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Sen. Crawford appointed to multiple committees

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Jan. 9 started the second week of the 2023 Missouri legislative session, with representatives and senators being sorted into their committees and boards.

Sen. Sandy Crawford, R-Buffalo, said it is early in the session, but it seems like things are gelling well on the Senate side.

"It seems like we are in a better place right now, even though we're very early in session," Crawford added. "It seems like there's a pretty strong consensus that we do want to get along and we do want to get some things done and we don't want to waste all of our time fighting."

Some key items Crawford said she believes will be discussed during the session are transgender issues, Initiative Petition Reform and education issues.

"I think those will be the focus, but I know each individual senator is going to have their own things they're going to want to work on, but I think, as far as a group, I think that's what you'll see," Crawford said.

Crawford said she believes the transgender issues will be worked on early in the session because they need to get moving on the topic.

Another area already being discussed is legalized sports betting. Crawford said she's not

a gambler but noted that sports teams like the Kansas City Chiefs want to see sports betting pass.

"We're facing a situation where the Chiefs may or may not stay in Missouri when they can go to Kansas pretty easily," Crawford said.

Kansas has already legalized sports betting and if Missouri doesn't, there could be a possible movement of states for the team.

Legalizing sports betting has been a topic of legislative discussion for the past several years and a major project for neighboring state Sen. Denny Hoskins, R-Warrensburg. The main hang-up is whether the state should regulate video lottery terminals, which is a separate issue that keeps getting tied together with sports betting.

Crawford has a variety of bills that she has filed or is still working on.

"I'm working on an insurance piece for Farm Bureau that would allow them to offer health insurance to their members," Crawford said.

She was appointed as the Chair for Insurance and Banking this week, which is where she wanted to land this session. Crawford also serves as Vice Chair for Local Government and Election and is a member of the Appropriations, Agriculture, and Government Accountability committees.

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Pro-Velo Bicycle Shop owner Ebby Norman, Mayor Andrew Dawson, Kevin Lujin and Daum Museum of Contemporary Art Director and Curator Garry Holstein are seen Friday at the Heckart Community Center for the announcement of the Missouri Photo Workshop returning to Sedalia. PHOTO BY CHRIS HOWELL | DEMOCRAT

Missouri Photo Workshop returns to Sedalia

By Chris Howell
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During the Pettis County Pachyderm Club luncheon on Friday, Mayor Andrew Dawson made an announcement that will bring many new perspectives to life in Sedalia.

"It is my pleasure to announce that Sedalia and Pettis County will be the host community for the 75th Missouri Photo Workshop from Sept. 24-Sept. 30, 2023," Dawson said. "The workshop will

40 journalists to tell local photo stories in September

focus on telling the stories of the community using the skills and methods taught by the faculty of the photojournalism department of the Walter Williams School of Journalism at the University of Missouri-Columbia. The prestigious work-

shop hasn't been in Sedalia since 1980, and local photographer Kevin Lujin questioned that absence.

"I thought, 'Why haven't they come back to Sedalia?'" Lujin said. "Especially with the changes in Sedalia since 1980."

Lujin was speaking with Ebby Norman at Pro-Velo Bicycle Shop, who off-handedly mentioned the Missouri Photo Workshop. Norman's daughter made a film on a previous workshop held in Excelsior Springs, and the two got talking about trying to lure

the workshop to Sedalia.

"He was a customer who came in about a bicycle from me and we just became friends," Norman said. "So then Kevin said, 'We ought to try to get in here in Sedalia,' and I'm like, 'OK.'"

Norman made a call to his daughter to get contacts at the school, then sent a few emails to Brian Kratzer, Associate Professor at MU, who visited Sedalia and said the city fit the bill of the type of community they were seeking.

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660 IV Health opens mobile clinic

By Meliyah Venerable
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WARRENSBURG — Area residents will no longer have to travel to the Emergency Room or their primary care physician for a pick-me-up IV infusion now that 660 IV Health is open in Johnson County.

660 IV Health is a mobile IV clinic opened by Kayla Fenwick, Sarah Parker, Christina Rush and medical director Dr. Jerry Fenwick. The four opened the clinic to help

with the influx of patients at emergency rooms and urgent care facilities as well as to offer care that comes directly to the patient, so if they are sick, they can stay home.

"When it comes to the medical field, we work on the frontlines," Rush said. "Just throughout COVID, and even throughout the years prior to COVID, I've seen such an influx of patients coming into the ER. Working on the front lines and seeing our coworkers and our teams being so great at what they do, but they are also

so tired.

"A lot of the time, a percentage of the patients don't necessarily need to come into the emergency department, but with the resources, sometimes nowadays they can't get into their primary care for a few weeks or the urgent care is overloaded... We just figured we could help with providing hydration, with electrolytes and things to replenish. Whether it is loss of energy, they are sick or just to help increase performance."

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From left, 660 IV Health medical staff and co-founders Kayla Fenwick, Christina Rush and Sarah Parker. PHOTO COURTESY OF CHRISTINA RUSH



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Biddy Basketball/ Little Hoopsters

Instructor led with parent interaction, this program will work to teach kids the skill set of basketball. \$25 per player for ages 3-6. Program starts February 27 and will be held at the Heckart Community Center. All players get a tshirt.

SilverSneakers, OnePass, and Renew Active

With the new year, be sure to update your SilverSneakers, OnePass, and Renew Active membership! Stop by the Heckart Community Center Front Desk to check your eligibility, verify your member ID number and contact information. Through these programs, the Heckart Community Center will now offer older adults a way to increase their levels of physical activity while motivating them to remain active.

Little Kickers

This program is instructor led by Amanda Blackburn and high school soccer players. Kids will work on skill set of soccer with guidance from our staff. Program will be held at Convention Hall on Saturday morning beginning on February 12th and runs through March 5th. \$25 per player. Registration end on January 28th!

FUNERALS

Knight, Celia Earlene

11 a.m. Saturday at Heckart Funeral Home in Sedalia. Arrangements are under the direction of Heckart Funeral Home.

Thornton, Janice M.

1:30 p.m. Saturday at Heckart Funeral Home in Sedalia. Arrangements are under the direction of Heckart Funeral Home.

Oelrichs, Sandra Lou

2 p.m. Saturday at Grace Baptist Church in Sedalia. Arrangements are under the direction of the Fox Funeral Home in Cole Camp.

Fath, Paul E.

10:30 a.m. Friday at Parkview Christian Church in Sedalia. Arrangements are under the direction of Heckart Funeral Home in Sedalia.

Rodgers, Virgil Dean II

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

Means, Mary Jo (Vilmer)

11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 22 at Sierra View Chapel in Carmichael, California. Arrangements are under the direction of Neptune Society of Northern California.

CRASH REPORTS

Marshall man injured in Pettis accident

Kyle D. McClure, 56, of Marshall, sustained moderate injuries at 11:51 a.m. Thursday in a Pettis County accident.

According to a Missouri State Highway Patrol report, McClure was driving a 2015 Jeep Compass north on Route T near Rieckhoff Road when he traveled off the right side of the road, struck a ditch, overturned, and struck a fence.

McClure was not wearing a seat belt and was transported by Pettis County Ambulance District to Centerpoint Medical Center in Independence.

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

Compiled by Chris Howell.

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 Jan. 9

3:17 p.m.: Aaron C. Blondell, 53, of the 400 block of North Hurley Avenue, was arrested after officers initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle because the registered owner did not have a driver's license. Blondell was transported to the Pettis County Jail, where he was booked.

Incidents

Jan. 11

12:40 p.m.: Officers took a report in the police department lobby in reference to stolen medication in the 700 block of Broadway Boulevard. The medication was valued at \$22. No suspects have been identified.

Jan. 12

2:50 p.m.: Officers took a report in the police department lobby in reference to the theft of medication from a vehicle in the 500 block of West Seventh Street. The medication was valued at \$31. No suspects have been identified.

Compiled by Chris Howell.

NOT REAL NEWS: A look at what didn't happen this week

By The Associated Press

A roundup of some of the most popular but completely untrue stories and visuals of the week. None of these are legit, even though they were shared widely on social media. The Associated Press checked them out. Here are the facts:

Billion-dollar Mega Millions jackpot won't trigger \$850M IRS bill

CLAIM: The IRS would collect nearly \$850 million in taxes from a more-than \$1 billion Mega Millions jackpot.

THE FACTS: The winner of the lottery jackpot that sat at \$1.1 billion earlier this week, when the claims circulated, would expect to pay at least \$135 million in federal income taxes if they choose to receive their earnings all at once, rather than over 30 years. That's still far less than the \$850 million claimed online. Amid the frenzy leading up to Tuesday's Mega Millions drawing, social media users shared posts suggesting the lion's share of such a jackpot will ultimately end up in the federal government's coffers in the form of tax revenue. No one has hit all six numbers in 25 tries stretching back more than two months. The prize now stands at \$1.35 billion — the second highest in the contest's history — with the next drawing slated for Friday night. Danielle Frizzi-Babb, a spokesperson for the Mega Millions contest, says lottery winners can choose between receiving their earnings either through annual payments, or all at once. For a \$1.1 billion jackpot, that's a choice between a roughly \$569 million lump sum, or annual payments that increase over 30 years, ranging from \$16.5 million in the first year to about \$68 million in the final year, she explained in an email. The lump-sum payment represents the present-day value of the advertised jackpot, which is based on the total annual payments. Whatever option the winner chooses, the federal tax rate of 24% is automatically withheld from the payments, according to Frizzi-Babb. For the lump sum option, that means about \$136.5 million, leaving the winner with a roughly \$432 million payout. The winner would also be subject to additional federal taxes, as well as their state's income tax, noted Robert Pagliarini, president of Pacifica Wealth Advisors, an investment management and tax strategy firm in Irvine, California. For example, the massive, one-time payout would put the winner into the top federal tax bracket, as lottery profits are considered regular income by the IRS, he said. But even with additional federal taxes factored, Pagliarini estimated the jackpot winner would still

end up owing the IRS closer to \$210 million if they opted for the lump sum — a far cry from the nearly \$850 million suggested by social media users. If the winner opts for the annual payments, the total IRS bill would still only come out to around \$444 million, assuming the top federal tax rate remains at 37%, Pagliarini said. "The short answer is those Instagram figures are incorrect," he wrote.

— Associated Press writer Philip Marcelo in New York contributed this report.

World leaders have ridden in US president's limo

CLAIM: When Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador rode in the U.S. presidential limousine sometimes referred to as "the beast," it marked the first time a foreign leader traveled in the vehicle with a U.S. president.

THE FACTS: Several world leaders have traveled in the U.S. presidential Cadillac, including former Mexican President Vicente Fox, French President Emmanuel Macron, the late Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and former Russian President Dmitry Medvedev. President Joe Biden's visit to Mexico this week for a summit of North American leaders began with a ride in his heavily armored presidential limousine sometimes referred to as "the beast." Biden and López Obrador rode together in the vehicle, chatting while driving into Mexico City, the AP reported. Social media users responded to news reports of the drive with false claims that it was "unprecedented" or abnormal for a foreign president to travel in the presidential limousine. "It's the first time that a foreign leader travels on board with a U.S. President," one Twitter user wrote. "President Biden and past US presidents travel the world and are met by host leaders, but the protocol is that POTUS always rides alone or with family/staff in the Beast," wrote another. But news reports over the years confirm several foreign leaders have shared the vehicle with U.S. presidents. In 2017, then-President Donald Trump and his French counterpart Macron rode together in "the beast" to the presidential palace in Paris, the AP reported. Also in 2017, photos from AP and other news agencies show that Abe rode in the presidential limousine with Trump during a visit to a Florida golf resort. Former President Barack Obama also shared the vehicle with Medvedev in 2010. In response to an AP request for comment, the Secret Service said that "due to the need to maintain operational security, the U.S. Secret Service does not comment on the means, methods or resources used

to conduct our protective operations."

— Associated Press writer León Ramírez in Mexico City contributed to this report with additional reporting from Ali Swenson in New York.

Archaeologists didn't dig up a mythological tomb of Osiris

CLAIM: "Scientists Just Found The Tomb Of Egyptian God Osiris Next To The River Nile."

THE FACTS: No such discovery occurred. Online posts recycle information about past archaeological findings in Egypt, including the 2015 discovery of a tomb modeled after Osiris' tomb. A YouTube video that amassed more than 1.7 million views in seven days set off a wave of online rumors that archaeologists in Egypt had excavated the real tomb of an Egyptian god. "Scientists Just Found The Tomb Of Egyptian God Osiris Next To The River Nile," the video's title announced. Social media users reacted to the video with dread, because Osiris is the ancient Egyptian god of the underworld and the deity responsible for judging souls in the afterlife. However, archaeologists didn't disturb the ancient burial grounds of Osiris or any other mythological figures, experts in Egyptian archaeology told the AP. No such recent discovery has been reported in the news, and the 28-minute YouTube video features clips about a variety of discoveries over the years, the experts confirmed. "Nothing accurate here; the videos just string together snippets from tombs and temples all over Egypt," Peter Der Manuelian, professor of Egyptology at Harvard University, told the AP in an email. For example, the video describes, without mentioning the date, a 2015 discovery of a tomb "constructed in the likeness" of Osiris' tomb. In that discovery on the west bank of the Nile near Luxor, a Spanish-Italian archaeological team found a tomb that "was not build for Osiris but its architecture mimics the famous Osireion at Abydos which itself partially mimics the plans of the New Kingdom royal tombs in the Valley of the Kings," according to Lorelei Corcoran, director of the Institute of Egyptian Art & Archaeology at the University of Memphis. "The tomb contains a statue of Osiris but such statues formed the cult focus of other Late Period tombs such as the tomb of Harwa in the nearby

Assasif area of Thebes," Corcoran said. "Recent news seems to be a recycling of this discovery." An email message left for the lead excavator of the tomb was not returned.

— Ali Swenson

Coronavirus doesn't mean 'heart attack virus' in Latin

CLAIM: In Latin, the phrase "Cor ona virus," written with spaces between parts of the word, translates to "heart attack virus" in English.

THE FACTS: The word "coronavirus" in Latin, even when split up, does not translate to "heart attack virus." Social media users are entering additional spaces when translating "cor ona virus" from Latin in Google Translate, which skews results in English. A recent video circulating on social media claimed that entering "cor ona virus" into Google Translate proved that it translates to "heart attack virus." In the video, the social media user enters two spaces between "ona" and "virus" to get the result. Without the spaces, Google Translate just repeats "cor ona virus" in Latin to "cor ona virus" in English. One Twitter user shared the video with the hashtags "#vaccine-deaths" and "#Vaccine-SideEffects." In the past, social media users have falsely claimed that the COVID-19 vaccine causes heart attacks. But experts say this is an inaccurate translation from Latin. Adding spaces to "coronavirus" is causing the Google Translate tool to attempt to translate some sections separately. "This equation (cor ona virus = heart (attack) virus) is little more than subliterature nonsense," wrote Marcus Folch, an associate professor of classics at Columbia University. Folch pointed out that "corona" in Latin translates to "crown" and "cor" translates to "heart," while "virus" translates to a slimy liquid or poison. And "ona" is not a word in Latin. Daniel Solomon, a professor of classic studies at Vanderbilt University, told The Associated Press in an email that "ona" is not a Latin word, but the translation could be a confusion with "onus" or "onera," which means "burden." Since "cor ona virus" isn't a word or phrase in Latin, the Google Translate tool is translating some individual root words separately, a spokesperson for Google confirmed to the AP.

— Associated Press writer Arijeta Lajka in New York contributed this report.

CORRECTION

In Friday's edition, James Michael Boston's last name was incorrectly listed in "Two new scholarships available for S-C students." Also, the article should have stated the James Michael Boston Scholarship is a one-time \$500 scholarship. The Democrat apologizes for the errors.

Yellen tells Congress US expected to hit debt limit Thursday

By Fatima Hussein

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen notified Congress on Friday that the U.S. is projected to reach its debt limit on Thursday and will then resort to "extraordinary measures" to avoid default.

In a letter to House and Senate leaders, Yellen said her actions will buy time until Congress can pass legislation that will either raise the nation's \$31.4 trillion borrowing authority or suspend it again for a period of time. But she said it's "critical that Congress act in a timely manner."

"Failure to meet the government's obligations would cause irreparable harm to the U.S. economy, the livelihoods of all Americans, and global financial stability," she said.

"In the past, even threats

that the U.S. government might fail to meet its obligations have caused real harms, including the only credit rating downgrade in the history of our nation in 2011," she said. Yellen was referring to the debt ceiling impasse during Barack Obama's presidency, when Republicans had also just won a House majority.

In this new Congress, the debt ceiling debate will almost certainly trigger a political showdown between newly empowered GOP lawmakers who now control the House and want to cut spending and President Joe Biden and Democratic lawmakers, who had enjoyed one-party control of Washington for the past two years.

The White House has insisted that it won't allow the nation's credit to be held captive to the demands of GOP lawmakers.

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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.

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ROCKHURST UNIVERSITY DEAN'S LIST

Rockhurst University has announced the dean's list for the fall 2022 semester. This honor recognizes students who have achieved a grade-point average of 3.5 or above.

Clinton: Ashton Cook
Green Ridge: Candace Hilt

Holden: Lilly Spring
Marshall: Aiza McClinton and Leah Weaver
Montrose: Sudie Callahan
Nelson: Martha Waller
Sedalia: Bailey Brown, Haley Wiskur and Kaleb Woolery

Green Ridge mascot poses with his future successor



Second grader Jaxon Combs poses for a photo with Ridgely (Gavin Walters), the Green Ridge R-8 School District mascot, during a high school basketball game. Combs is Ridgely's biggest fan, and Green Ridge's future mascot. Combs asked for a tiger costume for Christmas so he could be a mascot like his schoolmate, Walters. When Walters isn't suited up as Ridgely, he is working at his after-school job at Dairy Queen, where Combs loves to visit him. Walters is elated to know someone will take over the position as school mascot after he graduates.

PHOTO COURTESY OF STEPHANIE RETTKE

Russia says it took Soledar, Ukraine denies its capture

By Andrew Meldrum
 Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine (AP) — Russia claimed Friday that its forces captured the fiercely contested salt-mining town of Soledar in what would mark a rare victory for the Kremlin after a series of setbacks in its war in Ukraine. Ukrainian authorities said the fight for the town continued.

Moscow has painted the battles for Soledar and nearby Bakhmut as key to capturing the entire eastern region of the Donbas — and also as a way to grind down the best Ukrainian forces and prevent them from launching counterattacks elsewhere. But that cuts both ways, and Ukraine

has said its fierce defense of the eastern strongholds has helped tie up Russian forces.

Western officials and analysts say the two towns' importance after months of bloody fighting is more symbolic than strategic.

Since its invasion of Ukraine on Feb. 24, Moscow has prioritized taking full control of the Donbas — a region made up of the Donetsk and Luhansk provinces, where it has backed a separatist insurgency since 2014. Russia has seized most of Luhansk, but about half of Donetsk remains under Ukraine's control.

There have repeatedly been conflicting reports over who controls Soledar. The Associated Press could not independently confirm either side's

claim. "The liberation of the town of Soledar was completed in the evening of Jan. 12," said Lt. Gen. Igor Konashenkov, the Russian Defense Ministry's spokesman, calling the development "important for the continuation of offensive operations in the Donetsk region."

Taking control of the town would allow Russian forces to cut supply lines to Ukrainian forces in Bakhmut, and then "block and encircle the Ukrainian units there," Konashenkov said.

But Serhii Cherevaty, a spokesman for the Ukrainian army in the east, denied the town had fallen, telling the AP "there are still Ukrainian units in Soledar."

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Pettis County Presiding Commissioner Bill Taylor puts the final approval on the 2023 Fiscal Year Budget as Western Commissioner Jim Marcum watches.

PHOTO COURTESY OF PETTIS COUNTY

Pettis County Commission approves FY 2023 budget

By Democrat Staff

After several months of hearings, meetings and discussions, the Pettis County Commission has approved the Fiscal Year 2023 budget.

Pettis County Presiding Commissioner Bill Taylor, Western Commissioner Jim Marcum and Eastern Commissioner Israel Bazea approved the budget during a meeting Wednesday, Jan. 11.

"As the County has been operating consistently under the set budget, it is the goal of the Commission to limit deficit spending to

take a more fiscally conservative approach moving forward," the commissioners said in a news release. "It is our commitment to have greater oversight to appropriate the needed funds to every office more efficiently. This will better protect the interests of the taxpayers of our great County."

The 2023 General Revenue Budget is balanced at \$10,339,677.24. The 2023 Road and Bridge Budget is balanced at \$29,210,517.44, which includes offsetting entries for potential MoDOT 80/20 Bridge Replacement Funding.

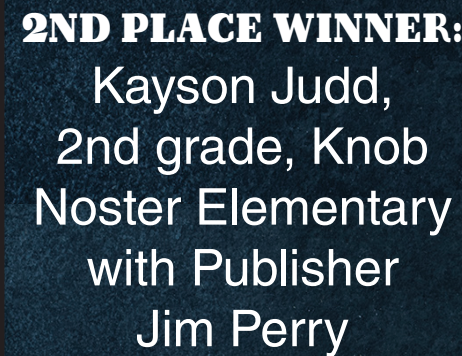
"Pettis County continues to reap the benefits of cost-saving measures that have been put in place over previous years," the news release states. "Additional cost savings are identified and explored continuously. Under the leadership of the Associate Commissioners, new processes are used in reclaiming deteriorated roads. New upgrades and procedures have allowed more miles of road improvements and a greater emphasis in bridge replacements. The commission will continue to increase the efficiency of the county government."

Congratulations to our Holiday Coloring Contest Winners!

Each winner received prizes for their extraordinary creativity, compliments of Reader's World & Rib Crib!



1ST PLACE WINNER:
 Kash Butler, 3rd grade, Dresden Elementary with Editor Nicole Cooke



2ND PLACE WINNER:
 Kayson Judd, 2nd grade, Knob Noster Elementary with Publisher Jim Perry



3RD PLACE WINNER:
 Mia Jones, Kindergarten, Horace Mann Elementary

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CONTRIBUTING COLUMN

In defense of homemaking

I'm writing about my grandmother again, as I so often do. She died 12 years ago this week. I still take time to grieve, but the memories get kinder with every passing year.

Many of my good memories are about her house. It was an old two-story farmhouse, the kind with two front doors. Originally it had only five rooms, plus a cellar. Over the years, it expanded as the family's circumstances allowed — a living room, a laundry room, an indoor bathroom, a nice back deck. The farmhouse was patched and let out like a hand-me-down garment, but the work was done with so much love and skill that it looked whole and natural, as if it had grown that way. The house sat on top of a hill up a long gravel drive, with a big garden to one side and a bunch of outbuildings to the other. Around that was the Southern Illinois woods.

Grandma's house was a home, and Grandma was a homemaker. She worked out of the home as needed, packing apples at orchards and cooking at local restaurants. But chiefly, she was a homemaker. She cooked and cleaned, laundered and mended, gardened and butchered and baked and did all the thousand daily tasks it takes to sustain a family of 12.

By the time I knew Grandma, she was a master of her craft. She didn't have a lot of money, she didn't own anything stylish or new, but her home was so homey it had become a magical place. In "The Fellowship of the Ring," J.R.R. Tolkien says of the Last Homely House east of the Sea:

"That house was ... a perfect house, whether you like food or sleep, or story-telling or singing, or just sitting and thinking best, or a pleasant mixture of them all. Merely to be there was a cure for weariness, fear and sadness."

And that was exactly what her house was like. It was a mirror of many years of love and skill and devotion. It was a refuge for her family.

I recently read an article by a scholar named Ivana Greco that explored the downfall of homemaking. In "Reframing Homemaking as a Skilled Occupation," Greco says:

"The decline of homemaking — both as a term and a recognized skill — is the result of a popular understanding that homemaking skills are no longer needed, given the technological advances of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. Many have celebrated its demise, often as a victory for women. One commentator recently claimed that feminism and



Liz Schleicher
Contributing Columnist

homemaking are fundamentally incompatible: 'There is no version of American housewifery that has ever — or will ever — make women happier, healthier, or more fulfilled,' she wrote."

Those last words are so strong. And so damning. And wrong, I think.

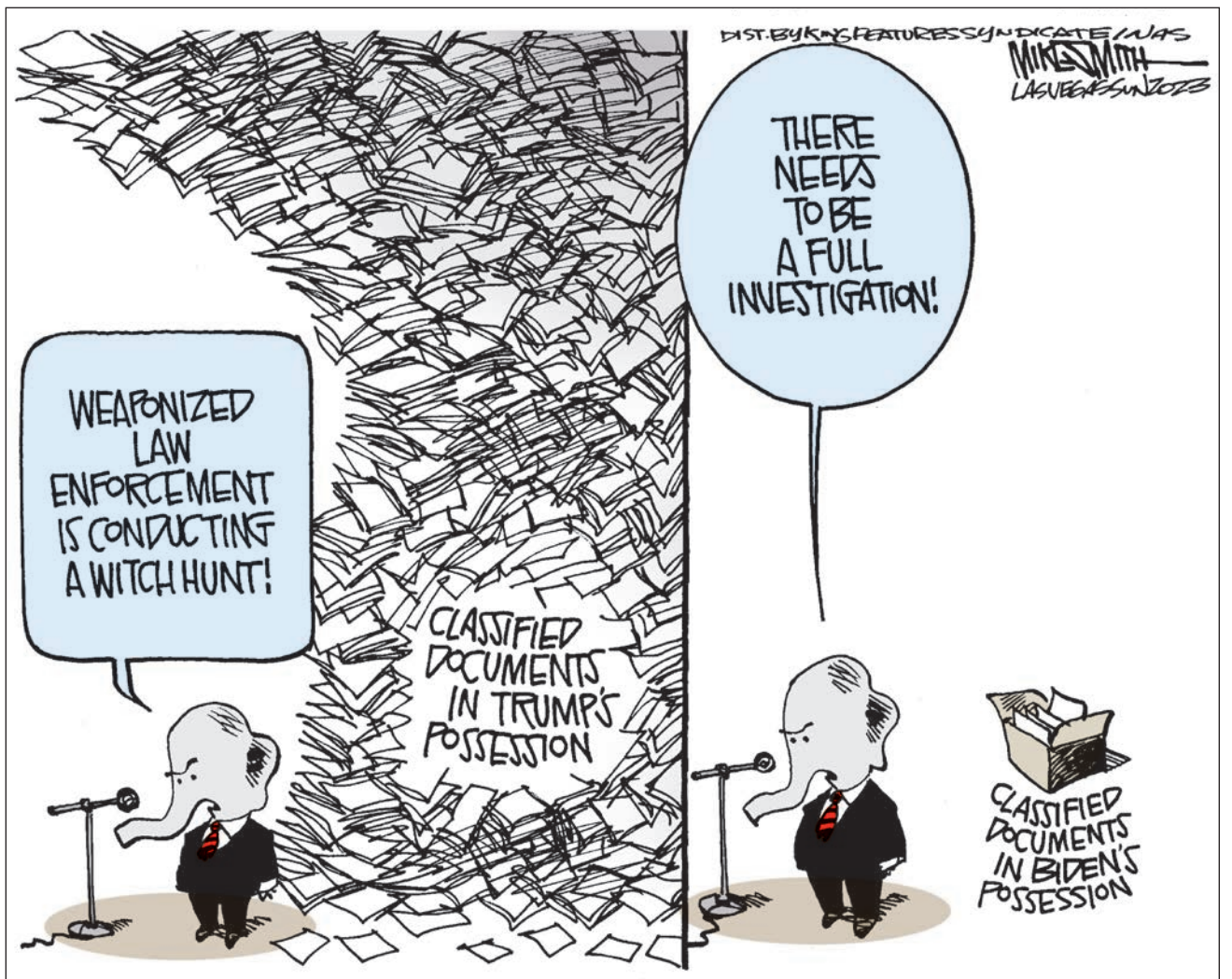
I can't say with certainty that homemaking made my grandmother happy or fulfilled. She didn't talk much about things like personal fulfillment. But I saw her joy when her kitchen was remodeled and her delight over her new deck. I saw her eyes shine when we praised her mashed potatoes and beautiful homemade quilts. I could see the pride she took in her yard and garden. And yes, if I had to guess, I think all this hard work and skill-building and achievement fulfilled her.

I believe she was fulfilled because I'm fulfilled by those same things. When I write my biography paragraph for my writing gigs, I list myself as a homemaker first. Not because I'm an anti-feminist or disapprove of women working outside the home or to make some sort of political point. I do it because I love working with my hands and brain for the benefit of my own house and family, creating comfort and ease and refuge with my hard work. I love cooking, adore childcare, and have even come to appreciate cleaning (as Ursula K. Leguin wrote, housekeeping is "the art of the infinite!"). Of course, there are difficult tasks and horribly boring ones, but I don't know of any career that doesn't have its own drudgery.

Homemaking is not a waste of my time and education as a modern woman. It's a continuation of the timeless work of my foremothers. It's absorbing, both physically and mentally. It's a daily challenge and test of skill at which one can continue to get better her whole life. And it makes a lasting difference in my family's world for the better.

All this sounds very much like a source of fulfillment to me.

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



CONTRIBUTING COLUMN

Christmas miracles are still possible

A while ago, I wrote about a Christmas miracle. A young bride, on her way to her new in-laws' house for Christmas dinner, was to take a vegetable dish. About an hour into the three-hour drive, she realized that she had forgotten her contribution. She and her new husband stopped at every store that might have something — anything — that would work as a vegetable dish. Only convenience stores were open. When they got to the last convenience store they would see for a while, she dashed into the store, scanned its shelves, saw nothing that would substitute as a vegetable, and burst into tears. A woman inside the store asked her what was wrong.

Sobbing, the young woman related the sad tale. The woman took her outside, got into the back seat of her car, came out with some green beans, and gave them to her, thereby saving the day for the young woman, who desperately wanted to impress her new in-laws — nothing short of a Christmas miracle.

The truth is that those green beans probably didn't make much difference in the Christmas dinner. That family, like many I know, goes all out for Christmas dinner,



Deborah Mitchell
Contributing Columnist

and the table was laden with food, a lot of which didn't get eaten. But for the vegetable-less young woman, it was the difference between being embarrassed or becoming a part of her new family.

Since that happened, I have been on the lookout for those kinds of Christmas miracles — some seemingly small kindness, usually done by a stranger, that has a huge impact on the lives of others. As you might have noticed, we have not been overly kind to one another over the past few years, so I have had a hard time coming up with miracles — Christmas or otherwise.

This year, however, something happened that, as far as I am concerned, qualifies.

When I came to Sedalia, I found a job teaching freshman English at Smith-Cotton. I had always expected

that I would be a high school English teacher like my mother, so I had obtained a Lifetime Secondary Teaching certificate when I was in college.

Unfortunately, I found that I would not be a high school English teacher. I really hated it. The best part of that disastrous year was getting to know my English teaching colleagues. Among them were Marilyn VanHorn, Nedra Zimmerschied, Mary Lee McGuire, and Betty Hausam, all of whom turned up in my life again after that year, in Broadway Presbyterian's choir.

Choir has been a gift in my life, as have the choir members. When I began accompanying the choir way back in 1987, I was surprised at how much I enjoyed it. I was even more surprised when I returned from my great adventure in Afghanistan and began conducting. I loved it. Who knew?

I looked forward to Wednesday night practices and Sunday mornings in church. Our music was sublime.

By 2020, we had gained some new members, and a few had left. Betty Hausam "retired" after her 90th birthday, and I grudgingly acceded to her leaving, although we missed her

presence terribly. Then along came COVID, stopping choir in its tracks. Since the advent of the vaccine and our increasing knowledge about the virus, I have been attempting to bring the choir back together. I began to think that our time away would be permanent.

And then. Betty Hausam, well-loved by students, teachers, and choir members alike, finished her time here on Earth. She left us on Christmas Eve. And her family, who knew how much she loved the choir, asked us to sing at her memorial service.

Everyone showed up. At Betty's memorial service, I stood in front of a full choir loft and conducted the choir in two glorious songs. It was a Christmas miracle.

Since that time, we have sung again, and we are rehearsing tomorrow for our next time in worship. In leaving us, Betty reminded us about the joy we found in singing together.

Though she will not be physically present, I will look at the place she always sat and remember her beautiful smile and spirit, and I will give thanks for Betty's Christmas Miracle.

Deborah Mitchell is a Sedalia attorney.

GUEST COLUMN

Admissions of a football fan

OK, I admit it — I am a football fan! I am not the paint my face, cut the Chiefs logo into my hair type of fan, but I do have several Chiefs sweatshirts that go back decades in my closet. On game day, I have also been known to wear the team's colors as I watch them play.

Oh yes, one of those sweatshirts in my closet that is over 20 years old has quarterback Elvis Grbac and the offensive line displayed on it, with the caption, "All I want for Christmas is a Super Bowl." The sweatshirt won an ugly sweater contest at a Chamber of Commerce breakfast years ago when I was a newsman for KSIS Radio.



Jack Miller
Guest Columnist

I have been a Chiefs fan ever since they arrived in Kansas City in the '60s. I admit I cheated on them for a while as I tuned into games of the Pittsburgh Steelers when Terry Bradshaw was their quarterback, and the Chiefs were losing more than they were winning, but even then, I never missed a

Chiefs game. I watched both games.

It is easier to be a fan today with the Chiefs doing so well, and I believe their fan base has grown since they have been successful over the past five seasons since Patrick Mahomes became the quarterback. It was harder for many years, however, and I found myself defending them often during their lean years. True Chiefs fans are patient and we proved it during the 50-year wait for a second Super Bowl.

I am happy to say I watched the Chiefs win Super Bowl 4 in 1970 against the Minnesota Vikings and Super Bowl 54 in 2020, but I do not

think I can wait that long for the next one; my award-winning sweatshirt and I are both getting a little threadbare.

As I have for many Sundays, during hard times and good times for the team, I will be sitting in my comfortable chair, cheering them on to victory every football Sunday. If they lose, I will not cry the way I have watched some fans do, but I will sulk a little until next season. Hopefully, the Chiefs will save me from that activity by winning the Super Bowl again this year.

Jack Miller is a longtime Sedalia resident, former radio news reporter and former Democrat contributing columnist.

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Health

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Services range from \$110 to \$140, and 660 IV currently offers four types of IV drips: Ease and Alleviate, Hydration Reboot, Immune Defense, and Restore and Recharge. Each drip is supposed to target different symptoms.

Rush said the effects of IV hydration are seen almost instantly.

"It helps with replenishing lost energy, boosting our immune system and it gets us feeling better faster," Rush said. "With IV hydration therapy, it hits within five minutes or less. You can start to feel a little better. The outcome is faster."

The mobile IV clinic plans to service all of Johnson County as well as surrounding counties, as far as Kansas City.

Patients will be able to get care on a volunteer basis; no referral from a physician is required.

660 IV Health is hosting a grand opening on Jan. 20 at Colton's Steak-

house. Rush said they are accepting customers before the grand opening.

For the foreseeable future, there will not be a sit-down clinic, but that is a goal for the co-founders.

The mobile IV service is available Monday through Sunday. Times vary, but their goal is always to have someone on call to meet any needs.

Rush said they want to be as available as possible to help anyone in need.

"My dad passed away from complications from COVID and he didn't have access to these types of resources," Rush said.

"So if I can help make a difference in anyone's recovery, then I am going to at least try to do so. That is the reason I went into nursing to begin with. To help make a difference in any way I can. This company gives me one extra revenue to help. And my partners feel the same way."

For more information, visit 660ivhealth.com.

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Yellen

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"We have seen both Republicans and Democrats come together to deal with this issue," White House spokesperson Karine Jean-Pierre told reporters Friday. "It is one of the basic items that Congress has to deal with and it should be done without conditions."

House Republican leaders liken the debt ceiling to a credit card limit and have said they would only raise the statutory ceiling if doing so also secures a spending overhaul.

New House Speaker Kevin McCarthy told reporters in his first press conference that he had a "very good conversation" with Biden about the coming debt ceiling debate. "We don't want to put any fiscal problems to our economy and we won't, but fiscal problems would be continuing to do business as usual," he said.

"We've got to change the way we are spending money."

McCarthy has floated the kind of budget-cap deal that

was engineered in the last go around on the debt ceiling during the Trump administration, which would involve capping federal spending levels in return for the House votes needed to raise the debt limit.

But any effort to compromise with House Republicans could force Biden to bend on his own priorities, whether that's money for the IRS to ensure that wealthier Americans pay what they owe or domestic programs for children and the poor.

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer and new House Democratic leader Hakeem Jeffries said in a joint statement Friday that "a default forced by extreme MAGA Republicans could plunge the country into a deep recession and lead to even higher costs for America's working families on everything from mortgages and car loans to credit card interest rates."

They said the two parties worked together to increase the debt limit three times when Trump was president and Republicans had majorities in the House and Senate. "This time should be

no different," the Democratic leaders said.

Yellen said that while Treasury can't estimate how long the extraordinary measures will allow the U.S. to continue to pay the government's obligations, "it is unlikely that cash and extraordinary measures will be exhausted before early June."

Shai Akabas, director of economic policy at the Bipartisan Policy Center, told reporters Friday that "this is not the time for panic, but it's certainly a time for policymakers to begin negotiations in earnest."

"Most policymakers agree that we have a major fiscal challenge as a country, our debt is unsustainable," he said, and "there's no reason why we couldn't agree on measures to improve our fiscal outcome, and also ensure that we are paying all of our bills in full and on time."

Treasury first used extraordinary measures in 1985 and has used them at least 16 times since, according to the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, a fiscal watchdog. Those measures include

divesting some payments, such as contributions to federal employees' retirement plans, in order to provide some headroom to make other payments that are deemed essential, including those for Social Security and debt instrument

Past forecasts suggest a default could instantly bury the country in a deep recession, right at a moment of slowing global growth as the U.S. and much of the world face high inflation because of the pandemic and Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The financial markets could crash and several million workers could be laid off.

The aftershocks could be felt for years. Moody's Analytics called this risk "cataclysmic" in a 2021 forecast before the previous debt ceiling increase, suggesting that the resulting chaos would be due to government dysfunction, rather than the underlying condition of the U.S. economy.

Associated Press reporter Lisa Mascaro contributed to this report

Russia

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And Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said late Friday, "The tough battle for Donetsk continues. The battle for Bakhmut and Soledar, for Kreminna, for other towns and villages in the east of our state continues."

Zelenskyy told the Lithuanian parliament earlier in the day that Kyiv did not intend to give any "breathing space" to Russian forces, and that the coming months will be "decisive" for Ukraine's fight to defend itself.

The Institute for the Study of War, a think tank in Washington, said the fall of Soledar wouldn't mark "an operationally significant development and is unlikely to presage an imminent Russian encirclement of Bakhmut."

The institute said Russian information operations have "overexaggerated the importance of Soledar," a small settlement. And it argued that the long and difficult battle has contributed to the exhaustion of Russian forces.

White House National Security Council spokesman

John Kirby on Thursday also downplayed the significance of potential Russian gains in the area.

"Even if both Bakhmut and Soledar fall to the Russians ... it's not going to have a strategic impact on the war itself," Kirby said. "And it certainly isn't going to stop the Ukrainians or slow them down in terms of their efforts to regain their territory."

Just hours before Russia's claim, Ukraine reported there had been a heavy night of fighting. In a Telegram post early Friday, Ukraine's deputy defense minister, Hanna Maliar, said Moscow "had sent almost all (its) main forces" to secure a victory in the east.

"This is a difficult stage of the war, but we will win," Maliar added.

A Ukrainian officer, who asked for anonymity for security reasons, previously told the AP that in the battle for Soledar, the Russians have sent a first wave of soldiers, including many from the private Russian military contractor Wagner Group, who take heavy casualties but exhaust the Ukrainian defenders. Then the Russians have sent in another

wave of highly trained soldiers, paratroopers or special forces, the officer said.

Konashenkov said the storming of Soledar became possible thanks to massive air and artillery strikes and airborne troops' maneuvers to envelop the city. He didn't mention the Wagner Group, which previously took credit for capturing Soledar. There have been signs of tensions between the army and the Wagner Group, led by millionaire Yevgeny Prigozhin.

After Prigozhin angrily accused the Defense Ministry of "constantly trying to steal Wagner's victory," the Defense Ministry changed course and acknowledged the group's "courageous and selfless action" to capture Soledar.

Meanwhile, the Ukrainian central security agency announced Friday that it is holding counter-sabotage exercises along a section of the border with Belarus. The move comes amidst heightened concern about Belarus' possible involvement in the war. The country has provided a base for about 10,000 Russian soldiers, and the two countries are to conduct joint military air exercises next week.

Session

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"So I'm probably going to be doing some financial institution and insurance bills just in general," Crawford added. "I've had several bills that I've already filed but several others in process."

One of the bills Crawford is getting ready to file relates to personal property taxes. Like state Rep. Rodger Reedy, R-Windsor, the proposal would set

depreciation schedules for vehicles.

"Right now, we are in a unique situation where vehicle prices, used and new, went through the roof because of supply and demand," Crawford said. "So a lot of people were shocked with their personal property bills that they got this year."

Crawford has filed a bill for Initiative Petition Reform but is still working to make sure it is the best it can be.

Another bill Crawford has filed would extend the

sunset on court automation fees.

In addition to her other committee assignments, Crawford was elected Caucus secretary, one of six leadership positions in the Senate, sits on the Agriculture Committee as Vice Chair for the Southern Legislators Conference, and wants to be involved in the Coalition for Insurance Legislators.

To speak with Crawford, visit her at 201 W. Capitol Ave., Office 319.

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US stops hundreds fleeing Cuba, Haiti by sea, returns most

By Curt Anderson and Marta Lavandier
Associated Press

MIAMI (AP) — The Coast Guard returned another 177 Cuban migrants who were caught at sea off Florida to the island on Thursday, while a group of about two dozen Haitians swam ashore in Miami.

The Cuban migrants were all intercepted separately off the coast earlier this month, according to a Coast Guard news release. They were repatriated by two Coast Guard cutters.

Twenty-five Haitians who had traveled by

sailboat from Port-de-Paix, Haiti, swam ashore at Virginia Key, a small island just southeast of downtown Miami, and were taken into the custody of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, agency spokesman Michael Selva said.

Good Samaritans among island beachgoers helped some of the migrants ashore with small boats and jet skis, Selva said.

Dozens of additional migrants still aboard the sailboat were being processed by federal officials at sea, which typically means they are returned to their home countries.

Increasing numbers

of Cuban and Haitian migrants have attempted the risky Florida Straits crossing in recent months to illegally enter the Keys Island chain and other parts of the state as inflation soars and economic conditions deteriorate in their home countries.

The spike among Cubans has been especially pronounced. Since Oct. 1, 2022, the Coast Guard has interdicted more than 4,900 Cuban migrants at sea, as compared with more than 6,100 Cubans intercepted during all of fiscal 2022, which ended Sept. 30, according to the news release.

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Guests at Friday's Pettis County Pachyderm Club luncheon listen as Mayor Andrew Dawson announces the 75th Missouri Photo Workshop will be held in Sedalia Sept. 24-30.

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Workshop

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"When we're scouting for towns, we try to find the smallest town with enough hotel rooms and restaurants to support about 80 people for a week," Kratzer said. "Forty photographers, about 12 faculty from all over the United States, they're high-caliber photo editors, directors of photography and a couple of professors from different universities serve to coach the photographers through their picture story. It's almost like a semester's worth of learning crammed into one week; it's a pretty intense crucible of learning."

Lujin is pleased their efforts were successful, and the photographers are destined to photograph Sedalia once more.

"It's going to be a little bigger workshop than they have previously done," Lujin said. "Six weeks prior to the workshop, they're going to put up the show from the 1980 workshop and I think the rationale behind that is are hoping to invite the public, create excitement, and hopefully they'll be able to get a hold of people and find out where they are at now."

The exhibit of MPW photographs from past workshops will be featured at the Daum Museum of Contemporary Art. "Ebbly reached out to me and asked if I

would be interested in showcasing an aspect of this inside of the museum space," Garry Holstein, Director and Curator of the Daum, said. "I'm really interested in making sure that the museum is connecting with the community, so we're going to have an exhibition that showcases the history of that program inside the Daum museum leading up to the workshop. They'll be able to see what's come before, to kind of get excitement built up and tell the story of this program and celebrate everything that's happened."

For those with interesting and visual stories that need telling, the opening night is open to the public as photographers from across the globe look for subjects for their photo essays.

Though Sedalia is a well-photographed community, Holstein knows the talented photographers will find new and interesting perspectives.

"I've found that almost everyone has a unique perspective on the world and every eye is going to tell a different story," Holstein said. "So even if they see something or even if they photograph something that might have been photographed before, that might be looking at it from a different sort of storied perspective."

For information on the 75th Missouri Photo Workshop, visit missouriphotoworkshop.org.

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Migrants

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The latest returns and landings came just after President Joe Biden's administration began a new policy to start turning back Cubans, Haitians and Nicaraguans at the Texas border, along with Venezuelans, who arrive illegally.

The administration also is offering humanitarian parole for up to 30,000 people a month from those four countries if they apply online, pay their airfare and find a financial sponsor.

Migrants who arrive illegally and don't immediately return home will become ineligible for the new parole. U.S. officials are hoping this will deter sea arrivals by offering a safer alternative and a pathway to

residency.

The U.S. Embassy in Havana, Cuba recently resumed processing migrant visas, and said Wednesday that some initial Cuban applicants already had been accepted under the new parole. In the Haitian capital, Port-au-Prince, would-be applicants have flocked an immigration office in recent days to apply for passports needed for the U.S. program.

Coast Guard Lt. Cmdr. Mark Cobb said in a statement that with the new legal pathways available for migrants "we urge all people to use the safe and legal means available to travel to the United States. Don't put your life at risk by taking to the sea when you don't have to."

Curt Anderson reported from St. Petersburg, Fla.

FACT FOCUS: Biden administration isn't banning gas stoves

By Josh Kelety

Associated Press

The Biden administration has come under fire this week due to overcooked fears that it is planning a nationwide ban on gas stoves.

The claim was sparked by comments from a Consumer Product Safety Commission official published Monday that "any option is on the table" when it comes to regulating gas stoves, amid growing health concerns over the appliances. In the days after, discussion online evoked images of the government dragging four-burner cooktops from homes, as social media users shared memes of gas stoves with text like, "Don't Tread On Me."

"I'll NEVER give up my gas stove. If the maniacs in the White House come for my stove, they can pry it from my cold dead hands. COME AND TAKE IT!!!" conservative Texas GOP Rep. Ronny Jackson said on Twitter Tuesday.

But officials insist that people's kitchen appliances are in no danger. Here's a closer look at the facts.

CLAIM: The Biden administration is planning a ban on gas stoves nationwide.

THE FACTS: The White House says President Joe Biden would not support a ban, and the commission, an independent agency, says no such ban is in the works.

"I am not looking to ban gas stoves and the CPSC has no proceeding to do so," CPSC Chair Alex Hoehn-Saric said in a statement on Wednesday.

The notion that the government may regulate some stoves out of existence in the future isn't totally baseless. In an interview published Monday by Bloomberg News, Richard Trumka Jr., a CPSC commissioner who was nominated to the post by Biden and has concerns that gas stoves emit dangerous levels of toxic chemi-

cals, was quoted as saying: "Any option is on the table. Products that can't be made safe can be banned."

However, Trumka tweeted later that day to clarify that he was talking about regulation on new products.

"To be clear, CPSC isn't coming for anyone's gas stoves," he wrote. "Regulations apply to new products."

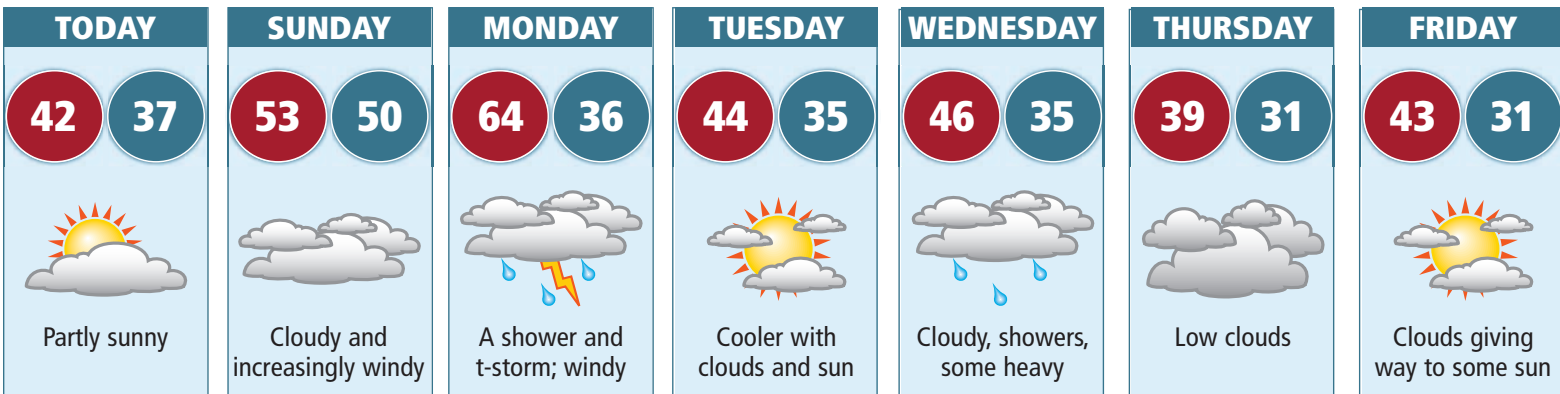
Despite this, news of a potential "gas stove ban" continued to spread in headlines and on social media. Some users, including Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, shared an old photo of first lady Jill Biden cooking on a gas stove, suggesting hypocrisy.

"The federal government has no business telling American families how to cook their dinner. I can tell you the last thing that would ever leave my house is the gas stove that we cook on," West Virginia Democratic Sen. Joe Manchin tweeted Tuesday.

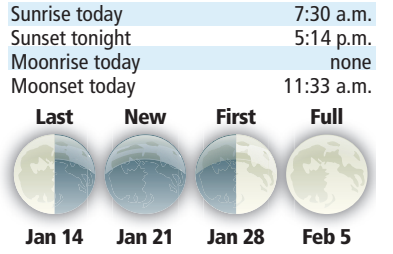
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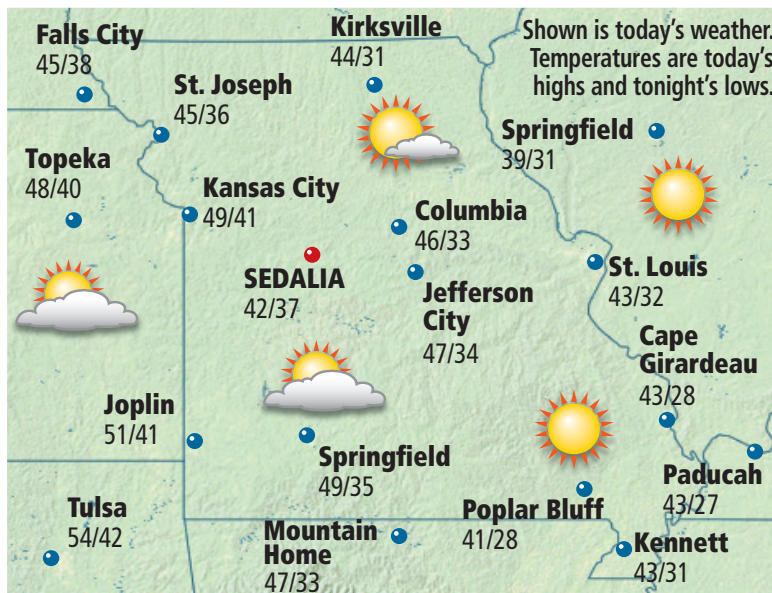
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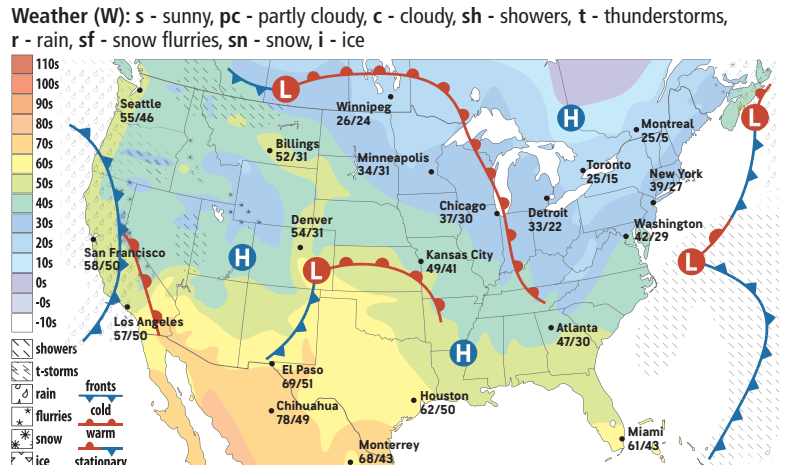
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Summary: Much of the eastern two-thirds of the nation will be dry and sunny today. A major storm will affect California with heavy rain, more flooding and heavy mountain snow. Travel disruptions can be expected.

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In Washington, 'classified' is synonymous with 'controversy'

By Chris Megerian
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hillary Clinton's presidential dreams were undermined by her use of a private email server that included classified information.

Donald Trump has risked criminal charges by refusing to return top-secret records to the government after leaving the White House.

And now misplaced files with classified markings has led to another investigation that's causing a political and legal headache for President Joe Biden.

The three situations are far from equivalent. But taken together, they represent a remarkable stretch in which document management has been a recurring source of controversy at the highest levels of American politics.

For some, it's a warning about clumsiness or hubris when it comes to handling official secrets. For others, it's a reminder that the federal government has built an unwieldy — and perhaps unmanageable — system for storing and protecting classified information.

"Mistakes happen, and it's so easy to grab a stack of documents from your desk as you're leaving your office, and you don't realize there's a classified document among those files," said Mark Zaid, a lawyer who works on national security issues. "You just didn't hear about it, for whatever reason."

Now Americans are hearing about it all the

time. Political talk shows have been clogged with conversations about which papers were stashed in which box in which closet. Voters are getting schooled in intelligence jargon like TS/SCI, HUMINT and damage assessments.

Clinton's email server was a dominant storyline of her presidential campaign, and the criminal investigation into Trump has clouded his hopes of returning to the White House.

Biden is facing scrutiny of his own after documents with classified markings were found at a former office in Washington and his home in Wilmington, Delaware. Republicans who recently took control of the House are preparing to investigate, and Attorney General Merrick Garland appointed a special counsel to in the Biden case, following a similar step he took with Trump in November.

"Investigations can quickly spiral," said Alex Conant, a Republican political consultant. "For the Biden administration, having a prosecutor digging into these documents, you never know where that might lead."

With overlapping investigations underway, there may be no end in sight for daily discussions of filing cabinets, storage rules and concerns about national security risks.

"The American people are very well aware of issues involving classified documents in part because we've been talking about them for almost eight years," said Alex Conant, a Republican

political consultant.

That's when a House Republican committee investigating the attack on the U.S. consulate in Benghazi, Libya, discovered that Clinton had used a private email account while serving as secretary of state. The revelation led to a federal investigation that didn't result in any charges, but 110 emails out of 30,000 that were turned over to the government were determined to have had classified information.

Trump, who pummeled Clinton over her handling of the emails, won the election and swiftly demonstrated carelessness with secrets. He memorably discussed sensitive intelligence with the Russian ambassador to the United States, leading to concerns that he may have jeopardized a source who helped foil terrorist plots.

After disputing the results of his election defeat, Trump left office in haphazard fashion, and he brought boxes of government documents with him to Mar-a-Lago, his Florida resort. Some of them were turned over to the National Archives, which is responsible for presidential records, but he refused to provide others.

Eventually the Justice Department, fearing that national security secrets were at risk, obtained a search warrant and found more top secret documents at the resort.

A special counsel was appointed to determine whether any criminal charges should be filed in the case or a sepa-

rate investigation into Trump's attempts to cling to power on Jan. 6, 2021, when a mob of his supporters attacked the U.S. Capitol.

Larry Pfeiffer, a former intelligence official, said the situation with Trump's documents is far different than ones he encountered while working in government.

During the time that Pfeiffer was CIA chief of staff, classified files turned up in the wrong place in presidential libraries a handful of times, he said.

"It just happens," said Pfeiffer, now director of the Michael V. Hayden Center for Intelligence, Policy and International Security at George Mason University. "Mistakes get made, and stuff gets found."

He said that seems more likely to be the case regarding the documents with classified markings that were found at an office used by Biden at the Penn Biden Center for Diplomacy and Global Engagement after his term as vice president ended.

Biden's personal lawyers discovered the documents and contacted the White House counsel's office, and the National Archives picked up the records the next day.

The situation appears like "an average, run-of-the-mill mistake" that's "being handled in a by-the-book, textbook fashion," Pfeiffer said.

However, he said it would be wise for the government to review its practices for managing documents during transitions between ad-

ministrations. It's been six years since Biden left the vice president's office, meaning classified records have been in the wrong place for a long time.

"That's not a good thing, no matter how anyone is playing it," he said.

The files were found at the Penn Biden Center in November, but their existence only became public this week. After the discovery, Biden's lawyers conducted a search of other properties as well. The search was finished on Wednesday evening, and more documents with classified markings were located in his Wilmington home, according to Richard Sauber, a lawyer for the president.

Garland asked a U.S. attorney to review the matter after the initial discovery, and he named a special counsel on Thursday.

Rep. James Comer, R-Ky., the new chairman of the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability, sent a letter to the White House on Tuesday saying that his panel will be investigating Biden's "failure to return vice-presidential records — including highly classified documents."

"The Committee is concerned that President Biden has compromised sources and methods with his own mishandling of classified documents," Comer wrote.

Biden said Thursday that he is "cooperating fully and completely" with the Justice Department. He previously said he was "surprised"

to learn that documents were in his old office. Biden said he didn't know what kind of information they contained, and he said his team "did what they should have done" when they were found.

Matt Miller, a former Justice Department spokesman who worked for Biden's National Security Council last year, said it's unlikely that such an episode would have made the news if it wasn't for the concurrent Trump investigation.

"The Penn Biden Center would have turned this stuff in, it would have gone to the Archives, and that would have been the end of it," he said.

Miller said the situation is a reminder that "the government classifies way too many documents."

"There's not a good process for declassifying them," he said. "And when you create this structure, you've unnecessarily widened the universe of classified documents that could unintentionally be mishandled."

It's not a new problem, and it's a concern that's even shared by Biden's top intelligence adviser, Avril Haines. In a letter to senators last year, Haines said there are "deficiencies in the current classification system," calling it "a fundamentally important issue that we must address."

Said Miller: "No one has figured out a good answer to this problem."

Biden special counsel deepens Justice Dept. in politics fray

By Eric Tucker
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — In naming a special counsel to investigate the presence of classified documents at President Joe Biden's Delaware home and former Washington office, Attorney General Merrick Garland described the appointment as underscoring the Justice Department's commitment to independence and accountability in particularly sensitive investigations.

If those words sounded familiar, they should.

Garland used identical phrasing in November in appointing a different special counsel for a different politically explosive investigation into different classified documents for a different political figure — the retention of top secret records at former President Donald Trump's Florida estate, Mar-a-Lago.

The Justice Department has investigated White House matters in the past. But it's now confronting a unique phenomenon: simultaneous special counsel probes — albeit with dramatically distinct fact sets — involving two presidents and jostling for time, attention and perhaps funding as well. Still another special counsel appointed during the Trump administration to investigate the origins of the FBI's Trump-Russia probe also remains at work.

The special counsel confluence underscores how a Justice Department that for nearly two centuries has had a mandate of prosecuting without fear or favor has found itself entangled in presidential

politics. Even as Garland made a point Thursday of saying the department's own "normal processes" can handle all investigations with integrity, the appointment seemed to nod to a reality that probes that involve a president — in this case, Garland's boss — are different.

It places Garland under pressure to reassure the public that both investigations, though factually different, are handled in similar manners.

"I think it's not only the right decision and a prudent decision, I think it's a politically necessary decision," said Solomon Wisenberg, who served as deputy to Kenneth Starr during the 1990s independent counsel investigations into then-President Bill Clinton.

"Why," he added, "give yourself the grief of the comparison of the two situations" of a special counsel for Trump, a Republican, but not for Biden, a Democrat.

Brandon Van Grack, a former Justice Department prosecutor who served on then-special counsel Robert Mueller's team as it investigated ties between Russia and Trump's 2016 presidential campaign, said appointing a special counsel can help expedite an investigation, ensure it has appropriate resources and create "at least the perception of impartiality and fairness."

"With respect to this decision, this specific decision, it's at least understandable why the attorney general would want all of those benefits," Van Grack

said.

The appointment was announced hours after the White House disclosed that a document with classified markings from Biden's time as vice president was found in his personal library, along with other classified documents found in his garage. Garland said Biden's lawyers informed the Justice Department on Thursday morning of the discovery of the classified document at Biden's home. FBI agents first retrieved other documents from the garage in December, he said.

The White House earlier this week acknowledged that the president's personal lawyers found a "small number" of classified documents at the office of his former institute in Washington. That discovery led Garland to ask the U.S. attorney in Chicago, John Lausch, a Trump administration holdover, to investigate the matter, though Lausch is now preparing to leave the Justice Department.

On Thursday, Garland named Robert Hur, a former senior Justice Department official in the Trump administration who served as U.S. attorney in Maryland, to serve as special counsel. He joins Jack Smith, a former public corruption prosecutor who is investigating the documents found at Mar-a-Lago and efforts to undo the 2020 election, and John Durham, who's secured one guilty plea and lost two criminal trials in three and a half years investigating the Trump-Russia probe.

There's a long history of

specially appointed prosecutors being tasked with investigating political scandals, including Iran-Contra during Ronald Reagan's presidency and Whitewater during Clinton's. But a statute that allowed for the appointment of an independent counsel outside the Justice Department expired in 1999 following a bruising and politically divisive investigation that resulted in Clinton's impeachment by the House but acquittal in the Senate.

In its place came new Justice Department regulations that authorized the attorney general to appoint a "special counsel" like Smith and Hur. The purpose of the new system was to ensure ultimate Justice Department oversight of sensitive investigations rather than an independent prosecutor who could operate unchecked and without supervision.

Though the attorney general retains final authority over a special counsel's decisions, special counsels do have the latitude to bring whatever cases they see fit. They are funded by the Justice Department, can bring on their own prosecutors, are entitled to office space and are often expensive. The Mueller probe, for instance, rang up more than \$25

million in costs in its first year and a half.

How much detailed interaction Garland will have with his special counsels is unclear, though he said Thursday that Hur "will not be subject to the day-to-day supervision of any official" at the Justice Department. Officials have noted that they are expected to accept a special counsel's recommended course of action unless it's far outside the department's normal process.

It also remains unclear whether either classified documents investigation will result in criminal charges or how, if at all, the two special counsel probes might affect each other. Though the Biden probe is much newer than the Trump one, there's been no hint of the same allegations already leveled publicly in the Mar-a-Lago matter. The Justice Department has also long held the belief that a sitting president cannot be indicted.

Mary McCord, a former Justice Department national security official, said she expected Smith to weigh the Mar-a-Lago facts and evidence just as before. The possibility that that case could end with an indictment existed well before the appointment of a special counsel, thanks to the

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Speaker McCarthy's tidy 1st week disguises trouble ahead

By Lisa Mascaro

AP Congressional Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — Chaos? In the House of Representatives?

Republican Kevin McCarthy wrapped his first full week as House speaker in the most outwardly orderly way, with hardly a hint of the chaotic, rebellious fight it took for the Republicans to arrive here, having barely installed him as the leader with the gavel.

The House Republicans marched through the early days of the session like a spunky new business — in by noon, out by dinner-time, the lawmakers rapid-fire voting without much public drama in between. They approved their House rules and sent six Republican bills quickly to passage, including one to gut funding for the Internal Revenue Service.

The Republican committee chairmen were named, members were appointed to the panels and the Oversight committee launched its first requests for financial documents as it probes President Joe Biden and his family.

And when House Republicans met for the first time behind closed doors after the rowdy public spectacle that broke history records and almost came to fistfights to elect McCarthy as speaker, it was a "lovefest," as one Republican lawmaker put it.

"That's just the first five days, and we're just getting started," McCarthy said Thursday at his first press conference as speaker.

But the semblance of House GOP unity is all but certain to be temporary, a momentary reprieve after the grudging, grueling effort by Republicans to seize the majority from Democrats and elect the embattled McCarthy as



Speaker of the House Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., speaks during a news conference in Statuary Hall at the Capitol in Washington, Thursday, Jan. 12, 2023.

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the new speaker.

The daunting political math confronting McCarthy remains the same: With a 222-seat majority, he can only lose a few detractors on any issue unless he reaches across the aisle for help and backing from Democrats for the 218 votes typically needed to pass legislation.

While the first bills the House Republicans easily approved were essentially GOP favorites, designed to unite their side of the aisle and even pull in some Democratic support, the next legislative lifts are expected to be more vigorous and politically risky.

McCarthy has made a deal with conservatives that the next government funding bill will be held to fiscal 2022 levels, which means a substantial 8% cut of discretionary accounts — or more if the defense budget is spared.

"We've got to change the way we are spending money," McCarthy said Thursday.

Even more, Congress will be asked this summer to raise the federal debt ceiling to allow more borrowing to pay off the government's current bills, always a difficult vote for lawmakers and one that the Treasury Department says is coming sooner than expected.

In refusing to allow the federal government to take on more debt unless changes are made to federal spending, House Republicans are heading for a risky showdown that echoes the debt ceiling debate of 2011. That was a months-long political drama that resulted in a downgrade of the U.S. credit rating for the first time in modern memory after the newly-elected tea party class of House Republicans demanded federal spending cuts.

"Come on. Is this how House Republicans are starting the new term: cutting taxes for billionaires, raising taxes for working families, and making inflation worse?"

Biden said Thursday in remarks near the White House.

"Well, let me be clear: If any of those bills make it to my desk, I will veto them," he said. "I'm ready to work with Republicans, but not this kind of stuff."

Downtown, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce CEO Suzanne Clark said in remarks Thursday that there is "almost a level of despair" among the business community about government gridlock and the inability to solve big issues such as the shortage of workers and immigration reform.

In the Senate, where Democrats still hold a slim 51-seat majority, Majority Leader Chuck Schumer vowed to hold the line as "a firewall to this extreme MAGA Republican agenda," a reference to former President Donald Trump's Make American Great Again slogan.

It was Trump's 11th hour push for McCarthy as voting was underway late last week that both

men, who are on-again-off-again allies, said was responsible for making the California Republican the new House speaker.

McCarthy won the speaker's gavel only by making concessions to hard-right Republicans in the House Freedom Caucus that now hang over his leadership, including the ability of any single lawmaker to make a motion to vacate the chair — essentially calling a vote to oust McCarthy from office.

The tenuous Republican hold on power is complicated by the presence of Rep. George Santos, the newly elected Republican from New York, who faces calls for his ouster over the lies he has admitted to telling about his education, work experience and other aspects of his life. Instead, McCarthy said the Ethics Committee will investigate. "And if something is found out, it will be dealt with," McCarthy said.

But many House

Republicans emerged confident that the messy, bitter fight made them — and McCarthy — stronger, not weaker, as they press ahead in their new majority to govern.

"You always come out better on the back side of it," said Rep. Byron Donalds, R-Fla., who was nominated repeatedly by his colleagues as an alternative GOP choice for speaker. "And now we're back to business."

Said Rep. Scott Perry, the chairman of the Freedom Caucus, "I feel pretty positive — Republicans are in charge and we're whupping up on the left and it's awesome."

Republican Rep. Bob Good, R-Va., one of the chief holdouts in speaker's fight, said the public display put McCarthy in a stronger negotiating position moving forward by showing what the speaker is up against.

"Our speaker is empowered to be in a stronger position in negotiations with the Senate in the White House, because he can say, 'When my folks say no, they mean no.'"

Stranding in gilded Statuary Hall rather than the Capitol's usual press briefing studio in the basement, McCarthy compared his new Republican majority to the early American lawmakers. They convened in this room when the Congress was relocated from Philadelphia.

As tourists milled about Thursday afternoon, pausing to listen and take photos, McCarthy noted he was reopening the Capitol to visitors. Democrats under Speaker Nancy Pelosi had kept the building partly closed during the COVID-19 crisis and in the aftermath of the Jan. 6, 2021, Capitol attack by Trump's supporters.

— Associated Press writer Josh Boak contributed to this story.

UFO reports rise to 510, not aliens but still a threat to US

By Tara Copp

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. has now collected 510 reports of unidentified flying objects, many of which are flying in sensitive military airspace. While there's no evidence of extraterrestrials, they still pose a threat, the government said in a declassified report summary released Thursday.

Last year the Pentagon opened an office, the All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office, solely focused on receiving and analyzing all of those reports of unidentified phenomena, many of which have been reported by military pilots. It works with the intelligence agencies to further assess those incidents.

The events "continue to occur in restricted or sensitive airspace, highlighting possible

concerns for safety of flight or adversary collection activity," the Office of the Director of National Intelligence said in its 2022 report.

The classified version of the report addresses how many of those objects were found near locations where nuclear power plants operate or nuclear weapons are stored.

The 510 objects include 144 objects previously reported and 366 new reports. In both

the old and new cases, after analysis, the majority have been determined to exhibit "unremarkable characteristics," and could be characterized as unmanned aircraft systems, or balloon-like objects, the report said.

But the office is also tasked with reporting any movements or reports of objects that may indicate that a potential adversary has a new technology or capability.

The Pentagon's anomaly office is also to include any unidentified objects moving underwater, in the air, or in space, or something that moves between those domains, which could pose a new threat.

ODNI said in its report that efforts to destigmatize reporting and emphasize that the objects may pose a threat likely contributed to the additional reports.

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Trump Organization fined \$1.6 million for tax fraud

By Michael R. Sisak

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Donald Trump's company was fined \$1.6 million Friday for a scheme in which the former president's top executives dodged personal income taxes on lavish job perks — a symbolic, hardly crippling blow for an enterprise boasting billions of dollars in assets.

A fine was the only penalty a judge could impose on the Trump Organization after its conviction last month for 17 tax crimes, including conspiracy and falsifying business records. The amount was the maximum allowed by law. Judge Juan Manuel Merchan gave the company 14 days to pay. A person convicted of the same crimes would've faced years in prison.

Trump himself was not on trial and denied any knowledge that a small group of executives were evading taxes on extras including rent-free apartments, luxury cars and private school tuition. Prosecutors said such items were part of what they dubbed the Trump Organization's "deluxe executive compensation package."

The company denied wrongdoing and said it would appeal.

"These politically motivated prosecutors will stop at nothing to get President Trump and continue the never ending witch-hunt which began the day he announced his presidency," the company said in a statement after the fine was announced.

Neither the former president nor his children, who helped run the Trump Organization, were in the courtroom.

While the fines — less than the cost of a Trump Tower apartment — aren't big enough to impact the company's operations or future, the conviction is a black mark on the Republican's reputation as a savvy businessman as he mounts a campaign to regain the White House.

Outside the courtroom, Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg, a Democrat, said he wished the law had allowed for a more serious penalty.

"I want to be very clear: we don't think that is enough," he said. "Our laws in this state need to change in order to capture this type of decade-plus systemic and egregious fraud."

Besides the company, only one executive was charged in the case: former Trump Organization Chief Financial Officer Allen Weisselberg, who pleaded guilty last summer to evading taxes on \$1.7 million in compensation. He was sentenced Tuesday to five months in jail.

The criminal case involved financial practices and pay arrangements that the company halted when Trump was elected president in 2016.

Over his years as the company's chief moneyman, Weisselberg received a rent-free apartment in a Trump-branded building in Manhattan with a view of the Hudson River. He and his wife drove Mercedes-Benz cars, leased by company. When his grandchildren went to an exclusive private school, Trump paid their tuition. A handful of other executives received similar perks.

When called to testify against the Trump Organization at trial, Weisselberg said that he didn't pay taxes on that compensation, and that he and a company vice president conspired to hide the perks by having the company issue falsified W-2 forms.

Assistant District Attorney Joshua Steinglass told jurors Trump had a role, showing them a lease that the Republican signed himself for Weisselberg's apartment.

"Mr. Trump is explicitly sanctioning tax fraud," Steinglass argued.

Weisselberg also attempted to take responsibility on the witness stand, saying nobody in the Trump family knew what he was doing. He choked up as he told jurors, "It was my own personal greed that led to this."

At the trial, Trump Organization lawyers repeated the mantra, "Weisselberg did it for Weisselberg." In its statement Friday, the company took a different tone.

"Allen Weisselberg is a victim," it said. "He was threatened, intimidated and terrorized. He was given a choice of pleading guilty and serving 90 days in prison or serving the rest of his life in jail -- all of this over a corporate car and standard employee benefits."

A jury convicted the company of tax fraud on Dec. 6.

The Trump Organization was charged through two corporate entities:

The Trump Corporation, which was fined \$810,000; and Trump Payroll Corporation, which was fined \$800,000.

Those fines "constitute a fraction of the revenue" generated by Trump's real estate empire, Steinglass said in court. It could face more trouble outside of court from reputational damage, such as difficulty finding new deals and business partners.

"We all know that these corporations won't go to jail, as Allen Weisselberg has," Steinglass said. "The only way to deter such conduct is to make it as expensive as possible." The Trump Organization's sentencing doesn't end Trump's battle with Bragg, who said the sentencing "closes this important chapter of our ongoing investigation into the former president and his businesses. We now move onto the next chapter."

Bragg, in office for little more than a year, inherited the Trump Organization case and the investigation into the former president from his predecessor, Cyrus Vance Jr.

At the same time, New York Attorney General Letitia James is suing

Trump and the Trump Organization, alleging they misled banks and others about the value of its many assets, including golf courses and skyscrapers — a practice she dubbed the "art of the steal."

James, a Democrat, is asking a court to ban Trump and his three eldest children from running any New York-based company and is seeking to fine them at least \$250 million. A judge has set an October trial date and appointed a monitor for the company while the case is pending.

Trump faces several other legal challenges as he ramps up his presidential campaign.

A special grand jury in Atlanta has investigated whether Trump and his allies committed any crimes while trying to overturn his 2020 election loss in Georgia.

Last month, the House Jan. 6 committee voted to make a criminal referral to the Justice Department for Trump's role in sparking the violent insurrection at the U.S. Capitol. The FBI is also investigating Trump's storage of classified documents.

2022 was fifth or sixth warmest on record as Earth heats up

By Seth Borenstein

AP Science Writer

DENVER (AP) — Earth's fever persisted last year, not quite spiking to a record high but still in the top five or six warmest on record, government agencies reported Thursday.

But expect record-shattering hot years soon, likely in the next couple years because of "relentless" climate change from the burning of coal, oil and gas, U.S. government scientists said.

Despite a La Nina, a cooling of the equatorial Pacific that slightly reduces global average temperatures, the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration calculates 2022's global average temperature was 58.55 degrees (14.76 degrees Celsius), ranking sixth hottest on record. NOAA doesn't include the polar regions because of data concerns, but soon will.

If the Arctic -- which is warming three to four times faster than the rest of the world -- and Antarctic are factored in, NOAA said it would be fifth warmest. NASA, which has long factored the Arctic in its global calculations, said 2022 is essentially tied for fifth warmest with 2015. Four other scientific agencies

or science groups around the world put the year as either fifth or sixth hottest.

NOAA and NASA records go back to 1880.

NASA Administrator Bill Nelson said global temperature is "pretty alarming ... What we're seeing is our warming climate, it's warning all of us. Forest fires are intensifying. Hurricanes are getting stronger. Droughts are wreaking havoc. Sea levels are rising. Extreme weather patterns threaten our well-being across this planet."

Berkeley Earth, a nonprofit group of independent scientists, said it was the fifth warmest on record and noted that for 28 countries it was the hottest year on record, including China, the United Kingdom, Spain, France, Germany and New Zealand.

Another group, whose satellite-based calculations tend to run cooler than other science teams, said it was the seventh hottest year.

Last year was slightly toastier than 2021, but overall the science teams say the big issue is that the last eight years, from 2015 on, have been a step above the higher temperatures the globe had been going through. All eight years are more than 1.8 degrees

(1 degree Celsius) warmer than pre-industrial times, NOAA and NASA said.

Last year was 2 degrees (1.1 degrees Celsius) warmer than the mid-19th century, NASA said.

"The last eight years have clearly been warmer than the years before," said NOAA analysis branch chief Russ Vose.

In a human body an extra 2 degrees Fahrenheit is considered a fever, but University of Oklahoma meteorology professor Renee McPherson, who wasn't part of any of the study teams, said the global warmth is actually worse than the equivalent of a planetary fever because fevers can be treated to go down quickly.

"You can't take a pill for it so the fixes aren't easy," McPherson said. "It's more what you consider a chronic illness like cancer."

Like a fever, "every tenth of a degree matters and things break down and that's what we're seeing," Climate Central Chief Meteorologist Bernadette Woods Placky.

The likelihood of the world shooting past the 1.5 degrees Celsius (2.7 degrees Fahrenheit) warming threshold that the world adopted in 2015 is increasing with every year, said the World Meteorological Organiza-

tion. The United Nations weather agency said the last 10 years average 1.14 degrees Celsius warmer than pre-industrial times. Vose said there's a 50-50 chance of hitting 1.5 degrees Celsius temporarily in the 2020s.

Vose and NASA Goddard Institute of Space Studies Director Gavin Schmidt both said there are hints of an acceleration of warming but the data isn't quite solid enough to be sure. But the overall trend of warming is rock solid, they said.

"Since the mid-1970s you've seen this relentless increase in temperature and that's totally robust to all the different methodologies," Schmidt said.

The La Nina, a natural process that alters weather worldwide, is in its third straight year. Schmidt calculated that last year the La Nina cooled the overall temperature by about a tenth of a degree (.06 degrees Celsius) and that last year was the hottest La Nina year on record.

"The La Nina years of today aren't the La Nina years of yesterday," said North Carolina state climatologist Kathie Dello. "Historically, we could rely on La Nina turning down the global thermostat. Now, heat-trapping gases are keeping the tempera-

ture cranked up, and handing us another top-10 warmest year on record."

With La Nina likely dissipating and a possible El Nino on the way — which adds to warming — Schmidt said this year will likely be warmer than 2022. And next year, he said, watch out if there's an El Nino.

"That would suggest that 2024 would be the record warmest year by quite a large amount," Schmidt said in an interview with The Associated Press.

Scientists say about 90% of the heat trapped by greenhouse gases goes into the upper 6,561 feet of the ocean (2000 meters), and figures released Wednesday show 2022 was another record year for ocean heat.

"There's a real good connection between the patterns of ocean warming, the stratification, and then the weather that we experience in our daily lives on land," including stronger hurricanes and rising seas, said study co-author John Abraham of the University of St. Thomas.

In the United States, global warming first grabbed headlines when Schmidt's predecessor, climate scientist James Hansen, testified about worsening warming in

1988. That year would go on to be the record warmest at the time.

Now, 1988 is the 28th hottest year on record.

The last year that the Earth was cooler than the 20th century average was 1976, according to NOAA.

But scientists say average temperatures aren't what really affects people. What hits and hurts people are how the warming makes extreme weather events, such as heat waves, floods, droughts and storms worse or more frequent or both, they said.

"These trends should concern everyone," said Cornell University climate scientist Natalie Mahowald, who wasn't part of the study teams.

WMO Secretary-General Petteri Taalas said in 2022 those extremes "undermined health, food, energy and water security and infrastructure. Large areas of Pakistan were flooded, with major economic losses and human casualties. Record breaking heat waves have been observed in China, Europe, North and South America. The long-lasting drought in the Horn of Africa threatens a humanitarian catastrophe."

US renames 5 places that used racist slur for a Native woman

By Trisha Ahmed

Associated Press/Report for America

The U.S. Department of the Interior announced Thursday that it has given new names to five places that previously included a racist term for a Native American woman.

The renamed sites are in California, North Dakota, Tennessee and Texas, completing a year-long process to remove the historically offensive word "squaw" from geographic names across the country.

"Words matter, par-

ticularly in our work to ensure our nation's public lands and waters are accessible and welcoming to people of all backgrounds," Interior Secretary Deb Haaland said in a statement. She called the word "harmful."

Haaland, who took office in 2021, is the first Native American to lead a Cabinet agency.

In September, the Interior Department announced its final vote on proposals to change the names of nearly 650 sites that contained the word. The agency conducted an additional review of seven locations, all of which

were considered unincorporated populated places. Five of those were changed in Thursday's announcement.

In western North Dakota, the new name Homesteaders Gap was selected by members of a small community as a nod to their local history.

Mark Fox, tribal chairman of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation, welcomed the change, telling The Bismarck Tribune that the slur "really causes serious and strong emotions and resistance to that term." In a statement to The Associated Press, he said

it was long overdue, and "we are pleased that the racially insensitive and offensive name has been removed."

But Joel Brown, a member of the McKenzie County Board of Commissioners, said many residents in the area "felt very strongly" in opposition to the switch. Brown, who is white, said he and others prefer as little interference from the federal government as possible because "generally we find they're disconnected from what the culture and economy are out here."

Two other newly

named places are the California Central Valley communities of Loybas Hill, which translates to "Young Lady," proposed by the Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians; and Yokuts Valley.

The others are Partridgeberry, Tennessee, and Lynn Creek, Texas.

The decision has long precedent. The Interior Department ordered the renaming of places with derogatory terms for Black and Japanese people in 1962 and 1974, respectively.

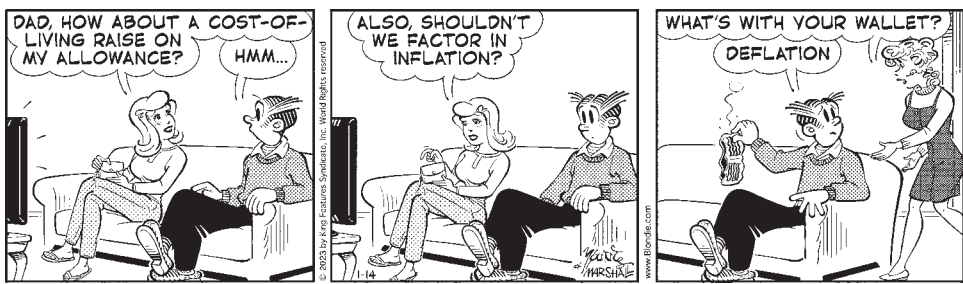
Last year alone, authorities renamed 28 Wisconsin sites to

remove a racist word, a panel recommended the name change of a Colorado mountain tied to a massacre, and the federal government renamed hundreds of peaks, lakes, streams and other geographical features with racist and misogynistic terms.

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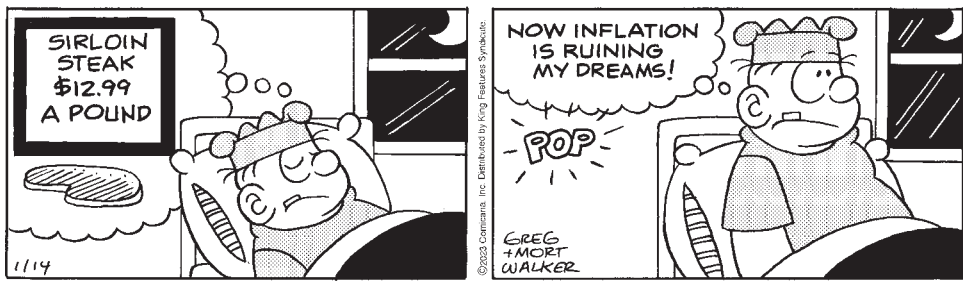
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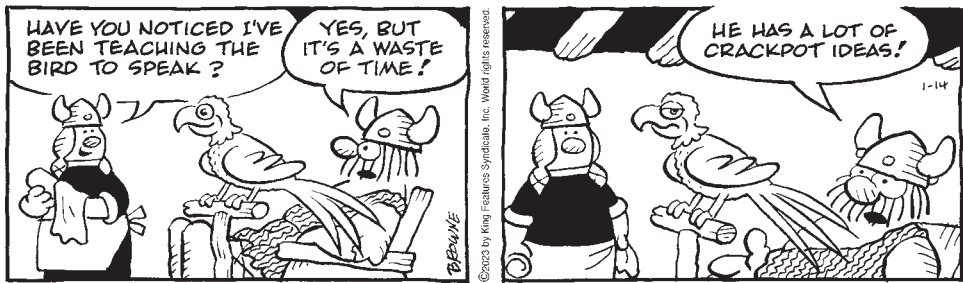
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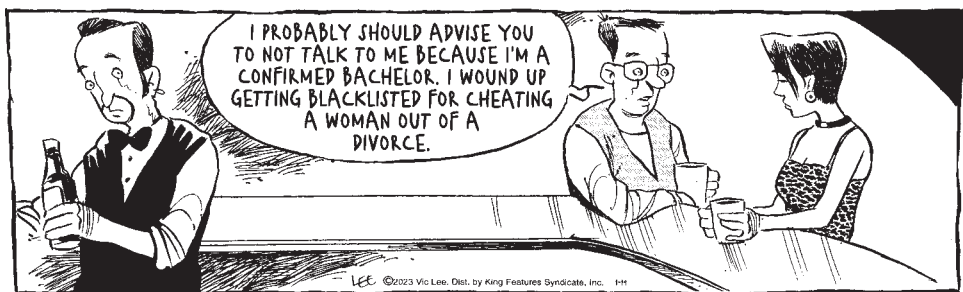
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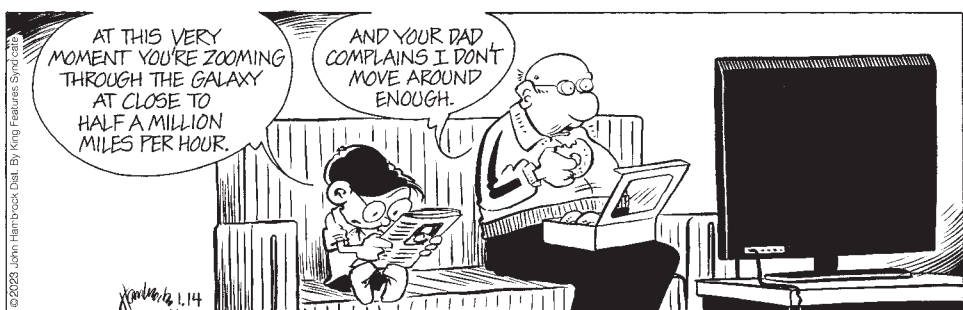
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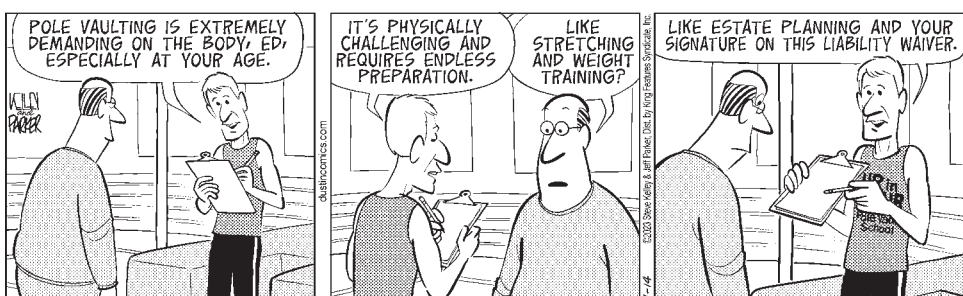
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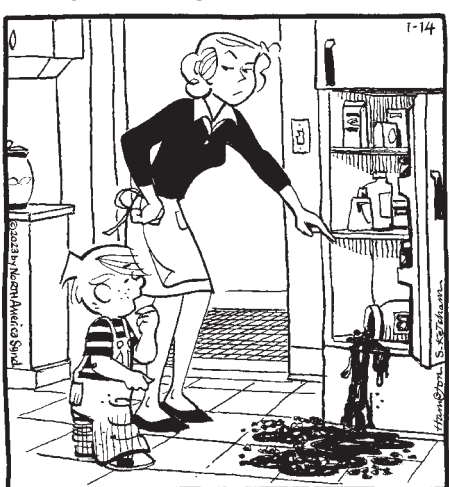
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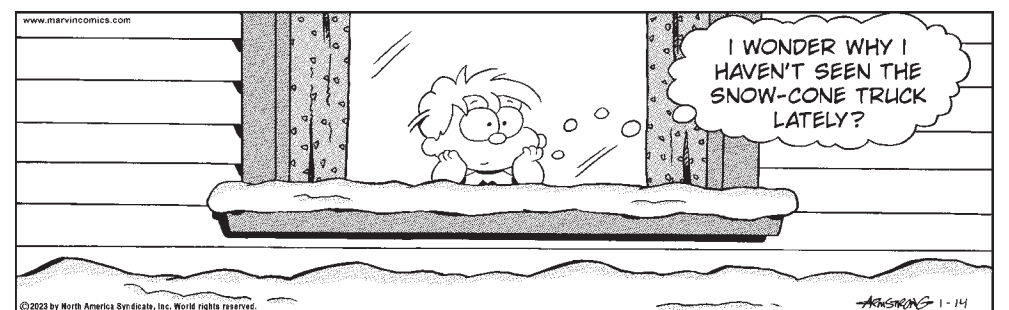
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MARVIN

BY TOM ARMSTRONG



THE LOCKHORNS

BY BUNNY HOEST & JOHN REINER



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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Answer to previous puzzle

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Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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S-C's Lyles to play volleyball at MVC

By Bryan Everson
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Smith-Cotton senior Isabelle Lyles will head down the road -- not too far -- to further her volleyball career.

A signing ceremony Friday morning commemorated her inking to play at Missouri Valley College in Marshall.

"I think that MO Valley's going to be such a great experience for me," Lyles said. "I can't wait to play under Coach [Brett] Holt. He seems like he's got great energy, ready to win, and hard-working, so I couldn't be more excited. I'm thankful for the opportunity and the support I've received; it's been overwhelmingly positive."

Holt envisions Lyles making an impact quickly.

"I think she is going to bring a lot of hard work and dedication," Holt said. "On the skills side, she is going to be able to compete right away as an incoming freshman for a varsity

spot based on her skill set: defense, serve/receive, and just overall court awareness."

Lyles said that in the summer leading up to this year she began to think more about plans for college and continuing to play the sport with her evident love for it. "MO Valley attracted me because it's not too far from home, but gets me out of Sedalia to branch out," she said. "I emailed them over the summer and said, 'Here are my highlights and stats, are you interested?' He invited me to a recruitment date and when I visited [in the fall], I instantly loved it. The energy was great, the team's super nice; I could tell I'd be a good fit there."

A four-year varsity letter winner and two-year team captain, Lyles' role as a senior expanded and she posted a team-high 200 kills, along with 346 digs and 14 blocks, earning her second-team All-CMAC honors.

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Smith-Cotton High School senior Isabelle Lyles has accepted an athletic scholarship to play volleyball at Missouri Valley College in Marshall. Seated with her are her parents, Beth and Ben Lyles; back, from left: S-C Assistant Principal Joe Doyle, Missouri Valley Volleyball Head Coach Brett Holt, Missouri Valley Volleyball Assistant Coach Karen Souza, Smith-Cotton Volleyball Head Coach Diane Shipley, and S-C Athletic Director Rob Davis.

PHOTO COURTESY OF SEDALIA SCHOOL DISTRICT 200



Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes (15) and tight end Travis Kelce (87) celebrate during the first half of an NFL football game against the Seattle Seahawks Saturday, Dec. 24, 2022, in Kansas City, Mo. PHOTO BY ED ZURGA | AP PHOTO

NFL All-Pros: Kelce, Jefferson unanimous; 16 first-timers

By Rob Maaddi
AP Pro Football Writer

Travis Kelce and Justin Jefferson are unanimous choices for The Associated Press 2022 NFL All-Pro Team, and Sauce Gardner is the first rookie cornerback selected in 41 years.

The Chiefs' Kelce and the Vikings' Jefferson received first-team votes Friday from all 50 members of a nationwide panel of media members who regularly cover the

league.

Kansas City quarterback Patrick Mahomes, San Francisco 49ers edge rusher Nick Bosa and Chiefs defensive lineman Chris Jones each got 49 of 50 first-team votes. The Chiefs and Niners led the way with four players each on the first team.

Gardner, the fourth overall pick by the New York Jets, was named on all 50 ballots, receiving 43 first-place votes. Pro Football Hall of Famer

Ronnie Lott was the last rookie cornerback chosen for the first team in 1981.

"That's a big deal to me," Gardner told the AP. "It was one of my goals before training camp. It's something I pray for. I worked so hard for it. It's a true blessing for sure."

Kelce's older brother, Jason, also earned first-team honors for the fifth time in his career to stay one ahead of his pass-catching brother.

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Kentucky, Calipari frustrated by season-long struggles

By Gary B. Graves
AP Sports Writer

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Kentucky All-American forward Oscar Tshiebwe is wondering whether the Wildcats' walk-ons should play at this point in a frustrating season, just to show some fire.

For college basketball's reigning player of the year to challenge his talented teammates speaks volumes of the crisis within one of

the sport's most prestigious and successful programs.

"Play the people who are willing to fight, even some walk-ons," the usually affable senior said after Tuesday night's 71-68 home loss to South Carolina. "Put the people who try to look cute on offense where they don't want to play defense, put them on the bench. We're here to fight and to try to do something."

Kentucky began the season No. 4 and was favored

to win the Southeastern Conference — along with its own usual high expectations of a national championship. At this point, the Wildcats have some work to do to even just get on the NCAA Tournament bubble.

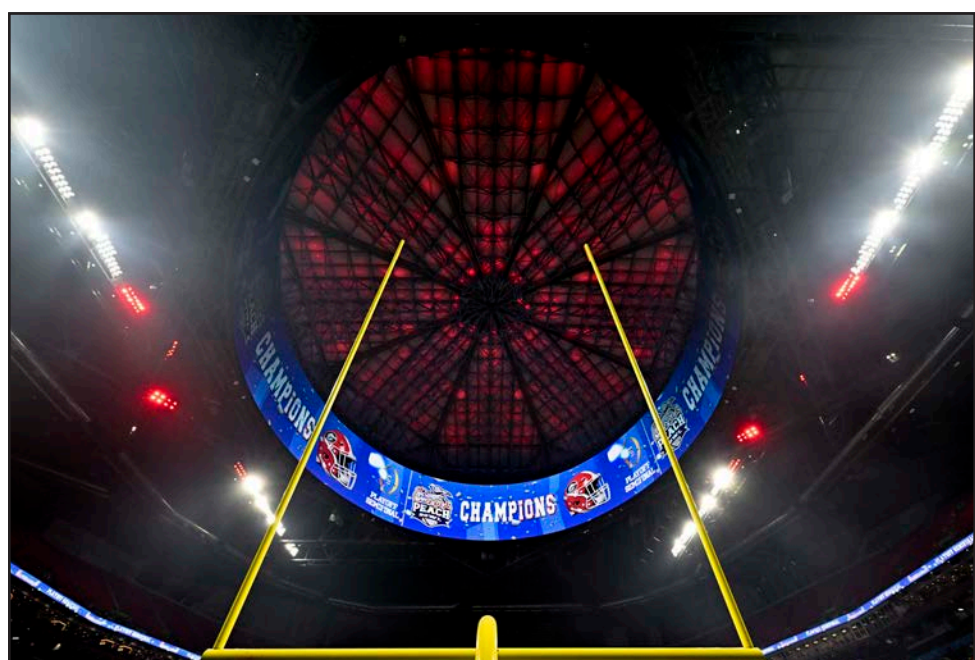
The team's passionate fan base has unleashed hurt and anger on talk shows and social media, even calling for coach John Calipari's exit.

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Kentucky head coach John Calipari reacts during the second half of an NCAA college basketball game against Alabama, Saturday, Jan. 7, 2023, in Tuscaloosa, Ala. PHOTO BY VASHA HUNT | AP PHOTO

Column: Super Bowls before the Super Bowl? Don't rule it out



The Mercedes-Benz stadium is seen after the Peach Bowl NCAA college football semifinal playoff game between Georgia and Ohio State, Sunday, Jan. 1, 2023, in Atlanta. Georgia won 42-41. PHOTO BY DANNY KARNIK | AP PHOTO

By Paul Newberry
AP Sports Columnist

ATLANTA (AP) — If Buffalo and Kansas City both reach the AFC championship game, they'll head to Atlanta, of all places, to compete for a spot in the Super Bowl.

The neutral site is just a one-off for now, the hasty solution to a crucial game being called off in the next-to-last week of the regular season after Damar Hamlin's frightening collapse on the field.

Hamlin, thankfully, is on the road to recovery.

Now, one can't help but wonder if the NFL, in a never-ending quest to

increase its wealth and raise an already towering profile, could use this as a test run for staging conference title games at predetermined sites — just like it does with the Super Bowl.

The owners are surely intrigued by the thought of two mini-Super Bowls before the Super Bowl.

Don't brush off this idea, which has been bandied about before — most notably by the late Lamar Hunt, longtime owner of the Chiefs.

Not surprisingly, the players seem against the idea.

They believe the team that posts the best record in each conference deserves to play

at home at least until the Super Bowl — with all the advantages that entails, from fan support to a familiar stadium surface to potentially inclement weather they're used to playing in.

"It's only right to reward the No. 1 seed from a long season to be able have home-field advantage through the playoffs," Bills safety Micah Hyde said Friday.

But player sentiments are unlikely to carry a whole lot of weight.

This will come down to money, and whether the owners think they can make more of it with conference title games being held at neutral stadiums.

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SPORTS CALENDAR

Saturday

ON TAP
COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL
 7 p.m. Link Year Prep at State Fair Community College

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SWIMMING
 Sacred Heart at Smith-Cotton Arbisi Invitational

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS WRESTLING
 Smith-Cotton at Republic Tournament

Tipton at Warsaw Tournament
 Windsor at Plattsburg Tournament

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS WRESTLING
 Smith-Cotton at Republic Tournament

ON AIR
AUTO RACING
 10:30 p.m. CBSSN — ABB FIA Formula E: The Mexico City E-Prix, Round 1, Mexico City (Taped)

BOXING
 9 p.m. ESPN — Top Rank Main Card: Efe Ajagba vs. Stephan Shaw (Heavyweights), Verona, N.Y.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)
 11 a.m. ESPN — Kentucky at Tennessee

ESPN2 — West Virginia at Oklahoma
 ESPNU — Davidson at George Mason

FS1 — Seton Hall at DePaul

11:30 a.m. USA — Loyola of Chicago at Saint Joseph's
 Noon CBS — Wisconsin at Indiana
 SECN — Georgia at Mississippi

1 p.m. ESPN — North Carolina at Louisville
 ESPN2 — Kansas St. at TCU

ESPNU — Arkansas at Vanderbilt
 FS1 — Providence at Creighton

1:30 p.m. USA — Richmond at St. Bonaventure
 2 p.m. ACCN — Pittsburgh at Georgia Tech

CBSSN — Monmouth at Towson
 2:30 p.m. SECN — Missouri at Florida

3 p.m. ESPN — LSU at Alabama
 ESPN2 — Virginia at Florida St.
 ESPNU — Cincinnati at SMU

PAC-12N — Arizona St. at Oregon St.
 4 p.m. ACCN — Duke at Clemson
 CBSSN — William & Mary at UNC-Wilmington

5 p.m. ESPN — Arizona at Oregon
 ESPN2 — Oklahoma St. at Baylor
 ESPNU — Chattanooga at Samford

PAC-12N — California at Washington
 SECN — Texas A&M at South Carolina

6 p.m. ACCN — Notre Dame at Syr-

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 CBSSN — Colorado St. at UNLV

7 p.m. ESPN — Texas Tech at Texas
 ESPN2 — Wake Forest at Boston College

ESPNU — Bradley at Drake
 FOX — Colorado at UCLA

PAC-12N — Stanford at Washington St.
 7:30 p.m. SECN — Mississippi St. at Auburn

8 p.m. CBSSN — New Mexico at San Diego St.

9 p.m. ESPN2 — Portland at Gonzaga
 9:30 p.m. PAC-12N — Utah at Southern Cal

10 p.m. FS1 — Boise St. at Wyoming

COLLEGE BASKETBALL (WOMEN'S)
 11:30 a.m. BTN — Penn St. at Iowa

1:30 p.m. BTN — Ohio St. at Nebraska

3 p.m. FS1 — Creighton at Butler
 8 p.m. FS1 — New Mexico at UNLV

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
 11 a.m. CBSSN — The Hula Bowl: Team KAI vs. Team AINA, Orlando, Fla.

COLLEGE HOCKEY (MEN'S)
 3:30 p.m. BTN — Ohio St. at Michigan

6 p.m. BTN —

Penn St. at Michigan St.

GOLF
 10 a.m. ESPNEWS — Latin America Amateur Championship: Third Round, Grand Reserve GC, Rio Grande, Puerto Rico

3 p.m. NBC — PGA Tour: The Sony Open, Third Round, Wai'alaie Country Club, Honolulu

5 p.m. GOLF — PGA Tour: The Sony Open, Third Round, Wai'alaie Country Club, Honolulu

12:30 a.m. (Sunday)

GOLF — DP World Tour: The Hero Cup, Final Round, Abu Dhabi Golf Club, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

HORSE RACING
 1:30 p.m. FS2 — NYRA: America's Day at the Races

IIHF HOCKEY (WOMEN'S)
 9 a.m. NHLN — U-18 World Championship: U.S. vs. Sweden, Semifinal, Ostersund, Sweden

NBA BASKETBALL
 Noon ABC — Milwaukee at Miami

NFL FOOTBALL
 3:30 p.m. FOX — NFC Wild Card Playoff: Seattle at San Francisco

7:15 p.m. NBC — AFC Wild Card Playoff: LA Chargers at Jacksonville

NHL HOCKEY
 1 p.m. NHLN — Calgary at Dallas

7 p.m. NHLN — Toronto at Boston

RODEO
 2:30 p.m. CBS — PBR: The Tractor Supply Co. Invitational, 15/15 Bucking Battle, Chicago (Taped)

SOCCER (MEN'S)
 6:30 a.m. USA — Premier League: Manchester City at Manchester United

9 a.m. USA — Premier League: Southampton at Everton

11:30 a.m. NBC — Premier League: Bournemouth at Brentford

7 p.m. FS2 — Liga MX: Tijuana at Juárez

9 p.m. FS2 — Liga MX: Pumas UNAM at Santos Laguna

Sunday
ON AIR
COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)
 11 a.m. BTN — Northwestern at Michigan

FOX — Marquette at Xavier
 FS1 — St. John's at UConn

Noon ESPN2 — South Florida at East Carolina

1:15 p.m. BTN — Ohio St. at Rutgers

2 p.m. ESPN2 — Memphis at Temple
 3:30 p.m. BTN — Maryland at Iowa

COLLEGE BASKETBALL (WOMEN'S)
 11 a.m. ACCN — Boston College at Virginia

CBSSN — Loyola of Chicago at Rhode Island
 Noon ESPN — Missouri at South Carolina

SECN — Georgia at Tennessee
 1 p.m. ACCN — Notre Dame at Syracuse

CBSSN — Dayton at St. Louis

PAC-12N — Arizona at Utah
 2 p.m. ESPNU — Baylor at West Virginia

SECN — Kentucky at Florida
 2:30 p.m. ESPN — NC State at North Carolina

3 p.m. ACCN — Duke at Georgia Tech
 PAC-12N — California at UCLA (Joined in Progress)

4 p.m. ESPN2 — Iowa St. at Texas
 PAC-12N — Stanford at Southern Cal

SECN — Alabama at Mississippi

COLLEGE WRESTLING
 7 p.m. BTN — Michigan St. at Minnesota

GOLF
 9 a.m. ESPN2 — Latin America Amateur Championship: Final Round, Grand Reserve GC, Rio Grande, Puerto Rico

Rico
 3 p.m. NBC — PGA Tour: The Sony Open, Final Round, Wai'alaie Country Club, Honolulu

5 p.m. GOLF — PGA Tour: The Sony Open, Final Round, Wai'alaie Country Club, Honolulu

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL (BOY'S)
 8 p.m. ESPN2 — GEICO Showcase: Imhotep (Pa.) vs. Cardinal Hayes (N.Y.), Springfield, Mass.

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

IIHF HOCKEY (WOMEN'S)
 9 a.m. NHLN — U-18 World Championship: TBD, Bronze Medal Game, Ostersund, Sweden

1 p.m. NHLN — U-18 World Championship: TBD, Gold Medal Game, Ostersund, Sweden

NBA BASKETBALL
 8:30 p.m. NBA TV — Philadelphia at LA Lakers

NBA G-LEAGUE BASKETBALL
 2 p.m. NBA TV — Memphis at Iowa

NFL FOOTBALL
 Noon CBS — AFC Wild Card Playoff: Miami at Buffalo

3:30 p.m. FOX — NFC Wild Card Playoff: NY Giants at Minnesota

7:15 p.m. NBC — AFC Wild Card Playoff: Baltimore at Cincinnati

NHL HOCKEY
 6 p.m. NHLN — Arizona at Winnipeg

RODEO
 7 p.m. CBSSN — PBR: The Tractor Supply Co. Invitational, Championship Round, Chicago (Taped)

SAILING
 5:30 p.m. CBSSN — SailGP: The Singapore Sail Grand Prix - Day 1, Parkland Green, Singapore (Taped)

9:30 p.m. CBSSN — SailGP: The Singapore Sail Grand Prix - Day 2, Parkland Green, Singapore (Taped)

SOCCER (MEN'S)
 8 a.m. USA — Premier League: Crystal Palace at Chelsea

12:30 p.m. ABC — The Spanish Super Cup: Real Madrid vs. Barcelona, Final, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

SOCCER (WOMEN'S)
 5:55 a.m. CBSSN — FASL: Chelsea at Arsenal

11 p.m. CBSSN — Serie A: Sassuolo at Juventus (Taped)

TENNIS
 6 p.m. ESPN — ATP/WTA: The Australian Open, First Round, Melbourne

10 p.m. ESPN2 — ATP/WTA: The Australian Open, First Round, Melbourne

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HOROSCOPES

By Georgia Nicols

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

Happy Birthday for Saturday, Jan. 14, 2023:

You are intelligent, observant and loyal to loved ones. You need to be stimulated with a changing environment and new information. This year is about creating a solid foundation. Simplicity will be the key. You might want to take charge of your health. Get physical exercise.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ A friend might surprise you today, or you might meet someone who is unusual and different. Possibly, what surprises you is something to do with a club or an organization to which you belong. Certainly, this is not a boring day. Stay tuned! Tonight: Serious discussions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ A surprise flirtation with a boss or someone in a position of authority might catch you off guard today. (Exciting and flattering?) Or perhaps you will be asked to give advice about something, especially how to make something look more attractive. Again, you're flattered. Tonight: Study and learn.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Sudden opportunities to travel might fall in your lap today. Note: This window of opportunity is brief, so you'll have to act fast. Others might feel a romantic attraction or enjoy a flirtation with someone who is "different." Today promises many exciting, social perks. Tonight: Practice makes perfect.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Today a delightful surprise might be an unexpected gift that comes your way. Or perhaps someone will do a favor for you, give you something or let you have the use of something that they own. Whatever happens, it looks like you'll come out ahead! Tonight: Practical advice.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You want some excitement and stimulation from your closest relationships today. Perhaps you will suggest an interesting agenda for the day. However, some of you might actually provoke a fight just to see the sparks fly! Don't be impatient with loved ones. Stay chill. Tonight: Make plans.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Your tolerance might be tested today because a work colleague might say or do something that you find is very different. But perhaps the difference is based on cultural patterns or backgrounds. Be open-minded. (You might look as unusual to someone else as they look to you.) It's a two-way street. Tonight: Thrifty decisions.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Parents must be vigilant with their kids today. This is definitely an accident-prone day for your kids. Meanwhile, social plans might suddenly change. They might be canceled or delayed. On the other hand, you might receive an unexpected invitation to go somewhere. Tonight: Welcome advice.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ This is a dicey day for entertaining at home, because unexpected events are likely. If you have plans, they might change or be delayed. On the other hand, if you don't have plans, be smart and stock the fridge. Company might drop by. Tonight: Research.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ You want some stimulation today! This is why you have a tendency to flirt, even if you don't mean anything seriously. You want to poke people just a little to see what happens. This is why you might say something unusual or provocative to a neighbor, sibling or relative. Tonight: Words of wisdom.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Keep an eye on your money and your possessions today because anything could happen. For example, you might find money; you might lose money. Definitely protect what you own against loss, theft or damage. Tonight: Deserved respect.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ This is a good day for getting things out in the open, because you're ready to clear the decks and state your case. This might create a fight with someone close to you. On the other hand, it might clear the air. Who knows? Try to remember what your long-term objective is. You want to get along. Tonight: Study.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ This is a restless day. You might feel impatient with a loved one. Or, in turn, someone might feel impatient with you. One thing is certain, this is a good day to put your cards on the table and tell it like it is. Tonight: Check your finances.

BORN TODAY

Actor Jason Bateman (1969), actress Holland Taylor (1943), rapper, entrepreneur, record producer LL Cool J (1968)



Los Angeles Chargers wide receiver Mike Williams (81) is hit by Denver Broncos safety Justin Simmons (31) after making a catch during the first half of an NFL football game in Denver, Sunday, Jan. 8, 2023.

PHOTO BY JACK DEMPSEY | AP PHOTO

Chargers' WR Williams downgraded to out with back fracture

By Joe Reedy

AP Sports Writer

Mike Williams will miss the Los Angeles Chargers' AFC wild-card round game against the Jacksonville Jaguars due to a lower back fracture.

The sixth-year wide receiver was downgraded to out on Friday after further tests showed the small fracture. The Chargers said the fracture didn't show up in initial tests.

Williams won't travel with the team and will remain in Los Angeles to continue receiving treatment.

Williams didn't practice all week after being injured late in the first half of last Sunday's 31-28 loss at the Denver Broncos. Coach Brandon Staley said earlier in the week he

thought Williams would be on the practice field at some point and the injury didn't appear serious.

Williams' injury will ratchet up the heat on Staley, who played his starters a significant amount against the Broncos in a regular-season finale with nothing at stake.

The Chargers (10-7) wrapped up the fifth seed when Baltimore lost to Cincinnati earlier in the day.

On Thursday, Staley reiterated he stood behind the decision.

"It's very difficult to decide who plays and who doesn't and who is more valuable than the rest," he said. "What you are trying to do is set a standard for your program about how you do things. That is what

I believe in. I didn't want anybody to get hurt in that game, regardless of their status, because everybody is important."

Williams has dealt with back issues throughout his career. He missed the first five games of his rookie season in 2017 because of a back injury.

Williams was sidelined for four games this season because of an ankle injury. He had 63 receptions for 895 yards and four touchdowns in 13 games.

The Chargers are the first team in NFL history to have six players with 500 receiving yards and three receiving touchdowns, mainly because of injuries to their wide receiver group.

Keenan Allen missed seven games because of

a hamstring injury, while DeAndre Carter was the only wide receiver to play all 17 games. Austin Ekeler set a team record with 107 receptions, the third most in NFL history by a running back in a season.

Joshua Palmer, who is second on the team in receptions (72) and yards (769), will start in place of Williams.

"He is such a productive player and a big part of what we do, but we have had to battle it out without him a few games already this season," offensive coordinator Joe Lombardi said of Williams. "Josh Palmer does a good job of stepping up when he has been out. If Mike is not going, then the other guys will step up. We'll do our best to make it work."

Manchester, north London derbies add intrigue to title race

By Steve Douglas

AP Sports Writer

The stage has been set for a straight shootout between Arsenal and Manchester City for the English Premier League title and that scenario will become more of a reality if they win their respective derby matches this weekend.

Don't be so sure about that happening, though.

Indeed, by Sunday night, the number of teams potentially involved in the title race could easily have grown to five heading into the second half of the season.

First up is the Manchester derby on Saturday, when City — looking increasingly unconvincing as the season progresses — faces a Manchester United team riding its best run of results in four years.

Eight straight wins in all competitions. Nine straight wins at Old Trafford. United, no longer burdened with the baggage that came with having Cristiano Ronaldo in the squad, is brimming with confidence under Erik ten Hag and out to make amends for an embarrassing 6-3 loss to City in early October.

Closing the round of weekend games is the north London derby on Sunday when Arsenal — five points clear of second-placed City — heads to fifth-placed Tottenham, for whom in-form striker Harry Kane has another scoring record in his sights.

Kane has netted four times in four games since returning from the World Cup and needs one goal to tie with the late Jimmy Greaves as Tottenham's lead-



Manchester City's head coach Pep Guardiola reacts during the English FA Cup soccer match between Manchester City and Chelsea at the Etihad Stadium in Manchester, England, Sunday, Jan. 8, 2023.

PHOTO BY DAVE THOMPSON | AP PHOTO

ing scorer on 266. No player has scored more in the derby than Kane with his 14. In fact, no player has scored more goals against Arsenal than Kane since the Premier League started in 1992.

If Arsenal and City win, they'll leave United and Tottenham in their wake, with only third-placed Newcastle — which hosts Fulham on Sunday — in touching distance.

If they lose, then the top five would suddenly be separated by eight points.

On current form, City is the team that should be most fearful.

Back-to-back wins over Chelsea last week, in the league then the FA Cup, seemed to put City back on track, but a loss to Southampton in the League Cup on Wednesday not only ended the team's hunt for a quadruple of trophies but raised questions about the strength in depth of Pep Guardiola's squad in certain areas.

City has dropped points in two of its last four league

games — both at home, in a 2-1 loss to Brentford and a 1-1 draw with Everton — and, currently, does not look like the machine that can go on a long winning run to take control of a title race, as Guardiola's teams have done in the past.

Worryingly, a frail-looking City didn't even have a shot on target against Southampton, despite sending on Kevin De Bruyne and Erling Haaland in the second half.

City midfielder Ilkay Gundogan said their self-belief took a hit.

"This United side is probably stronger than ever, at least in the recent past," Gundogan said, "so they are full of confidence, will play great football and we'll need a much better performance than (against Southampton)."

No Man United manager has reached 20 victories at the club quicker than Ten Hag — he has achieved it in 27 games — but the recent winning run should be put into context given the opponents United has faced,

including two lower-league teams in the cups and four of the current bottom six in the Premier League.

City represents a massive step up in quality, though fourth-placed United has already beaten Arsenal, Liverpool and Tottenham at home this season.

Indeed, that remains Arsenal's only loss in the league in what has been the fifth-best start to a Premier League after 17 games.

Losing Gabriel Jesus to a knee injury hasn't slowed Arsenal, especially with captain and playmaker Martin Odegaard in such great form. As it stands, Odegaard and Haaland — two Norwegians — might be leading the race to be the league player of the season.

Tottenham has won the last three north London derbies played at its home stadium but did lose there against Aston Villa on Jan. 1.

Any dropped points by Arsenal would raise the stakes even further given its next game in the league is at home to United.

Prescott shrugs off picks for Cowboys' playoff visit to Bucs

By Schuyler Dixon
AP Pro Football Writer

FRISCO, Texas (AP) — Dak Prescott wasn't even going to talk about interceptions before a smaller group of reporters stopped the star Dallas quarterback after his regular session with the media.

"Honestly," Prescott said Friday, "I'm not even thinking about them right now."

The football world is talking about them, and the chatter will continue all the way to Monday night when the Cowboys (12-5) visit Tom Brady and Tampa Bay (8-9) in a wild-card playoff.

Here's the rundown: A career-high 15 interceptions, tied for the NFL lead with Davis Mills of three-win Houston, and a personal-worst streak of seven consecutive games with at least one pick.

Prescott threw a pick-6 in three of the last four regular-season games, the last in a 26-6 loss to Washington when the accuracy from the 2016 NFL Offensive Rookie of Year was shockingly bad.

For a franchise desperately seeking its first deep postseason run in more than a quarter-century, continued crippling mistakes from the \$40 million QB won't sit well.

Prescott won't dwell on them, because his life story doesn't let him. He lost his mother to cancer and a brother to suicide, and has dealt with major injuries two of the past three seasons.

"When you've been through what I've been through, man, you don't allow what people say and one performance to dictate who you are or how you're going to approach the next day," Prescott said.

"All the bad is for the good in my head. I think these guys in the locker room feel that. I feel like the relationships and the bonds that we have within the locker room, they're natural in picking me up."

From star running back Ezekiel Elliott — Prescott's fellow rookie standout six years ago — to No. 1 receiver CeeDee Lamb and now six-time All-Pro right guard Zack Martin, there's no hesitation.

Ask them about Prescott, and you might as well be discussing a quarterback who throws three touchdowns every week without the risk of an interception.

"The guy's lived in adversity his whole life," Martin said. "He knows how to handle it."

There has been some reward with the risk during the seven-game interception streak. Prescott has 15 touchdown passes with 11 picks, and the Cowboys have a 5-2 record.

The Dallas offense has been among the NFL's best since Prescott returned from a five-game absence with a broken thumb, and the plenty of the picks haven't been the QB's fault.

Still, there's a sobering reality with Prescott so far unable to stop the skid.

"We don't want to lose what we're doing on the other 30 plays, we're just focusing on those couple plays that we can be better," coach Mike McCarthy said. "It's not, 'Don't worry about it. I don't care about the negative result. I'm just going to keep playing.' That's not the message. It's really staying in tune and building off of what we've done well."

McCarthy prefers the evaluation of each interception, so an overtime loss to Jacksonville becomes a good example of the bigger picture with Prescott.

A poor decision from the two-time Pro Bowler on an interception helped the Jaguars rally from 17 points down in the second half.

The game ended when Prescott made the right choice for what should have been a third-down conversion early in OT. His effective throw away from defenders bounced off receiver Noah Brown into the arms of Rayshawn Jenkins, who returned it for the winning touchdown.

The pick-6 against the Commanders came when Kendall Fuller jumped in front of an out route, something that Prescott knew the Washington cornerback had a tendency to do.

"Just understanding some are misfortune, and yeah, some I own. Bad decisions," Prescott said. "It's actually going back to my preparation and staying within and knowing, taking everything into account before I get the ball in my hands."

Because of the five-game absence, Prescott has thrown picks in 10 of 12 games this season, including one in a 19-3 season-opening loss to the Buccaneers before he broke his right thumb.

NCAA

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Reports that Texas has reached out to the Hall of Famer for its coaching vacancy have only fueled that once-unthinkable sentiment to the point that one fan was escorted from Rupp Arena on Tuesday night because of a sign that said, "Please go to Texas."

Yes, it has come to that within Big Blue Nation.

Calipari will earn \$8.5 million this season with \$53 million remaining on a "lifetime" contract through the 2028-29 season that doesn't have a buyout. He said this week he has not spoken with Texas, and insisted that he ignores the noise.

But Calipari knows the discontent is there and getting louder with each discouraging defeat.

"And are fans mad? They should be," he said Tuesday after Kentucky's 28-game home winning streak was snapped. "We lost at home. We don't lose at home. We lost at home."

Calipari also addressed the obvious: a 10-6 Kentucky team that's 1-3 in the SEC must improve, starting with himself.

The Wildcats are struggling with chemistry and consistency on both ends of the floor. Calipari's strategy

and recruiting are enduring harsh scrutiny. Injuries haven't helped, though Tshiebwe is averaging 16 points and 13.1 rebounds per game after a preseason procedure on his right knee. Still, a physical Alabama squad limited him to six rebounds and four points in a 78-52 shellacking in which Kentucky's starters tallied just 27 points against the now-No. 4 Crimson Tide.

ESPN analyst Jay Bilas believes it's too soon to panic, but noted that the Wildcats must step it up in the second half of the season.

"This is not an X-and-O issue, this is a player issue," Bilas said in a phone interview. "And the players have to bring more, do more collectively and individually than they've done. Some players are going to be more capable of doing more than others. But this isn't an issue of run a different offense and all of a sudden everything gets better."

In a hoops-mad state that expects championships and annual top-three recruiting classes, the problem is that Kentucky hasn't won an NCAA championship since 2012, made a Final Four since going 38-1 in 2015 or been a serious national title contender since an overtime loss to Auburn in the Elite Eight in 2019. The COVID-19 pandemic wiped out the Big Dance in 2020,

and 9-16 collapse the next year left the Wildcats out altogether.

Tshiebwe's phenomenal breakout keyed last season's rebound, but the team was upset in the first round of the NCAA Tournament by No. 15 Saint Peter's — considered Kentucky's worst NCAA loss ever.

With the 6-foot-9 Tshiebwe returning, there were, again, high expectations. As of now, Kentucky's tournament resume lacks a Quad 1 victory after losses to Michigan State, Gonzaga, UCLA, 'Bama and now-No. 20 Missouri by double digits.

This week's loss to the Gamecocks demonstrated everything Kentucky has done wrong. The Wildcats never led against the SEC's lowest-rated team, and it took a furious rally to get within a point before missing attempts to tie it up in the final seconds. Afterward, Tshiebwe lamented.

"Some of us coming in are taking things for granted," he said. "I just tell them, (that) the coaches, they cannot do it for us. They just come out with the game plan with who we are going to depend on and how we are going to play offense."

"We come to Kentucky for a very good reason, we come chasing greatness. And if you come not willing to fight, it's going to be tough."

Kentucky's immediate

outlook looks dire with a visit Saturday to No. 5 Tennessee, which won last year's meeting 76-63 in Knoxville and four of the last six matchups overall. Volunteers coach Rick Barnes nonetheless expects the Wildcats' best this weekend and beyond with Calipari.

"I'm not sure he's had his whole team together all year," Barnes said Thursday. "One thing I do know is his teams always get better and play their best basketball late in the year."

Then the Wildcats host No. 2 Kansas, the reigning national champions, on Jan. 28 in the SEC/Big 12 Challenge. The Jayhawks no doubt will aim to avenge last season's 80-62 rout at Allen Fieldhouse.

Kentucky also has two meetings against No. 15 Arkansas and a home rematch with the Volunteers.

Considering the Wildcats lost to a South Carolina team that got drilled by 43 at home by Tennessee, they can't afford to look past any SEC opponent. But right now, the concern is whether the Wildcats can beat one.

"Every game we play is going to be a dogfight with us being Kentucky," forward Daimion Collins said. "We just have to fight, work hard, rebound and defend. If we do those things we'll win some games."

Bowl

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In all likelihood, they can. "Obviously, the NFL is going to love that, because they're able to pick and choose more stadiums to play in, revenue," Hyde said. "It would make sense for them."

This season's potential neutral location for the AFC title was mandated by the league after Hamlin went into cardiac arrest during a Bills-Bengals game that would've had a major impact on playoff seeding.

Buffalo had a shot at gaining the top seed — and home-field advantage — by beating Cincinnati. Instead, the Bills (13-3) wound up playing one less game than Kansas City (14-3) and settled for the No. 2 seed.

Kansas City does get the advantage of being off this weekend, while Buffalo is set to host Miami in a wild-card game. But if the Bills win that one, and both Buffalo and the Chiefs win at home in the divisional round, then

Atlanta would host the AFC title game on Jan. 29.

Whether that happens or not, look for the league to take a serious look at a permanent change to the playoff format.

It's already done that way at the college level, where the semifinals are rotated among six major bowls and the championship game is held at a site selected years earlier. And when the college playoff expands to 12 teams for the 2024 season, the quarterfinals, semifinals and title game will be held at sites that have already been selected.

Just as it does with the Super Bowl, the NFL could pick the hosts of its conference championship games years in advance. And, unlike the final game of the season, the league could largely ensure a true neutral site, with little chance of teams playing in their own stadium as happened at the last two Super Bowls.

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shortage of candidates.

On the NFC side, there are domed stadiums in Atlanta, New Orleans, Arizona and Dallas, which also have more favorable winter climates. Detroit and Minnesota are bitterly cold at this time of year but have previously hosted Super Bowls in their domed stadiums. The weather isn't a factor for Tampa Bay, which has hosted multiple Super Bowls in its outdoor stadium. Carolina and San Francisco also have outdoor facilities, with geography that makes them potential contenders.

There are fewer options in the AFC but more than enough to make it work. Las Vegas, Houston and Indianapolis all have domed stadiums, and Nashville is planning to build one for the Tennessee Titans. Balmy Miami is a hugely popular stop on the Super Bowl circuit and would fit right in for an NFC title game. Jacksonville is generally mild in the winter and, as a smaller city that seems unlikely to land another Super Bowl, would undoubtedly work much better as a conference

championship site.

We left out one of the most appealing locations of all, SoFi Stadium in the Los Angeles area, the host of last season's Super Bowl and site just this week of the college football national championship game.

The NFL would undoubtedly want Los Angeles in the conference championship mix as well, though that would run the risk of either the NFC Rams or AFC Chargers — who share the futuristic facility — getting a home game in the conference championship round. The impact of a local crowd, though, could be lessened by the way the tickets are distributed.

As with the Super Bowl, a neutral site would provide plenty of time for pregame events in the host city, such as concerts and parties and media spectacles that can't be done on just a week's notice with the current system.

"I think they should keep it like it is," said Eagles defensive end Brandon Graham, before quickly adding a dose of realism, "It's all about the money anyway."

NFL

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Jason Kelce's fellow Philadelphia Eagles linemate, right tackle Lane Johnson, joins

him on the squad.

"Big honor, especially happy for (Johnson) who is the best tackle in the NFL without question, especially on the right side," Jason Kelce told the AP.

Johnson, a second-time All-Pro, has missed the past two games with an adductor injury but hopes to return when the No. 1 seed Eagles host a divisional round playoff game next week.

"We put in a lot of time and effort in the game, especially as you get older, you start to cherish it," Johnson told the AP.

Las Vegas Raiders running back Josh Jacobs is among the 16 first-time All-Pro. Jacobs led the NFL in rushing with 1,653 yards, scored 12 touchdowns rushing and averaged 4.9 yards per carry. The Raiders had three first-team picks despite finishing 6-11.

"The year definitely didn't go the way we wanted it to but, individually, it's definitely an honor to be selected," Jacobs told the AP.

Jefferson, who had a league-best 128 catches and 1,809 yards receiving, is the other newcomer on offense.

Miami's Tyreek Hill made it for the fourth time, third as a receiver. Hill had 119 catches for 1,710 yards and seven TDs in his first season with the Dolphins. Raiders wide-out Davante Adams got the nod for a third time. Adams had 100 receptions for 1,516 yards and 14 TDs in his first season in Las Vegas.

Cowboys right guard Zack Martin is a six-time All-Pro, 49ers left tackle Trent Williams and Browns left guard Joel Bitonio made it for the second straight season.

Mahomes also was an All-Pro in 2018 when he was the NFL MVP. He led the league with 5,250 yards passing and 41 TDs, helping the Chiefs go 14-3 to capture their seventh straight AFC West title. Philadelphia's Jalen Hurts got one first-team vote, preventing Mahomes from being a unanimous choice.

Cowboys edge rusher Micah Parsons, 49ers linebacker Fred Warner and Steelers safety Minkah Fitzpatrick are the only returning All-Pro on defense. It's a third time for Fitzpatrick. Parsons, who had 13 1/2 sacks, made it as a linebacker his rookie season last year.

Bosa, Jones, Jets defensive lineman Quinnen Williams, Ravens linebacker Roquan Smith, Bills linebacker Matt Milano, Broncos cornerback Patrick Surtain II and Niners safety Talanoa Hufanga all earned their first All-Pro selection.

Bosa led the NFL with 18 1/2 sacks. Williams had 11.

"I tell my wife my goals every day so she can keep me accountable and make sure I do the right thing and it was become a Pro Bowler and an All-Pro," Williams told the AP. "To get this news, all the work I put in has paid off and I gotta continue to do the same thing."

All six special-teams players are first-timers, too.

They are: Raiders kicker Daniel Carlson, Chiefs punter Tommy Townsend, Packers kick returner Keisean Nixon, Patriots punt returner Marcus Jones, Commanders special teamer Jeremy Reaves and Vikings long snapper Andrew DePaola.

This was the first year for the AP's new voting system. Voters chose a first team and a second team. First-team votes are worth 3 points, second-team votes are worth 1.

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WADA says Russia found 'no fault' in Valieva doping case

By The Associated Press

MONTREAL (AP) — A Russian tribunal found figure skater Kamila Valieva bore "no fault or negligence" in a doping case that rocked last year's Winter Olympics, the World Anti-Doping Agency said Friday.

The Russian skater won Olympic gold in the team competition in February before it was announced that a sample she gave two months before tested positive for a banned substance. The result was reported later because the laboratory which tested the sample was affected by the coronavirus pandemic.

WADA was "concerned" that a Russian anti-doping agency panel ruled Valieva should be disqualified from only one day of the 2021 Russian championships, where the sample was taken.

"The tribunal found that although the athlete had committed an Anti-Doping Rule Violation, she bore 'no fault or negligence' for it. As such, the tribunal imposed no sanction except for the disqualification of her results on the date of the sample collection," WADA said in the statement.

WADA said it would review the ruling in full before deciding on further steps. WADA previously complained Russia was taking too long to reach a decision in Valieva's case and sought to have it moved to the Switzerland-based Court of Arbitration for Sport.

"Based on the elements of the case with which WADA is already familiar, the agency is concerned by the finding of 'no fault or negligence' and will not hesitate to exercise its right of appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport, as appropriate," WADA said.

When WADA made its earlier filing about Russia's slow processing of the case, the court said WADA indicated it would push for a four-year ban.

The Russian agency, known as RUSADA, has not published the verdict. It has previously said it would not publish any findings related to the case because Valieva was only 15 at the time she tested positive.

RUSADA chief executive Veronika Loginova told Russian state news agency Tass that her agency could also consider an appeal against its own tribunal's verdict. RUSADA has received only a



Kamila Valieva, of the Russian Olympic Committee, reacts after the women's free skate program during the figure skating competition at the 2022 Winter Olympics, on Feb. 17, 2022, in Beijing. The World Anti-Doping Agency says a Russian tribunal has found figure skater Kamila Valieva bore "no fault or negligence" in a doping case that rocked last year's Winter Olympics. FILE PHOTO BY BERNAT ARMANGUE | AP PHOTO

short-form ruling containing the verdict and is still waiting for the full ruling, she added.

Depending on the eventual result of any appeal, the case could result in the United States being upgraded from silver to gold in the team event. No medal ceremony has ever

been held for the competition because of the turmoil caused by Valieva's case, and U.S. skaters have said they are frustrated by the delays.

CAS typically takes months to process cases. A previous CAS panel of judges allowed Valieva to compete in the women's

individual event at the Beijing Games even under suspicion of doping, in part because of her age. She placed fourth in the women's competition as another Russian, Anna Shcherbakova, won the gold.

Friday's announcement by WADA is unlikely to

have a major effect on the figure skating season. Skaters from Russia and its ally Belarus remain suspended from international competitions following the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Valieva has been skating in Russian domestic events this season while the case was processed.

MVC

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"Isabelle has grown from a consistent, no-error player as a freshman to a hardworking go-to player in high school to

finish the play," S-C head coach Diane Shipley said. "She isn't only a great all-around volleyball player, but a great leader, student-athlete, person, and teammate. She will be a great asset to MO Valley volleyball and the school.

Smith-Cotton will miss her."

Lyles, who said she felt her setting, strength in hitting and defense has seen improvements in recent seasons, is also viewed as an asset in the classroom by Holt.

"For sure, volleyball is

a piece of it, but we have very high expectations in the classroom,

building student athletes who are going to be successful after volleyball and school is over — being a good person on campus and in the community," Holt said.

As aforementioned, playing at MO Valley will be a step out of Sedalia for Isabelle, but not too far for parents Beth and [S-C boys basketball head coach] Ben, or her siblings, to watch her play.

"I'm pretty close with

my family and wanted them to come see me, and support me, and [my siblings], it's a 30-minute drive to them," Isabelle said. "It's a huge thing for me to support them, and for them to come to me and then also branch out on my own."



S-C's Isabelle Lyles attacks a ball in a match against Marshall on Sept. 19, 2022. FILE PHOTO BY BRYAN EVERSON | DEMOCRAT

Hurts resumes throwing, Johnson returns for banged-up Eagles

By Dan Gelston
AP Sports Writer

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Jalen Hurts zipped his passes. Lane Johnson jumped in for light drills. The Eagles are getting healthy for the postseason — and filling the All-Pro team — just at the right time.

There's no need to rush any of the banged-up Birds back at full speed, because Philadelphia earned the No. 1 seed in the NFC and an opening-weekend bye. So they were eased into practice: Hurts tested his sprained right shoulder Friday after he skipped throwing drills a day earlier, and Johnson practiced for the first time since he suffered a torn adductor in a Dec. 24 loss at Dallas.

All the Eagles (14-3) can do this weekend is watch and wait to see who they'll play at Lincoln Financial Field the weekend of Jan. 21-22 against the lowest remaining seed out of Tampa Bay, Dallas, New York or

Seattle.

But even with a week off, the Eagles can celebrate. Center Jason Kelce earned first-team All-Pro honors for the fifth time in his career and Johnson joined him on the squad. Hurts, wide receiver A.J. Brown, edge rusher Haason Reddick and cornerback James Bradberry earned All-Pro second team honors.

Reddick, who signed a free-agent deal in March, was also named to the Pro Bowl team and won NFC defensive player of the month honors for December. A New Jersey native and Temple standout, Reddick had 16 sacks to lead an Eagles defensive that had 70 overall.

"So many negative narratives put out my first couple of years," Reddick said. "All I've been doing is working hard trying to change that, change my path and be the best NFL player I can be. Seeing things like this, I'm just taking these victories as they come and I'm going to

continue to do my best to build on these things."

The only starter who might miss a playoff game is cornerback Avonte Maddox (toe), who has not played since he was hurt Dec. 24 against Dallas.

Johnson's return would be a major boost for an offensive line that has a greater need to protect Hurts. The second-time All-Pro said the rest helped and that he'd try for an "intense" practice next Thursday before the playoff game.

"Going out there and not feeling a lot of pain was good," Johnson said. "It's encouraging for me. It gives me a lot more confidence going into next week."

The Eagles also were encouraged by Hurts resuming throwing. The 24-year-old, who is 17-1 in his last 18 regular-season starts, finished with 3,701 yards passing and 22 touchdowns along with 760 yards rushing and 13 touchdowns in his second season as a starter.

Sean McVay decides to keep coaching, stays with LA Rams

By Greg Beacham
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Sean McVay has decided to return for a seventh season with the Los Angeles Rams after taking a break to contemplate his future following the first losing season of his career.

The youngest head coach in NFL history to win the Super Bowl has decided not to take a break from coaching after his Rams finished 5-12 in the worst season ever by a defending champion. The Rams confirmed his decision with a tweet Friday.

McVay, who turns 37 later this month, became the youngest head coach in modern NFL history six years ago Thursday. Everything about McVay's coaching career has been precocious, but he decided not to get an early start on retirement as well.

McVay is sticking with the Rams at their lowest point in his tenure after a year of what he described as heavy mental fatigue and stress. The Rams' innovative offensive mind has also spoken frequently about his desire to start a broadcasting career, although this break didn't appear to be about weighing a move to the booth.

McVay openly acknowledged a near-constant feeling of burnout near the end of the past few seasons, even while his coaching fortunes soared. He went 67-41 with the Rams, who racked up five winning seasons, four playoff berths, three NFC West titles, two Super Bowl appearances and one championship in his first half-decade in charge before everything crashed down in the past year.

McVay was still the NFL's youngest head coach after six seasons holding the title, but the job weighs heavily on a



Los Angeles Rams head coach Sean McVay, left, celebrates after a touchdown catch by wide receiver Tutu Atwell during the first half of an NFL football game Sunday, Jan. 8, 2023, in Seattle. PHOTO BY ABBIE PARR | AP PHOTO

coach who laments his obsessive work habits and an inability to delegate responsibilities. He has spoken repeatedly in recent weeks about the exhaustion and frustration of this difficult season being compounded by the mental stresses of his grandfather's death and his worries about his wife's family in Ukraine.

"Tom Brady had a quote before about (how) he hopes that his kids can find something that they're as passionate about as he is about football, but he wouldn't wish that torment on anybody else, and I can really relate to that," McVay said Monday.

After the Rams beat Cincinnati in their home stadium to win the franchise's second Super Bowl title last February,

McVay's fame ballooned, and he landed endorsement deals that included a series of national television commercials. He also got a new contract from the Rams that reportedly made him one of the top-paid coaches in North American sports.

McVay said Monday that he would take time to think about his decision instead of following his naturally impulsive instincts, but he also allowed his assistant coaches to look for new jobs this week.

McVay denied speculation that he was thinking about walking away because of the work that will be necessary to return the Rams to contention. Even though the Rams don't have their first-round pick after trading it to Detroit for Matthew Stafford, Mc-

Vay said he doesn't believe the Rams need a major rebuild with Stafford, Super Bowl MVP Cooper Kupp and star cornerback Jalen Ramsey all returning healthy for 2023.

Los Angeles also hopes to have seven-time All-Pro defensive tackle Aaron Donald, who hasn't said what he'll do after he missed the final six games of this season with a sprained ankle. Donald, who will be 32 in the fall, strongly contemplated retirement last year after winning his first ring.

McVay's success riveted the rest of the NFL, particularly after he led the Rams to a Super Bowl loss against New England in just his second season in charge. That led to heavy yearly turnover on his staff: Four of McVay's former assistant coaches

have already become head coaches who have led their teams to the playoffs, and several more assistants have left him for better jobs.

On Monday, McVay lost another key assistant when offensive coordinator Liam Coen returned to the same job at the University of Kentucky. Defensive coordinator Raheem Morris is among the interviewed candidates for the vacant head coaching jobs in Denver and Indianapolis.

But Coen's departure opens the door for McVay to hire a strong offensive coordinator who could take some of the burden off McVay, an offensive-minded coach who calls the Rams' plays. McVay's hard work was no match for the Rams' injuries this season: Los Angeles finished last in the

NFL with 280.5 total yards per game.

That struggle to reload his coaching staff each season contributed to McVay's stress, and the short offseason following the Rams' championship run last year led to a haphazard offseason that left McVay notably uncomfortable last summer. He still began a new season with optimism — but the Rams were blown out by Buffalo in their season opener, and a cascade of significant injuries soon unraveled any hopes of contention for a Super Bowl repeat.

The Rams were 27th in scoring with 18.1 points per game, lifted up mostly by a 51-point performance in a Christmas victory over Denver that cost Nathaniel Hackett his job with the Broncos.

AP Source: CF McCutchen returning to Pirates on 1-year deal

By Will Graves
AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Andrew McCutchen is returning to the Pittsburgh Pirates.

A person with knowledge of the agreement tells the Associated Press the veteran center fielder, a five-time All-Star and the 2013 National League

MVP for the Pirates earlier in his career, has agreed to a one-year deal with the club. The person spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because the agreement is pending the completion of a physical.

The agreement is a homecoming for the 36-year-old McCutchen, who served as the centerpiece for Pittsburgh's

baseball renaissance a decade ago. McCutchen helped guide the Pirates to three straight playoff berths from 2013-15 after two decades of losing before being traded to San Francisco in January 2018 in a deal that included outfielder Bryan Reynolds, then a prospect in the Giants organization.

The signing comes as the Pirates are shopping Reyn-

olds, Pittsburgh's everyday centerfielder, who requested a trade last month.

McCutchen spent the first nine seasons of his career with the Pirates and still maintains a residence in the area. He's bounced around since being traded to the Giants, splitting time between San Francisco and the New York Yankees in 2018 then spent three sea-

sons with the Phillies from 2019-21 before playing for Milwaukee last season.

McCutchen hit .237 with 17 home runs and 69 RBIs for the Brewers in 2022.

The deal adds another experienced voice to a team that has spent the offseason bringing in veteran pitcher Rich Hill and first baseman Carlos Santana in hopes they can mentor a young

core that includes shortstop Oneil Cruz.

No active player knows more about what it takes to snap the Pirates out of the doldrums than McCutchen. A first-round pick by Pittsburgh in the 2005 draft, McCutchen's dazzling play in the field and electric hitting at the plate fueled the franchise's turnaround after 20 years of losing. The Pirates reached the playoffs as a wild card in three straight seasons from 2013-15, advancing to the NL Division Series in 2013.

McCutchen was at his best during the height of Pittsburgh's resurgence. He finished in the top three in NL MVP voting from 2012-14, winning the award in 2013 when he hit .317 with 21 home runs and 84 RBIs.

McCutchen hit .291 with 203 home runs, 725 RBIs and 171 stolen bases during his first stint with the Pirates.

He returns to Pittsburgh with the club hoping to show signs of progress in 2023 following the top-to-bottom overhaul general manager Ben Cherington began when he took over in the fall of 2019. The Pirates are coming off back-to-back 100-loss seasons but have spent the last three years stockpiling prospects that are nearing their arrival in the majors.

Retirement Party for Paul Kelly and Sandy Schlesselman

Paul and Sandy are callin' it quits!

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QUICK HITS & SHORT TAKES:

Sorority life, newspaper feedback, and doing nothing

It's been a hectic week, so that means it's time for my next edition of "Quick hits and short takes."

• One of the reasons for this hectic week

is that it's also the first week of classes at the University of Central Missouri. That means I've been inundated with texts, calls and Zoom meetings related to being a Sigma Kappa sorority advisor. I know, I know, I probably talk about my sorority too much. Yes, I've read your comments asking why I would pay for my friends (that's really not what your sorority dues are for, but that's an explanation for another day) and why I care so much about a group of college students. Being a Sigma Kappa volunteer has its stressful moments, but it's also endlessly rewarding. I love being able to help these collegiate women become campus leaders and caring sisters. I know what it's like to be a college student trying to find your place and what it's like to be a chapter officer with no one to answer your questions, so I'm happy to be a resource for them. And not only that, but being an advisor has reconnected me with sisters I haven't talked to in a long time or with sisters I didn't know previously, some locally and some across the country. Not everyone agrees with sorority life and may not understand the appeal of providing your cellphone number to 30-plus college women in case they need help. For me, all it takes is the texts or emails or thank-you cards I get from my advisees telling me that I've helped shape them as a leader or that they appreciate knowing I care about them so much. That's more than enough to make it worth it for me.

• After countless weekends out of town, hosting guests, doing holiday things, or being generally busy, my boyfriend and I had nothing on our schedule last weekend. I know some people hate sitting still for more than 10 minutes and find the idea of a Netflix marathon lazy or dull, but I am not one of those people. I enjoy attending or volunteering at events, dining out occasionally is nice, and I like spending time outside the house with friends and family. There's also something to be said for a blank day on your Google calendar and the opportunity to do nothing. Absolutely nothing. So last Saturday, I slept in as late as possible with no alarm ringing in my ear. My boyfriend spent hours playing video games and talking to his friends through his headset while I watched more hours of Netflix and TV shows than I care to admit. Dinner that night consisted of whatever we already had in the freezer that could be made in the air fryer. And on Sunday, my biggest tasks included cleaning the house and taking down the Christmas tree and accompanying decorations. Sure, I put off some things that probably should have been completed, but it was nice to have a break from the busyness of life and just relax in my own home.

• I'm probably due for another "insight into the Democrat and Star-Journal operations" column sometime soon, but here's an abbreviated version for now. In recent weeks, or even months, I've gotten many emails and phone calls from people who hadn't quite found the joyful holiday spirit and needed someone to yell at.

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Nicole Cooke
Democrat Editor

Murders joins SFCC faculty after 20 years in military

By **Skye Melcher**
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In August, a new Vice President for Academic and Student Success was welcomed to the State Fair Community College campus.

Michael Murders joined SFCC in the summer of 2022 after Dr. Brent Bates moved into the position of President. Murders also serves on the Bothwell Regional Health Center Board of Trustees and is a member of the Jefferson City Chamber of Commerce and Rotary.

Murders spent 20 years in the United States Air Force before joining the education sector.

"I went in and enlisted and then after five years, when I got my bachelor's degree, I was accepted into the officer training school," Murders said.

He was an officer for the last 15 years. Murders worked with computers, wrote software for the Nuclear War Plan and for specialized planes, and more.

"While I was in the Air Force, that's where I did all my education," Murders added. "I did my associate's, my

bachelor's and my master's." Murders earned his associate's degree in Computer Information Technology, his bachelor's degree in Computer Science, and his master's degree in Computer Information Science. He later earned his doctorate in Education.

His final assignment with the Air Force was with the Air Force ROTC program at the University of Arkansas. During this time, Murders was considered a faculty member.

"I went through a lot of their internal training," Murders said. "So I taught college, I trained for the Air Force, I recruited, I did so many different aspects of higher education. When I retired (from the Air Force), I stayed in Arkansas and I decided to go with teaching."

Murders taught for about four years at UA before he moved up to Chief Academic Advisor at Arkansas Tech University, where he was for four years.

"After that, I took a Vice President of Academic Affairs job at South Arkansas Community College," Murders added. "I did that for a couple of years and then COVID hit"



Michael Murders

COVID-19 made Murders re-evaluate if he wanted to stay in higher education. An opportunity was available in the Air Force, so Murders worked with the military for a year and a half doing technical training in cybersecurity.

"So basically, I went back and was doing all the curriculum for the tech school that I went to 30 years before that," Murders said.

He didn't enjoy working in this position, so Murders decided to return to higher education and applied for the position at SFCC. Murders retired from the Air Force as a Major.

"I saw the advertisement for this position, and being from Arkansas, saw it wasn't too terribly far away and I just liked the way this position is laid out," Murders added.

Murders said the community college mission aligns with why he likes helping people.

"It was about getting people ready for careers, to give them opportunities to move up and that's why I do it," Murders said. "That's why I stay in the community college realm versus going to the four-year or university level."

Murders oversees all academics, which includes instruction, tutoring, academic equipment, and anything to do with teaching and learning instruction. He also oversees the student services offered to SFCC students.

He said his new position has been great and that the

community has been very welcoming. He said the toughest part is knowing no one and being unfamiliar with the Missouri way of doing things in higher education.

"There's a place where I can see I can make a difference here, take over where Dr. Bates left off, and there's opportunities to continue to grow us," Murders said.

He is working on ways for SFCC to grow in Jefferson City, Benton County and other four-year institutions.

"We're working with Lincoln University for a partnership, a dual admissions program, they would be students, who would be State Fair students, but taking courses at Lincoln University," Murders said. "The idea is they may not have gotten into Lincoln University due to admissions reasons or late admissions or maybe they just choose to go there."

Murders is looking forward to building more relationships.

"My biggest thing is networking more with my peers at other institutions so I have more people to draw on, work with, partner with; that's always a huge benefit," Murders said. "I'm really looking forward to enrollment to start going; we have some really good plans in place. There's been a dip across the nation, but we've got some good ideas to grow State Fair."

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Michael Murders speaks at the South Arkansas Community College commencement ceremony. Murders was at South Arkansas Community College until the pandemic. He then worked with the United States Air Force again for a year and a half before applying for his current position at State Fair Community College.

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Michael Murders poses with a group of people in his unit while serving overseas. Murders served in the military for 20 years before retiring and transferring into the education sector.

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MARRIAGE LICENSES

Pettis County Recorder of Deeds Barbara Clevenger recently issued marriage licenses to: Kyle Morgan Edwards, 40, and Gracie Lynn Bruha, 33, both of Sedalia.

DIVORCES

These people were recently granted divorces in Pettis County Circuit Court: Marilou Guillen and Guadalupe Guillen; Penny L. McGlocklin and Brent D. McGlocklin; Jamie L. Butterfield and Joshua D. Butterfield.

BRL2GO SCHEDULE

Boonslick Regional Library	Bristol Manor.
Monday	9:25 a.m.: Boonville, YMCA Early Childhood Learning Center.
Wednesday	9:30 to 11:45 a.m.: Boonville Walmart.
9:30 to 11:45 a.m.: Cole Camp City Hall.	1 p.m.: Blackwater Post Office.
1:15 p.m.: Lincoln City Hall.	1:15 to 3:30 p.m.: Blackwater Main Street.
1:30 to 3:45 p.m.: Lincoln City Park.	4 to 4:15 p.m.: Stoney Ridge Village Residential Care.
Friday	
9:15 a.m.: Boonville, Lakeview Health Care.	
9:20 a.m.:	



BEEMAN BIRTHDAY

Eunice Mae Beeman, of Windsor, will celebrate her 95th birthday Jan. 20. Eunice was married to Donald Combs Beeman for 67 years. Before retiring, Eunice was a farmer in Windsor. She was a member of the Brandon Goodwill Club and the Harmony Baptist Church. Her hobbies include cooking, gardening, traveling and watching the Kansas City Chiefs. She has a son, David (Jo), of Windsor, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. A card show is planned for Eunice; cards may be sent to 14168 Beeman Ave., Windsor, Mo. 65360.

POPULAR BOOKS

Boonslick Regional Library
Fiction
 "Killer Cupid," by Laurien Berenson.
 "Among Wolves," by Erica Blaque.
 "Sharpe's Command," by Bernard Cornwell.
 "JUDAS 62," by Charles Cumming.
 "A History of Fear," by Luke Dumas.
 "Viviana Valentine Gets Her Man," by Emily J. Edwards.
 "The Devil's Blaze: Sherlock Holmes 1943," by Robert J. Harris.
 "So Long, Chester Wheeler," by Catherine Hyde.
 "All the Dark Places," by Terri Parlato.
 "The Dressmakers of Prospect Heights," by Kitty Zeldis.
Nonfiction
 "Mindful Cognitive Behavioral Therapy: A Simple Path to Healing, Hope, and Peace," by Seth J. Gillihan.
 "Hold the Line: Bill De Blasio, the NYPD, and the Broken Promises of Police Reform," by Michael Hayes.
 "Coffee Self-Talks: 5 Minutes a Day to Start Living Your Magical Life," by Kristen Helmstetter.
 "His Masterly Pen: A Biography of Jefferson the Writer," by Fred Kaplan.
 "Sleep Reimagined: The Fast Track to a Revitalized Life," by Pedram Nevab.

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BIRTHDAYS

Brown
 Charlene Brown will observe her 87th birthday Jan. 20. She was born Jan. 20, 1936, in Sedalia. Before retiring, Charlene was a teacher. Her hobbies include golfing and playing cards. She has one brother, Jerry Laudenberger. Birthday cards may be sent to Charlene at the Sylvania G. Thompson Residence Center, 3333, W. 10th St. Sedalia, Mo. 65301.
Burke
 Robert Burke will observe his 85th birthday Jan. 16. He was born Jan. 16, 1938, in Warrensburg. Robert is married to Kay Burke. Before retiring, he was a photographer at Inter-State Studio and Publishing Co. Robert has two children, Christina Phillips, of Sweet Springs, and Laura Burke, of Columbia. Birthday cards may be sent to Robert at the Sylvania G. Thompson Residence Center, 3333, W. 10th St. Sedalia, Mo. 65301.
Kruse
 Marge Kruse will observe her 97th birthday Jan. 19. She was born Jan. 19, 1926, in Clifton City in the middle of a snowstorm. Marge was married to the late Clarence Kruse and has two sons, the late Dale Kruse and Ron Kruse, of Overland

Park, Kansas. Marge worked at Lamy's Mfg. during the war and later at House of Fabrics. Birthday cards may be sent to Marge at Cedarhurst, 3751 W. 10th St. Apt. 127, Sedalia, Mo. 65301.
Menefee
 Almeda Menefee will observe her 84th birthday Jan. 17. She was born Jan. 17, 1939, in Sedalia. Almeda was married to the late Anthony Menefee. She was a housewife. Her hobbies include crossword puzzles. Birthday cards may be sent to Almeda at the Sylvania G. Thompson Residence Center, 3333, W. 10th St. Sedalia, Mo. 65301.
Williams
 Joyce Williams will observe her 87th birthday Jan. 14. She was born Jan. 14, 1936, in Iowa. Joyce was married to the late John Williams. Before retiring, she did clerical work for the Missouri Department of Employment. Her hobbies include traveling. Joyce has four children, Bambi Carnide, of Nebraska, Carrie Pugsley, of Portland, Oregon, Melody Freeman, of Columbia and Scott Lees, of Sedalia. Birthday cards may be sent to Joyce at the Sylvania G. Thompson Residence Center, 3333, W. 10th St. Sedalia, Mo. 65301.

NEW BOOKS

Sedalia Public Library Fiction
 "The House of Wolves," by James Paterson (suspense).
 "Just the Nicest Couple," by Mary Kubica (suspense).
 "All the Broken Places," by John Boyne (historical fiction).
 "Hell Bent," by Leigh Bardugo (science fiction).
 "Blaze Me a Sun," by Christoffer Carlsson (mystery).
 "The Bandit Queens," by Parini Shroff (fiction).
 "Waste of a Life," by Simon Brett (mystery).
Nonfiction
 "Spare," by Prince Harry (biography).
 "Myth America," by Kevin M. Kruse (nonfiction).
 "The Nazi Conspiracy," by Brad Meltzer (nonfiction).
New Movies
 "Black Adam."
 "Prey for the Devil."

CLUB NOTES

Dresden 4-H Club
 The Dresden 4-H Club had a meeting Sunday, Jan. 8 at La Monte United Methodist Church. The meeting was called to order by Reagan Sneed, president, at 5:05 p.m. with 12 members, 10 guests and two leaders present. The American and 4-H pledges were led by Eli Dehan and Phillip Jones. Membership Roll Call was "What are two healthy foods we can eat?" Reagan Sneed gave a demonstration on "How to Use the DSRL Camera and Settings," and Rhett Sneed did a demonstration on "Beginning Work with Show Cattle." Members played a game called "Have you ever ___?" for a gift exchange. The group also took a photo with the blankets they collected for those in need. The blankets will be donated to the Salvation Army. The next meeting will be at 5 p.m. Feb. 19 at La Monte United Methodist Church. Members need to bring items for Care Bags for the homeless such as socks, gloves, snacks, deodorant, T-shirts, etc. The minutes were submitted by Reporter Austin Wood.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Meals on Wheels is a nonprofit organization that delivers meals to seniors, the homebound and handicapped citizens of Sedalia. The food is prepared by Superior Vendall and is delivered by volunteers. Meals cost \$4. For more information on receiving meals or becoming a volunteer, call 660-826-5039. Meals will be delivered by First Baptist Church.
Monday: Cheeseburger, baked beans, macaroni salad, peaches and milk.
Tuesday: Spaghetti, corn, breadsticks, brownie and milk.
Wednesday: Piz-za, salad, tropical fruit and milk.
Thursday: Beef and noodles, green beans, pudding and milk.
Friday: Roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, cookie and milk.

Ukrainian startups bring tech innovation to CES 2023

By James Brooks
 Associated Press
 LAS VEGAS (AP) — The past year has been difficult for startups everywhere, but running a company in Ukraine during the Russian invasion comes with a whole different set of challenges. Clinical psychologist Ivan Osadchyy brought his medical device, called Knopka, to this year's CES show in Las Vegas in hopes of getting it into U.S. hospitals. His is one of a dozen Ukrainian startups backed by a government fund that are at CES this year to show their technology to the world. "Two of our hospitals we operated before are ruined already and one is still occupied. So this is the biggest challenge," Osadchyy said. "The second challenge is for production and our team because they are shelling our electricity system and people are hard to work without lights, without heating in their flats," he said. He came up with the device after spending a year with his own grandmother in the hospital and finding that he had to track down nurses when she needed something. The system works by notifying nurses when a patient has an abnormal heart rate, is due for treatment or otherwise needs help. The nurse can't turn off their button until they've dealt with the issue. "We are still working and operating because hospitals are open and we need to support them and provide efficiency and safety for patients as well," he said. Karina Kudriavtseva of the government-backed Ukrainian Startup Fund, says that, like Knopka, all of the country's startups have kept going since Russia's invasion almost a year ago. "The times have changed, their conditions have changed, but it can only make them stronger because all of the startups are working on the thing that to save the company, save the team, save the business, and save their lives, of course," she said. The invasion forced Valentyn Frechka to relocate to France, but he says his Releaf paper company has never stopped production. When he was 16, Frechka decided to study alternative sources of cellulose in order to decrease deforestation. He's now developed a technology that uses fallen leaves and recycled fibre to make paper. The company's main product is paper shopping bags, but they also make food packaging, egg trays and corrugated boxes. Frechka says the conflict has forced the company to become more flexible and more open to opportunities. "When this conflict happened and we located our company to France, we have found a lot of new partners and we have raised fundraising. We have raised the money for our needs," he says. "So it really makes us more open for the world."

Electric vehicles win truck, utility of the year awards

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — Electric vehicles took two of three categories for the first time in this year's North American Car, Truck and Utility of the Year awards. Ford's F-150 Lightning electric pickup won the truck category, while Kia's EV6 battery-powered EV was named the top SUV. The Integra, a small sedan from Honda's Acura performance brand, won car of the year. Six of the nine finalists were powered by batteries, and analysts say the more of the awards are likely to go to electric vehicles in the future as the industry spends billions to roll out multiple new EV models. Fifty automotive journalists from the U.S. and Canada are judges for the three awards, which are announced every January. They're chosen from dozens of candidates and must be new or substantially changed for the current model year. Automakers often use the awards in advertising. The judges evaluate finalists on innovation, design, safety, handling, driver satisfaction, user experience and value. The selection process started last summer. In addition to the Integra, finalists for the car of the year included the Genesis G80 electric sedan, and the Nissan Z sports car. The Lightning's finalist competitors were the Chevrolet Silverado ZR2 off-road pickup and the Lordstown Motors Endurance electric commercial pickup. Utility vehicle finalists included the Cadillac Lyriq electric SUV and the Genesis GV60 electric SUV.

Community Calendar JANUARY

To have your event or meeting listed or changed, send details to fbemiss@sedaliademocrat.com or call 660-826-1000 ext. 1481.

SUNDAY

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

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

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

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.

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

3 p.m.: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration at Burns Freewill Baptist Church, 207 E. Pettis St. The event is

free and open to the public.

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, are meeting 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.: Sedalia Chorale Rehearsal, rehearsal room 67 in the Stauffacher Center at State Fair Community College.

TUESDAY

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

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

8:30 a.m.: Sedalia Lit-

eracy Council, basement meeting room, Boonslick Regional Library, 219 W. Third St.

9 a.m. to noon: The National Day of Racial Healing at Calvary Episcopal Church, 713 S. Ohio Ave.

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

11:30 a.m.: Show-Me Ladies with Hatitudes for lunch. For location information, call Maryann at 660-826-8138.

Noon: Sedalia 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.

1 p.m.: B.Y.O.L. (bring your own lunch movie event) at Cole Camp Boonslick Library, with popcorn and drinks. Event is free and for all ages.

1 to 3 p.m.: Baby Grace is open at Wesley United Methodist Church, 1322 W. Broadway Blvd., for those who need diapers, pull-ups or wipes.

4:30 p.m.: Crossroads Hospice, a monthly discussion grief group, at the Heckart Family Center, 903 S. Ohio Ave. For more information, contact Beth Hunt at 660-422-5804.

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

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

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

more information

7 p.m.: Fraternal Order of Eagles Auxiliary, Lincoln.

7 p.m.: Loyal Order of Moose, Sedalia Lodge 1494, at the lodge, 119 Winchester Ave.

7 p.m.: Masonic Granite Lodge 272 meeting, 601 W. Broadway Blvd.

7 p.m.: MidMo Toastmasters Club, Boonslick Library, 219 W. Third St. Toastmasters International offers training in communication and leadership skills. Contact P.C.Thomas@charter.net or 660-826-9988.

7 p.m.: OIC Studios will present the SpoFest Open Mic Poetry and Prose event streaming live via Zoom, Facebook and OIC Radio. Signup and event guidelines at www.oicstudios.com/spofest-online.

WEDNESDAY

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

10 a.m.: TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter 958, First Baptist Church, 200 E. Sixth St. First visit is free; 816-916-6237.

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

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

3:15 p.m.: Sedalia Photo Club at Sacred Heart Parish Center in Sedalia.

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

6:30 p.m.: Friends of the Cole Camp Library meeting at Cole Camp Boonslick Library.

6:30 p.m.: Sedalia-Pettis County National Association for the Advancement of Colored People for executive committee;

7 p.m., meeting, Anthony Buckner Community Center, 500 Welch Ct.

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

THURSDAY

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

7:45 a.m.: 40 & 8 Voiture 333, Knights of Columbus Hall, 1708 Elm Hills Blvd.

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

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

1 p.m.: The Whiteman Area Piecemakers in the meeting room of the Knob Noster Branch of the Trails Regional Library, 202 N. Adams. For more information, call 660-647-3367 or 660-563-5247.

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

4:15 p.m.: Birthright, volunteer meeting at offices, 1810 W. 11th St.

6 p.m.: Pettis County Democrat Club at Lincoln Hubbard Apartments, 711 N. Osage Ave. The meeting is a potluck, all interested are invited.

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

6:30 p.m.: Sedalia Cadet Squadron Civil Air Patrol, Civil Air Patrol building, U.S. Highway 50.

7 p.m.: Central Missouri Coin Club, Knights of Columbus Hall, 1708 Elm Hills Blvd.

7 p.m.: Gamma Epsilon Master Chapter. For location information, call 660-827-2299.

7 p.m.: Sedalia Bible Academy, Boonslick Regional Library, 219 W.

Third St., Sedalia. For more information, call 660-826-9988. It is free and open to the public.

7:30 p.m.: Central Missouri Harley Owners Group Sedalia Chapter, Yeager's Cycle Sales, 3001 S. Limit Ave.

FRIDAY

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.

Noon: Pettis County Pachyderms, Room C at the Heckart Community Center.

6 p.m.: Bingo, Sedalia Moose Lodge, 119 Winchester Dr., doors open at 4 p.m.; Kitchen opens at 5 p.m.; early-bird bingo at 6 p.m.; regular bingo at 6:30 p.m.

7 p.m.: Bunceton Senior Dance Melody Makers Band will perform. Bring finger food. Dance at Bunceton Lions Club. Cost is \$4 per person.

SATURDAY

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

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

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

1 p.m.: Missouri State Fair Bikers Against Child Abuse, American Paramedical Service classroom, 400B Industrial Road.

5 to 8 p.m.: Family Night at the Cole Camp Library. Tabletop Gaming, VR games and experiences, family escape room games and full access to the library after hours. Light refreshments will be provided. Call 660-668-3887 for reservations.

Lisa Marie Presley will be buried at Graceland next to son

By Adrian Sainz

Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Lisa Marie Presley will be buried at Graceland, the famed home of Elvis Presley that on Friday became a gathering place for fans distraught over her death a day earlier.

The singer-songwriter's final resting place will be next to her son, Benjamin Keough, who died in 2020, said a representative of her daughter and actor Riley Keough. Elvis and other members of the Presley family are also buried at Graceland.

Fans paid their respects at Graceland's gates on Friday, writing messages on the stone wall, leaving flowers and sharing memories of Elvis Presley's only child, who was one of the last remaining touchstones to the icon whose influence and significance still resonates more than 45 years after his own sudden death.

Lisa Marie Presley, 54, died Thursday, hours after being hospitalized for a medical emergency.

A singer-songwriter herself, Lisa Marie did not live in Memphis, where she was born. But she made trips to the city for celebrations of her father's birth anniversary and commemorations of his death, which stunned the world when he was found dead in his Graceland home at age 42 on Aug. 16, 1977. She was in Memphis just this past Sunday, on what would have been her father's 88th birthday.

Angela Ferraro was among those on Thursday night who stopped by

Graceland, where the trees in the front lawn were adorned by green and red lights. Fans took photos and left flowers at the front gate on the chilly and windy evening.

Ferraro and her fiance drove 25 minutes from Olive Branch, Mississippi, to pay their respects. Ferraro said she was a fan of Elvis' music and of Lisa Marie's — the couple listened to Lisa Marie's song "Lights Out" on the drive north to Graceland.

"Elvis died young, and so did she. And her son, his passing was very tragic as well," said Ferraro, 32. "It's hard and it's devastating."

Lisa Marie became the sole heir of the Elvis Presley Trust, which — along with Elvis Presley Enterprises — managed Graceland and other assets until she sold her majority interest in 2005. She retained ownership of the mansion itself, the 13 acres around it and items inside the home.

A representative from Elvis Presley Enterprises told The Associated Press that the mansion is in a trust that will go to the benefit of her children — she's survived by three daughters. The representative did not have details on the timing of a funeral or burial.

Lisa Marie was 9 when her father died. She was staying at Graceland at the time and would recall him kissing her goodnight hours before he died. When she next saw him, the following day, he was lying face down in the bathroom.

"I just had a feeling," she told Rolling Stone in 2003. "He wasn't doing well. All I

know is I had it (a feeling), and it happened. I was obsessed with death at a very early age."

Lisa Marie visited Graceland in 2012 to attend the opening of a new exhibit, "Elvis Through His Daughter's Eyes," a personal look that included her baby shoes — her birth, nine months exactly after Elvis and Priscilla Presley's wedding, was international news — as well as her first record player and a small white fur coat.

During an interview with the AP during that stop, she smiled when recalling the time spent with her dad. She said one of her favorite items was the key used to operate a golf cart because it helped her recall when she was alone with her father, riding around the neighborhood.

"That was my life," she said. "I carried it everywhere. It was never far from me or not on my person when I was a child. I hadn't seen it in 35 years."

On Thursday, Sanelle Vance, 50, had taken the Graceland tour, which included a stop by Lisa Marie's old swing set and the grave of her son.

About an hour and a half later, Vance heard about Lisa Marie's death; the

mood at The Guest House at Graceland, the hotel where she is staying, became somber. Vance, who decided to stop in Memphis while moving from Mississippi to California, said it was "surreal" that she was at Graceland on the day Lisa Marie died.

Kristen Sainato and her husband were visiting Memphis from Cleveland when she heard the news of Lisa Marie's death on Thursday. She wore a black jacket with the well-known TCB lightning bolt (short-hand for taking care of business in a flash, a motto Elvis lived by) on the back as she described meeting Lisa Marie at a celebration of her father's birthday. Sainato set down a bouquet of flowers at the front gate of Graceland, where one of two planes is named for Lisa Marie.

"Those are for Lisa," she said.

She said Lisa Marie Presley was one of the last connections to her famous father.

"Everyone is shocked over this. Why? Why did this have to happen?" Sainato said, wiping tears from her eyes as she stood in front of the stone wall that borders the home-turned museum. "She deserved a long, happy life."



Lisa Marie Presley stands next to her childhood crib displayed with other mementos in the new exhibit "Elvis Through His Daughter's Eyes," at Graceland in Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 31, 2012. She was born on Feb. 1, 1968. Lisa Marie Presley, singer and only child of Elvis, died Thursday, Jan. 12, 2023, after a hospitalization, according to her mother, Priscilla Presley. She was 54. FILE PHOTO BY LANCE MURPHEY | AP PHOTO

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Michael Murders stands with his date at an Air Force military ball.



Michael Murders stands in line to get food while serving overseas. Murders' job in the Air Force dealt with computer science. He helped write software for the nuclear war plan and specialized planes. PHOTOS COURTESY OF MICHAEL MURDERS

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Some of those conversations were warranted, as a staff member or I made a mistake, but others were just plain hateful. I always want to know when we've reported something inaccurately so we can fix it online and print a correction, but I think we all know that kindness can go a long way. Those people did not get the message that you can provide criticism or ask for a problem to be corrected without making the person on the receiving end feel horrible. But, alas, I'm still here to see another day and take another angry phone call. What I really want to share, however, is that feedback is always welcome. Have a story idea? Contact our newsroom just in case we haven't thought of it ourselves. Hosting an event you'd like included in Local Briefs or the Community Calendar? Give us a call at 660-826-1000 or email news@sedalia-democrat.com in case we don't know about it yet. Need a question answered about your subscription or how to purchase an ad? Call that same number. Do you simply have a question about why we published something the way we did? You're welcome to contact me directly and I'd happily explain. We make the Democrat five days a week, not for ourselves, but for our community, so we want you to be part of the process.

Newly restored house in Pompeii offers glimpse of elite life

By Francesco Sportelli

Associated Press

POMPEII, Italy (AP) — The newly restored remains of an opulent house in Pompeii that likely belonged to two former slaves who became rich through the wine trade offer visitors an exceptional peek at details of domestic life in the doomed Roman city.

On Tuesday, the House of Vettii, Domus Vettiorum in Latin, was being formally unveiled after 20 years of restoration. Given fresh life were frescoes from the latest fashion in Pompeii wall decoration before the flourishing city was buried under the volcanic ash furiously spewing from Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD.

The unveiling of the

restored home is yet another sign of the rebirth of Pompeii, which followed decades of modern bureaucratic neglect, flooding and pillaging by thieves in search of artifacts to sell.

That is delighting tourists and rewarding experts with tantalizing fresh insights into the everyday life of what is one of the most celebrated remnants of the ancient world.

"The House of the Vetti is like the history of Pompeii and actually of Roman society within one house," Pompeii's director, Gabriel Zuchtriegel, gushed as he showed off an area of the domus known as the Cupid Rooms last month.

"We're seeing here the last phase of the Pompeian wall painting with incredible details, so you can stand before

these images for hours and still discover new details," the archaeological park's energetic director told The Associated Press ahead of the public inauguration.

"So, you have this mixture: nature, architecture, art. But it is also a story about the social life of the Pompeian society and actually the Roman world in this phase of history," Zuchtriegel added.

Previous restoration work, which involved repeated application of paraffin over the frescoed walls in hopes of preserving them, "resulted in them becoming very blurred over time, because very thick and opaque layers formed, making it difficult to 'read' the fresco," said Stefania Giudice, director of fresco restoration.

But the wax did serve to

preserve them remarkably.

Zuchtriegel ventured that the fresh "readings" of the revived fresco painting "reflect the dreams and imagination and anxieties of the owners because they lived between these images," which include Greek mythological figures.

And who were these owners? The Vettii were two men — Aulus Vettius Conviva and Aulus Vettius Restitutus. In addition to having part of their names in common, they shared a common past — not as descendants of noble Roman families accustomed to opulence, but rather, Pompeii experts say, almost certainly, as once enslaved men who were later freed.

It is believed that they became wealthy through the wine trade. While some have hypothesized the two

were brothers, there is no certainty about that.

In the living room, known as the Hall of Pentheus, a fresco depicts Hercules as a child, crushing two snakes, in an illustration of an episode from the Greek hero's life. According to mythology, Hera, the goddess wife of Zeus, sent snakes to kill Hercules because she was furious that he was born from the union of Zeus with a mortal woman, Alcmene.

Might Aulus Vettius Conviva and Aulus Vettius Restitutus have recognized their own life story in some way in the figure of Hercules who overcame challenge after challenge in his life?

That's a question that intrigues Zuchtriegel.

After years in slavery, the men "then had an incredible career after that and reached

the highest ranks of local society, at least economically," judging by their upscale domus and garden, Zuchtriegel said. "They evidently tried to show their new status also through culture and through Greek mythological paintings, and it's all about saying, 'We've made it and so we are part of this elite'" of the Roman world.

Pompeii's architect director of restoration work, Arianna Spinosa, called the restored home "one of the iconic houses of Pompeii. The residence "represents the Pompeian domus par excellence, not only because of the frescoes of exceptional importance, but also because of its layout and architecture."

Ornamental marble baths and tables surround the garden.

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Famed Danish restaurant Noma to start new 'flavor search'

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP) — The famed Danish restaurant Noma which has claimed the title of world's top restaurant several times said Monday it will shut down to transform itself into "a pioneering test kitchen" dedicated to "food innovation and the development of new flavors."

Chef Rene Redzepi's house of Nordic gastronomy will close by the winter 2024 and re-emerge as Noma 3.0, the Copenhagen eatery on its webpage.

"In 2025, our restaurant is transforming into a giant lab — a pioneering test kitchen dedicated to the work of food innovation and the development of new flavors, one that will share the fruits of our efforts more widely than ever before," it said.

Redzepi, who is Noma's chef and co-owner, said they will travel to "search for new ways to share our work" and said there could be "a Noma pop-up" but didn't specify where. After the sojourn, "we will do a season in Copenhagen."

"But I don't want to commit to anything now," Redzepi told Berlingske, one of Denmark's largest daily newspapers.

Another major publication, Politiken said the eatery's facility in Copenhagen will be transformed to develop products to the Noma Projects line - fermented sauces, cooking classes and an online platform.

"Serving guests will still be a part of who we are but being a restaurant will no longer define us. Instead,

much of our time will be spent on exploring new projects and developing many more ideas and products."

Noma has gone through an earlier transformation. In 2015, the restaurant announced it was closing at the end of 2016 and reopened near its waterfront premises with its own vegetable farm in the vicinity of the hippie enclave of Christiania in Copenhagen.

Noma — a contraction of the Danish words for Nordisk and Mad, meaning Nordic and food, opened in 2003. The restaurant grabbed two Michelin stars and was three times voted the world's number one restaurant by Britain's Restaurant Magazine in 2010, 2011 and 2012.

New, taller Barbie doll is aimed at kids as young as 3

By Leanne Italie
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Love her or loathe her, Barbie has been transformed again, this time into a version for children as young as 3.

Gone is the contentious hourglass figure for My First Barbie, which launched Thursday ahead of July's live-action film about the icon starring Margot Robbie and Ryan Gosling.

The slightly softer-bodied Barbie follows on the high heels of tall, petite and curvy iterations that were released five years ago in a massive makeover.

My First Barbie is 13.5 inches tall, 2 inches taller than traditional Babs, with a larger waist that de-emphasizes the bust line (it remains in place, however), and flesh-tone modesty undergarments permanently attached.

Her fashion is more kid-like, with playful heart, star and flower designs on jammies and flouncy preschool-friendly dresses and swim gear. Her accessories are larger for littler hands, and her hair is extra long for easier brushing.

My First Barbie's limbs are moveable, like some past versions of the doll, and her facial features remain recognizable. A huge milestone: Her fingers and thumbs



This image released by Mattel shows a child playing with Teresa, a My First Barbie deluxe set, new dolls made specifically for children as young as 3. They are 13.5 inches tall, with a broader waist that de-emphasizes the bust line, with flesh-tone modesty undergarments permanently attached.

PHOTO BY MATTEL VIA AP

are connected, eliminating a frequent complaint that Barbie's hands get caught in her clothes when children try to put them on.

Lisa McKnight, a Mattel executive vice president and global head of Barbie and dolls, told The Associated Press the company created the new version in response to feedback from parents.

"We talk to parents and kids almost 365 days a year," she said. "We started hearing a theme around younger kids

wanting to play with Barbie. Parents were concerned that their children at the preschool age didn't have the fine motor skills to have a positive play experience with our traditional fashion doll."

The first rollout of the new doll includes four diverse skin tones and hair textures.

Critics of 63-year-old Barbie, intended to symbolize a girl in her late teens, have long cited her dimensions as promoting unattainable, sexualized body stan-

dards for girls. My First Barbie, at a price point of \$19.99, goes a long way in eliminating that issue.

McKnight wouldn't directly address the criticism or whether My First Barbie has a place in turning around that negative view.

Research is mixed on whether Barbie's bad rap on body issues and her adult-leaning fashion sense have any impact on children, said Jody LeVos, once a leader of Mattel's child development and learning team

and now chief learning officer for Begin, a company that creates learning apps and other educational fare for kids.

Among parents, she said, "there's a big nostalgia factor" when it comes to Barbie.

"I don't think there's one specific doll that's most appropriate. I think doll play allows children to really practice storytelling skills, perspective taking and social interactions," LeVos said.

The Barbie line's overall sales have soared in recent years after a peri-

od of decline in 2013.

Joaniko Kohchi, director for Adelphi University's Institute for Parenting, questioned Mattel's motives.

"If we're going to think about Mattel guiding our choices then we have already kind of limited them," she said.

McKnight made it clear that My First Barbie will not be a separate, parallel Barbie universe. She said new content featuring the doll will hit Barbie's YouTube channel later this month, with an animated special about the planning of a surprise party.

Andrea Werner, a pediatric occupational therapist in West Hartford, Connecticut, and mother of a preschooler and an infant, supports doll play as developmentally valuable.

"There are plenty of dolls on the market," she said. "Companies will always be trying to sell consumers the next best thing."

Kohchi isn't entirely sold on My First Barbie as appropriate.

"We know that if you're going to hand a child an image and say, this is beauty or this is wonderful or look how pretty that is, it should resemble the child a little bit more closely," she said. "It's certainly still a little older than a preschooler."

Designers look to nature, landfills for new decor materials

By Kim Cook
Associated Press

At first glance, Nina Edwards Anker's sconces and chandeliers look like ancient scrolls of parchment, or sheets of buttery toffee, wrapped around LED bulbs.

Come closer — or just ask the New York-based designer/architect — and you'll find they're actually made of algae.

She came up with the idea while working on a doctoral research project on materials and lighting at the Oslo School of Architecture and Design, and has now created a collection of sconces, lamps and even a chandelier named "Chlorophyta."

Anker chose not to disguise the dried algae — her shades have all the imperfections of their natural state, and the honey-toned, translucent colors.

"From the beginning, we wanted to keep the integrity of the material, and display its unique properties," Anker says.

She is one of many designers thinking beyond traditional materials, finding ways to meld design with sustainable sourcing and production methods.

Anker and her team at NEA Studios are trying out other natural materials too.

"For lighting, we're interested in red/orange algae, sustainably sourced feathers, horse-shoe crab shells and crushed seashells, as well as rubber made of leftover corn," she says. "For furniture, there are organic materials like lentil beans, buckwheat and other fillings for upholstered furniture, as well as natural rattan, cork and bamboo."

Huge strides have been made in turning recycled plastic bottles and wood and plant fiber into materials that can be used by the home and fashion industries, which are trying to address the negative environmental impacts of cotton production, plastics pollution and more.

The Heimtextil fair, a showcase for what's new in global textile pattern and development, opens this week in Frankfurt, Germany, with an emphasis on the recycling of materials to produce new products in a more environmentally friendly way.

"We'll see companies demonstrating how inorganic materials like nylon, plastic and metal can be reused — for example, carpet tiles that can be dismantled at the end of their life and used as a raw material for new tiles," says Olaf Schmidt, Heimtextil's vice president of textiles and textile technology.

Others are working on recycling organic materials like linen and raffia.

"And there's seaweed, used to produce acoustic mats and panels that provide great insulation, are fire-resistant and regulate humidity well," says Schmidt. "At the end of their life, the panels can be shredded and reused."

At last summer's fair, innovative materials included cork and recycled PET (plastic) bottle fiber.

"Cork is breathable, hypoallergenic, antibacterial, insulating and tough," Schmidt says, adding that it can be harvested more sustainably than many other materials.

Home décor products made with cork include

trays, tables, wall panels and lighting. You can buy rolls of patterned, Portuguese cork sheets on Etsy.com, for instance.

Cork is also pulverized and applied to fabrics to create a soft, vegan leather that some designers are using to cover chairs and sofas, while others are turning it into jackets, pants, hats, bags and umbrellas. Svala, for instance, makes totes, bags and clutches out of cork-based fabric.

"The most important trend is sustainability," says fashion industry analyst Veronika Lipar. "The industry is trying to minimize its impact on the environment and no longer be the biggest polluter."

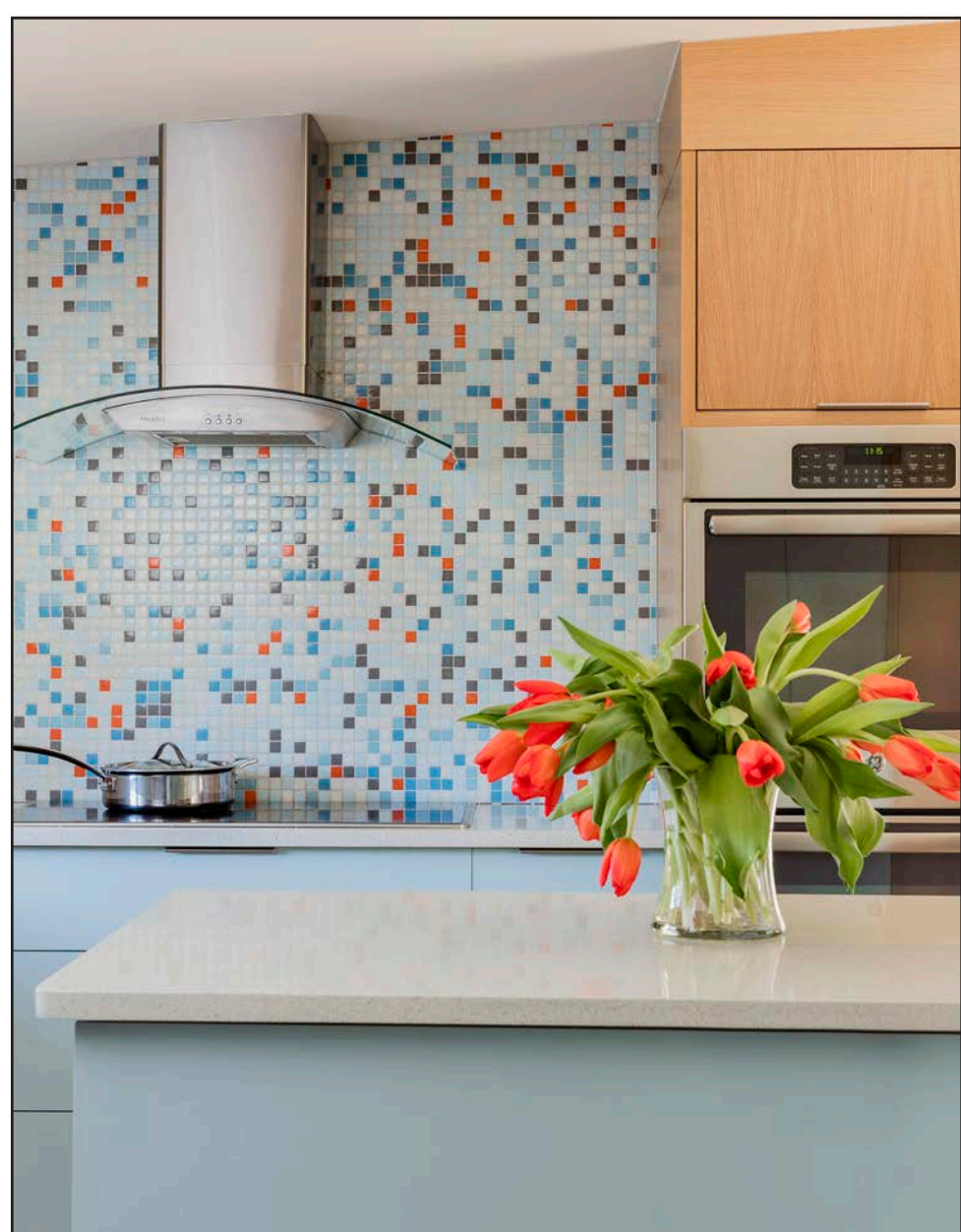
Patagonia, North Face and Timberland are among companies now employing natural materials from regenerative sources.

The recycled PET bottles Schmidt mentioned are being transformed into a mesh yarn called Hydroknit by Canadian footwear maker Native Shoes, and into lightweight shoes and boots the company calls "sweaters for your feet."

Italian brand Kampos offers swimwear and rainwear made of PET bottle filament yarn that's quick-drying and soft.

The yarn itself is sold by the ball at Unique Yarns' shop on Etsy. Light, stretchy and sturdy, it can be knitted, crocheted and woven into items like tote bags or textile art.

Among other ventures: Italian company Frumat has developed a plant-based leather derived from the waste



This image shows a kitchen backsplash design by Annie Hall, made with a mix of clementine, sky and robin's egg blue glass sintered glass tiles, at a home in Medford, Mass.

PHOTO BY MICHAEL J. LEE VIA AP

created by apple juice makers.

Two Mexican innovators, Adrian Lopez Velarde and Marte Cazarez, have created a leather they call "Desserto" using Nopal cactus leaves. Cactuses are of interest to new material developers because they tolerate drought, heat and poor soil.

Pinatex helps support farming communities in the Philippines by utilizing waste from pineapple harvesting to create material that is sold to makers of shoes, accessories, clothing and upholstery.

And California-based Bolt Threads created Mylo, a mycelium-based leather that's being used by brands like Adidas, Lululemon and Stella McCartney.

Finally, some glass wall tiles used in homes started life on a car. Companies are crushing up discarded windshields, then baking the mixture. The powdered slurry becomes a strong, opalescent material called sintered glass.

"Sintered glass is one of our four main tile lines now. There's an incredible range of colors, and high-performance

durability," says Ted Acworth, founder of the Boston-based mosaic-tile maker Artaic.

Annie Hall, a designer in Cambridge, Massachusetts, used a mix of clementine, sky and robin's-egg-blue glass tiles on a recent kitchen backsplash project.

"I always hope to find sustainably produced products for my design projects, and I was happy that the sintered glass is just that," she said.

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New York-based writer Kim Cook covers design and decor topics regularly for The AP.

Jeff Beck, guitar god who influenced generations, dies at 78

By Mark Kennedy

AP Entertainment Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Jeff Beck, a guitar virtuoso who pushed the boundaries of blues, jazz and rock 'n' roll, influencing generations of shredders along the way and becoming known as the guitar player's guitar player, has died. He was 78.

Beck died Tuesday after "suddenly contracting bacterial meningitis," his representatives said in a statement released Wednesday. The location was not immediately known.

"Jeff was such a nice person and an outstanding iconic, genius guitar player — there will never be another Jeff Beck," Tony Iommi, guitarist for Black Sabbath wrote on Twitter among the many tributes.

Beck first came to prominence as a member of the Yardbirds and then went out on his own in a solo career that incorporated hard rock, jazz, funky blues and even opera. He was known for his improvising, love of harmonics and the whammy bar on his preferred guitar, the Fender Stratocaster.

"Jeff Beck is the best guitar player on the planet," Joe Perry, the lead guitarist of Aerosmith, told The New York Times in 2010. "He is head, hands and feet above all the rest of us, with the kind of talent that appears only once every generation or two."

Beck was among the rock-guitarist pantheon from the late '60s that included Eric Clapton, Jimmy Page and Jimi Hendrix. Beck won eight Grammy Awards and was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame twice — once with the Yardbirds in 1992 and again as a solo artist in 2009. He was ranked fifth in Rolling Stone



Guitarist Jeff Beck performs in concert at Madison Square Garden on Feb. 18, 2010, in New York. Beck, a guitar virtuoso who pushed the boundaries of blues, jazz and rock 'n' roll, influencing generations of shredders along the way and becoming known as the guitar player's guitar player, died Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2023, after "suddenly contracting bacterial meningitis," his representatives said in a statement released Wednesday. He was 78.

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magazine's list of the "100 Greatest Guitarists of All Time."

"Jeff could channel music from the ethereal," Page tweeted Wednesday.

Beck played guitar with vocalists as varied as Luciano Pavarotti, Macy Gray, Chrissie Hynde, Joss Stone, Imelda May, Cyndi Lauper, Wynonna Judd, Buddy Guy and Johnny Depp. He made two records with Rod Stewart — 1968's "Truth" and 1969's "Beck-Ola" — and one with a 64-piece orchestra, "Emotion & Commotion."

"I like an element of chaos in music. That feeling is the best thing ever, as long as you don't have too much of it. It's got to be in balance. I just saw Cirque du Soleil, and it struck me as complete

organized chaos," he told Guitar World in 2014. "If I could turn that into music, it's not far away from what my ultimate goal would be, which is to delight people with chaos and beauty at the same time."

Beck career highlights include joining with bassist Tim Bogert and drummer Carmine Appice to create the power trio that released "Beck, Bogert and Appice" in 1973, tours with Brian Wilson and Buddy Guy and a tribute album to the late guitarist Les Paul, "Rock 'n' Roll Party (Honoring Les Paul)."

Beck's album credits include "Talking Book," Stevie Wonder's landmark 1972 album. His tenderly rendered guitar solo on the ballad, "Lookin' For Another Pure Love" won

him a warm "Do it Jeff" callout from Wonder that was included on the album cut.

Geoffrey Arnold Beck was born in Surrey, England, and attended Wimbledon Art College. His father was an accountant, and his mother worked in a chocolate factory. As a boy, he built his first instrument, using a cigar box, a picture frame for the neck and string from a radio-controlled toy airplane.

He was in a few bands — including Nightshift and The Tridents — before joining the Yardbirds in 1965, replacing Clapton but only a year later giving way to Page. During his tenure, the band created the memorable singles "Heart Full of Soul," "I'm a Man" and "Shapes of

Things."

Beck's first hit single was 1967's instrumental "Beck's Bolero," which featured future Led Zeppelin members Page and John Paul Jones, and The Who drummer Keith Moon. The Jeff Beck Group — with Stewart singing — was later booked to play the 1969 Woodstock music festival but their appearance was canceled. Beck later said there was unrest in the band.

"I could see the end of the tunnel," he told Rolling Stone in 2010.

Beck was friends with Hendrix and they performed together. Before Hendrix, most rock guitar players concentrated on a similar style and technical vocabulary. Hendrix blew that apart.

"He came along and

reset all of the rules in one evening," Beck told Guitar World.

Beck teamed up with legendary producer George Martin — a.k.a. "the fifth Beatle" — to help him fashion the genre-melding, jazz-fusion classic "Blow by Blow" (1975) and "Wired" (1976). He teamed up with Seal on the Hendrix tribute "Stone Free," created a jazz-fusion group led by synthesizer player Jan Hammer and honored rockabilly guitarist Cliff Gallup with the album "Crazy Legs." He put out "Loud Hailer" in 2016.

Beck's guitar work can be heard on the soundtracks of such films as "Stomp the Yard," "Shallow Hal," "Casino," "Honeymoon in Vegas," "Twins," "Observe and Report" and "Little Big League." Beck recently completed a tour supporting his album with Depp, "18" and was heard on Ozzy Osbourne's "Patient Number 9" album.

Beck's career never hit the commercial highs of Clapton. A perfectionist, he preferred to make critically well-received instrumental records and left the limelight for long stretches, enjoying his time restoring vintage automobiles. He and Clapton had a tense relationship early on but became friends in later life and toured together.

Why did the two wait some four decades to tour together?

"Because we were all trying to be big bananas," Beck told Rolling Stone in 2010. "Except I didn't have the luxury of the hit songs Eric's got."

Beck is survived by his wife, Sandra.

AP reporter Scott Stroud in Nashville contributed to this report.

Robbie Knievel, daredevil son of Evel Knievel, dies at 60

By Ken Ritter

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Robbie Knievel, an American stunt performer who set records with daredevil motorcycle jumps following the tire tracks of his thrill-seeking father — including at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas in 1989 and a Grand Canyon chasm a decade later — has died in Nevada, his brother said. He was 60.

Robbie Knievel died early Friday at a hospice in Reno after battling pancreatic cancer, Kelly Knievel said.

"Daredevils don't live easy lives," Kelly Knievel told The Associated Press. "He was a great daredevil. People don't really understand how scary it is what my brother did."

As a boy, Robbie Knievel began on his bicycle to emulate his famous father, Evel Knievel, who died in 2007 in Clearwater, Florida.

But where Evel Knievel famously almost died from injuries when he crashed his Harley-Davidson during a jump over the Caesars Palace fountains in Las Vegas in 1967, Robbie completed the jump in 1989 using a specially designed Honda.

Robbie Knievel also made headline-grabbing Las Vegas Strip jumps over a row of limousines in 1998 at the Tropicana Hotel; between two buildings at the Jockey Club in 1999; and a New Year's Eve jump amid fireworks in front of a volcano attraction at The Mirage on Dec. 31, 2008.

After a crash-landing to complete a motorcycle leap

over a 220-foot (61-meter) chasm at an Indian reservation outside Grand Canyon National Park in 1999, Robbie Knievel noted that his father always wanted to jump the spectacular natural landmark in Arizona, but never did. Robbie Knievel broke his leg in his crash.

Evel Knievel instead attempted to soar over a mile-wide Snake River Canyon chasm in Idaho in September 1974. His rocket-powered cycle crashed into the canyon while his escape parachute deployed.

Robbie Knievel's brother recalled other stunts including a 2004 jump over a row of military aircraft on the deck of the aircraft carrier USS Intrepid, a museum in New York.

Robbie Knievel, who promoted himself as "Captain Robbie Knievel," set several stunt records, but also failed in several attempts. In 1992, at age 29, he was injured when he crashed into the 22nd of 25 pickup trucks lined up across a 180-foot (55-meter) span in Cerritos, California.

"Injuries took quite a toll on him," Kelly Knievel said Friday.

Kelly Knievel lives in Las Vegas. He said his brother died with three daughters at his side: Krysten Knievel Hansson of Chicago, Karmen Knievel of Missoula, Montana, and Maria Collins of Waldport, Oregon.

Services were not immediately scheduled, but Kelly Knievel said his brother will be buried with other family members in Butte, Montana.

Film helps renew search for 1st Black Navy pilot's remains

By Thalia Beaty

Associated Press

The film "Devotion" reignited efforts to repatriate the remains of Jesse Brown, America's first Black Navy pilot, who died in 1950 after having to crash land his damaged plane during the Korean War.

Fred Smith, the founder of Memphis-based FedEx, financed the film about Brown because he thought Brown deserved wider recognition, a feeling his surviving relatives share, and lobbied the Trump administration to support the search efforts after consulting with Brown's daughter, Pamela.

"I'm still determined to try to get Jesse Brown home and put him where he ought to be in Arlington (National Cemetery)," Smith said. "Among the other heroes of the republic next to his wingman, Tom Hudner."

Smith's daughters, Rachel and Molly, who produced the film, met members of Brown's family at the 2018 funeral of Hudner, who received the Medal of Honor after attempting to rescue Brown. Hudner returned to North Korea in 2013 in an attempt to locate Brown's remains, but was unsuccessful.

Jessica Knight Henry, Brown's granddaughter, said attending Hudner's funeral at Arlington solidified her grandmother's desire to have her husband's remains interred in Arlington.

"He's never had a full sort of burial with that with the pomp and circumstance that that we think is worthy of what his contribution is to this country" Knight Henry said, speaking from Washington.

Brown grew up in Mississippi, the son of sharecroppers, and succeeded in qualifying to be a pilot in the Navy, despite his training

officer refusing to pin on his wings — just one of many racist insults and hurdles he overcame.

Smith has donated "Devotion"'s proceeds, in part, to endow a new scholarship fund, the Brown Hudner Navy Scholarship Foundation, for the children of Navy service members pursuing studies in STEM.

"Mr. Smith spent an incredible amount of money imaging the area where we think that my grandfather's remains are," said Knight Henry, adding that her family has worked with different agencies and groups to maximize any potential opportunity to get answers.

More than 7,500 American military personnel remain unaccounted for in the Korean War, according to the government agency that tracks prisoners of war and those missing in action.

Prince Harry's memoir opens at a record-setting sales pace

By Hillel Italie

AP National Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — No, the public has not tired of hearing about Prince Harry. Sales for "Spare" have placed the Duke of Sussex in some rarefied company.

Penguin Random House announced Wednesday that first day sales for the Harry's tell-all memoir topped 1.4 million copies, a record pace for non-fiction from a company that also publishes Barack and Michelle Obama, whose "Becoming" needed a week to reach 1.4 million when it was released in 2018.

The sales figures for "Spare" include hardcover, audiobook and e-book editions sold in the U.S., Canada and the United Kingdom.

"Spare" is the story of someone we may have thought we already knew, but now we can truly come to understand Prince Harry through his own words," Gina Centrello, President and Publisher of the Random House Group, said in a statement.

"Looking at these extraordinary first day sales, readers clearly agree, 'Spare' is a book that demands to be read, and it is a book we are proud to publish."

One of the most highly anticipated memoirs in recent times, "Spare" is Harry's highly personal and intimate account of his life in the royal family and his relationship with the American actor Meghan Markle, Duchess of Sussex.

Michelle Obama's memoir has since sold more than 15 million copies worldwide, its sales holding up over time in part because of highly favorable reviews. The verdict is mixed so far for "Spare."

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NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GREEN RIDGE COMMUNITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Charles E. Hardy,
Chairman of the Board of Directors

1x-1/14, 2023

IN THE 18TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, PETTIS COUNTY, MISSOURI
Judge or Division: R PAUL BEARD
Case Number: 22PT-PR00244
CARROLL E CHANCELLOR, Deceased.
Notice of Letters Testamentary Granted (Supervised Administration)
To All Persons Interested in the Estate of CARROLL E CHAN-

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CELLOR, Decedent:
On 1-5-2023, the last will of the decedent having been admitted to probate, the following individual was appointed personal representative of the estate of CARROLL E CHANCELLOR, decedent by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Pettis County, Missouri. The name and business address of the personal representative is: LARRY CHANCELLOR, 11944 HWY TT, WARSAW, MO

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65355.
The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number is: JEFFREY L DULL, LAW OFFICES OF DULL & HEANY LLC, 1116 E OHIO, CLINTON, MO 64735, 660/885-9600.
All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or if a copy of this notice was mailed to, or served

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

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January 28, 2023

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item pursuant to Section 537.021, RSMo.
Date of the decedent's death: 31-OCT-2022
Date of first publication: 07-JAN-2023

Susan Sadler,
Circuit Clerk
By: /s/ Darla Ebeling,
Deputy Clerk

4x-1/7, 14, 21, 28, 2023

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PETTIS COUNTY, MISSOURI CIVIL DIVISION
IN RE: FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. ONE OF PETTIS COUNTY, MISSOURI
JANICE KLENKE, et al.,
Petitioners.
Case No. 23PT-CC00007
NOTICE OF HEARING TO APPROVE PETITION FOR ANNEXATION OF REAL PROPERTY INTO THE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. ONE OF PETTIS COUNTY, MISSOURI

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that an action has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Pettis County, Missouri, by petition, the object and general nature of which is to annex certain real property into the Fire Protection District No. One of Pettis County, Missouri. Said real property was under the former protection of the Houstonia Rural Fire Association and is legally described as:

THOSE PARTS OF SECTIONS 24, 25 AND 36 OF TOWNSHIP 48 NORTH, RANGE 23 WEST, AND THOSE PARTS OF SECTIONS 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 AND 36 OF TOWNSHIP 48 NORTH, RANGE 22 WEST, AND THOSE PARTS OF SECTIONS 1 AND 12 OF TOWNSHIP 47 NORTH, RANGE 23 WEST, AND THOSE PARTS OF SECTIONS 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 16, 17, 18, 20 AND 21 OF TOWNSHIP 47 NORTH, RANGE 22 WEST, ALL FORMERLY PART OF THE HOUSTONIA FIRE DISTRICT OF PETTIS COUNTY, MISSOURI.

The Fire Protection District No. One of Pettis County, Missouri received an Initiative Petition signed by ninety-one (91) certified voters representing more than twenty-five percent (25.0%) of the persons who voted in the last gubernatorial election and who reside in the area to be annexed.

The Fire Protection District No. One of Pettis County, Missouri has subsequently adopted a Resolution approving the annexation of said real property and has filed a Petition herein seeking to approve the annexation of said real property, subject to the election provided in section 321.301 RSMo. Petitioner's attorney is:

James P. Buckley
BUCKLEY & BUCKLEY
121 E. 4th Street
Sedalia, MO 65301
T: 660.826.7373

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested to appear before the Honorable Robert L. Koffman, at the Pettis County Courthouse, 415 S. Ohio, Sedalia, MO, on the 14th day of February, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as the cause may be heard, to show cause, if any, why the Petition should not be granted.

IT IS ORDERED that a copy hereof be published according to the law in the Sedalia Democrat, a newspaper of general circulation published in Pettis County, Missouri. A true copy from the record. Witness my hand and the seal of the Circuit Court of Pettis County, Missouri, this 11th day of January, 2023.

/s/Susan Sadler,
Pettis County Circuit Clerk
First Publication:
January 14, 2023
4x-1/14, 21, 28, 2/4, 2023

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carrier through a defendant ad item pursuant to Section 537.021, RSMo.
Date of the decedent's death: 23-OCT-2014
Date of first publication: 24-DEC-2022

Susan Sadler,
Circuit Clerk
By: /s/ Darla Ebeling,
Deputy Clerk

4x-12/24, 31, 2022; 1/7, 14, 2023

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is given that a public hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Sedalia, at 6:30 p.m. on January 30, 2023, at the City Hall in Sedalia, Missouri, 200 South Osage Ave., Sedalia, MO 65301 concerning the proposed ordinance amending the zoning code to include sections for the provision of services related to homelessness.

The purpose of a public hearing in relation to said proposed ordinance at which time, site and place, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard. Jason Myers, City Clerk City of Sedalia
1x-1/14, 2023

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PETTIS COUNTY, MISSOURI PROBATE DIVISION
ESTATE OF
RONALD DEAN PLUMLEE,
DECEASED

ESTATE NO. 23PT-PR00004
NOTICE OF HEARING

To all persons who claim any interest in the property of Ronald Dean Plumlee, deceased, as an heir of said decedent or through any heir of said decedent:
You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in the above court by Cindy Lou Carrier-Plumlee, for the determination of the heirs of Ronald Dean Plumlee, deceased, and of their respective interests as such heirs in and with respect to the following described property owned by said decedent at the time of death or thereafter, to-wit:

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Petitioner's attorney is R. Scott Gardner whose business address is 416 South Ohio Avenue, Sedalia, Missouri 65301-4432.

You are hereby required to appear to answer said petition on February 14, 2023, at 3:00 o'clock p.m. in the Circuit Court of Pettis County, Missouri, 415 S. Ohio, Division Five at Sedalia, at which time and

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

Susan Sadler,
Circuit Clerk
By: /s/Darla Ebeling,
Deputy Clerk

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IN THE 18TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, PETTIS COUNTY, MISSOURI
Judge or Division:
PROBATE

Case Number: 22PT-PR00246
SASHA M SKAGGS,
Deceased.

Notice of Letters of Administration Granted (Independent Administration)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of SASHA M SKAGGS, Decedent:

On 1-5-2023, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of SASHA M SKAGGS, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Pettis County, Missouri. The personal representative's business address is:
BRET ANTHONY STONE,
8020 MT NEBO CHURCH RD,
PILOT GROVE, MO 65276
The personal representative may administer the estate independently without adjudication, order, or direction of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court, unless a petition for supervised administration is made to and granted by the court.

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

R SCOTT GARDNER, 416 SOUTH OHIO AVE, SEDALIA, MO 65301 - 4410 , 660-827-0204.

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

Date of the decedent's death: 04-OCT-2022
Date of first publication: 07-JAN-2023

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SEDRICK L LEWIS, JR, 3404 RIDGECREST DR, COLUMBIA, MO 65202.
The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number is:
JEFFREY M RINNE, KURLBAUM RINNE LAW FIRM LLC, 9101 W 110TH ST, STE 200, OVERLAND PARK, KS 66210, 913-334-5444.
All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or if a copy of this notice was mailed to, or served upon, such creditor by the personal representative, then within two months from the date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law. Such six-month period and such two-month period do not extend the limitation period that would bar claims one year after the decedent's death, as provided in Section 473.444, RSMo, or any other applicable limitation periods. Nothing in Section 473.033, RSMo, shall be construed to bar any action against a decedent's liability insurance