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S-C forms student Library Advisory Board

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Beginning in the 2022-23 school year, Smith-Cotton High School started a Library Advisory Board to receive student input.

S-C Library Media Specialist Lorin Blackburn Thierfelder said there is an honor society for libraries and this is where the idea stemmed from. Multiple libraries across the state have started to form advisory boards.

"I wanted to get student input into things going on in the library," Blackburn Thierfelder said. "I try to do diverse things across the board, but I'm older and that's not a bad thing, it's just I'm not up to date with all of the current trends as much as I would like to be and as much as students are, who are living it every day."

Blackburn Thierfelder saw this as a way to get students' input on which event and contest materials are brought into the library and to teach students about the selection process she uses when choosing library materials.

She used the example of author Colleen Hoover. While the author's books are trending, their books will never be suitable for the S-C library due to the adult content.

"I have to make that decision, but students don't always understand why we go through the process we go through," Blackburn Thierfelder said.

Also, Blackburn Thierfelder does a lot of competitions throughout the year through the Missouri State Library Committee.

"I get several donations throughout the year from that and different publishers, so I am able to give free books as prizes and do some different things," Blackburn Thierfelder said. "So these kids will help me pick relevant things that students actually want to do."

The goals for the advisory board are to propose ways to make the library the best it can be, develop new programs and services, inter-promote a reading culture at S-C by bringing new users into the library, and build the board up for the next school year.

The Library Advisory Board consists of nine S-C students: two seniors, three juniors, two sophomores and two freshmen.

Freshman Kajahnae Hightower joined the advisory board because she wanted to be part of the selection process so she can find books relatable to all students in the school.

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Smith-Cotton High School junior Devin Davis sits at the desk bike while reading in the library on Friday, showing the library can be a place to go to relieve stress. PHOTO BY SKYE MELCHER | DEMOCRAT

Ag Club's annual pie auction raises $37,225

Club, community pull together for kids

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During the Central Missouri Agriculture Club's Banquet and Pie Auction on Saturday evening, $37,225 was raised to support local kids going into agriculture.

"It raises money for the 4-H and FFA," said Club member and contest organizer Janice Klenke. "Whatever is left, we give for scholarships to kids going to college studying agriculture."

Klenke runs the pie auction and dinner each year and has been registering the pies, handling the judging, and overseeing the pie auction. This year she has many entries brought to her but never counts on them until they arrive.

"Pre-entry, we had 30 pies," Klenke said, "which would be 60 when we auctioned, because they have to bring two. Now whether they all show up depends on if you see the whites of their eyes or not."

But the beautiful and mouth-watering pies do arrive, though Klenke tries not to notice.

"I try not to look at them," Klenke said. "I don't pay any attention to them because I don't want to have an opinion one way or another."

The pies can fetch quite a price at the auction as a sweet tooth and a sweet spot for kids in agriculture drive up the price.

"One (pie) three or four years ago sold for $4,500," Klenke said. "It was the Grand Champion pie, so it's just kind of it is what it is, you know? Some of them sell good, some of them don't."

Jo Beeman started baking for the pie auction with her mother in 2015. Her mother has sadly since passed, but Beeman is keeping up the tradition.

"I did a red-velvet cream cheese frosting pie, a vanilla bean meringue, and a sassy gooseberry pie," Beeman said. "You try to find something different and unique. I can bring a coconut cream every year and it'll sell good, but once in a while, you want something a little bit different."

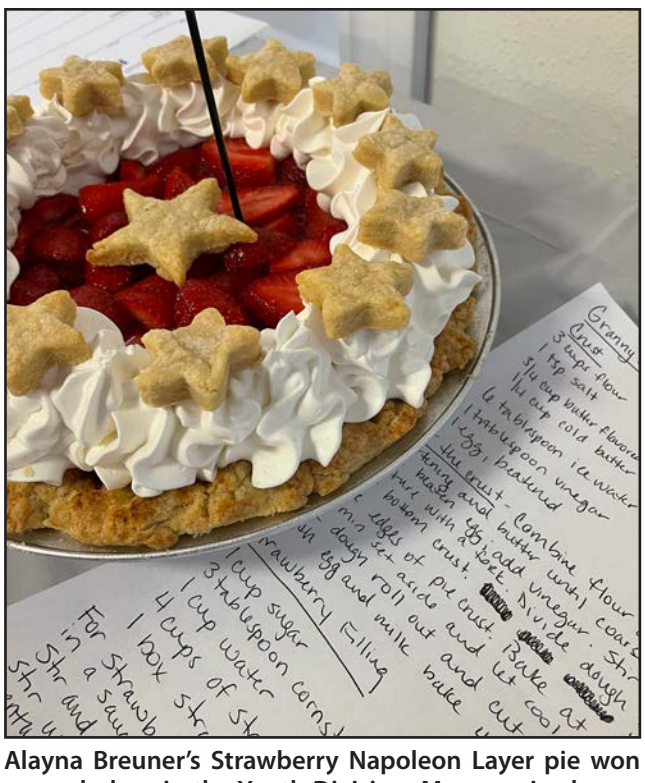
Beeman went back to her mom's basic cream pie recipe that she often makes with butterscotch or chocolate and changed it up with vanilla this year. She knows a winning pie can raise significant money.

"Last year, I was looking on my notes and I raised like $4,000 with just my pies," Beeman said. "It's great. A lot of our kids in the Windsor FFA program get scholarships, so I know I helped a little bit with that and then it goes to the 4-H and FFA for their programs and insurance and different things at the fairgrounds."

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Cheryl Lange holds her Grand Champion Lemon Supreme pie on Saturday, Jan. 21. The Central Missouri Agriculture Club's annual Banquet and Pie Auction on Saturday raised over $37,000 for kids in agriculture. PHOTOS BY CHRIS HOWELL | DEMOCRAT



Alayna Breuner's Strawberry Napoleon Layer pie won second place in the Youth Division. Money raised goes toward helping kids through 4-H and FFA programs and agricultural scholarships.

Hollywood glamour is the theme for BGC fundraiser

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This year, glamour and the glitz of Hollywood is the theme for the Boys and Girls Clubs of West Central Missouri's 33rd annual fundraiser.

Gabby White, the assistant director of development for BGCWM, said "An Evening in Old Hollywood" is slated for Saturday, Feb. 18, in the Ag Building on the Missouri State Fairgrounds. The event is presented by W-K Chevrolet, with proceeds going back to support Club endeavors. This year there are several new events for the evening.

"Some of the new things going on is a VIP Cocktail Hour at the beginning of the night," White noted. "It's an upgrade available in addition to your ticket."

The VIP Cocktail Hour runs from 5 to 6 p.m. and is a $10 upgrade with two complimentary drink tickets.

"Then we also have a full dinner this year," White added. "It's been a few years since we had a full dinner. So, that one is kind of new."

The "Rat Pack Buffet," which represents old Hollywood actors Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Sammy Davis Jr., Joey Bishop, and Peter Lawford, will feature an Italian theme.

"It's inspired by the iconic Rat Pack photo of them sitting in an Italian restaurant," White said. "We'll have different kinds of pasta, delicious salad and garlic bread, and all that good stuff."

White said because of the theme, they are encouraging everyone to "play up" the theme and dress the part.

"It's, of course, not required," she continued. "But with that theme, it's the golden age of Hollywood which spans anywhere from the 1920s to the 1960s — Audrey Hepburn (and) all of those iconic movie stars of the past."

The event will offer games this year as well. There will be several raffles and also a new free game.

"The free game, we're going to call it 'The Walk of Fame,'" she explained. "And that game is where our participants can find the stars from the Walk of Fame. And once they find them, all of them answer simple trivia questions, they bring them back, and we'll do a drawing for two tickets for the following year."

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The 33rd annual Boys and Girls Clubs of West Central Missouri fundraiser, "An Evening in Old Hollywood," will feature the live Kansas City band Super Star Mafia on Saturday, Feb. 18.

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OBITUARIES

Glenn Moore

Glenn Moore, 87, of Green Ridge, MO, passed away on Thursday, January 19, 2023, at his home in Green Ridge. He was born on November 22, 1935, in Sedalia, the son of Joseph Moore and Leone Shaw, who preceded him in death.



Glenn was married in 1956 to Pansy Jackson. On December 4, 1981, in Oklahoma. He was united in marriage to Deanna King, who resides in the home.

He retired from the railroad after several years of service. He then returned to work at the State Fair and later retired again. He enjoyed traveling and family get-togethers in his spare time.

Besides his wife, Glenn is survived by his four children, Connie Moore, Glenn Alan Moore, Joey (Michelle) Moore, and Cindy Moore; four step-sons, Charles King, Stephen King, James Hood, and Eric King; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; one brother, Donald (Ginger) Moore; one sister, Pat Groshans, and many nieces and nephews.

Besides his parents, he is preceded in death by a son, Douglas Moore; four brothers, J.L. Moore, Dee Moore, Bob Moore, and Buddy Moore; and one sister, Betty Lou Moore.

A celebration of life service will be held on Thursday, January 26, 2023, at 11 a.m. at Rea Funeral Chapel, with Pastor Al Oetman officiating.

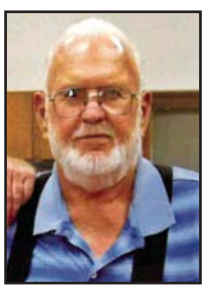
A visitation will be from one hour prior to the service at the chapel.

Burial will be at Crown Hill Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Sedalia, in care of Rea Funeral Chapel.

Earl "George" McConnell

Earl "George" McConnell, 87, of Hughesville, passed away Friday, January 20, 2023, at Bothwell Regional Health Center.



He was born March 22, 1935, in Aledo, IL, son of George Albert and Bernice (Baxter) McConnell.

In June 1956, he was married to Norma (Lewis) and together, they had one daughter, Cheryl.

On November 29, 1996, in Hughesville, he married Sally Schoenthal in the home they built.

George was a graduate of Alexis, IL, High School, where he was captain of the football team.

He served in the United States Air Force for eight and a half years, where he was an aircraft mechanic and crew chief.

After his military service, he helped start the first Orscheln Farm and Home store in Sedalia.

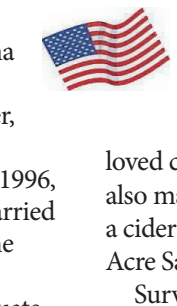
To continue service to his country, he then began a 28-year career in civil service at Whiteman Air Force Base. He was the railroad conductor and quality assurance inspector of household goods, retiring in 1995 with 36 years of total service.

He was a former member of First Christian Church, where he was a deacon. He was currently a member of First United Methodist Church, where he was an usher.

George was a 50-year Mason, 50-year Scottish Rite, and 33rd degree honorary white hat, of which he was very proud. He was past president of Granite Lodge 72 and Sedalia Lodge 36. He was also a member of the Moose Lodge and American Legion. At the Moose Lodge, he enjoyed running the Moose races.

His favorite pastime was fishing. He would do so year-round at Truman Lake and saved up his catch to host an annual fish fry for neighbors and friends. In his younger years, he also enjoyed hunting quail, deer and turkey.

George was a man of many talents and was self-taught and knowledgeable about many things. He enjoyed practicing old trades. He learned to tap maple trees for syrup and shared his harvest at the annual Easter breakfast at Georgetown United Methodist Church. He had his own apiary, was a gunsmith, and loved classic tractors. He also made apple cider out of a cider press for the Lord's Acre Sale at Georgetown.



Surviving are his wife, Sally, of the home; three children, Cheryl Cordes (Charles), of Mora, Christopher Schoenthal (Cherie), of Montana, and Terry Schoenthal (Ashley), of Sedalia; nine grandchildren, Rachel, Jenna, Jacob, Jonathan, Matthew, Ali, C.J., Kadie and Shanda; and seven great-grandchildren, Jax, Meredith, Everett, Chantry, Kendall, Wyatt and Heidi.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and three siblings, James McConnell, Helen Chapman, and John McConnell.

A Masonic service will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, January 25, 2023, at First United Methodist Church on Thompson Boulevard, with visitation to follow until 9 p.m.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, January 26, 2023, at the church, with Rev. Candace Fowler and Rev. Kenny Cripe officiating.

Burial with military honors will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Higginsville.

Casket bearers will be Randy Schnakenberg, Glenn Powell, Cliff Long, Larry Welch, Bill Curry and Jacob Cordes.

Honorary bearers will be Jim Reid and Ellis Tilman.

Memorial contributions are suggested to First United Methodist Church or Meals on Wheels.

Arrangements are in the care of Heckart Funeral Home.

Jack Leslie Blackwell

Jack Leslie Blackwell, 92, of Sedalia, passed away January 21, 2023, at Bothwell Regional Health Center with his wife of 63 years, Betty, at his side.



He was born in Jefferson City, Missouri, on August 13, 1930, the son of Leslie William and Tressie Mae (Muir) Blackwell.

He was united in marriage to Betty (Mallett) Blackwell on September 5, 1959, at First Christian Church, Seventh and Massachusetts, by Dr. Harry Purviance.

He is survived by his wife, Betty, of the home and nephews, John Mallett (Lori) of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Robert Mallett (Marilynn) of Ravensdale, Washington.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother-in-law, John William Mallett, and his sister-in-law, Helen Mallett.

He was a 1948 graduate of Jefferson City High School, a 1950 graduate of Jefferson City Junior College, and a graduate of Westminster College, Fulton, in 1952 with a B.A. degree in Biology.

He joined the Air Force upon completion of his college degree where he was assigned to the Medical Field Service School at Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, TX. Upon completion of training in Electroencephalography and Physical Therapy, he was assigned to the hospital at Eglin Air Force Base in Florida. After serving at Eglin for nearly two years, he was assigned to the hospital at Burderop Park Air Force Base in England where he served for the remainder of his tour of duty.

Upon completion of his tour of duty, he was employed by the Missouri Division of Health from 1956 until 1959 and by the Sedalia Water Department from 1959 until his retirement as Distribution Superintendent in 1992.

Jack was baptized at First Christian Church in Jefferson City in 1940, where he remained a member until 1959, when he moved his membership to First Christian Church, Sedalia. His faith was strong and he never lived in fear of the future. He loved God and his church family. Through the years, he served as Elder, Lifetime Deacon, Chairman of the Board of Directors and most ministry and working departments of the church.

He was a member of the Sedalia Rotary Club from 1972 until his health failed in 2016. He was Rotarian of the year 1982-83 and a Paul Harris Fellow. He was a Past President of the Pettis County Crime Stoppers Board of Directors, serving on that board for 30 years. Through the years, he was a member of the Bothwell Hospital Auxiliary and the Melita Day Nursery Board of Directors and served as a Scout Leader and Past Division Chairman of Sedalia-Pettis County United Way.

The family wishes to thank Dr. William Woolery and the nurses and staff on 2SW at Bothwell Regional Health Center for their care and compassion.

Reverend Dr. Chad McMullin will conduct memorial services at First Christian Church on Wednesday, January 25, 2023, with visitation at 10 a.m. and service at 11 a.m. Burial will follow at Memorial Park Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Bill Curry, Greg Ditzfeld, Dan Nickell, Sterling Green, Glen Glidewell, and Richard Brooks. Honorary pallbearers are Dr. William Woolery, Chris Squires, David Menefee, Jim Monroe, Mike Mittenburg and Donald Morton.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to First Christian Church in care of Heckart Funeral Home, or simply lend a hand to help someone in need.

Marguerite Jo "M.J." Walker

Marguerite Jo "M.J." Walker, 62, of Sedalia, MO, passed away Saturday, January 21, 2023, at her brother's home in Overland Park, KS. She was born on July 13, 1960, in St. Joseph, MO, the daughter of Donald O. Walker, who resides in Overland Park, KS, and Harriet J. (Harbison) Walker, who preceded her in death.



Funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, January 27, 2023, at Rea Funeral Chapel.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday, January 26, 2023, at the chapel.

Burial will be at Crown Hill Cemetery, Sedalia, MO.

Memorial contributions may be made to Cat Assistant Team — Sedalia, and First United Methodist Church in the care of Rea Funeral Chapel.

Norman Alcorn

Norman Alcorn, 74, of Sedalia, Mo., passed away peacefully surrounded by family early Saturday morning, January 21, 2023. He was at University Hospital, Columbia, Mo., after complications from Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (PSP).

He was born August 12, 1948, in Kansas City, Mo., the son of Harold Carter Alcorn and Ozetta Agnes (Brockman) Alcorn. He grew up in rural Windsor, Mo. on a dairy farm. On May 1, 1993, he married Linda Marlene Fosnow at Katy Park Baptist Church, Sedalia, and she survives of the home.

Norman was a self-employed farmer and truck driver for many years. He then developed and operated Countryside RV Park in Sedalia until his retirement in 2017. He enjoyed NASCAR and had an appreciation for nice cars. Norman took great care in keeping his own truck and vehicles immaculately clean. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, and smoking meat for large gatherings. He was a lifetime member of the NRA and was a Mason. He was a member of the Ionia Methodist Church.

In addition to his wife Linda, survivors include a son, David Alcorn (Laura), Camarillo, California; 2 daughters, Dena Morris (Hansel), Lincoln, Mo., and Deby Miller (Stephan), Lake Saint Louis, Mo.; 5 grandchildren, Jack Alcorn, Allyson Martin (Brandon), Hansel Morris III "Trey," Madison Miller, and Makinley Miller; a sister, Iva Lou Banning (Ray), Armstrong, Mo.; and numerous nephews, nieces, and several cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorial services will be 2 pm, Sat., Jan. 28, 2023, at the Hadley Funeral Home, Windsor, with Pastor Candace Fowler officiating. Visitation will be before the service from 1 to 2 pm at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Laurel Oak Cemetery, Windsor, at a later date. The family suggests contributions to CurePSP in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be left online at www.hadleyfuneralhome.com.

FUNERALS

Blackwell, Jack Leslie
11 a.m. Wednesday at First Christian Church. Arrangements are under the direction of Heckart Funeral Home.

Moore, Glenn
11 a.m. Thursday at Rea Funeral Chapel. Arrangements are under the direction of Rea Funeral Chapel.

McConnell, Earl "George"
11 a.m. Thursday at First United Methodist Church on Thompson Boulevard. Arrangements are under the direction of Heckart Funeral Home.

Marguerite Jo "M.J." Walker
1 p.m. Friday at Rea Funeral Chapel. Arrangements are under the direction of Rea Funeral Chapel.

Ollie Durwood Dunn Jr.
2 p.m. Friday at First Baptist Church in Otterville. Arrangements are under the direction of Meisenheimer-Page-Dady Funeral Home in Tipton.

Schade, Ella Sue
Noon to 2 p.m. Saturday at Emerald Bowling Lanes, in Eugene, Oregon.

Alcorn, Norman
2 p.m. Saturday at the Hadley Funeral Home in Windsor. Arrangements are under the direction of Funeral Home.

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.

DEATH NOTICE

Dunn
Ollie Durward Dunn, Jr., 61, of Syracuse, died Monday, Jan. 23, 2023, at Good Shepherd Care Center in Versailles.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27, 2023, at First Baptist Church in Otterville.

Visitation will be from 1 p.m. until service time Friday at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of Meisenheimer-Page-Dady Funeral Home in Tipton.

CRASH REPORTS

Whiteman AFB woman in serious condition after Johnson County crash

Amy A. Sjoholm, 35, of Whiteman Air Force Base, sustained serious injuries at 10:40 a.m. Friday in a Johnson County accident.

According to a Missouri State Highway Patrol report, Sjoholm was northbound on Route 23, north of Northeast 500 Road, in a 2020 Tesla Model 3 when she looked down at her cats, which were walking around the front seat. She traveled off the left side of the roadway, impacted an embankment, became airborne, and overturned.

She was wearing a seat belt and was transported to Centerpoint Medical Center in Independence.

Five hurt in Morgan County accident

A 13-year-old female and Brandley L. Stilfield, 38, both of Barnett, sustained moderate injuries; a 15-year-old female from Barnett sustained serious injuries, and a 15-year-old female from Barnett sustained minor injuries at 9:41 a.m. Saturday in a Morgan County accident.

According to a Missouri State Highway Patrol report, Stilfield was driving west on Route 52 east of Jefferson Street in a 2008 Toyota Sienna when he struck the rear of a 2008 Chevrolet Silverado driven by James M. Lutz, 76, of Tipton, who was stopped to make a turn.

Everyone was wearing a seat belt. Those in the Toyota were transported by ambulance to Lake Regional Hospital in Osage Beach. Lutz was transported by private vehicle to St. Mary's Medical Center in Blue Springs.

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

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Spotify latest tech name to cut jobs, axes 6% of workforce

By Kelvin Chan
Associated Press

LONDON — Music streaming service Spotify said Monday it's cutting 6% of its global workforce, or about 600 jobs, becoming yet another tech company forced to rethink its pandemic-era expansion as the economic outlook weakens.

CEO Daniel Ek announced the restructuring in a message to employees that was also posted online.

As part of the revamp involving a management reshuffle, "and to bring our costs more in line, we've made the difficult but necessary decision to reduce our number of employees," Ek wrote.

Big tech companies like Amazon, Microsoft and Google announced tens of thousands of job cuts this month as the economic boom that the industry rode during the COVID-19 pandemic waned.

Stockholm-based Spotify had benefited from pandemic lockdowns because more people had sought out entertainment when they were stuck at home. Ek indicated that the company's business model, which had long focused on growth, had to evolve.

The company's operating costs last year grew at double its revenue growth, a gap that would be "unsustainable long-term" in any economic climate, but even more difficult to close with "a challenging macro environment," he said.

Spotify made "considerable effort" to rein in the costs over over the past few months, "but it simply hasn't been enough," he said.

"I hoped to sustain the strong tailwinds from the pandemic and believed that our broad global business and lower risk to the impact of a slowdown in ads would insulate us. In hindsight, I was too ambitious in investing ahead of our revenue growth," Ek said.

He said that's why the company is cutting its global workforce by about 6%. Ek didn't give an actual number of job losses but a company spokesman said it's 600, based on 9,808 employees listed in its latest quarterly report.

"I take full accountability for the moves that got us here today," Ek said.

After years of heady growth, analysts say tech companies are being forced to cut jobs in preparation for an economic dowturn that's likely to cut demand for their software, products and services and reduce digital ad spending.

Just last week, Google announced it was slashing 12,000 jobs while Microsoft said it would cull 10,000 workers, bringing to at least 48,000 the number of cuts that Big Tech companies announced in January alone.

Even with all of the recent layoffs, most tech companies are still vastly larger than they were three years ago. Spotify had 4,405 employees in 2019, before the pandemic began, according to that year's annual report.

In morning trading, shares of Spotify added 3.5% to $101.32.

Is tipping getting out of control? Many consumers say yes

By Haleluya Hadero
Associated Press



X-Golf manager J.W. Park, left, helps Ashley Moreno to check out at X-Golf indoor golf in Glenview, Ill., Friday, Jan. 20, 2023. Tipping fatigue, it seems, is swarming America as more businesses adopt digital payment methods that automatically prompts customers to leave a gratuity.
PHOTO BY NAM Y. HUH | AP PHOTO

NEW YORK — Across the country, there's a silent frustration brewing about an age-old practice that many say is getting out of hand: tipping.

Some fed-up consumers are posting rants on social media complaining about tip requests at drive-thrus, while others say they're tired of being asked to leave a gratuity for a muffin or a simple cup of coffee at their neighborhood bakery. What's next, they wonder — are we going to be tipping our doctors and dentists, too?

As more businesses adopt digital payment methods, customers are automatically being prompted to leave a gratuity — many times as high as 30% — at places they normally wouldn't. And some say it has become more frustrating as the price of items has skyrocketed due to inflation, which eased to 6.5% in December but still remains painfully high.

"Suddenly, these screens are at every establishment we encounter. They're popping up online as well for online orders. And I fear that there is no end," said etiquette expert Thomas Farley, who considers the whole thing somewhat of "an invasion."

Unlike tip jars that shoppers can easily ignore if they don't have spare change, experts say the digital requests can produce social pressure and are more difficult to bypass. And your generosity, or lack thereof, can be laid bare for anyone close enough to glance at the screen — including the workers themselves.

Dylan Schenker is one of them. The 38-year-old earns about $400 a month in tips, which provides a helpful supplement to his $15 hourly wage as a barista at Philadelphia café located inside a restaurant. Most of those tips come from consumers who order coffee drinks or interact with the café for other things, such as carryout orders. The gratuity helps cover his monthly rent and eases some of his burdens while he attends graduate school and juggles his job.

Schenker says it's hard to sympathize with consumers who are able to afford pricey coffee drinks but complain about tipping. And he often feels demoralized when people don't leave behind anything extra — especially if they're regulars.

"Tipping is about making sure the people who are performing that service for you are getting paid what they're owed," said Schenker, who's been working in the service industry for roughly 18 years.

Traditionally, consumers have taken pride in being good tippers at places like restaurants, which typically pay their workers lower than the minimum wage in expectation they'll make up the difference in tips. But academics who study the topic say many consumers are now feeling irritated by automatic tip requests at coffee shops and other counter service eateries where tipping has not typically been expected, workers make at least the minimum wage and service is usually limited.

"People do not like unsolicited advice," said Ismail Karabas, a marketing professor at Murray State University who studies tipping. "They don't like to be asked for things, especially at the wrong time."

Some of the requests can also come from odd places. Clarissa Moore, a 35-year-old who works as a supervisor at a utility company in Pennsylvania, said even her mortgage company has been asking for tips lately. Typically, she's happy to leave a gratuity at restaurants, and sometimes at coffee shops and other fast-food places when the service is good. But, Moore said she believes consumers shouldn't be asked to tip nearly everywhere they go — and it shouldn't be something that's expected of them.

"It makes you feel bad. You feel like you have to do it because they're asking you to do it," she said. "But then you have to think about the position that puts people in. They're paying for something that they really don't want to pay for, or they're tipping when they really don't want to tip — or can't afford to tip — because they don't want to feel bad."

In the book "Emily Post's Etiquette," authors Lizzie Post and Daniel Post Senning advise consumers to tip on ride-shares, like Uber and Lyft, as well as food and beverages, including alcohol. But they also write that it's up to each person to choose how much to tip at a café or a take-out food service, and that consumers shouldn't feel embarrassed about choosing the lowest suggested tip amount, and don't have to explain themselves if they don't tip.

Digital payment methods have been around for a number of years, though experts say the pandemic has accelerated the trend towards more tipping. Michael Lynn, a consumer behavior professor at Cornell University, said consumers were more generous with tips during the early days of the pandemic in an effort to show support for restaurants and other businesses that were hard hit by COVID-19. Many people genuinely wanted to help out and felt sympathetic to workers who held jobs that put them more at risk of catching the virus, Lynn said.

Tips at full-service restaurants grew by 25.3% in the third quarter of 2022, while gratuities at quick or counter service restaurants went up 16.7% compared to the same time in 2021, according to Square, one of the biggest companies operating digital payment methods. Data provided by the company shows continuous growth for the same period since 2019.

As tip requests have become more common, some businesses are advertising it in their job postings to lure in more workers even though the extra money isn't always guaranteed.

In December, Starbucks rolled out a new tipping option on credit and debit card transactions at its stores, something a group organizing the company's hourly workers had called for. Since then, a Starbucks spokesperson said nearly half of credit and debit card transactions have included a gratuity, which — along with tips received through cash and the Starbucks app — are distributed based on the number of hours a barista worked on the days the tips were received.

Karabas, the Murray State professor, says some customers, like those who've worked in the service industry in the past, want to tip workers at quick service businesses and wouldn't be irritated by the automatic requests. But for others, research shows they might be less likely to come back to a particular business if they are feeling irritated by the requests, he said.

The final tab might also impact how customers react. Karabas said in the research he did with other academics, they manipulated the payment amounts and found that when the check was high, consumers no longer felt as irritated by the tip requests. That suggests the best time for a coffee shop to ask for that 20% tip, for example, might be on four or five orders of coffee, not a small cup that costs $4.

Some consumers might continue to shrug off the tip requests regardless of the amount.

"If you work for a company, it's that company's job to pay you for doing work for them," said Mike Janavey, a footwear and clothing designer who lives in New York City. "They're not supposed to be juicing consumers that are already spending money there to pay their employees."

Schenker, the Philadelphia barista, agrees — to a certain extent.

"The onus should absolutely be on the owners, but that doesn't change overnight," he said. "And this is the best thing we have right now."

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Jan. 9

Susan Diane Young to Clayton Hambsch, Ritchey's 2nd Addition, block 13, lot 1.

Jeffrey L. and Susan Diane Young to Clayton Hambsch, Ritchey's 2nd Addition, block 13, lot 2.

Samantha Guyton and Kimberly Lane to Stephen R. Ellebracht, section 34, township 45; range 22.

Jennifer Ridgeway to Gary and Reita Bennett, Cotton Brother's Addition, block 3, lot 12.

Danny Lee Schilb to Margarito Olmedo, section 14; township 45; range 21.

Jan. 10

Web and Sons Inc. to Djamshid Klychev, Southwest Village 1st Addition, lot 9.

Robert E. Jackson II and Tamara L. Jackson to Daniel Parker, Maplewood 11th Subdivision, lot 140.

Ruvim Shevchenko to Eugene Limanskiy, Cambridge Village, lot 21.

Olga and Vladimir Kmet to Aleksandr and Dina Litvenenko, section 22; township 44; range 22.

Christine and Michael A. Cook to Max and Valentina Krysh, section 4; township 45; range 21.

Catherine and Jacob Hayworth to Ashlyn Snyder, Maplewood 11th Subdivision, lot 138.

Carolyn L. and David Hamilton to Catherine and Jacob Hayworth, section 12, township 44; range 20.

Maria D. Diaz to New Hope Investments LLC, section 11; township 46; range 20.

Donna and Matthew D. Ferreira to Donna J. Ferreira Trustee, the Farreira Family Trust and Matthew D. Ferreira Trustee, Er Don Villa, lot 2.

Jan. 11

Heather and Timmothy Klein to David Wirtz, Donnahue and Hughes lots, 15, 16.

Jan. 13

Trio Systems Inc. to Trinity Land Development LLC, Kumm and Lesher's Addition, lots 4, 5.

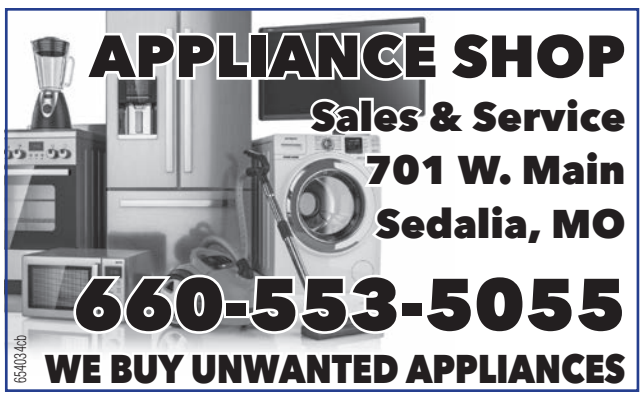
Shane Edwards to RAC-JAC Properties, section 20; township 45; range 21.

Savannah H. and Veron Byler to Calvin and Vera Wagler, section 7; township 43; range 23.

Brittany and Gregory A. Bauman to Mark C. Merrell, Hunter's Ridge 2nd Subdivision, lot 21.

Charles L. Blaha to Alison Kowalski, McVey's 2nd Addition, block 8, lot 2.

Ana Maria and Carlos Morales to Bernabe Estrada Gonzalez, Smith and Cotton's 7th Addition., block 8, lot 6.





POLICE REPORTS

By Compiled by Chris Howell

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. 20

7:44 a.m.: Jeremy G. Hood, 44, of the 1800 block of Warren Avenue, was arrested after an officer responded to a domestic disturbance. Contact was made with two subjects and Hood was determined to be the primary physical aggressor. He was transported to the Pettis County Jail and charged with fourth-degree domestic assault.

11:02 p.m.: Hannah Cassels Meyer, 25, of the 800 block of Manor Court, was arrested after a vehicle stop at South Grand Avenue and West 32nd Street for speeding. Cassels was intoxicated by drugs and she was transported to the Pettis County Jail, booked and released for driving while intoxicated-drugs and excessive speed.

3:57 p.m.: Betty Jo Gillespie, 73, of Sedalia, was arrested after an officer responded to the 500 block of East 13th Street for a subject trespassing. The building owner asked the subject to leave the property as he believed she was disrupting business. She refused and was transported to the Pettis County Jail, charged with first-degree trespassing, and placed on a 24-hour hold.

Jan. 21

6:04 a.m.: Larry David Hopkins Jr., 51, of the 1300 block of East Boonville Street, was arrested after an officer responded to a business in the 1600 block of East Broadway Boulevard for a disturbance. Hopkins had a Pettis County warrant and resisted arrest. After a brief struggle, officers were able to subdue the subject and place him in handcuffs. He was in possession of methamphetamine and was transported to the Pettis County Jail, where he was placed on a 24-hour hold pending state charges of felony resisting arrest, possession of a controlled substance, and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was also booked on the warrant.

1:50 p.m.: Jonathan Derrick Shellhart, 37, of the 3200 block of South Park Avenue, was arrested after a traffic stop at South Grand Avenue and West 10th Street for an improper turn and failure to maintain a lane. Shellhart was transported to the police department, booked for driving while intoxicated, and released to a sober person.

7:45 p.m.: Jesse James Snell, 35, of Versailles, was arrested after an officer responded to a business in the 100 block of Rebar Road for a suspect who was trespassing. Snell had just been issued a trespass warning but came back onto the property as soon as law enforcement left. He was transported to the Pettis County Jail for first-degree trespass and placed on a 24-hour hold.

11:47 p.m.: Juan M. Marcos Herrera, 30, of the 1900 block of West Fifth Street, was arrested after a traffic stop near the intersection of South Quincy Avenue and West Fourth Street. Herrera was intoxicated and was transported to the Pettis County Jail, where he was booked for driving with a suspended license and driving while intoxicated — prior offender. He was released to a sober adult.

Jan. 22

4:29 a.m.: Isaiah Blaine McNeil, 20, of the 1100 block of South Lamine Avenue, was arrested after an investigative traffic stop at East Main Street and South Ohio Avenue on a vehicle whose registered owner had a revoked driver's license. McNeil was transported to the Pettis County Jail for operating a motor vehicle with a revoked driver's license.

12:39 a.m.: David E. Wright, 55, of the 2400 block of Golf Drive, was arrested after being stopped at South Kentucky Avenue and West Broadway Boulevard for failure to maintain a lane and weaving. Wright was intoxicated and was transported to the police department, booked for driving while intoxicated, and released to a sober person.

Incidents

Jan. 20

2:25 p.m.: Officers responded to a business in the 3200 block of West Broadway Boulevard in reference to a theft report. Asset protection associates stated a woman came into the store and used old receipts to do a fraudulent return. She then left with gift cards for the items she did not pay for and has yet to be identified.

6:46 p.m.: A subject came to the Sedalia Police Department to report a theft from their vehicle. They stated that sometime during the day, their unlocked vehicle was entered and a purse with contents was stolen. The subject could not determine the timeframe or location of the theft.

7:38 p.m.: A subject from the 800 block of West Fifth Street came to the police department lobby to document unusual happenings inside their residence. Information was collected and a report was taken for documentation purposes.

Jan. 21

8:45 p.m.: A vehicle was reported stolen from the 300 block of East Chestnut Street. The victim wants to pursue charges.

1007 p.m.: A subject turned in a cell phone from the 1000 block of Thompson Boulevard to the police department. It was placed into evidence as found property.

Jan. 22

11:38 p.m.: A motor vehicle accident was reported at West Broadway Boulevard and Grand Avenue. A vehicle had left the roadway, damaging a street light pole and disabling the vehicle, which was found parked in a nearby driveway. The occupants had fled and it was towed from the scene. MoDOT was contacted to assess the damaged light pole.

Pettis County Sheriff's Office Arrests

Jan. 21

12:04 a.m.: Timothy Klein was arrested after the K-9 unit conducted a traffic stop in the area of 14th Street and Marvin Avenue. Klein was arrested for felon in possession of a firearm and transported to the Pettis County Jail.

9:08 p.m.: John W. Bryan was arrested after the K-9 unit conducted a traffic stop in the area of 24th Street and New York Avenue in Sedalia. Deputies were given consent to search and uncovered a glass pipe and a baggie of a crystalline substance. Bryan was transported to the Pettis County Jail pending charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

10:44 p.m.: Raul Augustine Pasqual was issued a citation after a deputy observed a vehicle driving the wrong way on U.S. Highway 50 from Pleasant Green Road in La Monte. Deputies were able to get the vehicle stopped at the Crystal Springs crossover and Pascual was found to have no driver's license. He was released to a valid driver with a summons.

Incidents

Jan. 17

9:44 a.m.: Deputies were dispatched to the 11000 block of Stokely Road for a report of a stolen farm trailer. The incident is being investigated.

7:01 p.m.: A deputy was dispatched to the 500 block of East Walnut in Sedalia for a report of a theft that took place in the 1500 block of Crestview Drive. The reporting person stated someone entered his residence and took several items.

Missouri State Highway Patrol Arrests

Jan. 20

10:45 a.m.: Brandon L. Ede, 29, of Columbia, was arrested in Pettis County for a Pettis County Sheriff's Office arrest warrant, driving with a suspended driver's license, no insurance, and no seat belt. He was transported to the Pettis County Jail.

4:30 p.m.: Jovanna E. Eberting-Adam, 44, of Malta Bend, was arrested for a Saline County felony warrant, failure to register a motor vehicle, and no insurance. She was transported to the Saline County Jail.

9:56 p.m.: David A. Fisher, 36, of Knob Noster, was arrested in Johnson County for driving while intoxicated, speeding and a lane violation. He was transported to the Warrensburg Police Department and released.

11:57 p.m.: Saul A. Melgur, 51, of Kansas City, was arrested in Saline County for driving while intoxicated, no valid driver's license, and failure to drive on the right half of the roadway. He was transported to the Saline County Jail and released.

Jan. 21

2:18 a.m.: Richard B. Perkins, 19, of Higginsville, was arrested in Johnson County for driving while intoxicated, speeding, displaying the plates of another vehicle, and unapproved tail lamps. He was transported to the Warrensburg Police Department and released.

Jan. 22

11:45 p.m.: Brandon M. Mencik, 41, of Kansas City, was arrested in Johnson County for felony possession of a firearm, felony tampering with a motor vehicle, and driving with a revoked driver's license. He was transported to the Johnson County Jail and released.

11:49 p.m.: India R. Jones, 31, of Lee's Summit, was arrested in Johnson County for tampering with a motor vehicle. She was transported to the Johnson County Jail and released.

COMMISSION UPDATE

Commission approves multiple ordinances

By Democrat Staff

During the daily meetings from Jan. 16 to Jan. 20, the Pettis County Commission completed the following:

Jan. 16: Pettis County Courthouse closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Jan. 17: Auditor Beverly Dillon discussed a purchase order.

Sedalia-Pettis County Emergency Management Agency Director Trisha Rooda got a floodplain permit signed.

The Commission approved Ordinance 01-2023-1858, speed bump policy for installation and adoption for the Road and Bridge Department.

The Commission approved amending Ordinance 04-2022-1856, placement of stop signs and yield signs in the Hunter's Ridge Subdivision.

The Commission approved two Anderson Engineering BRO Contracts, one for Bennett Road Bridge and one for Anderson School Road Bridge.

The Commission held a bid opening for the Pacific School Road Bridge. Present was Election Clerks Hiram Carlos and Asher Koebel, GIS Director James Theisen, Gary Strack and Kent Monter from Anderson Engineering, Chris Childress from C&C Bridge, Wayne Brenneke from Brenneke Construction, Christen Haile from Gene Haile Excavating, Phoebe Bergeson from Widel Inc., and Larry Mudd from Cale Seymour Construction.

Former Presiding Commissioner David Dick visited the Commission.

Citizen Janice Klenke discussed the Central Missouri Agriculture Club's pie contest.

Jan. 18: No quorum.

Western Commissioner Jim Marcum attended the Missouri Association of Counties board meeting.

Jan. 19: No quorum.

The Commissioners attended the West Central Commissioners meeting.

Jan. 20: The Commission tabled approval of the Landfill Use Fee Ordinance until Jan. 24, pending discussions with legal counsel.

Dillon and Treasurer Kim Lyne discussed a county fund.

Eastern Commissioner Israel Baeza spoke at the Right To Life Remembrance Ceremony.

Pettis County Sheriff's Office Sgt. Tollie Rowe spoke to Presiding Commissioner Bill Taylor.

The Commission met with Central Bank for the yearly meeting to discuss services provided. Present was Lyne, Commercial Banking/Marketing Assistant Haleigh Mullins, SVP/Senior Business Development Director Erica Petersen, President/CEO Greg Eby, Executive VP/Sr. Lender Greg Wehrman, HR and Payroll Specialist Marie Kringle.

The Commission posted the 2023 Fiscal Year Budget to the county website.

The census for Pettis County Jail as of Jan. 16 is 125 inmates and the census for 911 calls is 1,760 calls.

The Pettis County Commission meets at 9 a.m. Monday through Friday in the Commission Chambers on the second floor of the Pettis County Courthouse. To make an appointment or to request an issue be placed on the commission's agenda, Call Noah Shepard, assistant to the commission, at 660-826-5000 ext 410.

Theme

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White noted another "exciting thing" is a performance at the end of the evening by the band Super Star Mafia, of Kansas City.

"They are a cover band," White said. "They span country music, rock music, older classic rock, up to new, more recent things. So, they have a wide array of music — something for everyone."

The event will also have live and silent auctions.

Those attending must be 21 or older. There will be no printed tickets, only digital tickets. Those attending will use their digital ticket to check in upon arrival. It is encouraged to pre-register to reduce the wait time. The event will use mobile bidding, so participants are encouraged to charge up their phones.

The 33rd annual Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Missouri's "An Evening in Old Hollywood" is from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, in the Ag Building on the Missouri State Fairgrounds. The VIP Cocktail Hour is from 5 to 6 p.m. General admission costs $75 or $600 for a table of eight. The VIP upgrade is $10, which grants early access and two complimentary drink tickets.

For more information, email White at gwhite@bgckids.com. To purchase tickets, visit secure.qgiv.com/event/bgcauction.

Faith Bemiss can be reached at 660-530-0289 or on Twitter @flbemiss.









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~ Ribbon Cutting Ceremony ~



The Chamber welcomed Taxi T's Cab Service to the community. Meet the owner, Travis Walker. They are here to serve you and our community providing a safe cab service. Call Travis for any of your traveling needs at 660-553-0253.



We celebrated with Rea Funeral Chapel & Cremations Services on their new location site, which will be opened in December 2023. It is located at 3510 W. 16th St. Sedalia, MO.



Gateway Mortgage, and their amazing staff, held their ribbon cutting at their new location on January 6th. They are located at 1806 West 11th Street Suite D.

Sedalia Area Chamber of Commerce Hot Air Balloon & Kite Festival Event Sponsored by:

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The Sedalia Area Chamber of Commerce is excited to present the 1st Annual Hot Air Balloon & Kite Festival on June 9th & 10th! **This is a free community event.** We are so thankful to **NUCOR** for sponsoring this free community event. We would also like to thank all of our Community sponsors.

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If your business would like to help sponsor this event Please contact Debra Andresen at 660-826-2222 or debra@sedaliachamber.com

We are also looking for vendors for this free community event, if you would like more information on becoming a vendor, please contact Debra at 660-826-2222.

Chamber Upcoming Events

Chamber Breakfast
February 2nd, 2023
Time: 7:30 a.m.
Location: LifePointe Church

Ribbon Cutting

CANVAS SUITES

Canvas Suites
201 E 6th Street
Sedalia, MO 65301
February 3rd @12:00 p.m.



Well Balanced Table
111 E 3rd Street
Sedalia, MO 65301
February 17th @5:00 p.m.

Welcome New Members

The Grazin' Station
Debbie Wallace
660- 815-1929
Marshall, MO 65340
thegrazinstation@gmail.com

Prost Builders
Virginia Steiger
573- 960-1616
3617 Route CC Jefferson City, MO 65102
virginia@prostbuilder.com

Member Spotlight

IV BALANCE HYDRATION THERAPY LLC.

Our Member Spotlight for this month is I.V. Balance Hydration Therapy LLC.

"I.V. Balance Hydration is a clinic that helps rejuvenate clients, by intravenous therapy that administers fluids and nutrients directly into the vein. While IVs are common, there is also an option for injections for a variety of vitamins, as well. This business is owned by Aimee Caldwell, a Family Nurse Practitioner. Which opened in December of 2021 and is located at 1313 W. 16th St. Suite 600, here in Sedalia, MO. I.V. Balance had grown from the dedication to medicine, the necessity of self-care, and seeing the need in our community. We are proud to serve Sedalia and surrounding communities and thank you all for the continued support to the small business. Every customer is valued and appreciated beyond what words can describe."

Welcome to the Team!



The Sedalia Chamber welcomed Travis Reynolds to their staff as their new Administrative Assistant. You may reach him at travis@sedaliachamber.com for any of your promotional needs: social media updates, weekly e-Newsletter, and website updates.

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Pies

From Page A1

When told two of her pies made it to the final four, she was elated at her success.

"It's amazing because there are so many good bakers in Sedalia and it's just fun to kind of come up with some new recipes," Beeman added.

The Grand Champion pie belonged to Cheryl Lange, a past Grand Champion who has been entering for the last eight years.

"I was very, very shocked because my baking today didn't go as well as I expected," Lange said. "I had another entry I was going to bring that didn't turn out quite as well, so it didn't come."

But the pie she did bring was a sensational change of pace for the accomplished artist and baker.

"I wanted to do something very different than what I had seen over the last couple of years," Lange said. "I decided to do lemon. It's got a cream cheese bottom and then a traditional lemon filling on top and then whipped topping. I just peeled out some lemon rind and put some mint leaves on it and tried to make it look as pretty as I could."

Lange is pleased her second effort was able to receive first prize.

"It's a great cause that goes to benefit the youth and ag," Lange said. "I couldn't donate the money that these pies make, so at least I'm able to contribute something."



A close-up of Cheryl Lange's Grand Champion Lemon Supreme pie shows the mint and lemon-rind garnishes that put her mouth-watering pie over the top.

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Shayla Ficken created this masterpiece, which was auctioned at Saturday's Central Mo Ag Club Banquet and Pie Auction.

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2023 Pie Contest Winners

- Grand Champion: Lemon Supreme Pie, Cheryl Lange
- Youth First Prize: Gone to Heaven Chocolate Pie, Raleigh Williams
- Mixed Medium First Prize: Lemon Supreme Pie, Cheryl Lange
- Meringue: Vanilla Bean Cream Pie, Jo Beeman
- Double-Crust: Sassy Double-Crust Gooseberry Pie, Jo Beeman

Board

From Page A1

"It also gives other teenagers in the school a sense of freedom of speech to get their ideas heard," Hightower said. "It's not like we have a selection and we have to pick out of that selection. It's more like we have this whole library and you can pick whatever book you want. If that book isn't there, if it's appropriate, we can bring it in."

Hightower said she wants students to have the feeling that if they need something, the advisory board is there.

"A lot of the kids around groups think, 'Oh, the library is for nerds,' but when you actually step in here, it's a space where you can vent…" Hightower said. "The library is a very homey feeling in the school because the school is filled with classes and stressful times and I just feel like whenever you come to the library, it all stops at the door."



Smith-Cotton High School freshman Kajahnae Hightower reads a book on one of the couches while hanging out in the library on Friday.

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Blackburn Thierfelder added that libraries aren't just all about books anymore; it's about finding a space to go that is comforting.

"I love being in this library, it's my favorite library," Hightower added.

Junior Devin Davis said they grew up in the Sedalia Public Library and spent hours there as a young child.

"I slowly stopped reading and I really don't like that, so I wanted to push myself to read again," Davis said. "I do want to help broaden the spectrum of books that are in the school library and stop the stigma around the word 'library.'"

Davis also wants other students in the school to know the library is a calming place to visit.

Blackburn Thierfelder said she hopes to start an S-C book club, but she needs to find a way to get multiple copies of the same book and determine times that would work best for students.

THE WEATHER

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
41 / 32	36 / 24	29 / 22	47 / 32	57 / 23	27 / 8	19 / 10
Mostly cloudy	A bit of morning snow; cloudy	Low clouds and cold	Some sun, breezy and milder	Clouds and sun; ice at night	A snow shower; much colder	Abundant sun, but cold

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	7:25 a.m.
Sunset tonight	5:25 p.m.
Moonrise today	9:39 a.m.
Moonset today	9:04 p.m.

First	Full	Last	New
Jan 28	Feb 5	Feb 13	Feb 20

WEATHER HISTORY

Snowstorms hit the Pacific Northwest and New England on Jan. 24, 1935. Winthrop, Wash., received 52 inches of snow in 24 hours, and Portland, Maine, had 23.2 inches.

ALMANAC

Sedalia Regional Airport Sunday

TEMPERATURES

High	36
Low	31
Normal high	38
Normal low	19
Record high	72 in 1967
Record low	-13 in 1978

PRECIPITATION

Sunday	0.07"
Month to date	1.21"
Normal m-t-d	1.33"
Year to date	1.21"
Normal y-t-d	1.33"

HEATING DEGREE DAYS

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

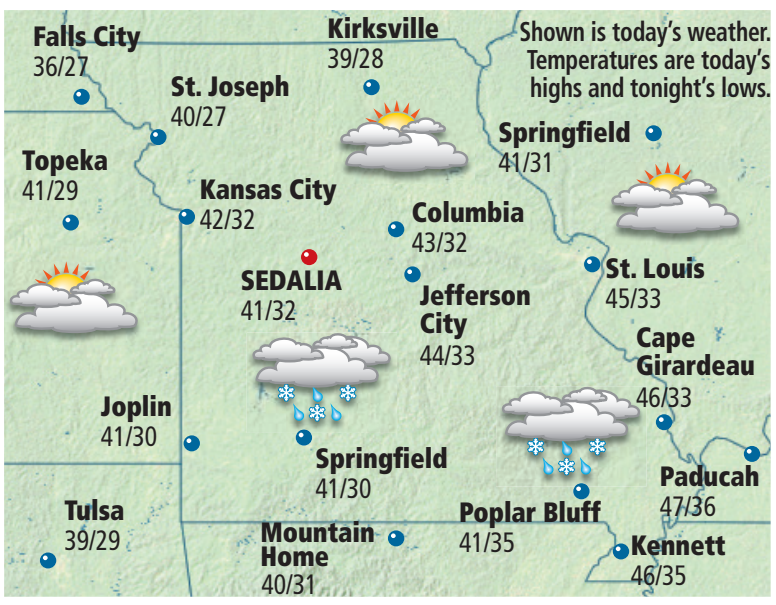
Sunday	31
Month to date	527
Season to date	2360
Normal season to date	2849
Last season to date	2059

RIVER LEVELS

In feet as of 7 a.m. Monday

Blackwater	Stage	Chg	Fld Stg
Blue Lick	7.79	-0.50	24
Valley City	3.75	-0.15	22
Lamine			
Otterville	2.01	-0.20	15
Missouri			
Boonville	3.43	+0.39	21

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BRANSON

High: 41. **Low:** 33. Cloudy with a touch of snow and rain at times this afternoon with little or no accumulation.

KANSAS CITY

High: 42. **Low:** 32. Mostly cloudy today. Plenty of clouds tonight with a little snow, accumulating a coating to an inch. Cloudy tomorrow with a bit of snow.

ST. LOUIS

High: 45. **Low:** 33. Cloudy today. A bit of snow and rain at times this evening followed by 3-6 inches of wet snow late. Occasional snow and flurries tomorrow.

NEW YORK CITY

High: 45. **Low:** 34. Partly sunny and breezy today. Increasing clouds tonight. Cloudy with rain tomorrow; mixed with a little snow early in the day.

LOS ANGELES

High: 64. **Low:** 44. Plenty of sun today. Clear and chilly tonight. Plenty of sunshine tomorrow. Thursday: plenty of sunshine. Friday: mostly sunny.

NATIONAL WEATHER

	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wednesday Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	55/46/pc	63/37/r
Baltimore	49/32/pc	46/40/r
Billings	39/26/c	37/28/c
Boston	42/29/pc	37/34/sn
Buffalo	35/27/sf	34/28/sn
Charlotte	54/41/s	55/37/t
Chicago	38/32/c	34/26/sn
Cleveland	35/31/c	37/29/sn
Dallas	42/33/r	46/33/c
Denver	26/17/pc	28/14/sf
Detroit	36/31/c	34/27/sn
Honolulu	81/66/sh	78/67/c
Houston	58/39/t	55/36/pc
Indianapolis	40/33/pc	35/29/sn
Las Vegas	55/37/s	55/40/s
Milwaukee	38/29/pc	36/26/sn
Nashville	51/40/pc	50/37/sh
New Orleans	66/51/t	55/43/pc
Norfolk	51/35/s	58/49/r
Oklahoma City	36/31/r	44/25/c
Orlando	74/62/c	83/55/pc
Phoenix	57/37/s	62/41/s
Pittsburgh	37/29/c	40/30/sn
Portland, ME	39/16/pc	30/27/c
Portland, OR	48/41/pc	50/34/pc
Sacramento	58/33/s	61/34/s
St. Louis	45/33/c	38/29/sn
San Francisco	63/44/s	63/46/s
Seattle	47/42/c	48/38/pc
Washington, DC	50/35/pc	45/41/r

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



Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation today. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

Summary: While snow showers linger across the interior Northeast today, a storm will strengthen in Texas. Snow will unfold from northern Texas to Arkansas while severe weather develops at the Gulf coast.



Chiefs' Reid: Mahomes 'going to play' vs Cincy for AFC title

By Dave Skretta
Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Chiefs coach Andy Reid said Monday that Patrick Mahomes will play in the AFC title game against the Bengals, and that the high ankle sprain the All-Pro quarterback sustained against the Jaguars last weekend is less severe than the one he played through during the 2019 season opener.

"He's going to play," Reid told a group of local reporters. "That's his mindset."

Mahomes was hurt in the first quarter of Saturday's win over Jacksonville when pass rusher Arden Key landed heavily on his right ankle. Mahomes finished the drive but was hobbling badly, and Reid and the training staff forced him to get an X-ray — it came back negative — and do some agility testing at halftime before allowing him back in the game.

In the meantime, backup Chad Henne led the Chiefs on a 12-play, 98-yard touchdown drive in the 27-20 victory.

Mahomes played well in the second half, but the Chiefs dramatically altered their offense to account for his reduced mobility.

Mahomes rarely went under center and threw almost exclusively from the pocket, rather than scrambling to buy time and make the many off-schedule throws that have made him so dynamic over the years.

He still threw for 195 yards and two touchdowns, including the eventual clincher with about 7 minutes to play.

Mahomes said afterward that his ankle felt better than expected and he vowed to play in the AFC title game — the fifth consecutive one hosted by Kansas City and a rematch of last year's game won by Cincinnati in overtime.

"Pain is pain," Mahomes said. "You're going to have to deal with it."

Reid said it was too early to tell how much Mahomes will practice this week. The Chiefs typically spend Monday reviewing film and getting treatment, then the players get Tuesday off, before their first full practice on Wednesday.

"When we get to that Wednesday practice we'll see where we're at," Reid said. "I've got to see how he feels."

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Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes (15) cheers during the second half of an NFL divisional round playoff football game against the Jacksonville Jaguars, Saturday, Jan. 21, 2023, in Kansas City, Mo. The Kansas City Chiefs won 27-20.
PHOTO BY JEFF ROBERSON | AP PHOTO

Gremlins outlast feisty Otterville

By Bryan Everson
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Sacred Heart junior Carter Rice watches his three-point attempt in Friday night's home contest against Otterville.
PHOTOS BY BRYAN EVERSON | DEMOCRAT

No one will need to tell Sacred Heart that Otterville is another team to beware of in the upcoming Kaysinger Conference Boys Tournament.

The Eagles staged a double-digit comeback and had a few chances to at least push for overtime in Sedalia, though Sacred Heart emerged victorious Friday night, 51-48.

The Gremlins had won all 15 matchups between the schools per MSHSAA's website dating back to 2008, but entering Friday, the smallest margin of victory in over a decade was last year's 72-62 win in Otterville, who after starting 4-6, had won four of its last five games.

"I like what we're doing right now," Otterville head coach Tom Ward said. "We finally have figured out [playing zone] a little bit more, covering things better. We're defensive rebounding better than we have been. Offensively, I think we're getting more contributions. There's not one said player that you can just focus on to say I've got to take him away so I think that helps us."

After Carter Rice split his free throws with 27.8 seconds left, Otterville's variety of outside threats were given several chances to send the game into overtime. Corbin Jaco-Woodall (15 points, three 3s) had a look to go-ahead prior to Rice's make, then afterward Hayden Morrison got a look at a game-tying 3 from the corner and missed before Otterville took a timeout 12.6 seconds to go. Following that, Coy Wilfong and Gabe Berry each had shots from beyond the arc, but the Gremlins intercepted a chance for yet another as time expired.

"We had at least three good looks to tie, and I'll take those kids shooting it anytime," Ward said. "They're a tough matchup. We couldn't go man [defense], and I thought they were a little bit quicker than us. But overall, I'm extremely proud of the effort."



Otterville sophomore Braedyn Eads looks for options in front of Sacred Heart's bench during Friday night's game in Sedalia.

Sacred Heart scored the first five points of the second half, including Grant Goodwin's 3-pointer that made it 37-23, good for the Gremlins' biggest lead to that point, one which didn't seem at all in danger at the time. But Steven Woolery's triple and a leaner by Braedyn Eads off the glass got the advantage down to seven, then Corbin Jaco-Woodall stroked a 3 that made it a 10-0 Otterville run with 2:15 left in the third quarter.

The Eagles weren't done storming back in the penultimate period, however. Eads collected a missed 3 for a second-chance bucket to make it a two-point game, and Tanner Damlo finally halted the run with an old-fashioned 3-pointer as 38 seconds remained in the quarter. Woolery, though, canceled out Damlo's points with a heave from just inside half-court that was nothing but net at the horn, closing it to 40-38 entering the fourth, which began with Woolery knocking down another triple in front of his bench to take the lead.

On what triggered the comeback, Ward said, "I think finishing on shots that we weren't hitting early in the game. We had a ton of good looks around the basket and a lot on the 3-ball, so I think it was just starting to knock down some of those and getting in the rhythm."

All but two of Rice's team-high 11 points came in the fourth for the Gremlins (10-6).

"They played a good second half and I thought we shot them back in the game," Sacred Heart head coach Steve Goodwin said. "I don't think we were very patient getting it inside.

"Tom does a good job with them and I thought for two-and-a-half quarters we were pretty good, but our inside guys also have to demand [the ball]. I've already got three guys out there [on the perimeter] passing the ball. We have to have somebody relentless to get us tough buckets. We're still searching."

Goodwin estimated his team is shooting between 60-65% from the free-throw line on the year. The Gremlins shot 11 of 25 there on Friday, also allowing Otterville to nearly pull off the win.

Woolery finished with a dozen points for Otterville, while for Sacred Heart, Connor Rice and Damlo each added 10.

Next for each team, Sacred Heart hosts Stover on Tuesday, when Otterville also plays at home, taking on Cole Camp. The conference tourney gets underway this weekend.

Rolen could become just 18th third baseman in Hall of Fame

By Ronald Blum
AP Baseball Writer



St.Louis Cardinals Scott Rolen watches his two-run home run off Houston Astros pitcher Chad Harville in the fifth inning during Game 2 of the National League Championship Series at Busch Stadium in St. Louis, Thursday, Oct. 14, 2004.
FILE PHOTO BY SUE OGROCKI | AP PHOTO

NEW YORK — Scott Rolen could become just the 18th third baseman elected to baseball's Hall of Fame, the fewest of any position.

"It stems from an original prejudice that third base is not important defensively," John Thorn, Major League Baseball's official historian, said Monday. "I think Brooks Robinson changed that perception. So that just as relief pitchers for the longest time were regarded as failed starters rather than as a new position in the changing game, third basemen were regarded as washouts."

A seven-time All-Star who retired after the 2012 season, Rolen is among the top contenders on the 28-player ballot considered by the Baseball Writers' Association of America in a vote announced Tuesday night. He received just 10.2% in his first ballot appearance in 2018 and climbed to 52.9% in 2021 and 63.2% last year, when he fell 47 votes shy of the needed 75%.

The leading vote-getters are first baseman Todd Helton at 79.8%, Rolen at 79.2% and reliever Billy Wagner at 73.2%, according to Ryan Thibodaux's Hall of Fame Ballot Tracker, which included 183 public plus anonymous ballots as of Monday afternoon among an estimated total of 396.

When David Ortiz was elected last year, his final figure of 79.8% was down from 83.1% of public ballots ahead of the announcement. Barry Bonds declined from 76.8% of public ballots before the announcement to 66% and Roger Clemens from 75.4% to 65.2%, so it is possible no one will be elected by the BBWAA for the second time in three years. This could become the first three-year span with only one player voted in by the writers since annual voting started in 1966.

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Chiefs' Henne delivers with Mahomes hobbled in playoff win

By Dave Skretta
Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The experience is evident in the salt that peppers the beard of Chiefs quarterback Chad Henne.

The 37-year-old journeyman has hung around the league for nearly 15 years, his days as a starter in Miami and Jacksonville long distant memories. For the past five years, Henne has been little more than a backup quarterback for Patrick Mahomes in Kansas City, his job to hold clipboards and provide encouragement more so than to throw any passes.

It would've been easy to grow complacent over all that time. Yet the consummate professional has learned to be ready for anything, and anything happened in the first half of Saturday night's playoff game against the Jaguars.

Pressed into service when Mahomes hurt his right ankle, Henne responded by leading the Chiefs on a 98-yard touchdown drive, which not only kept Jacksonville from seizing control but eventually provided the winning margin in a 27-20 victory that advanced Kansas City to its fifth consecutive AFC championship game.

"Definitely, nerves are high," Henne said afterward, "but once you get in the game and get going, it's just like, repetition. It's not like I've never done it before. I played in enough games. When the opportunity is called upon, I'm ready."

Mahomes returned after halftime and finished things out, and he intends to start next week's AFC title game. But Henne proved once more the importance of a capable backup quarterback, an often-thankless job typically filled by failed starters, players long past their prime or young prospects not yet ready to take over a team.

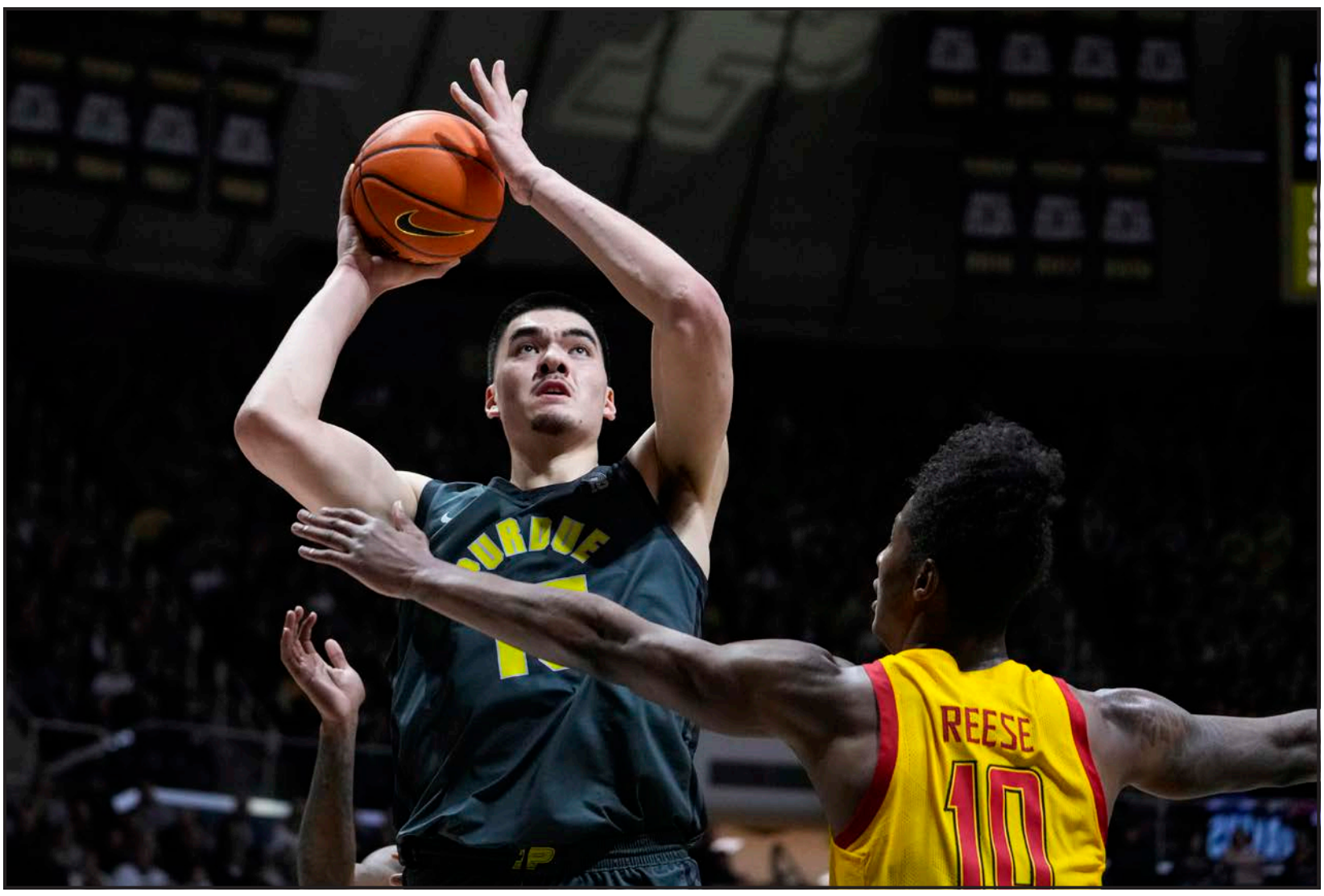
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Kansas City Chiefs tight end Travis Kelce (87) celebrates his touchdown with quarterback Chad Henne (4) against the Jacksonville Jaguarsduring the first half of an NFL divisional round playoff football game, Saturday, Jan. 21, 2023, in Kansas City, Mo.
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Purdue back at No. 1 in AP Top 25, Alabama right behind

By John Marshall
AP Basketball Writer



Purdue center Zach Edey (15) shoots over Maryland forward Julian Reese (10) during the second half of an NCAA college basketball game in West Lafayette, Ind., Sunday, Jan. 22, 2023. Purdue defeated Maryland 58-55.
PHOTO BY MICHAEL CONROY | AP PHOTO

Purdue is back at No. 1 in the AP Top 25. Alabama is right behind the Boilermakers.

Purdue returned to the top spot in The Associated Press men's college basketball poll on Monday, moving up two spots after Temple knocked off No. 1 Houston over the weekend. The Boilermakers received 39 first-place votes from a 62-person media panel after a volatile week where just two teams kept the same spot from a week ago.

Alabama climbed two spots to No. 2, picking up 23 first-place votes for its highest ranking since reaching No. 1 in 2002-03. Houston, Tennessee and Kansas State round out the top five.

Purdue (19-1, 8-1 Big Ten) had dropped to No. 3 after four weeks at No. 1 following a loss to Rutgers on Jan. 3, but has since won six straight.

Alabama (17-2, 7-0 SEC) has made a steady climb since being ranked No. 20 in the preseason AP Top 25, moving into the top 10 in early December. The Crimson Tide had lopsided wins over Missouri and Vanderbilt after Darius Miles was dismissed from the team as he faces a murder charge in a fatal shooting near campus.

Alabama coach Nate Oats reached out to Ray Lewis before the Crimson Tide played Vanderbilt last week, sharing a Bible verse suggested by the Hall of Fame linebacker. Alabama ended up beating Vandy by 12 and rolled over Missouri by 21.

"I did see some guys break down postgame," Oats said. "I think they've been bottling some stuff up. We've got a job to do. We've got to get to the game. We got to the game and took care of business, and then it's almost like a big relief. The game's over, and we can let out a sigh of relief."

COUGARS FALL

Houston moved atop the AP Top 25 for the first time since the Phi Slama Jama of the 1980s earlier this season before a loss to Alabama dropped it back to No. 5.

The Cougars returned to No. 1 on Jan. 9, but their run ended after two weeks with Sunday's 56-55 loss to Temple. The win was the Owls' first over a No. 1 team since 2000.

BEATING KU

Kansas State moved up eight spots to No. 5 after outlasting rival Kansas 83-82 at Bramlage Coliseum last week. It's the Wildcats' highest ranking since reaching No. 3 in 2010-11.

TCU gave Kansas consecutive losses in the state for the first time since 1989 with a 23-point beatdown at Allen Fieldhouse on Saturday. It was one of Bill Self's worst losses in 20 years as Kansas' coach and ended the Jayhawks' 16-game home winning streak.

The No. 14 Horned Frogs moved up three spots in this week's poll after the win. Kansas, the defending national champion, dropped seven spots to No. 9.

BIG TEN BUMMER

While Purdue has remained near the top of the poll most of the season, the rest of the Big Ten has fallen off. With Rutgers dropping out, the Big Ten has just one AP Top 25 team for the first time since the Feb. 16, 2004, when No. 12 Wisconsin was the conference's lone ranked team, according to Sportradar.

RISING/FALLING

Kansas State had the week's biggest jump, followed by No. 4 Tennessee and No. 6 Arizona each climbing five spots. No. 21 Baylor moved up four spots with wins over Texas Tech and Oklahoma.

Gonzaga had the biggest fall, losing eight places to No. 14 after Loyola Marymount ended the Zags' 75-game home winning streak on Thursday. No. 13 Xavier dropped five spots after a one-point road loss to DePaul.

IN AND OUT

No. 22 Saint Mary's is ranked for the first time this season after rolling over Pepperdine and Santa Clara last week. No. 25 New Mexico is back in the poll after beating San Jose State and outlasting Boise State in overtime.

A three-point loss to Michigan State knocked Rutgers out of the poll from No. 23. Arkansas dropped out from No. 25 following a loss to Missouri.

AP Sports Writer Larry Lage in Detroit contributed to this report.

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Steers Med & Large Frame #1
3-400 lbs...$ 215 - $ 231
4-500 lbs...$ 210 - $ 239
5-600 lbs...$ 190 - $ 235
6-700 lbs...$ 168 - $ 206
7-800 lb.....$ 165 - $ 188
8-900 lbs...$ 155 - $ 174

Small Frame or Fleshy Steers & Bulls
400-700 lbs..$120-$187

Heifers Med & Large Frame #1
33-400 lbs.$ 175 - $ 205
4-500 lbs...$ 170 - $ 202
5-600 lbs...$ 165 - $ 195
6-700 lbs...$ 158 - $ 187
7-800 lbs...$ 143 - $ 176
8-900 lbs...$ 135 - $ 154

Small Frame or Fleshy Heifers
400-700 lbs. $110 -$147

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Police: U of Denver player smelled of alcohol after crash

By Colleen Slevin
Associated Press

DENVER — University of Denver basketball player Coban Porter, the brother of Denver Nuggets' star Michael Porter Jr., smelled of alcohol and had slurred speech when he was arrested following a fatal crash in Denver, police said in a court document released Monday.

Porter ran a red light going about 50 mph (80 kmph) eastbound and hit a vehicle going northbound at an intersection, killing the driver, early Sunday morning near the University of Denver, the probable cause statement said. The passenger was also injured, it said.

When interviewed by police, Porter "displayed bloodshot and watery eyes, slurred and mumbling speech, and the strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his breath" and had a "BudLight" paper wristband on his left wrist, the statement said.

Porter was arrested on suspicion of vehicular homicide and was released from jail Sunday afternoon after his brother paid a $2,000 bond, according to court records. Michael Porter Jr. missed Sunday night's game against the Oklahoma City Thunder in Denver for "personal reasons."

Court records did not indicate if Porter had an attorney yet.

In a statement, the University of Denver expressed its condolences.

"This is a tragic and heartbreaking situation, and our deepest sympathies are with those involved in the accident, their families, and friends. All the resources of our campus and broader community, including counseling services, are available to any DU community member in need of assistance 24/7," it said.

Coban Porter, 6-foot-4 guard, signed with the Denver Pioneers in 2021 after spending the previous season with Link Year Prep in Branson, Missouri.

SPORTS CALENDAR

Tuesday

ON TAP

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

La Monte at Smithton
Stover at Sacred Heart
Tipton at Green Ridge
Windsor at Northwest

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL

Smith-Cotton vs Adrian (at Clinton)
Cole Camp at Otterville
La Monte at Smithton
Stover at Sacred Heart with Otterville
Tipton at Green Ridge
Windsor at Northwest

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS WRESTLING

Clinton, Warrensburg at Smith-Cotton

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS WRESTLING

Clinton, Warrensburg at Smith-Cotton

ON AIR

COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)

5:30 p.m.
BTN — Penn St at Rutgers
6 p.m.
ACCN — Notre Dame at NC State
CBSSN — E. Michigan at Toledo
ESPN — Ohio St. at Illinois
ESPN2 — LSU at Arkansas
ESPNU — Miami at Florida St.
FS1 — DePaul at Georgetown
SECN — Missouri at Mississippi
8 p.m.
ACCN — Georgia Tech at Clemson
CBSSN — Indiana St. at Drake
ESPN — North Carolina at Syracuse
ESPNU — Kansas St. at Iowa St.
FS1 — Fresno St. at Boise St.
SECN — Kentucky at Vanderbilt
10 p.m.
CBSSN — Wyoming at UNLV

NBA BASKETBALL

6:30 p.m.
TNT — Boston at Miami
9 p.m.
TNT — LA Clippers at LA Lakers

NBA G-LEAGUE BASKETBALL

6:30 p.m.
NBATV — Austin at Sioux Falls

SOCCER (MEN'S)

1:45 p.m.
CBSSN — Serie A: AC Milan at Lazio

TENNIS

1 p.m.
ESPN2 — ATP/WTA: The Australian Open, Quarterfinals, Melbourne, Australia (Taped)
8 p.m.
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HOROSCOPES

By Georgia Nicols

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

Happy Birthday for Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2023:

You are easygoing, warm and friendly with others. By nature, you're fun-loving, and you enjoy good times. People enjoy your company. This year is a year of change for you, so stay flexible. Make new friends. Be ready to travel and expand your horizons.

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 feel-good day for you! Nevertheless, something going on behind the scenes might catch you off guard. Be reassured that friends or groups have your back. If you have questions or you're nervous about something, share your thoughts with someone. Others are ready to help you. Tonight: You're impressive.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Today you have to stay on your toes because, for starters, a friend might surprise you. Or you might meet someone who is unusual or different, but definitely interesting. Possibly, news from a group will catch you off guard. They might say or do something that you can't endorse or don't agree with. Stay tuned! Tonight: Sympathetic feelings.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Pay attention to everything you say and do today. Someone in a position of authority — a boss, parent, teacher or the police — might say or do something that catches you off guard. Do you need to do any damage control? Tread carefully. Tonight: Explore!

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Travel plans might suddenly change today, be delayed or canceled. Possibly, you have to travel when you did not expect to do so. News in the media might surprise you. Double-check college and university schedules, because something unpredictable will occur. Tonight: Money deals.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Make friends with your bank account today to know what's happening. Something unexpected could impact a bank account or something to do with shared property or how you are involved with the wealth and resources of someone else, including an inheritance. Tonight: Warm relations.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Go gently today, because a partner or close friend will almost certainly do or say something that surprises you. You might need to give yourself some time before you process how you feel about this. Definitely take time before you respond. Avoid a knee-jerk reaction. Tonight: Enjoy work.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Your work routine might be interrupted today. Be smart and give yourself extra time so you have wiggle room to deal with the unexpected. This way you are better prepared for whatever happens, even if it comes out of left field. Surprising news about your health also might occur. Meanwhile, pet owners should be vigilant. Tonight: Play!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Parents should be aware of their kids today; this is a mildly accident-prone day for your kids. Meanwhile, social plans might change. Stay light on your feet, because you might want to accept a last-minute invitation. Or social plans might be canceled. Tonight: Entertain.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Your home routine will likely change today. Perhaps a small appliance might break down or a minor breakage could occur. Someone completely unexpected might knock at your door, catching you unawares. Get dressed. Stock the fridge so you're ready for anything. Tonight: Conversations!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Pay attention to everything you say and do today, because this is a mildly accident-prone day for you. However, on the upside, you might have a sudden, brilliant idea that occurs to you out of the blue. Zowie! This is because today you find it easy to think outside the box. Tonight: Money ideas.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Keep an eye on your money and possessions so you can protect what you own against loss, theft or damage. Meanwhile, you might find money or you might lose money. It's a tricky day, which means something might impact your assets, which is why you must be on the alert. Tonight: You're happy.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Do not be hasty and jump to conclusions today, which might happen, because you feel independent and rebellious! You have a strong need to be free and do exactly what you want. Nevertheless, think before you act. Don't do anything you will later regret. Tonight: Contentment.

BORN TODAY

Actor Justin Baldoni (1984), actress Nastassja Kinski (1961), singer-songwriter Neil Diamond (1941)

Chiefs

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Asked whether Mahomes could play without practice, Reid replied: "Who the heck knows?"

"He's done some amazing things with limited time," Reid added. "I think so. He's never had to do it."

Mahomes sustained a similar ankle injury in the 2019 opener against Jacksonville, and Reid said "I think this one isn't quite as bad as that one."

In that case, Mahomes played the following week in Oakland, going 30 of 44 for 443 yards and four TD passes without an interception in a 28-10 win over the Raiders.

Regardless of whether Mahomes practices, Henne is likely to get more repetitions than usual. And while the quarterbacks have vastly different styles, Reid doesn't believe they will dramatically alter the Chiefs' game plan.

"We try to keep open communication with the quarterbacks as best we can," he said. "We've had Chad here a while now. We know the plays he likes and doesn't like. We also know the plays that Pat likes and doesn't like. We try to blend it and make sure that we have plays that work for both of them."

WHAT'S WORKING

The Chiefs proved they can take pressure off the quarterback with the ground game on Saturday night, running for nearly 5 yards per carry against Jacksonville. Isiah Pacheco had 95 yards rushing, much of it coming on Henne's long scoring drive.

WHAT'S NOT

The Chiefs' wide receivers struggled against the Jaguars, forcing the Chiefs to lean heavily on Travis Kelce, who had 14 catches for 98 yards and two scores. Kadarius Toney was their top wide receiver with five grabs for 36 yards, but nobody else in the group had more than two receptions or 29 yards.

STOCK UP

This is the time of the year Frank Clark makes good on his contract. The defensive end sometimes struggles during the regular season, but his sack against the Jaguars gave him 12 for his playoff career. That tied Hall of Famer Reggie White for fourth among all players since sacks became an official stat in 1982.

STOCK DOWN

Meanwhile, defensive tackle Chris Jones is still searching for his first career postseason sack. He had 15 1/2 in the regular season, third most in the league, but had just one tackle and one quarterback hit against the Jaguars.

INJURIES

Mahomes will dominate the conversation all week. Otherwise, the Chiefs came out of the divisional round healthy.

KEY NUMBER

14 — That's the number of playoff touchdown catches for Kelce, which trails only Rob Gronkowski (15) and Jerry Rice (22) for the most in NFL history. Kelce has had at least one in each of his past four postseason games.

NEXT STEPS

The Chiefs have lost three straight to the Bengals, all since January 2022, including last year's AFC championship game. That was the only one of the three played at Arrowhead Stadium, though just like the rest, the Chiefs wound up losing by a field goal. In that game, Kansas City blew a 21-3 lead in the 27-24 overtime defeat.

HOF

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Anyone voted in would be inducted at Cooperstown on July 23 along with Fred McGriff, elected last month by the contemporary baseball era committee.

There are 84 pitchers in the Hall (including nine who were primarily relievers), 27 right fielders, 26 each among first basemen and shortstops, 24 center fielders, 23 left fielders, 20 second basemen, 19 catchers and 17 third basemen. There also are three players who were primarily designated hitters, a position that didn't exist until 1973.

Among players since the expansion era started in 1961, the only third basemen elected by the BBWAA have been Robinson (1983), Mike Schmidt (1995), George Brett (1999), Paul Molitor (2004), Wade Boggs (2005) and Chipper Jones (2018). Ron Santo was inducted in 2012 following a veterans committee vote.

"It's a very difficult position to play because you need to be very quick and the great third basemen have to be able to hit," former Commissioner Fay Vincent said. "And when you think about it, after Brooks Robinson and Mike Schmidt the number falls off pretty quickly."

Rolen had a .281 batting average with 316 homers and 1,287 RBIs for Philadelphia (1996-2002), St. Louis (2002-07), Toronto (2008-09) and Cincinnati (2009-12). He was a unanimous pick as the 1997 NL Rookie of the Year, hit .421 as the Cardinals won the 2006 World Series and won eight Gold Gloves.

Helton, a five-time All-Star, batted .316 with 369 homers and 1,406 RBIs with Colorado from 1997-2013. He won the 2000 NL batting title and three Gold Gloves. Helton's vote percentage rose from 16.5% in 2019 to 52% last year.

Wagner had 422 saves, sixth on the career list, and was a seven-time All-Star in a 16-year career with Houston (1995-2003), Philadelphia (2004-05), the New York Mets (2006-09), Boston (2009) and Atlanta (2010). Wagner's vote increased from 10.5% in 2016 to 51% last year.

Carlos Beltrán, John Lackey and Jered Weaver are among 14 newcomers, the first time writers will evaluate Beltrán following his role in the Houston Astros cheating scandal en route to the 2017 World Series title.

Win

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Henne fits that mold, and there he was, watching from the sideline amid sleet and snow Saturday night as Mahomes was dragged to the turf by Jaguars pass rusher Arden Key, whose full body weight landed on the MVP candidate's ankle.

Mahomes slowly stood up, barely able to put pressure on it, as a nervous hush descended over Arrowhead Stadium. He gutted out three more plays to finish the first quarter, then two more to set up a field goal, before Chiefs coach Andy Reid cornered him on the sideline and gave his star an ultimatum.

"I thought I could play through it," Mahomes said, "and he said, 'I'm not putting you back in so you might as well go get the X-ray, and then if it's negative or whatever, I'll put you back in."

So, throwing his winter coat to the ground in frustration, Mahomes headed up the tunnel to the Kansas City locker room.

Henne traded his baseball cap for a football helmet and headed onto the field.

The Jaguars didn't do him any favors, backing the Chiefs up to their own 2 with a punt. But the confidence that Reid and offensive coordinator Eric Bieniemy had in him was evident by their first play call: a pass play from his own end zone.

Henne completed it to Travis Kelce, one of 14 on his night. Then he hit Kadarius Toney later in the drive, and found Kelce twice more, on one of them getting crushed late by Key and drawing a personal foul penalty.

On the 12th and final play of the drive, Henne hit the All-Pro tight end one last time for the touchdown.

"To come in a hostile game, backed up to your 2, go 98 yards," Kelce said, "that just shows the type of competitor he is."

It wasn't the first time Henne has saved a season. In another divisional game two years ago, when Mahomes was forced into the concussion protocol, he guided the Chiefs through the final two quarters to a 22-17 win over the Browns.

"It's not a one-man show," Henne said. "There's a lot of great guys on our offense that really stepped up and helped me."

Kelce topped the list. But Isiah Pacheco, a seventh-round draft pick, had the bulk of his 95 yards rushing on Henne's drive, and his offensive line largely kept one of the league's best defenses from laying a finger on him.

Perhaps they were inspired by Henne. Or put at ease by the fact that he was cracking jokes in the huddle.

"I don't know if it was the jokes," he said. "It was looking the guys in the eye, exemplifying some of the words in the offense that we do, and just really getting their attention and knowing that you believe in them as well as them believing in me."

Henne was ready to play the rest of the way. But after X-rays on Mahomes came back negative, and he had proved to Reid that he was mobile enough to protect himself, he successfully negotiated his way back into the game.

With Henne again watching from the sideline, the All-Pro quarterback led the Chiefs the rest of the way to victory.

Mahomes was due to get an MRI exam Sunday, but he vowed to be ready for next week's AFC championship game against the winner of the Bengals-Bills game. You can bet one thing, though: Henne will be ready, too.

Disrespected no more, Bengals prepare to face Chiefs again

By Mitch Stacy
Associated Press

CINCINNATI — The Cincinnati Bengals went into Buffalo feeling disrespected and played their most complete game of the season.

With tickets on sale last week for a potential neutral-site Buffalo-Kansas City AFC championship game, the Bengals came into a snowstorm and dominated the second-seeded Bills.

Cincinnati's 27-10 win — its 10th in a row — sets up a rematch with Patrick Mahomes and the top-seeded Chiefs in the AFC championship game Sunday.

The Bengals are peaking in the playoffs again, and nobody is more confident than quarterback Joe Burrow, who said this team is better this last year's. That squad won 27-24 in overtime at Kansas City to advance to the Super Bowl, where it lost 23-20 to the Los Angeles Rams.

"We're a more complete team and a better team," Burrow said. "We just seem to make plays when it counts."

With three backups playing on the offensive line against Buffalo, it was hard to predict how efficiently the Bengals' offense could operate.

It couldn't have gone much better.

Burrow completed 23 of 36 passes for 242 yards and two touchdowns. He had zero turnovers and was sacked just once. He completed passes to eight different receivers.

"Unbelievable," running back Joe Mixon said. "To come through in the snow and deliver dots the way he was doing it, that's crazy. I'm going to be honest, that's crazy. I've never seen anything like it, to be real."

Mixon had a big game, too — a welcome development considering the Bengals' running game had stalled in recent weeks. He rushed for 105 yards, averaging 5.3 per carry, and a touchdown. It was Mixon's first 100-yard game since Nov. 6 and only his second this season.

WHAT'S WORKING

Just about everything on Sunday. Cincinnati was balanced on offense, picking up 30 first downs, converting 6 of 10 third downs and finishing with 412 total yards — including 172 on the ground, its most since Nov. 6.

The defense limited Buffalo to 63 rushing yards and kept constant pressure on quarterback Josh Allen, who was hit eight times and sacked once. The Bills' top receiver, Stefon Diggs, finished with four catches for 35 yards.

WHAT NEEDS HELP

As far as the Bengals are concerned, the NFL's decision-making process could use some work. The league began selling tickets for a possible game in Atlanta that was dependent on the Bills and Chiefs winning last weekend. The NFL had decided on the first-of-its-kind, neutral-site conference championship because the Bills (13-3) finished the season a half-game behind the Chiefs (14-3) after their game at Cincinnati was canceled on Jan. 2 when Bills safety Damar Hamlin went into cardiac arrest and had to be resuscitated on the field. The Bengals felt disrespected by that plan and were determined to ruin it.

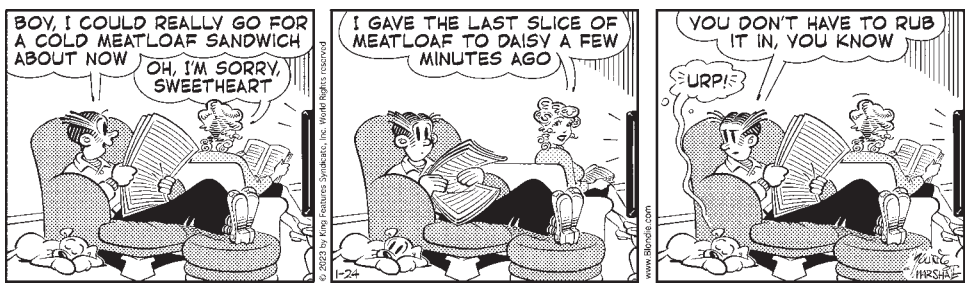
"They keep talking us down, and we'll keep showing up," receiver Ja'Marr Chase said.

STOCK UP

Jackson Carman had not played tackle for the Bengals since he was drafted in 2021. Carman was pushed into service at left tackle after Jonah Williams dislocated a kneecap in the wild card-round playoff win over Baltimore. Backups Hakeem Adeniji and Max Scharping were already starting on the right side because of injuries.

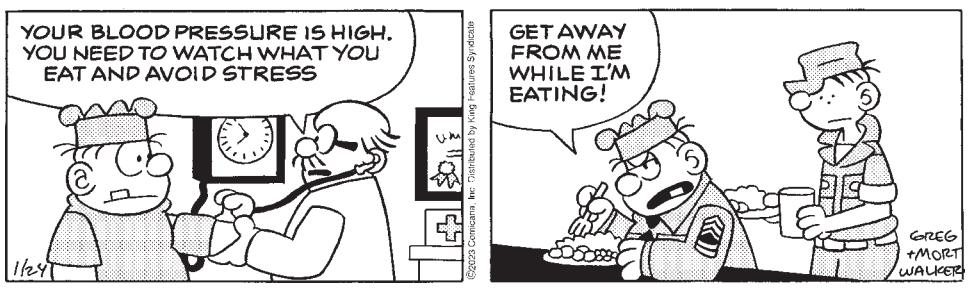
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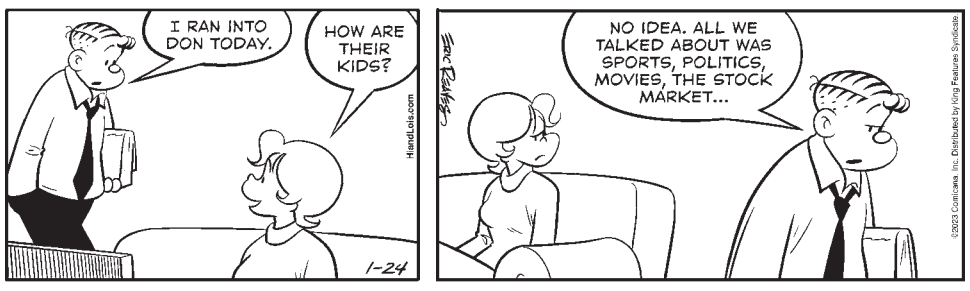
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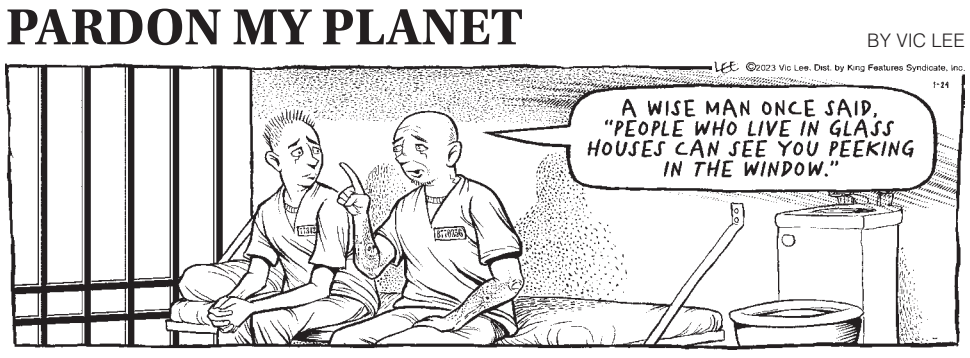
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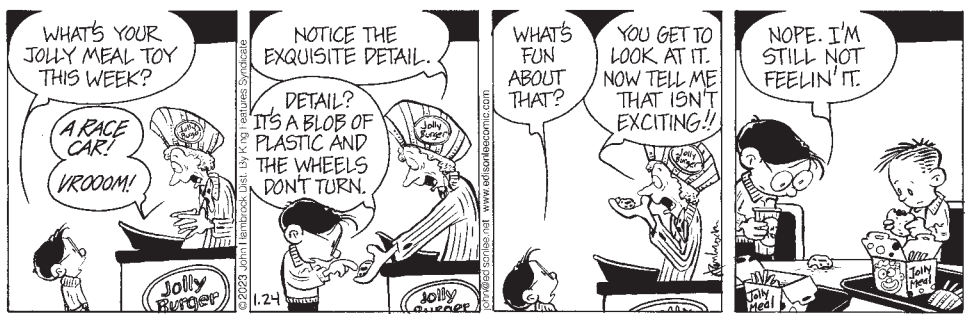
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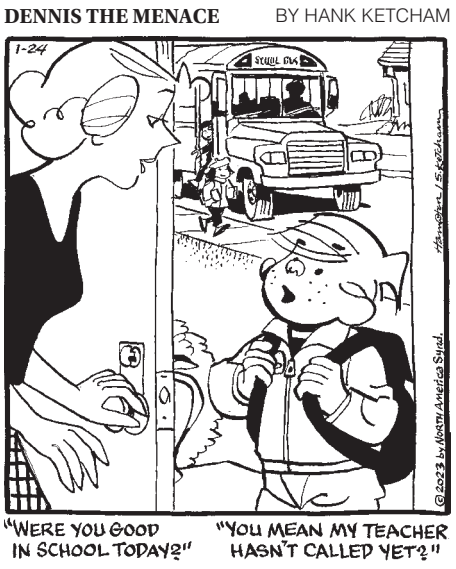
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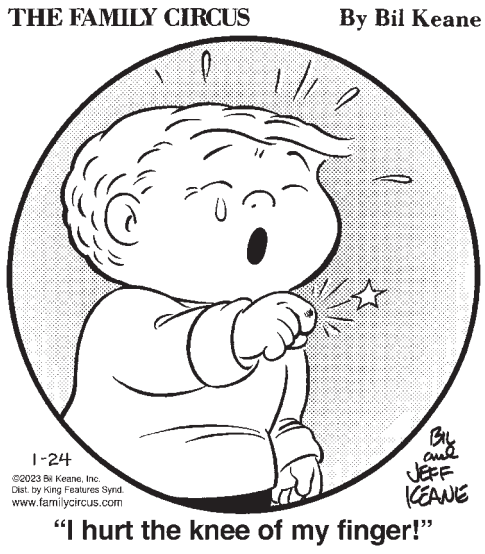
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ACROSS

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11 Network points
12 "Looks — everything"
13 Campaign leader
15 Immigrant's subj.
16 Solo of "Star Wars"
17 Kickoff aid
18 Sweet course
20 Star pitcher
21 Had supper
22 Thin board
23 Wise saying
26 Grating sounds
27 Swear
28 Actor Affleck
29 Gym unit
30 Determined
34 Dedicated verse
35 Ill. neighbor
36 Actor Maher-shala
37 False friend
40 Top story
41 Fragment
42 Lab work
43 Civil wrongs

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2 Like Thor and Odin
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7 Coffee dispenser
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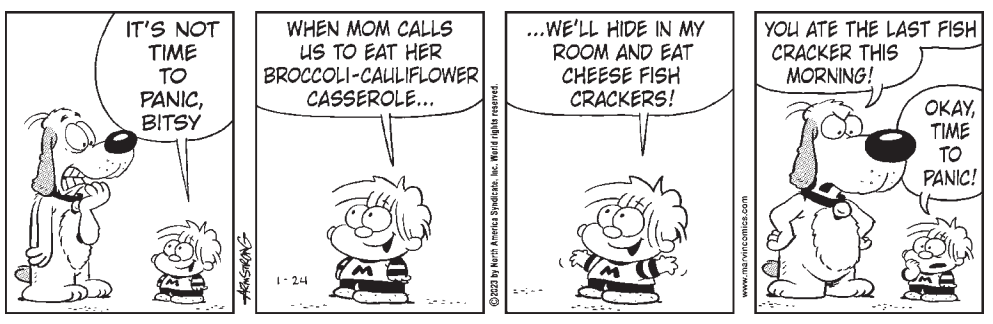
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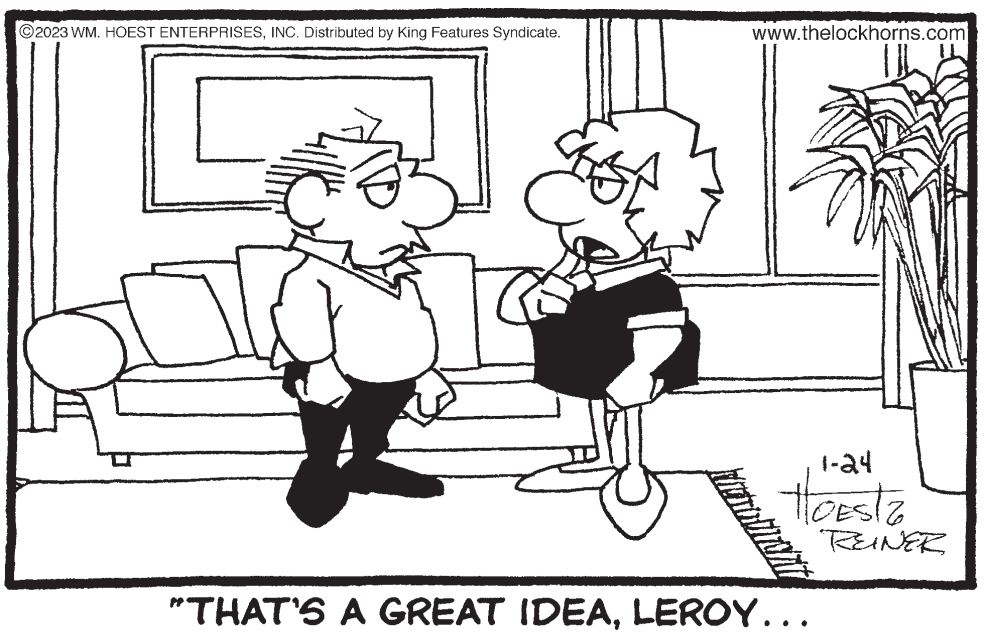
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Answer to previous puzzle

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Notice to Creditors
(Small Estate)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of ANNA MAE CAIN, Decedent.
On 1-19-2023, a small estate affidavit was filed by the distributees for the decedent under Section 473.097, RSMo, with the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Pettis County, Missouri.
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Date of first publication is 1-24-2023.

Susan Sadler,
Circuit Clerk
By: /s/Darla Ebeling,
Deputy Clerk
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Legal Notice

IN THE 18TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT,
PETTIS COUNTY, MISSOURI
Judge or Division: PROBATE
Case Number: 22PT-PR00158
PAULA SUE LANGE,
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Notice of Letters of Administration Granted
(Supervised Administration - Non-Resident Fiduciary)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of PAULA SUE LANGE, Decedent:
On 1-20-2023, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of PAULA SUE LANGE, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Pettis County, Missouri. The personal representative's business address is:
KIMBERLEY DAWN COBB, 70 CABALETTA LN, HENDERSON, NV 89015.
The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number is:
JAMES P. BUCKLEY, 121 E FOURTH ST, PO BOX 348, SEDALIA, MO 65302-0348, 660/826-7373.
The non-resident personal representative's designated agent's name and business address is:
JAMES P BUCKLEY, 1765 SYCAMORE DR., SEDALIA, MO 65301.
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Date of the decedent's death: 24-JUN-2022
Date of first publication: 24-JAN-2023

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Deputy Clerk
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IN THE 18TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, PETTIS COUNTY, MISSOURI
Judge or Division: R PAUL BEARD
Case Number: 22PT-PR00245
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Notice of Letters Testamentary Granted
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To All Persons Interested in the Estate of DALE FRANCIS PECK, Decedent:
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The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number is:
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AP source: Lakers acquiring Rui Hachimura from Wizards

By Tim Reynolds
AP Basketball Writer



Washington Wizards forward Rui Hachimura (8) smiles after scoring against the Orlando Magic during the second half of an NBA basketball game, Saturday, Jan. 21, 2023, in Washington.
PHOTO BY JESS RAPFOGEL | AP PHOTO

The Los Angeles Lakers are acquiring former lottery pick Rui Hachimura from the Washington Wizards in exchange for Kendrick Nunn and a package of second-round draft picks, a person familiar with the negotiations said Monday.

The person, speaking to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the trade has not been finalized and approved by the NBA, said the teams are working under the expectation that the deal will be completed later Monday.

Hachimura and the Wizards did not agree on a rookie extension before the season started, which prompted speculation that the Japanese power forward wouldn't be in their long-term plans.

And it would make sense that the Lakers would be seeking help. At 22-25, they're in 12th place in the Western Conference, but entered Monday just two games behind the Los Angeles Clippers for the No. 6 spot and four games back of the New Orleans Pelicans for No. 4 in the West — with LeBron James averaging nearly 30 points per game and a belief that Anthony Davis will be back from injury sooner than later.

"I just want to be somewhere that wants me as a basketball player," Hachimura told reporters last week. "And I want to be somewhere that likes my game. ... I just want to be somewhere that believes in me and I can be myself. That's my goal."

The 6-foot-8 Hachimura would provide the Lakers with wing defense and 3-point shooting ability, filling two clear needs for a team fighting to stay afloat during Davis' latest lengthy injury absence.

Los Angeles has hit only 33.7% of its 3-pointers this season, ranking near the bottom of the NBA. Hachimura is hitting 34% of his 3-point shots this season after hitting 44.7% last season, but he excels in the catch-and-shoot situations that are often created for James' teammates by his penetration and playmaking.

Hachimura is also a standout midrange shooter, while his length should provide the Lakers with an option against teams with taller wing players who have occasionally exploited Los Angeles' lack of mobility on the perimeter.

Hachimura has appeared in 30 games for the Wizards this season, all off the bench, averaging 13.0 points on 49% shooting from the floor. He was the No. 9 pick in the 2019 draft out of Gonzaga.

Hachimura will be reuniting with penetrating guard Russell Westbrook, his teammate in Washington during the 2020-21 season. Hachimura famously said Westbrook was his "senpai" — his "leader" in Japanese.

Nunn is in his fourth NBA season, his second with the Lakers, though he missed all of last season with a knee problem before activating his $5.25 million option for this season in the final year of his deal. Nunn has averaged 6.7 points in 39 games this season, 37 of them in a reserve role, with wildly inconsistent contributions offensively.

The Lakers soon will have a glut of guards with Lonnie Walker and Austin Reaves due to return from injury, and Nunn's departure alleviates the logjam. Westbrook, Dennis Schröder, Patrick Beverley and rookie second-round pick Max Christie also have logged significant minutes when healthy this season.

The Lakers have given no definite timeline for Davis' return, but coach Darvin Ham said Davis "looked great" in a full scrimmage last weekend. If he continues to improve, Davis could return during the Lakers' upcoming five-game road trip, which begins Saturday in Boston.

Prescott, Cowboys stuck in divisional-round rut another year

By Schuyler Dixon
AP Pro Football Writer



Dallas Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott (4) walks off the field after an NFL divisional round playoff football game against the San Francisco 49ers in Santa Clara, Calif., Sunday, Jan. 22, 2023.
PHOTO BY JOSIE LEPE | AP PHOTO

FRISCO, Texas — For all the progress of the first road playoff victory in 30 years, Dak Prescott and the Dallas Cowboys still can't get out of their divisional-round rut.

Now they have another year to think about it.

"They're all independent," the Dallas quarterback said after dropping to 0-3 in divisional games, almost half of the record seven consecutive losses in this round for the Cowboys.

"You can't take one from the other or think about that. But all I can think about right now is this game and how disappointed I am in my play at this point."

Prescott threw two interceptions in a 19-12 loss to San Francisco, a week after easily his best playoff performance in a victory at Tampa Bay that eliminated seven-time champ Tom Brady.

The Cowboys (13-6) have fallen short of the NFC championship game in 12 consecutive playoff appearances since winning the most recent of the five Super Bowl titles for America's Team 27 years ago.

Prescott was the problem early, but the defense was a big letdown late by allowing two long scoring drives and not getting Dallas the ball back with enough time for a realistic scoring chance.

The offseason focus, though, will be largely on Prescott's failures.

He went from a personal playoff-best 143.3 passer rating against the Bucs to a playoff-worst 63.6 against the Niners. His career-high 17 interceptions, playoffs included, led the NFL.

Owner/general manager Jerry Jones remains committed to Prescott. The 2016 NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year has two years left on a four-year contract that pays $40 million per season.

"We'll come out of here with something good out of this," Jones said. "That's an edge. Tonight didn't change my mind about the edge with him."

MCCARTHY'S STIFF-ARM

Coach Mike McCarthy was photographed extending an arm into the lens of a TV cameraman while walking off the field after the game.

The cameraman tweeted that he didn't think the coach pushed him, although the photograph made it appear he had. The cameraman said he met privately with McCarthy, who he said apologized.

Jones said the latest divisional loss didn't change his mind about McCarthy being his coach. Questions about McCarthy's job security continue despite consecutive 12-win seasons that ended with playoff trips, including last week's postseason victory.

ENDING WITH A THUD

Star running back Ezekiel Elliott and tight end Dalton Schultz might have played their final games with the Cowboys. If so, both endings left something to be desired.

Elliott was the center for a strange formation on the final play, getting run over by a defender after the shotgun snap to Prescott. Receiver KaVontae Turpin was immediately tackled before the Cowboys could start pitching the ball on a play that began 76 yards from the end zone.

Schultz inexplicably didn't get a second foot down on the catch before that play, costing the Cowboys about 15 yards of field position and preventing any realistic chance at a desperation pass.

Elliott could be cut without significant salary cap implications on the $90 million, six-year extension he signed three years ago.

Schultz, who scored three touchdowns in the playoffs, played on the franchise tag and appears unlikely to do so again. It probably will take a long-term contract to keep him, and the Cowboys have some expensive priorities coming in the next few years.

POLLARD'S FUTURE

Running back Tony Pollard, who emerged as the best playmaker on offense, broke his left fibula against the 49ers when he was tackled in the first half.

He was on the final year of his rookie contract, and still will be rehabbing an injury that will require surgery when free agency opens in March. Pollard might be headed for the franchise tag.

RECEIVING VOID

CeeDee Lamb had a career season in his debut as the No. 1 receiver after the offseason trade of Amari Cooper in a cost-cutting move.

The Cowboys never really did figure out how to replace Cooper, though. Before the ill-conceived final play, Noah Brown (two catches) and T.Y. Hilton (one) were the only receivers with a catch after Lamb's 10 grabs for 117 yards.

Michael Gallup, who signed a $58 million, five-year contract last offseason, was shut out against the 49ers.

DEFENSIVE DECISIONS

Micah Parsons, an All-Pro in both of his seasons, is the anchor of a defense that led the NFL in takeaways in consecutive years. There are some questions about the supporting cast.

Linebacker Leighton Vander Esch, Dallas' first-round pick five years ago, had a strong season on a one-year contract after the Cowboys didn't pick up the fifth-year option on his rookie deal.

Fellow linebacker Anthony Barr, added as a free agent on a one-year contract in training camp, gave Dallas more flexibility in using Parsons as a pass rusher. Safety Donovan Wilson is a free agent.

KICKING QUANDARY

Brett Maher is a free agent after setting an NFL record with four missed extra-point kicks in the wild-card win over the Bucs. He had one blocked against the 49ers, but the kick looked as if it would have missed anyway. He finished the season by missing six of his last seven PATs.

It's easy to forget that Maher stabilized a shaky situation as a late add in training camp when a kicking competition flopped. Playoffs included, he was 31 of 34 on field goals (91%).