEW BOOKS

Sedalia Public Library Fiction

"Clive Cussler: The Sea Wolves," by Jack Du Brul (suspense).

"The Choice," by Nora Roberts (science fiction).

"Murder at Black Oaks," by Phillip Mar-

golin (mystery).

"A Christmas Memory," by Richard Paul Evans (fiction).

"The Magic Kingdom," by Russell Banks (fiction).

"Wayward," by Chuck Wendig (suspense).

"Gilded Mountain," by Kate Manning (his-

torical fiction).

"We Are the Light," by Matthew Quick (fiction).

Nonfiction

"The Light We Carry," by Michelle Obama (biography).

"Two Old Broads," by M.E. Hecht & Whoopi Goldberg (nonfiction).

BRL2GO SCHEDULE

Boonslick Regional Library Monday

9 to 11:45 a.m.:

Houstonia. 1:15 to 4 p.m.:

La Monte City Park.

Wednesday

9:30 a.m.: Boonville, Hartmann Village.

9:40 a.m.: Riverdale Care Center.

9:45 to noon: Boonville Walmart.

1:30 to 4 p.m.:

Lone Elm.

Friday

9 to 11:45 a.m.:

Brooking Park Village. 1:15 to 4 p.m.:

Otterville.

BIRTHDAYS

Steele

Judith Steele will observe her 74th birthday Nov. 19.

She was born Nov. 19, 1947, in Sedalia. Before retiring,

Judith was an office worker at Prudential Insurance. Her hobbies include traveling and volunteering at Bothwell Regional Health Center.

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

Happy hygge! Scrabble dictionary adds hundreds of words

By Leanne Italie
AP Entertainment Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Here's the sitch, Scrabble fans. Your convos around the board are about to get more interesting with about 500 new words and variations added to the game's official dictionary: stan, sitch, convo, zedonk, dox and fauxhawk among them.

Out this month, the additions in the seventh edition of "The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary" join more than 100,000 words of two to eight letters. The book was last updated in 2018 through a longstanding partnership between Hasbro and Merriam-Webster.

The new words include some trademarks gone generic — dumpster for one — some shorthand joy like guac, and a delicious display of more verb variations: tormented, torrenting, adulated, adulating, atted, atting (as in don't at me, bro).

"We also turned verb into a verb so you can play verbed and verbing," said Merriam-Webster's editor at large, Peter Sokolowski, a smile on his face and a word-nerd glitter in his eye

during an exclusive interview with The Associated Press.

Fauxhawk, a haircut similar to a Mohawk, is potentially the highest scoring newbie, he said. Embiggen, a verb meaning to increase in size, is among the unexpected. (Sample sentence: "I really need to embiggen that Scrabble dictionary.")

Compound words are on the rise in the book with deadname, pageview, fintech, allyship, babymoon and subtweet. So are the "uns," such as unfollow, unsub and unmute. They may sound familiar, but they were never Scrabble official, at least when it comes to the sainted game's branded dictionary.

Tournament play is a whole other matter, with a broader range of agreed-upon words.

Sokolowski and a team of editors at Merriam-Webster have mined the oft-freshened online database at Merriam-Webster.com to expand the Scrabble book. While the official rules of game play have always allowed the use of any dictionary that players sanction, many look to the official version when sitting

down for a spot of Scrabble. Some deluxe Scrabble sets include one of the books.

In the last year or two, the Scrabble lexicon has been scrubbed of 200-plus racial, ethnic and otherwise offensive words — despite their presence in some dictionaries. That has prompted furious debate among tournament players. Supporters of the clean-up called it long overdue. Others argued that the words, however heinous in definition, should remain playable so long as points are to be had.

Despite home play rules that never specifically banned offensive words, you won't find the notorious 200 in the Scrabble dictionary, with rare exceptions for those with other meanings.

The new Scrabble book includes at least one old-fashioned word that simply fell under the radar for years: yeehaw.

"Yeehaw is like so many of the older, informal terms. They were more spoken than written, and the gold standard for dictionary editing was always written evidence.

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

7 p.m.: Narcotics Anonymous Because We Care and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday; First Christian Church, 200 S. Limit Ave.

MONDAY

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

10 a.m.: Show-Me Mad Tatters, University Extension Office Conference Room, 1012A Thompson Blvd.

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

Noon: Sedalia Rotary Club, Best Western State Fair Inn, 3120 S. Limit Ave.

1 p.m.: Sorosis, a cultural & educational organization at The Heard Memorial Club House, 200 W. Broadway Blvd. Visitors are always welcome. Sorosis.TheHeardHouse@gmail.com.

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

5:30 p.m.: The Dream Factory meeting. Call 660-827-1561 for location.

6 p.m.: Altrusa International Inc., Sedalia, at the Katy Trail Community Health Center, community room, 821 Westwood Ave.

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

6 p.m.: Pettis County Democrat Club meets in the basement of Boonslick Regional Library, 219 W. Third St.

6 p.m.: Smithton Senior Citizens Group Pitch and Pool, Smithton Senior Center on Washington Street.

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

6:30 p.m.: Show Me Sound, Sweet Adelines International, in-person rehearsals at Wesley United Methodist Church basement, 1322 West Broadway Blvd. All women who like to sing are welcome. For more information, call 660-851-2205.

7 p.m.: Al Anon, at 417 W. Pettis. For more information, call 660-473-0855.

7 p.m.: Sedalia Chorale Rehearsal, rehearsal room 67 in the Stauffacher Center at State Fair Community College.

7 p.m.: Understanding

and Enjoying the Bible; Learn to Apply the Truth of God's Word to the Circumstances and Situations of Life, 120 E. Sixth St., 660-619-6167.

TUESDAY

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

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

8 a.m.: Central MO Business Builders (BNI), at Heckart Family Center, 903 S. Ohio Ave.

Noon: Flat Creek Family and Community Club, for luncheon. Call 660-827-0591 for location information.

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

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

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

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

Smith-Cotton Track.

7 p.m.: Co-Dependents Anonymous (CoDA) is a 12-step fellowship of men and women at First United Methodist Church Celebration Center, 1701 W. 32nd St.; for more information, call Barbara at 660-827-6522.

7 p.m.: Mozarkite Society of Lincoln Inc., Rock, Gem and Mineral Club, First Christian Church, 200 S. Limit Ave. Use southeast entrance; visitors are welcome.

7 p.m.: Women of the Moose, at the lodge, 119 Winchester Dr.

7:30 p.m.: Sedalia Chapter 57, Order of the Eastern Star, Masonic Temple, 601 W. Broadway Blvd.

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

Noon: Sedalia Lions Club, Heckart Community Center, 1800 W. Third St.

1 p.m.: Helen G. Steele Music Club meets with a program at the Heard Memorial Club House,

200 W. Broadway. Visitors are always welcome. Sorosis.TheHeardHouse@gmail.com.

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

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Noon: Pettis County Pachyderms, Best Western State Fair Inn, 3120 S. Limit Ave.

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

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

2 p.m.: Warsaw Cruisers 2 p.m., Cow Pattie's Restaurant, 604 W. Main St.

Tess Gunty, Imani Perry among National Book Awards winners

By Hillel Italie
AP National Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Tess Gunty's "The Rabbit Hutch," a sweeping debut novel set in a low-income housing community in Indiana, has won the National Book Award for fiction. The 30-year-old Gunty was among three writers nominated for their first published books.

The nonfiction prize went to Imani Perry's "South to America: A Journey Below the Mason-Dixon to Understand the Soul of a Nation" and Sabaa Tahir's "All My Rage" won for young people's literature. In poetry, John Keene was cited for "Punks: New and Selected Poems," while Argentine-Spanish language author Samanta Schweblin and translator Megan McDowell won for best work in translation for "Seven Empty Houses."

Wednesday night's winners each received \$10,000.

In her acceptance speech, Gunty cited comments made the day before by poetry nominee Sharon Olds about literature's essential role as a force for good and for courage. Gunty praised the fiction finalists, which also included Alejandro Varela's "The Town of Babylon" and Sarah Thankam Mathews' "All This Could Be Different," for bringing attention to those "neglected" and otherwise not visible.

"Attention is the most sacred resource we have," she said, calling books among the last places "where we spend the resource freely and need the most."

"I think kindness wins," she concluded. "That's the point of this evening."

History was on the minds of many of the award winners, whether honorary medalist Art Spiegelman's references to his parents surviving the Holocaust, Perry's

invocation of ancestors who had been "lashed," "charred," "roped" and "bullet-ridden" or Keene's elegy for "Black, gay, queer and trans writers" who died during the AIDS epidemic of the 1980s and 1990s.

A tearful Tahir cited her background as a Muslim and Pakistani-American and dedicated her prize to her "Muslim sisters" around the world who "fight for their lives, their autonomy, their bodies and their right to live and tell their own stories without fear."

Several speakers mentioned the current wave of book bannings and the threat to free expression. Spiegelman, whose Holocaust-themed cartoon book "Maus" has been pulled from shelves this year in Missouri and Tennessee, called some of his censors "shrewd marketers" because the controversy over his work boosted sales. He then wondered if some educators simply preferred a "kinder, gentler Holocaust."

The dinner benefit for the National Book Foundation, which presents the awards, also included an honorary prize for Tracie D. Hall, executive director of the American Library Association. Hall remembered childhood trips with her grandmother to the local library in the Watts section of Los Angeles, likening the building to a cathedral and benefactor that permitted her to borrow as many books as she and her grandmother could carry.

She then offered tribute to librarians now who "in resisting censorship efforts have sacrificed their jobs and their livelihood."

It was the first time since 2019 — before the pandemic — that the event was held in

person and hundreds, virtually all maskless, gathered at Cipriani Wall Street in downtown Manhattan. Author and "Top Chef" host Padma Lakshmi hosted the ceremony, which also featured taped introductions by Keanu Reeves, Alicia Keys and Jimmy Fallon for nominees in competitive categories.

Outside, striking HarperCollins workers handed out leaflets and buttons — Lakshmi and presenter Ibram X. Kendi were among those wearing union buttons — outlining their differences with the publisher over wages, diversity and union security among other issues. Some 250 entry level and mid-level employees at HarperCollins, the only major New York publisher with a union, began their strike last week. No new talks are currently scheduled.

Perry, a HarperCollins author, made no direct reference to the strike in her acceptance speech, but did cite those who "walk the picket line" as among her inspirations.

Words

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So a term like yeehaw, which we all know from our childhood and in movies and TV, was something you heard. You didn't read it that often," Sokolowski said.

Yeehaw, meet bae, inspo, vibed and vibing, all new additions to the Scrabble dictionary. Ixnay, which was already in the book, has been promoted to a verb, so ixnayed, ixnaying and ixnays are now allowed.

Welp, thingie, roid, skeezy, slushee and hygge (the Danish obsession with getting cozy) also made the cut. So did kharif, the Indian subcontinent's fall harvest.

The Merriam-Webster wordsmiths have added a slew of food-related words: iftar, horchata, kabocha, mofongo, zuke, zoodle, wagyu, queso and marg, for margarita, among them. Many Scrabble players couldn't care less about definitions — only points — but informatively:

Iftar is a meal taken by Muslims at sundown to break the daily fast during Rama-

dan. Mofongo is a traditional Puerto Rican dish made of fried or boiled plantains. Horchata is a sweet drink and kabocha is a winter squash.

Zonkey joins zedonk among new words using a Z, one of the highest scorers in Scrabble along with Q (each has a face value of 10 points). The difference between those two wacky-sounding animals, you ask? A zonkey is sired from a male zebra and a female donkey. The parentage of a zedonk is the other way around. Zedonk even has a playable variation: zedonk.

Zoomer, for a member of GenZ, is also new. Familiar with the Middle Eastern spice blend za'atar? A less common variant, zaatar, is now in the Scrabble dictionary. Words with apostrophes aren't allowed.

And there's more where all of that came from:

Oppo, jedi, adorbs, dox variant doxxed, eggcorn (a misheard slip of the ear), fin-tech, folx (inclusive alternative to folks), grawlix, hangry, matcha, onesie, spork, swole, unmalted, vaquita, vax and vaxxed were added.

Yes, jedi need not be

capitalized. Wondering what grawlix means? It's this: %!(asterisk)#, a series of typographical symbols used to replace words one doesn't want to write, usually those that got you into trouble as a kid.

Among other new eight-letter words, the kind that help players clear their seven-tile racks for 50 extra points: hogsbane, more commonly known as giant hogweed. Another: pranayam, a breath technique in yoga.

Sokolowski wouldn't reveal all 500 of the new words, challenging players to hunt them down on their own. Are your Scrabble senses scrambled, so to speak?

"All of these are words that have already been vetted and defined and added to the Merriam-Webster online dictionary, and now we've determined they're playable in Scrabble," Sokolowski said. "You've got some fun new words."

So which new entry is the word master's favorite? It's the one that sounds like the way acorn is pronounced.

"I like eggcorn," Sokolowski said, "because it's a word about words."

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The Raven's Nest also has gifts for canines, such as Bowser Beer for Dogs, a non-alcoholic beef drink, and Doggie Cigars, sausage treats.

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Gifts

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Candi Foster, also of Windsor, creates lace-embellished denim jackets for girls and women. Scrogin-Livengood also carries plants by Jessica (Funk) Sleeper, owner of The Funky Pot, of Sedalia.

A boutique area is filled with Keeper of the Light Candles, quilts, cookie stamps, purses, and Christmas items. T-shirts featuring Windsor High School, Christmas themes, and the television show "Yellowstone" are made locally by Jester Graphics of Windsor.

The Raven's Nest is also participating in Windsor's

Helping Hands Raffle. The raffle, featuring gift baskets located at various businesses, will help four Windsor teenagers injured in a vehicle accident a few weeks ago. Tickets are \$5 for one and \$20 for five. All the money raised will go to the families of the injured teens to help with expenses.

Scrogin-Livengood said 10% of all Raven's Nest sales from Nov. 1 to Dec. 31 will be donated to the Windsor Dog Pound. The donated funds will go toward the medical needs of the dogs.

Raven's Nest Antiques & Things, 100 N. Main St. in Windsor, is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. The shop



A new assortment of Christmas wreaths will arrive soon at the Raven's Nest in Windsor. Owner Rose Anne Scrogin-Livengood said Candi Foster makes the wreaths — large wreaths sell for \$60 and small ones for \$40.

will be open late from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 26, for Moonlight Madness in conjunction with the Windsor Christmas

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'Here comes the bride': White House to host its 19th wedding

By Darlene Superville
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — "Here Comes the Bride" will be heard at the White House very soon. Again. Naomi Biden, the granddaughter of President Joe Biden, and Peter Neal are getting married on the South Lawn on Saturday in what will be the 19th wedding in White House history.

It will be the first wedding with a president's granddaughter as the bride,

and the first one in that location, according to the White House Historical Association.

A mutual friend set up Naomi Biden, 28, and Neal, 25, about four years ago in New York City and the White House said they have been together ever since. Naomi Biden is a lawyer; her father is Hunter Biden. Neal recently graduated from the University of Pennsylvania law school. The couple lives in Washington.

Nine of the 18 documented White House weddings were for a president's daughter — most recently Richard Nixon's daughter, Tricia, in 1971, and Lyndon B. Johnson's daughter, Lynda, in 1967.

But nieces, a grandniece, a son and first ladies' siblings have also gotten married there. One president, Grover Cleveland, tied the knot there, too, while in office.

First lady Jill Biden said she's excited to see her granddaughter "planning her wedding, making her choices, becoming, you know, just coming into her own, and she's just so beautiful."

"So I can't wait till all of you see her as a bride," the first lady said during a recent appearance on singer Kelly Clarkson's talk show.

Stewart McLaurin, president of the historical association, said special occasions at the White House aren't soon forgotten.

"If you were to have the privilege of celebrating a holiday there or a special occasion in your life, like a wedding, it is a very memorable occasion," he said.

Five weddings were held in the East Room, four took place in the Blue Room and two unfolded in the Rose Garden, steps away from the Oval Office.

In June 1971, some 400 guests watched as Nixon walked Tricia down the steps of the South Portico to a waiting Edward Cox, and the couple exchanged vows in a gazebo set up in the Rose Garden for the first wedding ceremony ever held there.

Her planner — a black, three-ring binder labeled "TRICIA'S WEDDING" and kept by the historical association — has tabbed sections for every aspect of her special day, including the attendants, social aides, gazebo, flowers, parking, seating, menu, champagne, the press and more.

Her wedding cake was a six-tiered, 350-pound, 6-foot-tall lemon-flavored pound cake decorated with blown sugar love birds and the initials "PN" and "EC."

The White House released the recipe, but home bakers and food critics said it produced a "soupy mess" and speculated that the White House had scrambled the number of egg whites versus whole eggs, according to White House History Quarterly magazine's weddings issue.

counter to roll out all the dough, we promptly bought a pasta maker for the following year.

The dough is still made from scratch and cut by hand, leaving uneven edges on the outside pieces, and still laid out on newspaper. We just use a pasta roller instead of a rolling pin. Every year, my mom says she knows grandpa is laughing at us for buying one. A tradition she and my sister have continued but one that I have to miss (they save me leftovers, but they aren't quite the same).

This year, my boyfriend and I will be spending the Thanksgiving holiday with his family. I have been tasked with contributing green bean casserole for our meal. Like Thanksgiving itself, I feel that green bean casserole is underrated. Some people are strong supporters of the main show, turkey, while others think that the best is saved for last: pie. I'm here to ask everyone to give green bean casserole a chance.

Sure, it's a vegetable on a holiday known for turkey surrounded by mashed potatoes overflowing with gravy, piles of stuffing, and warm, fluffy rolls. But it's a vegetable dish covered in sauce and crispy, fried onions. If you eat my mom's version, there's a little cheddar cheese mixed in. What's not to like?

If I can't convince you to take a spoonful this Thanksgiving, I think I can live with it. It just means there's more to heap onto my plate.

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Household & Misc.: Samsung cross bottom stainless steel refrigerator, Maytag washer & Kenmore dryer, Gibson upright deep freeze, Kenmore microwave, 2 - Queen size beds w/Hollywood frames, 6' old wooden airplane prop, mirrored dresser, 2 - chest of drawers, end tables, antique oak wall mirror, 5' church pew, full size hide-a-bed sofa, LG & Sanyo 32" TVs, Lay-Z-Boy recliner, antique entry table, pr. upholstered swivel rockers, old bank safe w/graphics, Calf skin boots, misc. floor & table lamps, dinette set w/4 roll around chairs, Aladdin oil lamp, lot misc. linens, 2 - infrared heaters, curio cabinet, misc. wood shelves, cherry sofa table, night stands, heavy wicker swivel patio chairs, glass top breakfast set, Wire storage shelf, metal DeKalb thermometer, wooden ladders, Thermos gas grill-2-go, live traps, Fire pit, 55 gas "perfect flame" BBQ grill, lot canning jars, Lot misc. wall art, pots pans & kitchen ware,

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any other applicable limitation periods. Nothing in Section 473.033, RSMo, shall be construed to bar any action against a decedent's liability insurance carrier through a defendant ad litem pursuant to Section 537.021, RSMo. Date of the decedent's death: 30-OCT-2021 Date of first publication: 19-NOV-2022
Susan Sadler, Circuit Clerk
By: /s/Darla Ebeling, Deputy Clerk
4x-11/19, 26, 12/3, 10, 2022
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PETTIS COUNTY, MISSOURI PROBATE DIVISION IN THE INTEREST OF: ELIZABETH KAY LONG SEX: F; DOB: 04/05/2006 CHRISTINA MARIE LONG AND AN UNKNOWN FATHER, JOHN DOE, Respondents. CASE NO. 22PT-PR00182 NOTICE UPON ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION The State of Missouri to Respondent John Doe and any other Unknown Father. You are hereby notified that an action has been commenced against you in the Circuit Court of Pettis County, Missouri, Probate Division, the object and general nature of which is appointment of guardian for Elizabeth Kaye Long. The names of all parties are listed in the caption above, and the name and address of the Petitioner is Pettis County

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Children's Division, 808 Westwood Ave, Sedalia, Missouri 65301. The name and address of their attorney is Meghan Woolery, 808 Westwood Ave, Sedalia, Missouri 65301. You are further notified that unless you file an answer or other pleading or shall otherwise appear and defend against the petition within forty-five (45) days after the 12th day of November, 2022, the date of first publication of this notice, judgment by default will be rendered against you. (seal) Dated: 11/10/2022
Susan Sadler, Circuit Clerk
By: /s/Darla Ebeling, Deputy Clerk
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PETTIS COUNTY, MISSOURI CIVIL DIVISION PAUL MIRONICHENKO and SVETLANA MIRONICHENKO Plaintiffs, vs. CHARLES T. CARMICHAEL, Jr. and CATHY A. CARMICHAEL, if living, and if deceased, their unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, donees, alienees, legatees, administrators, executors, guardians, mortgagees, trustees, legal representatives and all other persons, corporation or successors claiming by through or under them.



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Defendants.
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LOT SIX (6) IN BAKER'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF LA MONTE, PETTIS COUNTY, MISSOURI.
The names of all parties to said suit are stated above in the caption thereof and the name and address of the Attorney for Plaintiff is:

James P. Buckley
BUCKLEY & BUCKLEY
121 East Fourth Street
Sedalia, Missouri 65302-0348
You are further notified that, unless you file an answer or other pleadings or shall otherwise appear and defend against the aforesaid petition within forty-five (45) days after the 5th day of November, 2022, judgment by default will be rendered against you. It is ordered that a copy hereof be published according to law in the Sedalia Democrat, a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Pettis, State of Missouri. A true copy from the record. Witness my hand and the seal of the Circuit Court this 3rd day of November, 2022.

Susan Sadler,
Circuit Clerk
By: /s/Rebecca Campbell
Deputy
4x-11/5, 12, 19, 26, 2022

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PETTIS COUNTY, MISSOURI
CIRCUIT DIVISION
CIERA JOY ROSS,
Petitioner
vs.
CHANEL CHARLENE ROSS,
Respondent.
Case No. 22PT-DR00396
NOTICE UPON ORDER FOR

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SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
State of Missouri to Respondent: **Chanel Charlene Ross**
You are notified that an action has been commenced against you in the Circuit Court of Pettis County, Missouri, the object and general nature of which is to secure a dissolution of marriage, division of property and debts.

The names of all parties to said action are stated above and the name and address of the attorney for Petitioner is: MYRON J. MCNEAL, 501 SOUTH OHIO AVENUE, SEDALIA, MO 65301.
You are further notified that, unless you file an answer or other pleading or shall otherwise appear and defend against the aforesaid petition within 45 days after November 5, 2022, the date of the first publication of this notice, judgment by default will be taken against you. It is ordered that a copy hereof be published according to law in the Sedalia Democrat, a newspaper of general circulation published in Pettis County, Missouri.

Dated: 11/2/2022
CIRCUIT COURT CLERK
CIRCUIT COURT OF
PETTIS COUNTY, MISSOURI
Susan Sadler,
Circuit Clerk
By: /s/Rebecca Campbell,
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THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PETTIS COUNTY, MISSOURI
PROBATE DIVISION
In The Estate of
DIANE LOUISE SEIDL,
Deceased.
Estate No. 22PT-PR00200
NOTICE OF HEARING
TO: Thomas William Seidl
266 Thorntree Road
Lincoln, MO 65338
Krista Lynn Reith
608 E. 27th Street
Sedalia, MO 65301

AND TO ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY OF Diane Louise Seidl, Deceased, as an heir of said decedent. You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in the above court by Krista Lynn Reith, 608 East 27th Street, Sedalia, MO 65301, for the determination of the heirs of Diane Louise Seidl, deceased, and of their respective interests as such heirs in and with respect to the property owned by the decedent at the date of death, to-wit:
The Missouri Bank Investment Account #20110714,
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You are hereby required to appear in answer to said petition on or before the 29th day of November, 2022, at 3:00 o'clock p.m., of said day in the Circuit Court of Pettis, Missouri, Probate Division, at which time

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and place said petition will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree may be entered in due course upon said petition.

Susan Sadler,
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