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Hayden family donates spiritual artwork

By Faith Bemiss

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Some things are unexplainable, and some may be driven by divine direction, such as near-death experiences and seeing visions beyond human perception. However, the inexplicable prompted Sedalia's Bob Hayden to dig deeper.

On Wednesday, Hayden's daughter Sally Hayden spoke to the Democrat about a spiritual art donation given by her father. He donated two framed prints, "Father Forgive Them" and "Prince of Peace: The Resurrection," by the artist Akiane Kramarik, 28, to the Hayden Liberty Center.

Hayden noted her father recently watched the movie "Heaven is for Real," which depicts the true-life account of a 4-year-old boy who experienced heaven during an emergency surgery. The child saw and experienced things beyond his ability, such as meeting his long-dead grandfather, meeting his unborn sister who died in a miscarriage, and also meeting Jesus.

"In the movie, something really, really touched him," Hayden said. "At the end of this movie, the father of the little boy was on the internet, and he was Googling to see if there were people who had similar visions or

similar experiences.

"And he stumbled upon this little girl named Akiane (Kramarik)," she continued. "... My dad was fascinated. How could children get this information unless a divine hand had given it to them?"

Her father was so moved by the film that he began to research Kramarik, a child prodigy who painted from visions, including seeing Jesus. Kramarik's parents were from Lithuania, and both were atheists. So, when she began having visions, they were astonished she would see heavenly beings because it wasn't anything she had been taught.

Hayden said her father found the child was 5 when she began to draw, but she had visions before creating her sketches.

"She'd never heard the word 'God,' she'd never heard about Jesus," Hayden noted. "She had no religious influence in any way, shape, or form."

She added the family came from Lithuania and settled in a humble home on the side of a cornfield in Illinois. Although she had never been taught, Kramarik began to tell her parents about Jesus and his appearance. She also began painting and would often paint people from all over the world she'd never seen. Some images were celestial, filled with angels or other



On Wednesday, Sally Hayden stands with two prints from paintings, "Father Forgive Them," left, and "Prince of Peace: The Resurrection," by the artist Akiane Kramarik. The artist, a child art prodigy, saw the face of Jesus in a vision and painted the pieces at age 8 and 9. Sally's father, Bob Hayden, touched by the art and its significance, donated the pieces to the Hayden Liberty Center.

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supernatural beings.

Along with the two prints, Bob Hayden also donated the book "Akiane: Her Life, Her Art, Her Poetry" and the film "Heaven is for Real" to the Liberty Center exhibit. The book is filled with Kramarik's art spanning ages 4 to 11. She is now an internationally known artist who has a gallery in Florida.

"As soon as we learned

more about her, my dad said, 'this is proof, this is proof,'" Hayden noted. "There's no way a child could paint those portraits at 8 years old without a divine hand."

Hayden said her father's goal is to at least "touch one non-believer soul." If he can do that, then he's done his job. She added the artwork is "absolutely stunning."

"She still paints regularly,"

Hayden said of Kramarik. "And still has visions."

She added her dad wants to invite as many people as possible to see the artwork.

"His whole goal is whether it's finding your faith or feeding your faith, this is real," she said. "If we would all stop and just take a minute and remember we're on a short ride here. Just be good and be kind because heaven is real."

For more information about the work of Kramarik, visit www.akiane.com. To see the exhibit, visit the Wood Dale Western Art Gallery inside the Hayden Liberty Center, 111 W. Fifth St. The Center is open from 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

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Life Save Awards presented at City Council

By Chris Howell

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At Tuesday evening's Sedalia City Council meeting, several first responders were recognized for saving a man's life during an emergency last year.

Sedalia Fire Chief Matt Irwin invited special guests Lloyd and Tami Hesseltine to present Life Save Awards to several first responders of the Sedalia Fire and Police departments.

"Tonight, we are honored to present Life Save Awards to members of the Sedalia Fire Department and Police Department," Irwin said. "On Nov. 28, 2022, a number of agencies were dispatched to an unresponsive male; they found a subject in a critical situation."

Tami Hesseltine told the Democrat that Lloyd was feeling ill and she was driving him to Bothwell Regional Health Center when he collapsed.



At Monday evening's Sedalia City Council meeting, Tami and Lloyd Hesseltine presented Life Save Awards to Sedalia firefighters John Clarke, Matt Kowalski, Tony Turner and Sedalia Police Officer Scott Smoot for their emergency response to Lloyd's November 2022 heart attack.

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"On Nov. 28, Lloyd suffered a heart attack in my car as I was driving him to Bothwell," Tami said. "I called 911 and a dispatcher, who was an absolute angel, told me that I needed to pull over and start CPR. She stepped me through four minutes of

CPR and then a sheriff's deputy arrived."

Emergency crews began lifesaving measures, including cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and the deployment of an automated external defibrillator (AED).

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Hairstylist has determination to pursue her dreams

By Skye Melcher

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A hairstylist born with a birth defect is defeating the odds and continuing to make people feel and look beautiful.

Mary Rathmann, 48, a hairstylist at The Chubby Hairstylist & Co. LLC, was born with a form of Spina Bifida called Myelomeningocele, a neural tube defect in which the bones of the spine do not completely form that results in an incomplete spinal cord. The spinal cord and meninges protrude from the child's back. The condition may affect as many as 1 in 4,000 infants.

When Rathmann was born, medical technology wasn't advanced enough for her parents

to know she would have Spina Bifida.

"It affects my lower extremities," Rathmann said. "I've had numerous (50) surgeries throughout my life."

Rathmann was born at Bothwell Regional Health Center and has

all her surgeries at the University Hospital in Columbia. Her first surgery to repair her spinal cord was when she was five days old.

She has managed to live longer than her initial life expectancy.

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Hairstylist Mary Rathmann poses for a picture at The Chubby Hairstylist & Co LLC on Wednesday morning. Rathmann was born with Spina Bifida and has managed to make her dreams come true as stylist even with her diagnosis.

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OBITUARIES

Master Sgt. Dallas Smith Jr.

Master Sgt. Dallas Smith Jr., USAF, Ret., 90, of Kansas City, MO, departed this life Sunday, January 15, 2023.

He was born April 19, 1932, in Culloden, GA, a son of the late Dallas Smith Sr. and Vesterine (Ralls) Smith. He married Norma Jean (Clark) Patrick, who survives of Columbia, MO. This union produced six children.

Dallas served his country honorably in the U.S. Air Force for 20 years, retiring as a Master Sergeant in 1972. He received numerous awards and commendations, including the Meritorious Service Medal and the Air Force Commendation Medal. Dallas graduated from Washington Technical College where he received an Associate's Degree in business management. After retiring from the Air Force, he worked as a chief accounting supervisor and loan specialist for the VA for 10 years before retiring with a culmination of 30 years of military and civil service.

He is survived by four children, Michael D. Smith

of Kansas City, MO, Anthony Q. Smith of Arkansas, Kenneth L. Smith (Brigitt) of Indianapolis, IN, and Nigel "Sam" Smith of Kansas City, MO; four sisters, Ophelia Scott, Dorothy Yates (Troy), Betty Peters and Louise Wilson (Harold); a



sister-in-law, Mary Smith; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and a host of relatives and friends.

He was also preceded in death by a daughter, Elizabeth Ann Smith; a son, Dallas Smith III; two brothers, Jack Ralls and Rosco Smith; and two sisters, Agnes Travers and Shirley Summerville.

Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, January 21, 2023, at Crown Hill Cemetery with Elder Noah Poole officiating. Full military honors will be conducted by the Whiteman Air Force Base Honor Guard. There will be no visitation.

Arrangements are under the direction of McLaughlin Funeral Chapel.

Errell Thomas William Orear Jr.

Errell Thomas William Orear Jr., 78, of Sedalia, and formerly of High Ridge, died Monday, Jan. 9, 2023, at his home.

Tom was born in Little Rock, Ark., Nov. 15, 1944, the son of Errell T. and Elizabeth J. Orear. After graduating high school in Janesville, Wis., Tom attended Central Methodist College in Fayette, Mo., where he met his future wife, Constance Ann Heimsch. After Tom and Connie graduated from CMC with degrees in music education, they married Aug. 15, 1968. Their marriage of more than 50 years produced three children, Gregory, Melissa, and Sean, and five grandchildren.

Tom dedicated his life to music and teaching it to others, spending most of his professional career in the Northwest R-1 School District. Tom took great pride in building up the district high school's band program, especially the marching band, whether through summer band camps and practices or numerous fundraising events to provide needed funds. As a result of this dedication, the band program developed into one of the most respected and

top-performing units in the state. In recognition of these achievements, Tom was a member of the inaugural class of the Northwest R-1 Hall of Fame, inducted in 2014, an honor he took more pride in than he was willing to admit.

Tom is survived by his sons and their children, Gregory and Kimberly Orear, Jackson, Clara and Evelyn, of Marshall, Mn.; and Sean and Tahli Orear, Declan and Hudson, of Brisbane, Australia; a sister, Susan Weddle, of Phillips, Wis.; a brother, Jeff (Barb) Orear, of Peshtigo, Wis.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, and daughter, Melissa.

Funeral services are planned for Sunday, Jan. 22 at 3:30 p.m. at Broadway Presbyterian in Sedalia.

Memorials can be made to a scholarship fund (the Orear Music Scholarship) created in memory of Tom, Connie and Melissa and can be left at the church or mailed to Twin Oaks Presbyterian, 1230 Big Bend Rd, Ballwin, MO 63021.



FUNERALS

Pummill, LeRoy

6 to 8 p.m. today at Abundant Harvest Worship Center in Sedalia. Arrangements are under the direction of Rea Funeral Chapel in Sedalia.

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.

Boehm, Kathleen Maria

11 a.m. Friday at Peace Lutheran Church in Kansas City, Missouri. Arrangements are under the direction of Floral Hill Funeral Home in Kansas City.

Burke, Robert Joseph

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

Davis, Erma Lee

2 p.m. Friday at St. Paul's Lutheran 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.

Smith, Dallas Smith Jr.

10 a.m. Saturday at Crown Hill Cemetery in Sedalia. Arrangements are under the direction of McLaughlin Funeral Chapel in Sedalia.

Alexander, Shirley Ann

11 a.m. Saturday at the First United Methodist Church Celebration Center in Sedalia. Arrangements are under the direction of Rea Funeral Chapel in Sedalia.

Cunningham, Marvin Lester

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

Hunt, John Dee

Noon Sunday at Rea

Funeral Chapel in Sedalia. Arrangements are under the direction of Rea Funeral Chapel.

Orear, Errell Thomas William Jr.

3:30 p.m. Sunday at Broadway Presbyterian in Sedalia.

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.

Schade, Ella Sue

Noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28 at Emerald Bowling Lanes, in Eugene, Oregon.

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. 16

11:32 p.m.: Carla Lynn Hayworth, 46, of the 2400 block of South Grand Avenue, was arrested after a vehicle stop at West 20th Street

and South Limit Avenue for failure to maintain a lane and disobeying a stop sign. Hayworth had a suspended driver's license. He was placed under arrest and released from the scene with state charges of driving with a revoked license and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

Jan. 17

1:49 a.m.: Todd Irvin Meyer, 35, of Jefferson City, was arrested after being observed with no plate lights and swerving on Broadway

Boulevard. A check showed the driver had a revoked license and exhibited indicators of drug impairment. Meyer was arrested for driving with a revoked driver's license, driving while intoxicated-drugs, and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

Incidents

Jan. 17

9:20 p.m.: An officer responded to the Bothwell Regional Health Center ramp for a combative subject. A security officer was assaulted and a charge

of third-degree assault-special victim has been requested.

Missouri State Highway Patrol

Arrests

Jan. 17

7:05 p.m.: Arlene S. Posey, 69, of Marshall, was arrested in Saline County for driving while intoxicated with a person younger than 17 in the vehicle and failure to display valid plates on a motor vehicle. She was transported to the Saline County Jail and released.

Compiled by Chris Howell.

CRASH REPORTS

California man injured in Johnson County accident

Amanprit S. Johal, 18, of Fremont, California, sustained moderate injuries at 5:10 p.m. Tuesday in a Johnson County accident.

According to a Missouri State Highway Patrol report, a 2018 GMC Sierra driven by Michael A. Teter, 70, of Centerville, was slowing to make a left turn off U.S. Highway 50 at Route M, and a 2005

Honda Civic driven by Johal struck the rear end of the towed unit.

Johal was wearing a seat belt and was transported by private vehicle to St Luke's East Hospital in Lee's Summit.

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

Compiled by Chris Howell.

Wholesale inflation in US slowed further in December to 6.2%

By Christopher Rugaber

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — Wholesale prices in the United States rose 6.2% in December from a year earlier, a sixth straight slowdown and a hopeful sign that inflation pressures will continue to cool.

The latest year-over-year figure was down from 7.3% in November and from a recent peak of 11.7% in March. On a monthly basis, the government said Wednesday that its producer price index, which measures costs before they reach consumers, dropped 0.5% from November to December.

The producer price data can provide an early sign of where consumer inflation might be headed. The data reflects the prices that are charged by manufacturers, farmers and wholesalers, and it flows into an inflation gauge that the Federal Reserve closely tracks, the

personal consumption expenditures price index.

The ongoing slowdown in wholesale price growth is adding to evidence that the worst bout of inflation in four decades is steadily easing, though it remains far above the Federal Reserve's target of 2%.

Last month's drop was led by gas prices, which sank 13.4% from November to December. Gas prices averaged \$3.36 a gallon Wednesday, according to AAA, down from a peak of \$5 a gallon in mid-June.

Food prices fell by a sharp 1.2%, led by fruits, vegetables and chicken. One exception was egg prices. Driven up in part by a wave of avian flu, egg prices soared 25% just from November to December.

Excluding volatile energy and food costs, so-called core producer prices rose only 0.1% from November to December. Measured year over year, core prices increased 5.5% in December, compared with 6.2% in

November.

"The big picture is one of rapid disinflation, with much more to come," said Ian Shepherdson, chief economist at Pantheon Macroeconomics.

Producer prices in the nation's vast service sector — everything from restaurants and hotels to airlines and entertainment venues — ticked up just 0.1% from November to December, the smallest such increase since last April. The Fed has been monitoring this area of the economy in particular as it assesses its progress in combating high inflation.

But rising evidence shows that inflation across the economy is easing after having reached a four-decade peak last summer. At the consumer level, inflation also cooled in December for a sixth straight month to 6.5% compared with a year earlier, from 7.1% in November.

An acceleration in workers' wages has been slowing, too, which could

further help control inflation. In December, average wage growth in the United States was up 4.6% from 12 months earlier, compared with a recent peak of 5.6% in March.

Over the past year, the Fed has rapidly raised its key interest rate in an aggressive drive to cool borrowing and spending and tame inflation, which began surging more than a year and a half ago.

The Fed's rate hikes have, in turn, led to higher borrowing costs for consumers and businesses. The average mortgage rate is still nearly twice its level a year ago, though it has dipped in recent weeks. Loan costs for auto purchases, credit cards and a range of business borrowing are up sharply, too.

Even as overall inflation gradually slows, costs continue to surge in some pockets of the economy. Particularly in the service sector, wage growth is still contributing to broader inflation pressures.

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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NEWS AT THE CLUB



With support by his side, 14-year-old Bryce from the Dresden Site presents his speech for the Youth of the Year teen category during the Boys & Girls Clubs of West Central Missouri's annual event in 2022.

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Inspiring stories at Youth of the Year event

By Gary Beckman
Boys & Girls Clubs Executive Director

Everyone loves a good story. Tall tales of fish that got away, recaps of high school glory on the basketball court, even those hair-raising moments on our bikes when we would pretend to be Evel Knievel.

My favorite stories, though, are the kind that inspire. Like the ones told during the Boys & Girls Club's annual Youth of the Year event. Each of our 12 Club Sites has nominated members who have shown outstanding leadership, service, academic excellence, empowerment and more. On Jan. 31, all 24 of these nominees will take the stage at the Liberty Center to tell their stories about what Boys & Girls Club means to them. Our Youth of the Year event will name an Elementary, Junior and Teen Youth of the Year – the highest honor a Club member can earn.

Last year was a memorable Youth of the Year event for stories. In particular, 14-year-old Bryce from our Dresden Site earned the honor of representing his peers in

News from the Club

Find out the latest news from the Boys & Girls Clubs of West Central Missouri, plus information on upcoming events and stories about Club members, in this monthly column published by the Democrat.

the teen category.

Now, for those who may not know Bryce, he is a remarkable young man. Bryce has autism and needs an aide to help him during the school day as well as afterschool Club time. To be very honest, neither Club staff, his parents, nor his aide knew how Bryce would handle the situation of standing on a stage in front of 100 people. In fact, I'm not sure how most of us would do. But we all had hope and faith because we knew what he was capable of, even if this was stretching him beyond his comfort zone.

Bryce walked to the stage with purpose and took his place behind the podium with the full attention of the crowd on him as the spotlight shined brightly on him in the dark auditorium. What happened in the next few seconds was

truly magical. Bryce spoke clearly and confidently. He told his story, who he is, talked about his autism and shared from his heart what it means for him to attend the Boys & Girls Club. Moments later, immediately after his speech was over, the crowd erupted in applause with tear-filled eyes, and celebrated his bravery with a standing ovation.

Bryce has a story worth telling; one of many inspiring, courageous Club stories I hope to share with all of you in this column. Hope, opportunity, courage. Boys & Girls Clubs provide opportunities for our members to gain strength, belief and the courage to do the impossible.

Please accept my invitation to be my personal guest to join us at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31 at the Liberty Center, 111 W. Fifth St., to hear from this year's group of Youth of the Year candidates. Their stories will inspire you and leave your heart filled.

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Pettis County R-V School District Honor Roll

The following students were named to the Pettis County R-V School District honor roll for the second quarter of the 2022-23 school year.

Second Quarter Academic Award

Lainee Breshears, Maison Goodman, Parker Schilb, Easton Ramey, Jase Riley, Paisley Brown, Kennedi Alford, Jannah Perry, Jaydon Sanders, Caleb Smith, Mark Cosurco, Lyla Killion, Lidiya Kyvyrzhik, Kemper Caton.

Second Quarter Mighty Mustang Award

Paidyn Brown, Max Donets, Audrianna Belton, Bayler Luetjen, Tate Rice, Teagen Gorrell, Brynn Franke, Brooklyn St. Cyr, Jackson Kahrs, Bristin McGinnis, Elizabeth Novak, Grady Wilbanks, Artem Plotnic, Anna Novak.

Honor Roll

Fifth Grade: Cooper Arnett, Easton Bailey, Katrina Donets, Lyla Killion, Colton Moore, Levi Narron, Kate Strange, Grady Wilbanks, Alexis Zink, Hannah Cornine, Mark Cosurco, Skylar Knull, Liana Kozlenko, Gabe Lukashevich, Lily Narron, Elizabeth Novak, Sergey Pylypovets, Brock Townsend.

Sixth Grade: Cassidy Ballenger, Tommy Bom, Elijah Cornine, Olivia Harding, Max Kozhukharenko, Kelsey Newton, Artem Plotnic, Kemper Caton,

Madalyn Garrison, Mackenzie Hunter, Colt Leicher, Azaria Silchuk, Lillian Stevens, Lidiya Kyvyrzhik.

A Honor Roll

Seventh Grade: Makayla Arnold, Gannon Killion, Hayden Meyer, Jozy Richardson, Ava Smith, Jessica Zarate.

Eighth Grade: Hunter Benson, Nouvelle Debord, Bristen Douglas, Veronica Fayuk, Deanna Kozlenko, Natalia Kyvyrzhik.

Ninth Grade: Sofi Amaya, Elaina Buckley, Gabe Franke, Dimitry Galuha, Kinley Garrigus, Emma Kirchu, Caleb Martin, Gabriella Meyer, Emma Newton, Elliot Nieters, Malachi Russell, Carlee Sanders, Maryann Walker.

Tenth Grade: Timmie Allee, Taylar Arnold, Allison Ballenger, Olivia Butler, MacKenzie Eager, Aubry Hollon, Matthew Kozlenko, Kayden O'Bryan, Kevin Zarate.

Eleventh Grade: Shelby Dotson, Cade Fagg, Trinity Lorenz, Abigail Martin, Valerie Meyer, Marina Rechun, Maisie Richardson, Zoe Richardson, Kathryn Shane, Karli Smith, David Thomlinson, Grace Walker, Hannah Watterson, Austynn White, Madelyn Willmuth.

Twelfth Grade: Harley Allee, Grant Burson, Jeremiah Hursman, Samantha Johnson, Gavin Killion, Katie Martin, Isaac Nieters, Esther Pichinevsky, Lain Tichenor.

B Honor Roll

Seventh Grade: Evan Buckley, Valeriya Cosurco, Jaxsyn Staton, Slavic Donets, Jacob Hunter, Levi Klein, Samuel Martin, Braydon Rayl, Brenden Ulmer, Kaylee Vaughan.

Eighth Grade: Brody Adler, Kyrsten Hursman, Alina Orlov, Isabella Plotnic, Chase Sanders, Connor Thorp, Kimberly Watterson, Cooper White, Arthur Zeisset.

Ninth Grade: Jake Bales, Nathan Boss, Zannah Butts, Abby Davis, Anastasia Donets, Alysian Dotson, Ava Frame, Bryce Hieronymus, Bevin Kreisel, Elijah Loesing, Tucker Narron, Dane Palmer, Kimbree Pummill, Grayson Vaughan, Aiden Weber.

Tenth Grade: Treshaun Allee, Blaine Arnett, Hunter Arnett, Nichole Banner, Jazmin Butts, Tanner Dohrman, Kelin Garrigus, Nicholas Hall, Tanner Johnson, Gage Killion, Livy Lyne, Chase Walbourn, Alyssa Wombles.

Eleventh Grade: Jason Boss, Owen Caton, Lilia Galuha, Alexis Jolly, Alex Novak, Mariam Smolyuk, Korgin Stovall, Carter Watterson.

Twelfth Grade: Braden Allred, Tobias Anderson, Jace Bales, Caitlin Chitwood, Caden Crooker, Emily Davis, Devon Halsey, Trapper Johnson.

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AGE: 0Y/3M/2W

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US divided over Roe's repeal as abortion foes gird for march

By David Crary
AP National Writer

Anti-abortion activists will have multiple reasons to celebrate — and some reasons for unease — when they gather Friday in Washington for the annual March for Life.

The march, which includes a rally drawing abortion opponents from across the nation, has been held annually since January 1974 — a year after the U.S. Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision established a nationwide right to abortion.

This year's gathering — 50 years after that decision — will be the first since the high court struck down Roe in a momentous ruling last June.

Since then, 12 Republican-governed states have implemented sweeping bans on abortion, and several others seek to do the same. But those moves have been offset by other developments. Abortion opponents were defeated in votes on ballot measures in Kansas, Michigan and Kentucky. State courts have blocked several bans from taking effect. And myriad efforts are underway to help women in abortion-ban states either get abortions out of state or use the abortion pill for self-managed abortions.

"It's almost like the old wild, wild West ... everything is still shaking out," said Carol Tobias, president of the National Right to Life Committee.

With numerous Democratic-governed states taking steps to protect and expand abortion access, Tobias likened the current situation to the pre-Civil War era when the nation was closely divided between free states and slave states.

"I will not be surprised if we have something like that for a few years," she said. "But I do know that pro-lifers are not going to give up — it's a civil rights issue for us."

The theme for this year's March for Life is "Next Steps: Marching Forward into a Post-Roe America." Scheduled speakers include Hall of Fame football coach Tony Dungy and Mississippi Attorney



Anti-abortion activists march outside of the U.S. Supreme Court during the March for Life in Washington, Jan. 21, 2022. Anti-abortion activists will have multiple reasons to celebrate — and some reasons for unease — when they gather Friday, Jan. 20, 2023 in Washington for the annual March for Life. The march has been held since January 1974 — a year after the U.S. Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision established a nationwide right to abortion.

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General Lynn Fitch, who won the Supreme Court case that overturned Roe.

The president of March for Life, Jeanne Mancini, depicted the June ruling as "a massive victory for the pro-life movement."

"But the battle to build a culture of life is far from over," she said. "March for Life will continue to advocate for the unborn and policies that protect them until abortion becomes unthinkable."

Prospects for any federal legislation restricting abortion nationwide are negligible for now, given that any such measures emerging from the Republican-led House would face rejection in the Democratic-led Senate. The main battlegrounds will be in the states.

Since June, near-total bans on abortion have been implemented in Alabama, Arkansas, Idaho, Kentucky, Louisiana,

Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas and West Virginia. Legal challenges are pending against several of those bans.

Elective abortions also are unavailable in Wisconsin, due to legal uncertainties faced by abortion clinics, and in North Dakota, where the lone clinic relocated to Minnesota.

Bans passed by lawmakers in Ohio, Indiana and Wyoming have been blocked by state courts while legal challenges are pending. And in South Carolina, the state Supreme Court on Jan. 5 struck down a ban on abortion after six weeks, ruling the restriction violates a state constitutional right to privacy.

The Guttmacher Institute, a research group which supports abortion rights, says the overall result is "a chaotic legal landscape that is disruptive

for providers trying to offer care and patients trying to obtain it."

"When people do not have access to abortion care in their state, they are forced to make the difficult decision to travel long distances for care, self-manage an abortion or carry an unwanted pregnancy to term," Guttmacher staffers Elizabeth Nash and Isabel Guarnieri wrote last week.

Looking ahead, some anti-abortion leaders hope the Republicans nominate a 2024 presidential candidate who will aggressively push for nationwide abortion restrictions, rather than keep it as a state-by-state matter.

"The approach to winning on abortion in federal races, proven for a decade, is this: state clearly the ambitious consensus pro-life position and contrast that with the extreme view of Democrat opponents," said Marjorie Dannenfelser,

president of SBA Pro-Life America.

Dannenfelser says she's not surprised by the divisive ups-and-downs that have unfolded since the June ruling.

"This is what it looks like when democracy is restored and we have a voice in the debate," she said. "For 50 years, we had no voice because the judiciary was always going to shield public opinion from having an effect on the law."

"We always knew it wouldn't be a straight line (after Roe's repeal)," she said, adding "we know neither side is going to lay down and die."

Multiple public opinion polls since June have found that a majority of Americans support access to legal abortion. According to an Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research poll conducted in July, 53% of U.S. adults said they disapproved of the Supreme Court's repeal of Roe, while 30% approved.

Professor Kathleen Sprouts Cummings, director of the University of Notre Dame's Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism, suggested the anti-abortion movement may suffer from a perception among many Americans that it's more concerned with controlling women's bodies than helping them cope with unintended pregnancies.

"It's about consolidating their political power, more than about babies," she said.

Some abortion opponents are trying to counter such perceptions. In Texas, for example, anti-abortion groups are urging lawmakers to spend more money on services for pregnant and parenting Texans, including expand-

ing Medicaid coverage for mothers.

According to Texas Right to Life, the state's new abortion ban has had a major impact — it says only 68 abortions were recorded by state health officials in July 2022, compared to 4,879 in July 2021.

The group noted the data does not include illegal, unreported abortions — which are widely believed to be increasing as women obtain abortion pills by mail from overseas or from Mexico suppliers.

Charles Camosy, a medical humanities professor at Creighton University School of Medicine who opposes abortion, has analyzed the high-profile election defeats suffered by the anti-abortion movement. Voters in Kansas and Kentucky rejected constitutional amendments that would have declared there is no right to abortion; Michigan voters approved an amendment enshrining the right to abortion in the state constitution.

"Pro-lifers have clearly and badly lost the PR battle since June and this has shaped how people are voting," Camosy said via email. He said abortion-rights supporters were better organized and better funded, while many anti-abortion politicians either avoided the issue or sounded too extreme.

"There are obviously very good things that have happened, however," added Camosy, citing the drop in abortions reported in states with bans.

"Pro-lifers also now relish the chance to actually debate the issues in a democratic, open context ... as opposed to constantly running into the fiat of various courts," he said. "We may lose some battles early on... but it is worth it to have the debates."

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Gov. Parson calls for \$860M to widen I-70

By Summer Ballentine

Associated Press

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — Missouri Gov. Mike Parson called on state lawmakers to set aside nearly \$860 million to widen and improve traffic flow on Interstate 70 in his annual State of the State address Wednesday.

The massive investment in I-70 is part of a nearly \$52 billion budget proposal unveiled by the Republican. The rough plan for I-70 includes widening the highway in suburban Kansas City, the Columbia area and suburban St. Louis near Wentzville, where the road is notorious for congestion.

The hope is also to get rid of a tangle of traffic lights at the intersection of I-70 and U.S. 63 in Columbia, Missouri Transportation Department Director Patrick McKenna told reporters before Parson's address. He said the traffic lights could be replaced with ramps to make switching highways smoother.

"Not only are we concerned for motorist safety, these inefficiencies are costly to our state's economy," Parson said in prewritten remarks provided to reporters before his speech. "We must invest to improve I-70. To those who say we can't afford it, I say we can't afford not to."

Proposals have existed for years to widen I-70 from

two to three lanes in each direction across the entire state, but Missouri has never had the money to do it.

Parson's plan would tap into the state's historic budget surplus to accomplish a portion of that. It would widen over 50 total miles of roadway in suburban St. Louis, suburban Kansas City and Columbia while also improving a bottleneck interchange at I-70 and U.S. 63. That would still leave around 140 miles of rural I-70 with two lanes in each direction.

By focusing on the most congested areas, the proposal would create "a much more reliable I-70 for the next couple of decades," McKenna said.

But it could take a few years for construction to begin, because the state first may need to obtain additional land, relocate utilities and design the road, McKenna said.

In his speech, Parson branded child care as a workforce development issue and pushed for increased access through tax credits, subsidies and money for pre-kindergarten programs.

"These programs will help improve child care facilities, support employers who support their workers with child care assistance, and allow more of our dedicated child care workers to earn a pay increase," Parson said.

Roughly \$56 million



Missouri Gov. Mike Parson shakes hands with lawmakers as he enters the House chamber to deliver the State of the State address on Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2023, in Jefferson City, Mo. PHOTO BY JEFF ROBERSON | AP PHOTO

in Parson's budget would go toward providing free pre-kindergarten for 4-year-olds eligible for free- and reduced-price lunch — about 17,000 children. An additional \$78 million would subsidize private child care.

State Budget Director Dan Haug said Parson's budget includes a total of \$800 million for various child care programs.

In response to a deadly Amtrak train crash in northern Missouri last year, Parson budgeted \$35 million for safety upgrades to railroad crossings across the state. Four people died and dozens more were injured

when the Amtrak train collided with a pickup truck near Mendon, Missouri, last June.

"We learned the hard way that we must do more to improve transportation safety," Parson said in prepared statements.

Though Parson did not propose a mandatory pay raise for teachers, his budget would nearly double the money available for a program that helps local school districts provide extra pay to teachers who take on additional responsibilities. Parson proposed to add nearly \$32 million to the program's current \$37 million budget.

The governor also proposed hundreds of millions of additional dollars to fully fund the state's public school system and continue paying the full bill for school busing.

Higher education institutions would get a 7% funding increase under Parson's budget plan and an additional \$272 million for building projects.

All state employees would get an 8.7% pay raise, and an additional \$2 per hour shift differential would be paid to employees working nights or evenings in facilities such as prisons, mental health facilities and veterans nursing homes.

The pay raises come as Missouri is struggling to keep workers from bolting for better-paying and potentially less stressful jobs.

Nearly one-quarter of Missouri's budgeted positions in the Department of Corrections are vacant, and one-fifth of the positions in the Department of Mental Health are empty, according to data provided to The Associated Press. Those vacancy rates are double what existed in 2019, before the coronavirus pandemic began.

Associated Press writer David A. Lieb contributed to this report.

Dreams

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like a medical miracle, but it feels amazing to be able to do a lot of things that I was never supposed to be able to accomplish in life," Rathmann said.

That includes getting married and having children. Rathmann and her husband, Mike, had two healthy pregnancies that resulted in two daughters, Marissa and Miley.

Growing up, Rathmann was brought up not to notice the challenges around her and wasn't treated differently from her siblings. Rathmann has wanted to be a hairstylist since she was 5 years old and after being told it wasn't a wise choice due to her diagnosis, she became more determined to do it.

"It was a determination to pursue and fulfill my dreams, so that's what I did," Rathmann said.

She has been a hairstylist for 30 years. It

"I might have a birth defect but it doesn't have me."

— Mary Rathmann

hasn't been a challenge to be a hairstylist with her diagnosis until recently as she gets older. In the last few years, Rathmann has started using a walker to get around and sit on when styling hair.

"My walking has gotten a lot harder, a lot more difficult. I wear a brace and stuff like that, but overall, it's not been a big deal until the last few years and then it's kind of gotten more challenging," Rathmann said. "But it's been very rewarding."

While at work, Rathmann sits down more than other stylists and has more breaks but has learned to adapt to the situation. She will have a client sit in the chair while she sits in her walker or stands with her walker as she does their hair.

"I've beat the odds of everything that has been

given to me," Rathmann said.

As a hairstylist, Rathmann loves helping clients look and feel good about themselves. As someone with Spina Bifida, Rathmann wants to tell others with the same diagnosis not to give up.

"Nothing's impossible," Rathmann said. "You might find it difficult, but nothing's impossible."

With the right health care and support team, it's possible for individuals with Spina Bifida to live like anyone else.

"I might have a birth defect, but it doesn't have me," Rathmann said.

To schedule an appointment with Rathmann, message her through her personal Facebook and Instagram accounts.

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

Justices seem to lean toward deaf student in education case

By Jessica Gresko

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Wednesday seemed sympathetic to the arguments of a deaf student who sued his public school system for providing an inadequate education, a legal challenge important for other disabled students and their families.

The question for the justices involves a federal law that guarantees disabled students an education specific to their needs. During 90 minutes in the courtroom, liberal and conservative justices suggested they were inclined to rule for the student, Miguel Luna Perez.

His lawyer, Roman Martinez, said that for 12 years, the

public school system in Sturgis, Michigan, "neglected Miguel, denied him an education and lied to his parents about the progress he was allegedly making in school."

"This shameful conduct permanently stunted Miguel's ability to communicate with the outside world," Martinez said.

Justice Elena Kagan indicated that she believed the argument that Perez had done "everything right" in pursuing his case.

"It's hard for me to see how that's not true. What should Miguel have done differently from what he did do in this case?" Kagan said. The liberal justice suggested to a lawyer for the school system, Shay Dvoretzky, that such cases are pursued "by parents who are

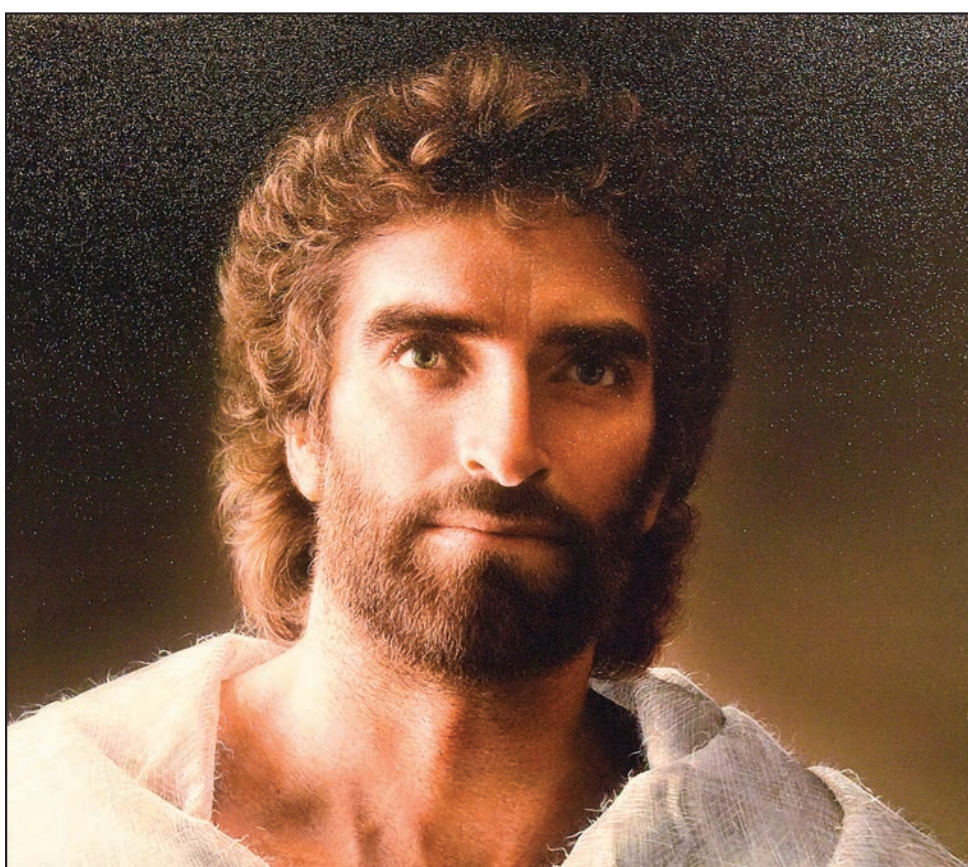
trying to do right by their kids."

Perez, now 27, was in the courtroom. He watched with the assistance of American Sign Language translators and Certified Deaf Interpreters, who can help when a person's communication skills are limited.

It remains difficult for Perez, who emigrated to the United States from Mexico at age 9, to make himself understood. Perez's lawyers say the school system failed him by not providing a qualified sign language interpreter. An aide who helped him did not know ASL but tried to teach herself so-called Signed English from a book. She essentially invented a system of signing only she and Perez understood, leaving him unable to communicate with others, his lawyers said.



Sally Hayden holds the book "Akiane: Her Life, Her Art, Her Poetry," featuring the artwork of Akiane Kramarik on Wednesday at the Hayden Liberty Center. PHOTOS BY FAITH BEMISS | DEMOCRAT



"Prince of Peace: The Resurrection" is detailed and was painted by Akiane Kramarik when she was 8. Kramarik grew up with atheist parents but converted to Christianity after having visions of heaven, angels, and Jesus, which she captured in her artwork.

Awards

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"If there was any break in that chain of events, he wouldn't be here today, he just wouldn't," Tami said. "They worked on him for 20 minutes alongside the road before they were able to stabilize him enough to get him in the ambulance to transport them to the helicopter."

First Ward Councilman Jack Robinson commented on the flawless inter-departmental response that saved Lloyd's life.

"The 911 operator counted for four minutes while Mrs. Hesselstine gave him CPR in the car," Robinson noted. "They ought to be recognized for that, too, because it takes a great presence of mind to do that."

Irwin quickly pointed out Tuesday's Life Save Awards were only for the City of Sedalia employees involved. The Pettis County Ambulance District personnel, Pettis County

Sheriff's Office deputies and Joint Communication employees will receive recognition for their life-saving efforts through their respective departments.

"I know the sheriff's department was also there, so there may be a recognition from the Sheriff's Department," Irwin said. "It's a team event, our people can't get there if we don't have Joint Communications, and it is a circle that works well together."

Fourth Ward Councilman Steve Bloss also thanked the Bothwell Foundation for providing AEDs to various agencies and locations.

"We should recognize the Wear Red for Women group that is putting AEDs all over Sedalia," Bloss said. "We're getting a lot of AEDs spread out across the city, and the fire department is training people for that. You never know when you'll need it, but a big part of that is preparation."

Irwin noted the fire department is developing a plan to make more trainers available so they can teach

CPR to the public soon in hopes of saving more lives.

Lloyd presented the Life Save Awards to firefighters John Clarke, Matt Kowalski, Tony Turner and Scott Smoot. Sedalia Police Officer Derrick DeSalme also was presented with an award.

"They don't always know the outcomes, and so when they save someone's life, they don't necessarily know," Tami said. "It's their job and I think that they deserve to know when they've done something and it's worked out well."

Lloyd Hesselstine shook hands with each of his rescuers and acknowledged them in a well-deserved address.

"I did not prepare any speech for tonight, but on behalf of myself and my family, I just want to thank you guys from the bottom of my heart," Hesselstine said. "I know what you guys do is saving lives, and I'm living proof of that, so thank you so much."

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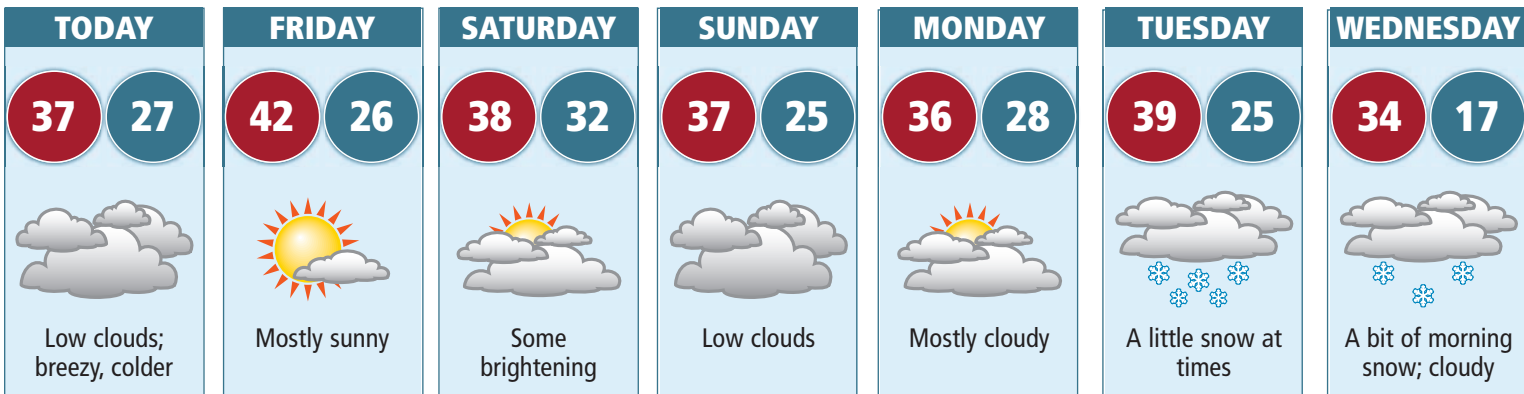


Tami and Lloyd Hesselstine are seen at Tuesday's Sedalia City Council meeting. Lloyd was saved by Sedalia first responders after a November heart attack and came to the meeting to thank them for their speedy response. PHOTO BY CHRIS HOWELL | DEMOCRAT

THE WEATHER

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST



SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 7:28 a.m.
 Sunset tonight 5:19 p.m.
 Moonrise today 5:35 a.m.
 Moonset today 2:43 p.m.



WEATHER HISTORY

Snow is rare in Florida. It did not fall in Miami Beach until 1977; however, on Jan. 19, snowflakes fell for the first time at the famous resort. Tampa had 0.25 of an inch, and Plant City, Fla., got 2 inches.

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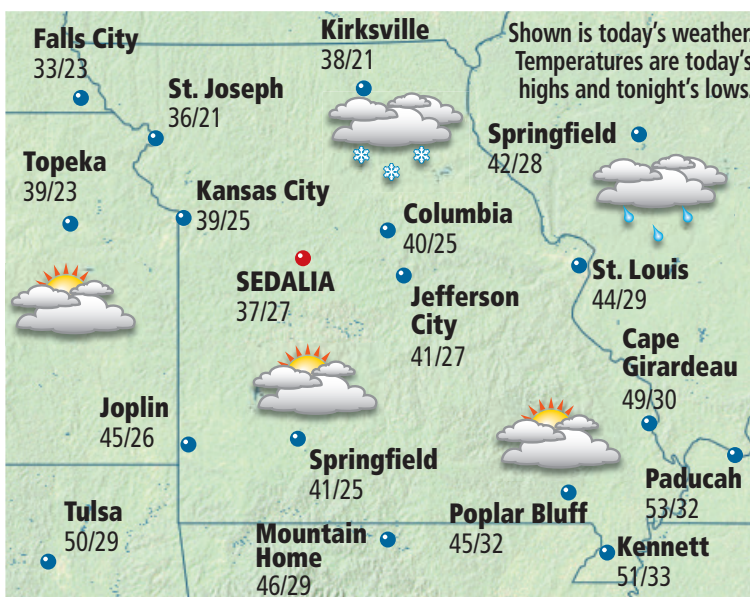
Sedalia Regional Airport Tuesday

TEMPERATURES	
High	51
Low	33
Normal high	38
Normal low	18
Record high	69 in 1990
Record low	-21 in 1977

PRECIPITATION	
Tuesday	0.00"
Month to date	0.62"
Normal m-t-d	1.02"
Year to date	0.62"
Normal y-t-d	1.02"

HEATING DEGREE DAYS	
Index of energy consumption indicating how many degrees the average temperature was below 65 degrees for the day.	
Tuesday	23
Month to date	386
Season to date	2219
Normal season to date	2664
Last season to date	1868

RIVER LEVELS			
In feet as of 7 a.m. Wednesday			
Blackwater	Stage	Chg	Fld Stg
Blue Lick	7.14	-0.03	24
Valley City	3.02	-0.01	22
Lamine			
Oterville	1.41	+0.14	15
Missouri			
Boonville	2.70	+0.17	21



BRANSON
 High: 45. Low: 27. Clouds and sun today. Clear tonight. Partly sunny tomorrow. Saturday: a thick cloud cover. Sunday: a shower in the area in the morning.

KANSAS CITY
 High: 39. Low: 25. A couple of flurries in the morning; otherwise, mostly cloudy and breezy today. Clear tonight. Partly sunny tomorrow.

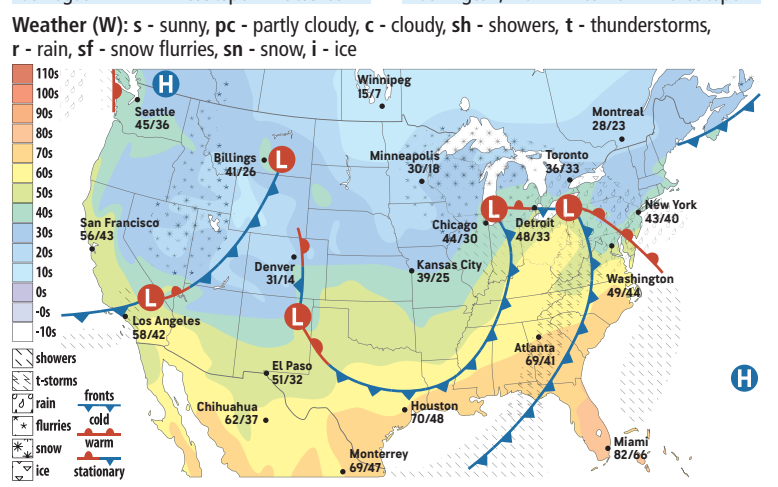
ST. LOUIS
 High: 44. Low: 29. Cloudy and breezy today. Clear to partly cloudy and breezy tonight. Mostly sunny tomorrow. Saturday: cloudy.

NEW YORK CITY
 High: 43. Low: 40. Periods of rain today. Cloudy with periods of rain this evening followed by a shower in spots late. Mainly cloudy and breezy tomorrow.

LOS ANGELES
 High: 58. Low: 42. Cool today with variable cloudiness. Tonight: a starry night and chilly. Mostly sunny and remaining cool tomorrow.

NATIONAL WEATHER

	Today Hi/Lo/W	Friday Hi/Lo/W	Today Hi/Lo/W	Friday Hi/Lo/W	
Atlanta	69/41/t	57/36/pc	Milwaukee	41/29/sn	33/25/c
Baltimore	47/43/r	50/32/pc	Nashville	66/37/pc	48/30/pc
Billings	41/26/pc	40/28/pc	New Orleans	73/51/t	60/51/pc
Boston	40/35/r	39/30/sn	Norfolk	68/50/sh	55/38/s
Buffalo	42/35/i	36/29/sn	Oklahoma City	51/31/s	56/35/pc
Charlotte	67/42/c	59/33/s	Orlando	82/64/pc	79/55/c
Chicago	44/30/sn	35/27/c	Phoenix	60/42/s	57/38/pc
Cleveland	57/33/r	35/29/c	Pittsburgh	55/35/t	36/28/sf
Dallas	59/39/s	61/43/pc	Portland, ME	39/28/pc	31/23/sn
Denver	31/14/c	22/14/c	Portland, OR	45/32/pc	48/33/c
Detroit	48/33/r	37/28/c	Sacramento	53/35/pc	55/30/s
Honolulu	79/67/pc	82/74/pc	St. Louis	44/29/c	41/27/s
Houston	70/48/pc	57/50/c	San Francisco	56/43/pc	56/41/s
Indianapolis	52/29/c	34/26/pc	Seattle	45/36/c	48/38/c
Las Vegas	49/36/pc	50/34/s	Washington, DC	49/44/r	52/36/pc



Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation today. Temperature bands are highs for the day.
Summary: A storm will spread snow over the upper Great Lakes as rain and ice advance over the Northeast today. Severe thunderstorms will extend southward to the Gulf coast today. Rain will wet Southern California.



New Mexico candidate appears in court in shooting case

By Susan Montoya Bryan

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — A failed GOP candidate accused of orchestrating a series of drive-by shootings at the homes of Democratic elected officials in New Mexico's largest city made his first appearance in court Wednesday.

Solomon Peña appeared via video shackled as the judge explained he would be held without bond pending a detention hearing scheduled for next month.

Prosecutors have filed a motion seeking to keep him behind bars until trial. But defense attorney Roberta Yurcic said she would request conditions be set so her client can be released as his case proceeds through state district court.

Peña is charged with multiple counts stemming from shootings that started in early December and continued in January. The charges include shooting at a home, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon, conspiracy and being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Authorities identified the 39-year-old felon as the key suspect using a combination of cellphone and vehicle records, bullet casings collected near the officials' homes and information from a confidential witness.

Peña had posted on social media after the November election that it was "rigged" and he would not

concede despite losing his bid for the statehouse by a landslide.

According to a criminal complaint, the political newcomer allegedly paid for four men to shoot at Democratic officials' homes, including one house where a 10-year-old girl was asleep.

The case of Peña, who had posted photos of himself online with Donald Trump campaign material, is one of dozens across the United States where people have threatened, and in some cases attempted to carry out, violence against members of Congress, school board members and other election officials.

A self-proclaimed "MAGA king," Peña expressed discontent with the election and the certification of the results in a text message sent to one of his alleged coconspirators in November.

Other messages included the addresses of the officials that were targeted.

A SWAT team arrested Peña on Monday.

Peña spent nine years behind bars after his arrest in April 2007 for stealing electronics and other goods from several retail stores as part of what authorities described as a burglary crew. He was released from prison in March 2016, and he had his voting rights restored after completing five years of probation in April 2021, corrections officials said.

Peña ran unsuccessfully in November against incumbent state Rep. Miguel P. Garcia, the longtime



Solomon Peña, center, a Republican candidate for New Mexico House District 14, is taken into custody by Albuquerque Police officers, Monday, Jan. 16, 2023, in southwest Albuquerque, N.M. Peña was arrested in connection with a recent series of drive-by shootings targeting Democratic lawmakers in New Mexico.

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Democrat representing House District 14 in the South Valley. Peña got 26% of the vote.

On Nov. 15, he posted an image of himself in a "Make America Great Again" hoodie, saying "Trump just announced for 2024. I stand with him. I never conceded my HD 14 race. Now researching my options."

No one was wounded in the drive-by shootings, and elected leaders on both sides of the aisle have

condemned such violence, saying it has no place in the political process.

Police said Peña had previously shown up uninvited at the homes of two elected officials with what he claimed were documents proving that he had won his race. There was no evidence of widespread voter fraud, or any irregularity involving enough votes to change a result, in New Mexico in 2020 or 2022.

The criminal complaint says that Peña hired a

father and son with criminal histories of their own as well as two brothers whom authorities have yet to identify. Albuquerque police said they expect to make more arrests but have declined to provide details.

According to the complaint, a witness told investigators that one of the men told the shooters to aim above the homes' windows to avoid striking anyone inside.

The witness said Peña wanted them to shoot low-

er and that his insistence that the men be more aggressive made the other participants uneasy.

Peña is accused of participating in the final shooting — the one that targeted the home of state Sen. Linda Lopez. The witness said Peña's gun jammed and did not fire correctly but one of the other men fired multiple rounds from a Glock pistol into the home, where Lopez's daughter was sleeping.

Job cuts in tech sector spread, Microsoft lays off 10,000

By Matt O'Brien

AP Technology Writer

Microsoft is cutting 10,000 workers, almost 5% of its workforce, joining other tech companies that have scaled back their pandemic-era expansions.

The company said in a regulatory filing Wednesday that the layoffs were a response to "macro-economic conditions and changing customer priorities."

The Redmond, Washington-based software giant said it will also be making changes to its hardware portfolio and consolidating its leased office locations.

Microsoft is cutting far fewer jobs than it had added during the COVID-19 pandemic as it responded to a boom in demand for its workplace software and cloud computing services with so many people working and studying from home.

"A big part of this is just overexuberance in hiring,"

said Joshua White, a finance professor at Vanderbilt University.

Microsoft's workforce expanded by about 36% in the two fiscal years following the emergence of the pandemic, growing from 163,000 workers at the end of June 2020, to 221,000 in June 2022.

The layoffs represent "less than 5 percent of our total employee base, with some notifications happening today," CEO Satya Nadella said in an email to employees.

"While we are eliminating roles in some areas, we will continue to hire in key strategic areas," Nadella said. He emphasized the importance of building a "new computer platform" using advances in artificial intelligence.

He said customers that were accelerating their spending on digital technology during the pandemic are now trying to "optimize their digital spend to do more with

less."

"We're also seeing organizations in every industry and geography exercise caution as some parts of the world are in a recession and other parts are anticipating one," Nadella wrote.

Other tech companies have also been trimming jobs amid concerns about an economic slowdown.

Amazon and business software maker Salesforce earlier this month announced major job cuts as they prune payrolls that rapidly expanded during the pandemic lockdown.

Amazon said that it will be cutting about 18,000 positions. It's the largest set of layoffs in the Seattle company's history, although just a fraction of its 1.5 million global workforce.

Facebook parent Meta is laying off 11,000 people, about 13% of its workforce. And Elon Musk, the new Twitter CEO, has slashed the company's

workforce.

Nadella made no direct mention of the layoffs on Wednesday when he put in an appearance at the World Economic Forum's annual meeting happening this week in Davos, Switzerland.

When asked by the forum's founder Klaus Schwab on what tech layoffs meant for the industry's business model, Nadella said companies that boomed during the COVID-19 pandemic are now seeing "normalization" of that demand.

"Quite frankly, we in the tech industry will also have to get efficient, right?" Nadella said. "It's not about everyone else doing more with less. We will have to do more with less. So we will have to show our own productivity gains with our own sort of technology."

Microsoft declined to answer questions about where the layoffs and office closures would be

concentrated. The company sent notice to Washington state employment officials Wednesday that it was cutting 878 workers at its offices in Redmond and the nearby cities of Bellevue and Issaquah.

As of June, it had 122,000 workers in the U.S. and 99,000 elsewhere.

White, the Vanderbilt professor, said all industries are looking to cut costs ahead of a possible recession but tech companies could be particularly sensitive to the rapid rise in interest rates, a tool that has been used aggressively in recent months by the Federal Reserve in its fight against inflation.

"This hits tech companies a little harder than it does industrials or consumer staples because a huge portion of Microsoft's value is on projects

with cash flows that won't pay off for several years," he said.

Among the projects that have been attracting attention recently is Microsoft's investment in its San Francisco startup partner OpenAI, maker of the writing tool ChatGPT and other AI systems that can generate readable text, images and computer code.

Microsoft, which owns the Xbox game business, also faces regulatory uncertainty in the U.S. and Europe delaying its planned \$68.7 billion takeover of video game company Activision Blizzard, which had about 9,800 employees as of a year ago.

AP Business Writer Kelvin Chan contributed to this story from London.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Historical Society cancels meeting

The Pettis County Historical Society is canceling its January meeting, which meets on the fourth Monday of the month.

Knights of Columbus sponsors Free Throw Contest

The Knights of Columbus Council No. 831 is sponsoring a Free Throw Championship at 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29 in the Sacred Heart School Gym.

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2023 contest. Trophies are awarded in all 12 divisions (boys 9 through 14 and girls 9 through 14). Age eligibility is

determined by the age of the contestant as of Jan. 1, 2022.

This contest is free of charge and open to all area youth. Although this is a kick-off event to Catholic Schools Week 2023, all people within these age groups are invited to participate regardless of the school they attend.

The K of C Free Throw Competition is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through local, district and state competitions. Participants are required to have proof of age and parental consent. For more information, call Mark Register at 660-620-5043.

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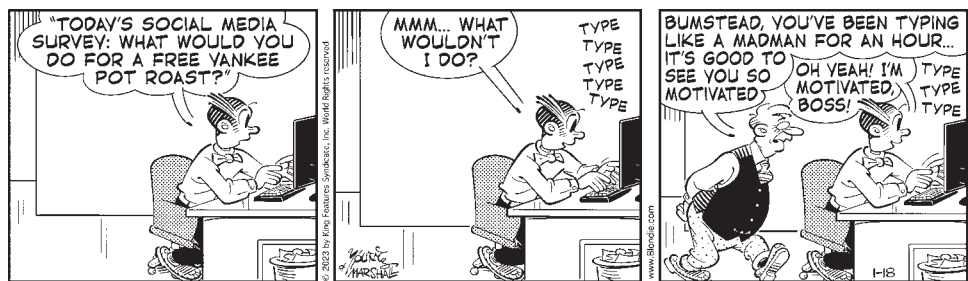
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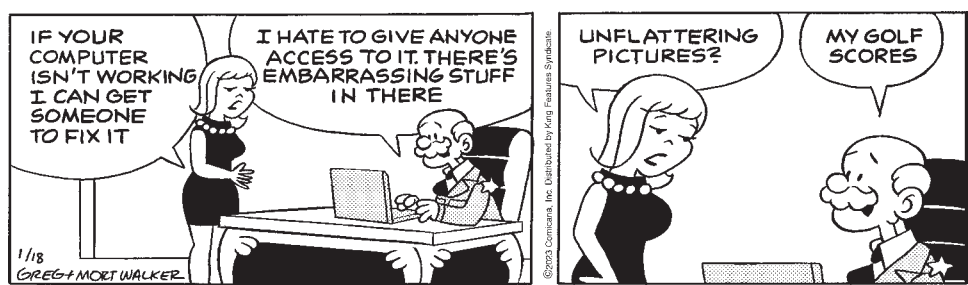
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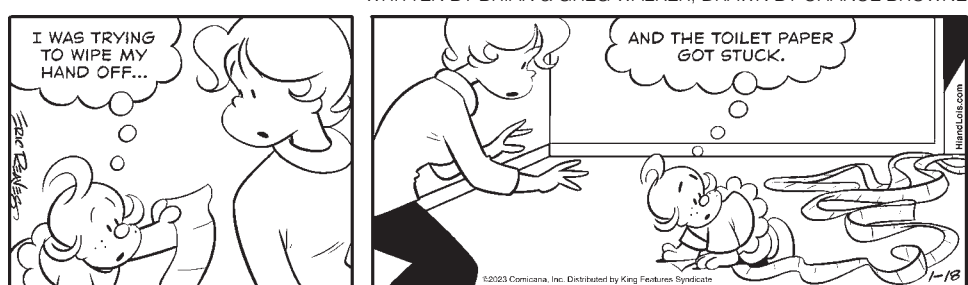
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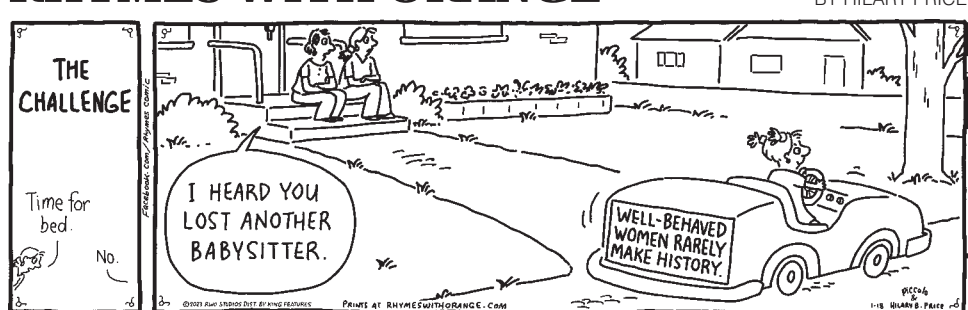
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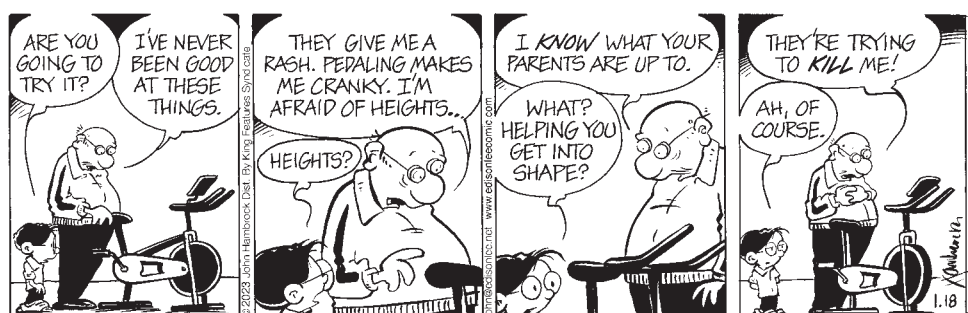
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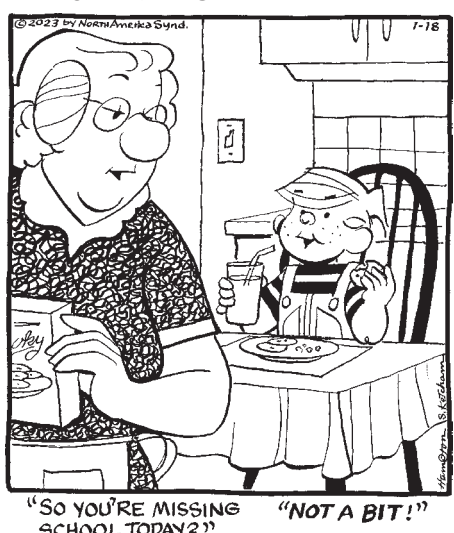
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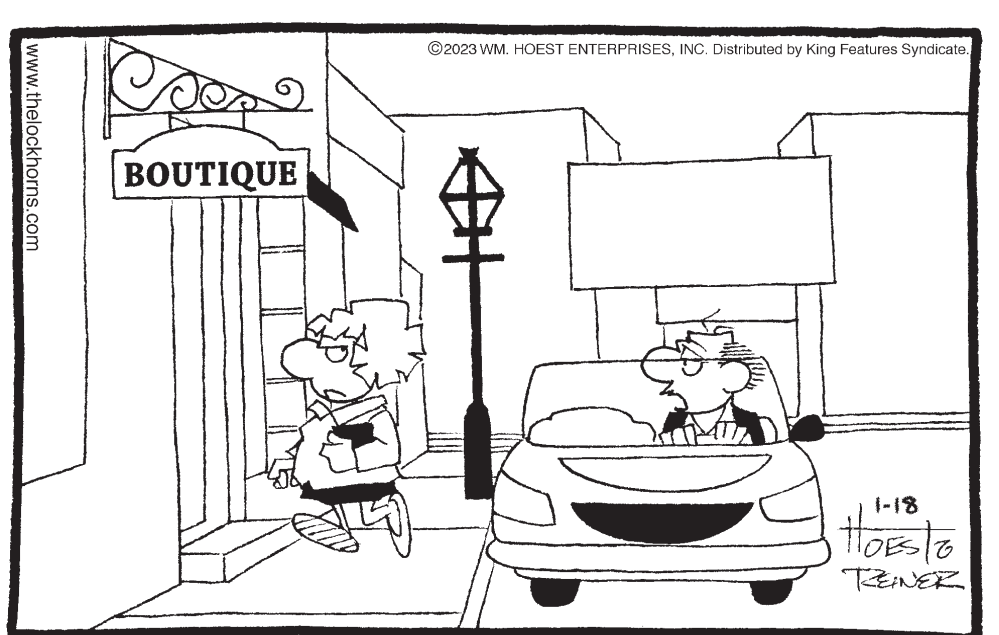
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Answer to previous puzzle

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Difficulty: ★★

Difficulty: ★★★

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S-C wrestling celebrates senior night; Lady Tigers sweep

By Bryan Everson
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Hickman, like most teams, probably wish Josiah Oliver and Kwan Watkins had never met.

The two Smith-Cotton wrestlers — both seniors — picked up wins in Tuesday night's senior night triangular with Hickman and Knob Noster.

But Watkins, the team's heavyweight who has lost just one match, might not be on the mats if not for the team's 157-pounder, also a standout in the side.

"Josiah convinced me," Watkins said after his win, saying that he wasn't sure about the sport at first, but added, "All I do is pick up people and throw them."

He's not wrong.

Oliver didn't shy away from taking some credit for his recruiting job. "Not to brag, but if it wasn't for me, he wouldn't be wrestling right now. Me and Kwan both transferred here at the same time. He's from Peoria, I'm from Ferguson; we had the same

childhood.

"He wanted to play basketball but he was really aggressive. I told him come to one practice and just fell in love with it... a demon was born. Sometimes people ask if we have a heavyweight, and I say no, we have a Kwan."

Watkins got the win over Hickman's Wyatt Belcher-Key on Tuesday. "I did want to slam him, but I was looking [ahead] at my other match and said I'm just gonna get this over quick," he said. "I was going to lift him up, then saw his leg poke out and grabbed him to go for the cradle."

That improved his record on the year to 12-1. His one defeat is a pretty respectable one. It came to St. Michael the Archangel's Sampson Stillwell, who last year was a 285-pound state champion as a freshman and won a national championship in Greco Roman at the US Marine Corps 16U & Junior Nationals over the summer.

See SWEEP | 14A



Smith-Cotton senior Josiah Oliver takes his Kewpies opponent for a lift in a win at home Tuesday night.

PHOTO BY BRYAN EVERSON | DEMOCRAT



Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes (15) scrambles away from Denver Broncos linebacker Jonathon Cooper (53) during the first half of an NFL football game Sunday, Jan. 1, 2023, in Kansas City, Mo.

PHOTO BY ED ZURGA | AP PHOTO

Mahomes aims to lead Chiefs to 5th straight AFC title game

By Dave Skretta
AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Ask any coach or player around the NFL and they are bound to tell you that the speed of the game picks up when the playoffs arrive. There is no longer time to think on the field; decisions more often are made by in-the-moment instincts rather than carefully crafted game

plans.

Perhaps that is why Patrick Mahomes thrives in the postseason.

Whether it be his preponderance of no-look passes, crazy side-arm slings or the myriad other ways that the Kansas City Chiefs quarterback sparks creativity on the field, there is arguably no better player in the NFL when it comes to playing sandlot football.

His ability to make something out of nothing leaves teammates and foes alike shaking their heads.

"My family or friends are like, 'Oh my God, how's Patrick Mahomes?' And I'm like, 'He's just a special individual,'" said Chiefs wide receiver JuJu Smith-Schuster, whose career has been rejuvenated during his first season playing with him.

See CHIEFS | 14A

Saturday perfection: Lawrence's 37-0 mark at stake vs Chiefs

By Mark Long
AP Pro Football Writer

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Doug Pederson turned away from the question, stopping just short of shaking his head in disappointment, and then tapped the lectern in front of him three times to mimic knocking on wood.

"Nah, la, la, next question," Peterson quipped Tuesday.

The coach refused to acknowledge or weigh in on Trevor Lawrence's near-decade-long winning streak.

Lawrence improved to 37-0 as a

starting quarterback on Saturdays when the Jacksonville Jaguars rallied from 27 points down to stun the Los Angeles Chargers 31-30 in an AFC wild-card game. Lawrence's undefeated stretch spans high school, college and the past two Saturday nights in Jacksonville.

He can make it 38 in a row when the Jaguars (10-8) play at Kansas City (14-3) in the divisional round Saturday. The Chiefs are 8 1/2-point favorites, according to FanDuel Sportsbook.

See LAWRENCE | 14A



Jacksonville Jaguars quarterback Trevor Lawrence (16) walks off the field after an NFL wild-card football game against the Los Angeles Chargers, Saturday, Jan. 14, 2023, in Jacksonville, Fla. Jacksonville Jaguars won 31-30. PHOTO BY CHRIS CARLSON | AP PHOTO

Mules tab Jones as defensive coordinator



Central Missouri announced former Liberty North head coach Greg Jones as its next defensive coordinator Wednesday, Jan. 18. He joins the Mules after a season as a defensive analyst at the University of Oregon.

PHOTO COURTESY OF MAC MOORE

By Joe Andrews

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WARRENSBURG — A member of the Missouri Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame is joining Mules football's coaching staff.

Greg Jones, most recently a defensive analyst and assistant safeties coach at the University of Oregon in 2022, was announced as UCM's next defensive coordinator Wednesday, Jan. 18.

It marks his second stop collegiate level stop after coaching 30 years of high school football, 24 as a head coach.

"Greg Jones is a man of

tremendous character and integrity," UCM head coach Josh Lamberson said in a release. "He will bring an enthusiastic energy to the program and be a fantastic role model for our young men to emulate. I am extremely excited for him to be able to teach, grow and impact the lives of everyone in our program."

Jones left the high school world last February to join Ducks head coach Dan Lanning in Eugene, Oregon.

Lanning, a native of North Kansas City, student-taught under Jones at Kearney High School in the mid 2000s.

See MULES | 14A

Analysis: Hard to know what's next for Nadal with hip injury

By Howard Fendrich

AP Tennis Writer

MELBOURNE, Australia — This is hardly the first time Rafael Nadal's body has betrayed him. That much we know. What no one — not even the 22-time Grand Slam champion himself — can possibly pinpoint accurately is what comes next.

First things first: How seriously did Nadal injure his hip during a 6-4, 6-4, 7-5 loss to 65th-ranked Mackenzie McDonald in the Australian Open's second round on Wednesday?

Was there damage to a muscle, joint or cartilage? What will recovery entail? When might Nadal return to the ATP Tour?

He will get medical tests done to try to figure out some of the answers. What no MRI or X-ray can reveal, what no doctor can determine, is perhaps the most vital question of all: How much more of this sort of thing is he willing to put up with?

"I went through this process too many times in my career and I am ready to keep doing (it), I think," Nadal said after his earliest exit from a major tournament in seven years, "but that's not easy, without a doubt."

It is only natural that folks will wonder what this all means for his future, especially with the retirements of Roger Federer and Serena Williams still top of mind.

Nadal turns 37 in 4 1/2 months. The wear and tear produced by his punishing brand of play-each-point-as-if-it-might-be-the-last is undeniable. So, perhaps, is the psychological toll



Rafael Nadal of Spain waves as he leaves Rod Laver Arena following his second round loss to Mackenzie McDonald of the U.S. at the Australian Open tennis championship in Melbourne, Australia, Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2023. PHOTO BY ASANKA BRENDON RATNAYAKE | AP PHOTO

of the work it takes to be able to compete at the level to which he has grown accustomed.

"Sometimes it's frustrating. Sometimes it's difficult to accept," a downcast Nadal said. "Sometimes you feel super tired about all this stuff, in terms of injuries."

Over the past 12 months alone, he has been troubled by damaged rib cartilage ... and by chronic pain in his left foot that was dulled via nerve-numbing injections during his title run at the French Open ... and by a torn abdominal muscle

that forced him to pull out of Wimbledon.

"It's a tough moment. It's a tough day," he said. "I can't say that I am not destroyed mentally at this moment, because I would be lying."

Nadal explained that his left hip was so bad Wednesday, he couldn't hit a backhand or run much at all. He considered quitting but played on because he was the reigning champion.

Nadal also was seeded No. 1 at Melbourne Park, because top-ranked Carlos Alcaraz is out with a leg injury. (As an aside: All of

the absences, for various reasons, are staggering:

Naomi Osaka, Ash Barty, Simona Halep, Venus Williams, Nick Kyrgios.)

McDonald, a 27-year-old American who won NCAA singles and doubles titles for UCLA in 2016, claimed only four total games during a loss to Nadal the other time they played, nearly 2 1/2 years ago.

McDonald said his emotions Wednesday after the biggest victory of his career were "a little more flat and stale than I thought they would be." Why? "Because,"

McDonald said, "of the circumstances."

This was not a Nadal at the height of his powers.

He has won two of his last nine matches, dating to a fourth-round loss to Frances Tiafoe at the U.S. Open in September.

"I definitely thought it was an opportunity. ... He seems a step slow," McDonald said. "Look, he's doing his best. I mean, he's a great champion. He's trying to make the most of what he can do. He's (almost) 37 out here. His body's not what it used to be, I'm sure. I definitely think now is the best time

to be playing him."

With so much unknown right now, Nadal offered a bit of insight when he was asked what motivates him to do what's required to keep returning from injury.

"It's a very simple thing: I like what I do. I like playing tennis. I know it's not forever. ... I like to fight for the things that I have been fighting for almost half of my life or even more," Nadal said. "When you do things that you like to do, at the end of the day, it's not a sacrifice. You are doing the things that you want to do."

Michigan co-offensive coordinator Matt Weiss placed on leave

By The Associated Press

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — The University of Michigan has placed offensive co-coordinator and quarterbacks coach Matt Weiss on leave.

Weiss was put on leave amid an investigation by university police into a report of computer access crimes over a three-day span last month at Schembeler Hall, where coach Jim Harbaugh and his staff have offices and the Wolverines practice.

"Since this is an ongoing investigation, there is no additional information to share," University of Michigan

police said in a statement Wednesday.

Weiss said in a statement to ESPN that he is fully cooperating with investigators and looks forward to the matter being resolved. Weiss has not responded to messages from The Associated Press.

Harbaugh hired Weiss nearly two years ago as quarterbacks coach and promoted him to co-offensive coordinator last season, giving him a share of play-calling duties with Sherrone Moore.

Michigan finished No. 3 in the AP Top 25 after winning the Big Ten title and losing in a College

Football Playoff semifinal for a second straight year.

On Monday, Harbaugh called the school's president to say he's staying, ending another round of speculation that he would return to the NFL.

The 39-year-old Weiss was a part of the Baltimore Ravens' staff, led by Jim Harbaugh's brother, John, from 2009 to 2020. He also was a graduate assistant for four years at Stanford, working on Jim Harbaugh's staff for two seasons. Weiss, who is from New Haven, Connecticut, graduated from Vanderbilt in 2005.

SPORTS CALENDAR

Thursday ON TAP

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

Sacred Heart at Clinton
Stover at New Bloomfield
Warsaw at Cole Camp

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL

Smith-Cotton vs Cassville (at Bolivar)
Cole Camp at Windsor
Lincoln at Tipton

Otterville at Montrose with Ballard

Sacred Heart with Otterville at Clinton

Stover at New Bloomfield

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS WRESTLING

Cole Camp at Carrollton
Triangular

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS WRESTLING

Cole Camp at Carrollton
Triangular

ON AIR COLLEGE

BASKETBALL (MEN)

5:30 p.m. FS1 — Rutgers at Michigan St.

6 p.m. ESPN — TBA
ESPN2 — TBA
ESPNU — TBA

7:30 p.m. FS1 — Indiana at Illinois

8 p.m. ESPNU — Washington at Colorado

9:30 p.m. FS1 — UCLA at Arizona St.

10 p.m. ESPNU — St. Mary's (Cal) at Pepperdine

COLLEGE BASKETBALL (WOMEN)

4 p.m. ESPNU — St. Francis (N.Y.) at Fairleigh Dickinson

GOLF

11 a.m. GOLF — LPGA Tour: The Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament Of Champions, First Round, Lake Nona Golf Course, Orlando, Fla.

2 p.m. GOLF — PGA Tour: The American Ex-

press, First Round, PGA WEST Private Clubhouse, La Quinta, Calif.

6 p.m. GOLF — PGA Tour Champions: The Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai, First Round, Hualalai GC, Kaupulehu, Hawaii

1:30 a.m. (Friday) GOLF — DP World Tour: The Abu Dhabi HSBC Championship, Second Round, Yas Links, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

NBA BASKETBALL

6:30 p.m. TNT — Golden State at Boston

9 p.m. TNT — Brooklyn at Phoenix

NHL HOCKEY

8 p.m. ESPN — Tampa Bay at Edmonton

TENNIS

8 p.m. ESPN2 — ATP/WTA: The Australian Open, Day 5, Melbourne

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HOROSCOPES

By Georgia Nicols

Moon Alert: Avoid shopping or making important decisions from 5 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. EST today (2 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. PST). After that, the Moon moves from Sagittarius into Capricorn.

Happy Birthday for Thursday, Jan. 19, 2023:

You are hardworking, caring and kind. You're also determined. You have a strong personality that makes an impact on others. This year is the final year of a nine-year cycle for you, which means it's time to let go of anything that is standing in your way. Clear the decks.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ This is a positive day for you, especially when dealing with parents, bosses or VIPs. (After the Moon Alert.) From then on, you can ask for favors, permission or approval, because you just might get it. You will be effective running meetings and groups today. Tonight: You shine!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ After the Moon Alert is over today, don't hesitate to make ambitious travel plans for the future. You also might explore opportunities in publishing, the media or anything related to communications, as well as medicine and the law. You're pumped! Tonight: Explore!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Wait until the Moon Alert is over to make important financial decisions related to inheritances, insurance issues or anything that you share jointly with someone else. Whatever happens will likely tilt in your favor because the gods are with you today! Tonight: Check your finances.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Relations with partners and close friends are warm and mutually supportive today. Enjoy schmoozing with others, including members of the general public. Make a date to take your main squeeze out for a fun time. Or perhaps you will hit the town with your bestie. Tonight: Socialize.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Work-related travel is likely for many of you today, especially later in the day. You will also be successful dealing with groups, clubs and professional associations, especially after the Moon Alert. People will help you today. Please note: Wait until the Moon Alert is over before you act. Tonight: Get organized.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ After the Moon Alert today, it's the perfect time to socialize with others. It's a great date day. You will also enjoy playful activities with kids, as well as social diversions and fun outings with friends. You might explore financial speculation. Tonight: Play!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ This is a lovely day to entertain at home, especially after the Moon Alert. You will enjoy the company of younger people as well as creative types. You might want to do home repairs or tackle home decorating projects today. Perhaps younger hands will help you get things done. Tonight: Cocoon.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Wait until the Moon Alert is over today before you decide to put some ambitious plans into action. You are enthusiastic about some big ideas today, that's for sure. You will also enjoy schmoozing with siblings, neighbors and relatives, because everyone is upbeat and enthusiastic. Tonight: Conversations.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Financial matters look good for you today after the Moon Alert is over. Look for ways to boost your income, because they do exist. Trust your moneymaking ideas. You also might explore dealing with other countries or people from different cultures. Tonight: Check your money.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ After the Moon Alert today, the Moon is in your sign dancing beautifully with lucky Jupiter, which will boost your optimism and enthusiasm. This is why you'll enjoy socializing with others today. You might enjoy shopping for wardrobe goodies for yourself. (Check the times of the Moon Alert.) Tonight: You win!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ This is a pleasant, easygoing day. In fact, as the day wears on, you will enjoy time alone in a private way, preferably with good food and drink. Some of you will enjoy this privacy with a secret lover because you want to be low key today. Tonight: Solitude.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ This is a wonderful day to schmooze with others and be involved in an interactive way with clubs, groups and organizations. Your ability to do this will manifest after the Moon Alert today is over. You might especially enjoy hanging out with younger people or creative, artistic types. Tonight: Warm friendships.

BORN TODAY

Entertainer, humanitarian Dolly Parton (1946), actress Katey Sagal (1954), singer Janis Joplin (1943)

Attorneys: Jamaica's Usain Bolt missing \$12.7M from account

By Danica Coto

Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Lawyers for Usain Bolt, one of the world's greatest sprinters, said Wednesday that more than \$12.7 million is missing from his account with a private investment firm in Jamaica that authorities are investigating.

Attorney Linton P. Gordon provided The Associated Press with a copy of a letter sent to Stocks & Securities Limited demanding that the money be returned.

Gordon said Bolt's account once had \$12.8 million but now reflects a balance of only \$12,000.

"If this is correct, and

we are hoping it is not, then a serious act of fraud larceny or a combination of both have been committed against our client," Bolt's attorneys say in the letter.

They threaten civil and criminal action if the money is not returned within 10 days.

Stocks & Securities Limited did not immediately respond to a request for comment. On its website, the company asked that clients direct all urgent queries to Jamaica's Financial Services Commission, which is investigating the firm.

"We understand that clients are anxious to receive more information and assure you that we

are closely monitoring the matter throughout all the required steps and will alert our clients of the resolution as soon as that information is available," the company said.

The company has said that it discovered the fraud earlier this month and that several of its clients may be missing millions of dollars.

Jamaica's finance minister, Nigel Clarke, called the situation alarming but noted it was unusual.

"It is tempting to doubt our financial institutions, but I would ask that we don't paint an entire hard working industry with the brush of a few very dishonest individuals," he said.

Bolt's lawyers sent the letter Monday, the same day that Jamaica's Financial Services Commission announced it was appointing a special auditor to look into fraud allegations at Stocks & Securities Limited, which is based in the capital of Kingston.

On Tuesday, financial authorities said they were assuming temporary management of the private investment firm. It is allowed to keep operating but needs approval from the government for any transactions.

Bolt, who retired in 2017, holds the world records for the 100 meters, 200 meters and 4x100 meters.



Buffalo Bills head coach Sean McDermott reacts during the second half of an NFL wild-card playoff football game against the Miami Dolphins, Sunday, Jan. 15, 2023, in Orchard Park, N.Y. PHOTO BY JOSHUA BESSEX | AP PHOTO

Bills, Bengals focus on playing with Hamlin home, recovering

By John Wawrow

Associated Press

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — The Bills and Bengals can refocus on their next matchup now that Buffalo's safety Damar Hamlin has shown remarkable signs in his recovery some three weeks after collapsing on the field in Cincinnati. Hamlin went into cardiac arrest and needed to be resuscitated in the first quarter of Buffalo's since-canceled game against Cincinnati on Jan. 2. The teams meet in Buffalo on Sunday in the AFC divisional round of the playoffs. Bills coach Sean McDermott says his team has been uplifted by the sight of Hamlin starting to make regular visits to the team's facility this week.

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Damar Hamlin is back on his feet, and that's uplifting enough in allowing coach Sean McDermott and the Buffalo Bills to focus on their immediate future rather than an emotional past in preparing to host the Cincinnati Bengals in an AFC divisional playoff on Sunday.

In some three weeks time, the Bills — and the Bengals for that matter, too — have gone from having their game canceled after Hamlin went into cardiac arrest and needing to be resuscitated on the field in Cincinnati, to being consoled by the safety's remarkable recovery.

"I think the guys are in a good spot," McDermott said on Wednesday in

noting Hamlin has made regular visits to the Bills facility this week.

"As he continues to improve, I think that certainly helps," McDermott added. "That experience, we'll carry with us, and there's a challenge to that. But there's also a lot of good that came from that. And I think right now, we need to focus on the positives."

The positives are numerous, and start with Hamlin back home a week after being released from the hospital. There's also the outpouring of support Hamlin received in the wake of his sudden collapse.

And McDermott believes the passing of time — and the chance to return to the field to play the following two weekends — helped ease whatever emotional residue he and his players felt.

"I shared this with my kids on Sunday after the New England game because that's when I had a chance to slow down," McDermott said, following a season-ending 35-23 win over the Patriots two weeks ago.

"When you can go through your life 48 years and not really have an experience like that, and then that happens, you know that God's real," he added. "And you know that there's power in prayer and miracles do happen."

McDermott said Hamlin is not attending team meetings, but taking what he called "a baby step at

time" in re-establishing a normal routine by "just kind of dipping his toe back in here and getting on the road to just getting back to himself."

The mood this week in Cincinnati was similarly upbeat after the Bengals were also left stunned by the sight of Hamlin collapsing after making what appeared to be a routine tackle of receiver Tee Higgins in the first quarter.

"To see Damar getting healthier as time passes and see where it ended up, there is always going to be a strong connection between these two organizations, and that's a good thing," coach Zac Taylor.

Now it's a matter of two teams who bonded on the field and in the locker rooms in a time of crisis by agreeing the Week 17 game could not proceed, essentially picking up where they left off. Rather than having the AFC's top-seed hanging in the balance as it was supposed to be on Jan. 2, the stakes are even higher.

"It means there's a ticket to the AFC championship on the line. That's what this game means, and I don't think there's anything more that needs to be said about that," Bengals center Ted Karras said. "It was shocking circumstances that happened when they were here. I'm glad everything worked out great. ... Now it's a win or go home scenario."

It's a little more personal for the Bills, but center Mitch Morse believes the team can move on.

"Exponentially, yeah, it helps. There's a lot of reprieve from seeing him and carrying conversations," Morse said of Hamlin's interactions with his teammates. "I think a few guys are still coming down emotionally, like catching up on their rest and stuff. For me, personally, I can only speak for myself, it's subsided a bit."

Bills safety Jordan Poyer is looking forward to the challenge.

"I don't think it should be any different than any other game that we've been in," Poyer said. "Two really good teams that want to win. It's the playoffs. And so we're expecting a really great atmosphere, and we're excited for the opportunity."

The one issue facing both teams involves game-planning, and whether to go with a similar approach as three weeks ago. The Bills only had one possession, which ended with a field goal. The Bengals, who led 7-3 on Joe Burrow's 14-yard touchdown pass to Tyler Boyd, were on their second offensive series and led 7-3 when the game was called off.

"I think you've got to be careful about digging too much, trying to uncover this or that, because we spent a lot of time prior to our last game," Bills defensive coordinator Leslie Frazier said. "You have to be careful of over-thinking it, over-analyzing it giving the players too much, and you end up not playing your best football."

'Just weird': Rash of injuries hits women's college hoops

By Pat Eaton-Robb
Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — UConn star Azzi Fudd was battling for rebounding position in the first half Sunday when she banged knees with Georgetown's Ariel Jenkins. Fudd left the game and did not return.

It was just her second game back after missing eight games with an injury to the same right knee. It also came a week after injuries forced the fifth-ranked Huskies to postpone a game with DePaul because it did not have enough healthy players available — a step that became sadly familiar during the height of the pandemic but is rarely seen otherwise.

A few days later, Arizona State was forced to forfeit games against Utah and Colorado because the Sun Devils had too many injured players.

Programs such as Vanderbilt also have lost multiple starters to the injury report. Low roster numbers because of health issues led Lewis and Clark Community College in Illinois to cancel the remainder of its season just this week.

With injuries mounting in women's programs, experts note there are number of factors in play, including the specialization of sports at a younger age, and longer recovery times contributing to those thin benches. Certain knee injuries are more common in female athletes than men.

Whatever the reasons, the search for solutions is always on.

At UConn, just two players have been available for every game. Coaches have burned sage in the locker room, brought holy water to practice and had Native

American dancers perform healing rituals.

Former national player of the year Paige Bueckers, who missed most of 2021-22 with a knee injury, and freshman Ice Brady both suffered serious knee injuries in the preseason. Two other players are sidelined with concussions. Other players have missed time with foot and hand injuries.

"What kind of exercises do you do in the weight room to make sure you don't get a concussion?" coach Geno Auriemma said. "There's nothing, you know. What do you do to make sure that your teammate doesn't push a kid into you, a teammate knocks you on the ground and you hit your head or where you catch your thumb and a kid shirt and break your thumb in the first first game of the year? So some of these are just weird."

Some injuries, sports medicine experts say, may be linked to the way elite athletes are preparing for college.

Nicole Alexander, the head trainer for the WNBA's Connecticut Sun and a former trainer at Notre Dame and North Carolina, said kids are specializing in one sport earlier and playing that sport year-round.

"So, they're not getting a chance to rest their bodies," she said. "You're putting the same amount of mileage on the same body parts, over and over again. So, now you get these kids who are in college, but their bodies are such that it's almost like they've been playing professional ball for 10 years because that's all they've been doing."

Fudd missed two months last year with a foot injury. She also suffered ACL and MCL tears



UConn's Paige Bueckers, second from left, talks with teammate Azzi Fudd in the second half of an NCAA college basketball game, Sunday, Jan. 15, 2023, in Hartford, Conn. Fudd left the game in the first half with an injury to her knee and did not return.
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while in high school.

UCLA coach Cori Close has another theory. She said she thinks the apparent rise in injuries, especially knee injuries, can be linked to the pandemic.

"I definitely think because of COVID — the interruptions of prehab and training and periodization and off times and prevention work," she said. "I talked to Geno about this at UConn and several other coaches. And we think it's a dramatic effect for how the training regimens were interrupted from COVID."

Dr. Andrew Cosgarea, an orthopedic surgeon and sports injury specialist at John's Hopkins, said there is no data yet suggesting there are more injuries this year than in previous seasons. He said schools have been doing

a lot of work teaching kids how to prevent ACL and other injuries by changing, for example, the way they cut, jump and land.

Cosgarea and other experts said one factor in the lack of available players is that athletes are sitting out longer because it leads to better outcomes when they return.

Dr. Anthony Alessi, UConn's team neurologist, declined to talk about specific players he's treated, but said the time it takes to return varies with each individual, but on average is now between 10 days and two weeks.

"It's multi-factorial," he said. "But, what we've found is that by making the investment in time, by gradually bringing them back to their full capacity based on their symptoms, you'll get them at full strength to

the end of the season."

At top-ranked South Carolina, coach Dawn Staley said she's not going to overrule the recommendation of her trainer just to get a player back sooner.

"He's not going to tell me when to put the 2-3 (zone) out there or when to do a triangle and two. I don't interfere in his business so that our players are ready to rock and roll. I'm going to listen," she said.

Stanford coach Tara VanDerveer said coaches have to take some of the responsibility for not having enough healthy players to put a full team on the court.

"Women's basketball has 15 scholarships," she said. "I think it's a challenge sometimes but it's your responsibility as coaches to have a full roster. It's challenging when you have a new

coach and the (transfer) portal and people leave and stuff but part of it also is keeping people healthy. That's a big part of the job."

Auriemma said coaches have already cut back on the length, number and intensity of practices on the advice of medical staff, sometimes to the detriment of play. He said he is learning to be more patient when it comes to injuries.

UConn guard Nika Muhl, who missed time last year with a concussion, said that's the hardest part for everyone involved.

"We see everybody playing every day you just want to get out there already but you have to go through the protocol," she said.

AP Sports Writers Peter Iacobelli and Joe Reedy contributed to this story.

Zendejas, Gressel among 13 who could make US soccer debuts

By The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Alejandro Zendejas, a 24-year-old forward who played twice for Mexico, is among 13 players who could make their U.S. national team debuts under interim coach Anthony Hudson in exhibitions against Serbia on Jan. 25 and Colombia three days later.

Julian Gressel, a German-born 29-year-old defender who gained U.S. citizenship in November, also was among 24 players selected Wednesday.

Hudson called in five of the players from the U.S. World Cup roster picked by coach Gregg Berhalter, who is being investigated by the U.S. Soccer Federation following an allegation of domestic violence in 1991.

Others who could make debuts include goalkeepers Roman Celentano and Gabriel Slonina; defenders DeJuan Jones, Jalen Neal, Sam Rogers and John Tolkin; midfielders Paxten Aaronson, Aidan Morris and Alan Soñora; and forwards Emmanuel Sabbi and Brandon Vazquez.

Because the matches are not on FIFA international dates, the only holdovers from the World Cup roster are goalkeeper Sean Johnson, defenders Aaron Long and Walker Zimmerman, midfielder Kellyn Acosta and forward Jesús Ferreira.

Paul Arriola, one of the last cuts from the World Cup roster, also was



America's Alejandro Zendejas celebrates scoring his side's 3rd goal against Pumas during a Mexican soccer league match in Mexico City, Saturday, Aug. 13, 2022.
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picked.

Seven of the 24 players are from outside Major League Soccer: defender Jonathan Gómez, forward Matthew Hoppe, Aaronson, Rogers, Sabbi, Slonina and Zendejas.

Aaronson, a 19-year-old midfielder who transferred this month from Philadelphia to Eintracht Frankfurt, could join 22-year-old midfielder

Brenden as the eighth set of brothers to play for the U.S., the first since Steve and Ken Snow in 1988 and '89. Brenden, a regular for Leeds, was on the World Cup roster.

Hudson, a former head coach of Bahrain, New Zealand, England's Newport and Colorado, was hired as coach of the U.S. under-20 team in January 2020 and a year later became an assistant

coach to Berhalter. He will not be available to media to discuss the roster until Saturday, the USSF said.

Zendejas, who joined Mexico's América last January, was a teammate of Christian Pulisic, Tyler Adams and Vazquez on the U.S. team at the 2015 Under-17 World Cup, starting all three American matches. Zendejas played for Mexico in exhibitions against Ecuador in Octo-

ber 2021 and Guatemala last April.

FIFA did not respond to a request for comment on Zendejas' status.

Slonina, an 18-year-old who transferred from Chicago to Chelsea, could become the youngest U.S. goalkeeper. The mark has been held by Tony Meola at 19 years, 106 days when he debuted on June 7, 1988.

Four MLS players

from the U.S. World Cup roster were omitted: right backs DeAndre Yedlin of Miami and Shaq Moore of Nashville, along with a pair of Seattle Sounders preparing for their Club World Cup opener on Feb. 4: midfielder Cristian Roldan and forward Jordan Morris.

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Chiefs

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"It's just like playing 'Madden' back when you had Michael Vick, who can just run all over the field and then launch it 80 yards down the field," Smith-Schuster explained. "It's kind of like that but for more it's ILR — in real life."

What has become known simply as Mahomes Magic around Kansas City tends to shine brightest this time of year, and the results are downright incredible: He has never failed to reach the AFC championship game in four years as a starter, twice going to the Super Bowl and once winning its MVP award while ending the franchise's 50-year title drought.

He will try to improve to 5-0 in the divisional round on Saturday night against the Jacksonville Jaguars.

"I think all the guys understood that whenever they signed with this team that we want to win the Super Bowl. And if we don't, we feel like it's not where we should be," Mahomes said. "But you can't look ahead. We have a great team that we're playing this week, that's playing great football, so how can we practice today so that we're better by the end of the week? And I think you have to have that mindset — and I think the guys do — and I think we're in a good spot."

Rarely are the Chiefs, winners of the last seven AFC West titles, in a bad spot with Mahomes on the field. In all, he is 8-3 in the postseason. He is averaging 307 yards passing

per game, a number driven up by a 404-yard effort in last year's wild-card win over the Steelers. And he has thrown 28 touchdown passes against seven interceptions while adding five TD runs, including one in last year's divisional-round win over the Bills.

That night at Arrowhead Stadium may have best encapsulated Mahomes in the playoffs.

The Chiefs trailed 29-26 with less than 2 minutes left when he threw since-departed Tyreek Hill a 64-yard touchdown pass to regain the lead. And when the Bills raced the other way and scored with 13 seconds to go, Mahomes answered with two long completions to Hill and Travis Kelce to set up Harrison Butker's tying field goal as time expired.

In overtime, Mahomes completed all six of his passes, with the last the winning TD toss to Kelce in a 42-36 victory.

"Pat's a very competitive person," Chiefs offensive coordinator Eric Bieniemy said, "and on top of that, obviously, he's a great football player. He's going to do whatever he can to make sure that he can help us be successful."

That means tirelessly working on his craft, and the results are evident: Mahomes shattered his own franchise record with 5,250 yards passing this season, to go with a league-leading 41 touchdown passes and four touchdown runs.

"With me being there with him for his rookie year to where he's at now, it's so far advanced," said quarterbacks coach Matt Nagy, who spent

time as the head coach of the Bears before returning to Kansas City this season.

"Sometimes the hardest thing for some quarterbacks to do is to call a play. For him, that's like second nature. It's simple," Nagy said. "It wasn't like that as a rookie. Sometimes we take that for granted because we have some unique formations, motion shifts, plays, etc. Well, that's just the beginning of the play. You've got to get up and do everything else at the line of scrimmage then, oh, by the way, you've got to make a play."

Mahomes has been making them for years. And making them look easy.

Most of the time.

The last time he stepped on the field in the playoffs, against the Bengals in last year's AFC championship, he produced perhaps the worst performance of his career. Mahomes still threw for 275 and three touchdowns, but he also threw a pair of interceptions, and they gave Cincinnati a chance to rally from a 21-3 deficit for a 27-24 overtime victory.

It's a loss that has fueled Mahomes through the offseason, the regular season and right into this year's postseason.

"You build up for this all season," he said. "The regular season, you take it week by week, but you want to be here in the playoffs, and you know you're going to be playing the best football teams in the league, and that's what you want to do as a competitor. And so I'm excited to go up against a great football team at Arrowhead Stadium. That's always a good time."

Lawrence

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"I take a lot of pride in it 'cause we play on a Saturday again," Lawrence said. "It is what it is. I don't really think about that. I think about we got to win this game to keep going, to keep playing, to keep our season alive. So that's what I think about."

"Trying to go 38-0, if you want to put it that way. But about that streak or whatever, just honestly kind of a coincidence that I've had Saturday games on all three levels. But, yeah, let's keep that going. That means we're playing again next week. That's the plan."

Lawrence has no recollection of his most recent Saturday loss. He mentioned possibly a championship game in middle school before quickly following up with "but I think we won that."

"I'm sure I've lost on a Saturday at some point," he added.

Not one that Lawrence can remember.

His streak started as a sophomore at Cartersville High, about an hour's drive northwest of Atlanta. He went 3-0 on Saturdays with the Hurricanes, winning state title games in 2015 and 2016 and then winning a road game near Jacksonville in 2017.

The streak remained intact throughout Lawrence's three years at Clemson, perhaps the most impressive part of 37 in a row. The No. 1 overall pick in the 2021 draft went 34-2 as the Tigers' starter, including 32-0 on Saturdays.

His two losses: Against Joe Burrow and top-ranked LSU in the 2019 national championship game in New Orleans; and against Justin Fields and third-ranked Ohio State in a 2020 semifinal game, also in New Orleans. Neither of those games was played on a Saturday.

His Saturday success was back in the spotlight the past two weeks with Jacksonville. Lawrence and the

Jaguars beat Tennessee on Jan. 7 to clinch the AFC South and get the franchise to the playoffs for the first time in five years.

And then his most memorable Saturday victory came last weekend against the Los Angeles Chargers, a game in which Lawrence followed four interceptions with four touchdown passes and led the third-largest comeback in NFL postseason history.

Lawrence, nearly a dozen teammates and their wives or girlfriends celebrated with a late-night visit to Waffle House. Marissa Lawrence called ahead to get enough tables set aside.

"Maybe the first reservation at Waffle House?" Lawrence said.

Another Saturday victory — Lawrence's 38th straight — would require a much bigger party once the Jaguars return from Kansas City.

"It's definitely impressive," receiver Marvin Jones said of the streak. "Let's keep it going and let's keep playing on Saturdays."

Mules

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The two remained connected over the years as Lanning worked his way up from being an assistant at Park Hill South to becoming the head coach at Oregon in a span of 14 years.

The relationship led Jones to being a part of Lanning's first Ducks staff in 2022.

While at Oregon, Jones recruited the states of Iowa, Florida, Texas and Missouri.

"I'm excited to be here and ready to hit the ground running," Jones said in a release. "I'm honored that Coach Lamberson chose me to be part of his staff and the University of Central Missouri, and I'm looking forward to getting to know and work with the coaches and student-athletes. I know [Lamberson's] expectations are high, and I'm fired up to help the Mules achieve them."

Before joining Oregon,

Jones served as the head football coach at Liberty North between 2017-22.

He led the Eagles to a 39-19 record, including two district titles and a Class 6 runner-up finish in 2021. The stop followed 11 years at Kearney High School between 2006-17.

With the Bulldogs, Jones captured nine district titles, six conference titles and two state championships. Current Smith-Cotton head coach Josh Gray served as Jones' defensive coordinator before sliding into the Bulldogs' head coach position from 2017-2021.

Jones also had stops at Park Hill from 1997-98, Park Hill South from 1998-02, Van Buren High School in 2002 and Odessa from 2004-06. He compiled a 212-71 record (.749) winning percentage) through 24 seasons as head coach.

Before entering the coaching world, Jones played at Northwest Missouri State. He went on to

serve as a graduate assistant coaching linebackers and defensive line for the Bearcats from 1991-93.

He earned bachelor's degree in secondary education from Northwest in 1991, a master's degree in education from Northwest in 1993 and a specialist degree from William Woods in 2012.

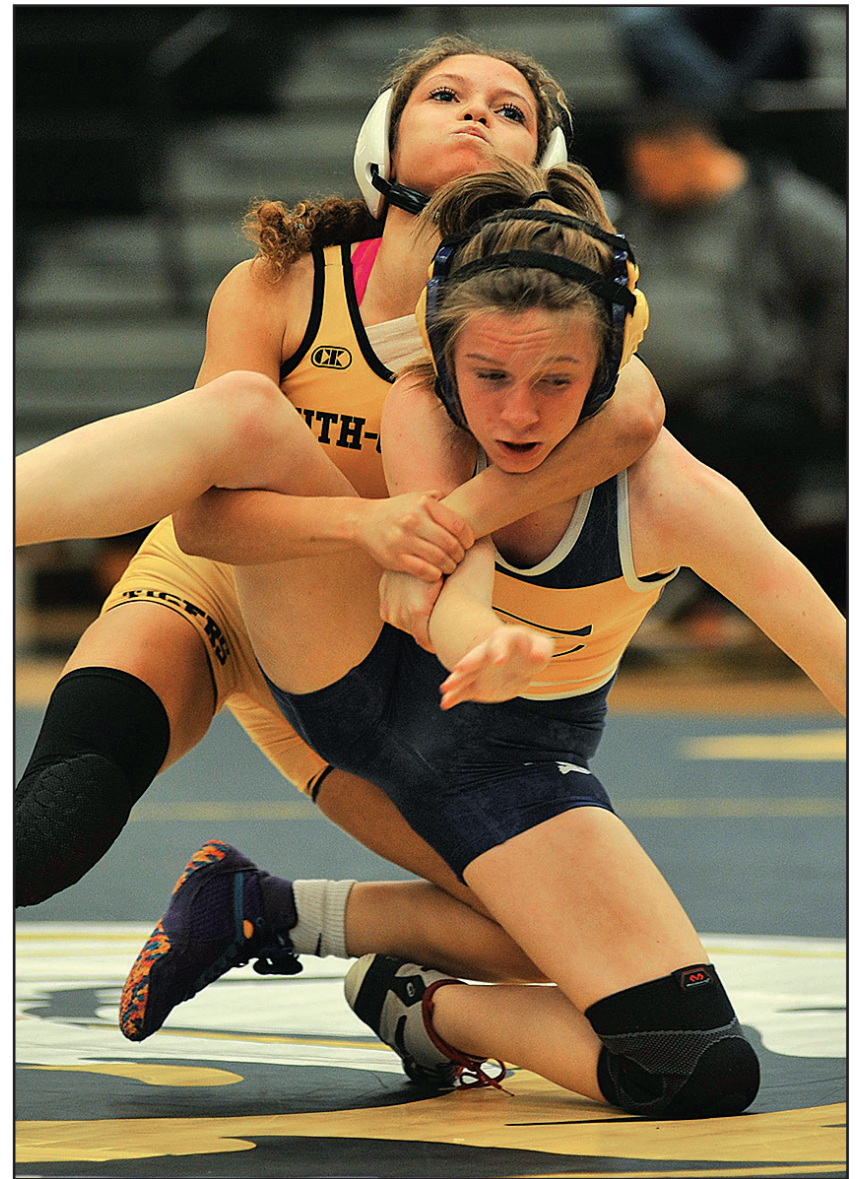
Jones replaces BJ Campbell, who departed the program upon the end of the 2022 season after four years with Central Missouri.

Defensive backs coach and special teams coordinator Kyle Westphal also left the program after 10 seasons.

Jones marks the second full-time coach hire Lamberson has made since becoming head coach in February 2022.

Last spring, he brought in offensive line coach Joe Holtzclaw. Mules football went 4-7 in the first season of the Lamberson era.

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Lady Tigers sophomore Zakiyah Williams gets her hooks into Hickman's Riley Hofeditz in a victory Tuesday evening. PHOTO BY BRYAN EVERSON | DEMOCRAT

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But Watkins, a standout footballer for S-C who just started wrestling last season, feels he's not far away from a victory despite losses to Stillwell in their two meetings. "Last year, we went against each other and it was back and forth," said Watkins, whose Greco Roman moves have been mostly responsible for this season's wins. "I was close to pinning him and the coaches didn't call it, and he pinned me. [He's] my biggest competition."

Like Watkins, Oliver (26-3), as with most, is aiming to qualify for the state tournament.

"It was a really rough start [to this season]," Oliver said. "I had to choose between 165 and 157 [pounds], and my natural body weight is 166, so I had a lot of

body fat and ended up cutting down."

He continued, "It's the weight for me. My goal's to win state and it's definitely possible. I've wrestled [Neosho's] Collyn Kivett and pinned him over the summer. If I can pin the No. 2 ranked kid, why can't I be No. 1?"

On Tuesday, despite the victories by those two seniors, S-C's boys fell 54-24 to Hickman, then 48-34 to Knob Noster.

The Lady Tigers, however, won 66-12 over Hickman, then 42-30 over Knob Noster. It improved their record to 12-3, and 5-0 in the Central Missouri Activities Conference. In the process, the team secured the CMAC regular season title for the second year in a row.

The Lady Tigers compete next Thursday at the Harrison Scramble, while S-C's boys are off until traveling to Helias on Jan. 26.

Cowboys sign kicker to practice squad after Maher meltdown

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FRISCO, Texas — The Dallas Cowboys signed kicker Tristan Vizcaino to the practice squad Wednesday, adding an option in case Brett Maher's wild-card meltdown lingers into practice this week.

Maher missed his first four extra points in the 31-14 victory over Tampa Bay, an NFL first in the regular season or playoffs. He made the fifth to end a streak of five consecutive botched PATs going back to the regular-season finale against Washington.

Owner/general manager Jerry Jones, coach Mike McCarthy and special teams coach John Fassel backed Maher during the week, saying they expected him to kick Sunday night in the divisional game at San Francisco.

Jones was less definitive on his radio show Tuesday. He said the club would see how the week

went. The move to Vizcaino could be made if Maher's struggles continue in practice.

The only full practice of the week is Thursday, but Fassel said there would be no adjustment in Maher's routine. Fassel said Maher kicks on Thursday and Friday during a normal week.

Vizcaino, who spent part of the 2020 offseason with Dallas, made both field goals and all three extra points in Week 10 with Arizona. The 26-year-old was with New England after that but didn't attempt any kicks.

In 2021, Vizcaino was just 10 of 15 on extra points with the Los Angeles Chargers before he was demoted in October. He spent the rest of the season on the LA practice squad.

Maher was in the top 10 in field goal percentage during the regular season after making 29 of 32 (91%). He was 50 of 53 on PATs before the playoffs.

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