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B&P Excavating becomes 100% employee-owned

Owner Mike Brown retiring after 32 years

By Faith Bemiss

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In a locally unprecedented move, Mike Brown, who retired as owner of B&P Excavating and Turpin Land Surveying on July 1, has allowed his employees to own the business through an Employee Stock Ownership Plan, or ESOP.

Mike retired after 32 years at the helm of both businesses and wanted his faithful employees to be well-taken care of. Mike's son Travis Brown owns the company Specialty Tax and Investment, and advising business owners on ESOPs is something he specializes in.

"My dad hired me to do this for him," Travis explained. "Mike decided about a year ago that he wanted to do this fairly complex transaction.

"So, basically, what it is, is a retirement plan for employees," he continued. "It's where the employees will earn shares of stock. With every pay period, they are earning shares. So, as of now, Mike owns nothing."

He added that the retirement plan owns the businesses and will divvy

out employees' shares. There are 20 employees, and it is 100% employee-owned.

If an employee leaves the business, they will sell their shares back.

"Like when someone leaves, or someone retires, the shares get bumped back," he noted. "That way, the next person we hire, there will always be shares there."

Travis added the concept is a "pretty unique" idea.

"To my knowledge, there's no other employee-owned company in the area," he said. "Prior to 2019, this was the type of thing that was exclusive to really big companies.

"Then, in 2019, the Small Business Administration got into the business of guaranteeing these transactions for small businesses. Then COVID hit, and the Small Business Administration basically wasn't doing anything until '22. Which is when we got this started."

Mike said he decided on this type of plan because it was easy for him to pay back his employees who had been with him for so many years.

"I've got some that have

been 25-year employees," he added. "And I didn't want to sell the company and walk away.

"It wasn't really fair to them," he continued. "And I'm 72 years old, and it's time for me to quit. I could have sold the company and walked away, but these guys helped me build this, and now they've got to build something for themselves."

Travis noted the advantage of an ESOP is the employees aren't only employees anymore; they have a stake in the company.

"If they work hard, it shows up in their retirement savings," he explained. "I'll give you a statistic; the National Center for Employee Ownership has a study. On average, for ESOPs across the United States versus companies that are owned by someone, employees of ESOPs retire with about 80% more retirement savings than the average non-ESOP employee."

Mike added they thought it was the "best they could do" for the employees.

"Sedalia's been awfully good to us," he noted.

"And we wanted to con-



Mike Brown, left, and his son Travis Brown stand in the offices of B&P Excavating and Turpin Land Surveying on Wednesday, July 19. Mike Brown, who owned the business, retired on July 1 and has allowed the employees to own the company through an Employee Stock Ownership Plan.

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tinue it. That was our big reasoning.

"And they own this without putting a dollar in it," he continued. "Out-of-pocket to buy-in — it's not a buy-in. It gives people a real incentive. It really helps them know that they're benefiting themselves every day more than just a paycheck."

Mike added he has several farms in Pettis County that he will take care of in retirement. He will also re-

main as chair of the Board of Directors.

"I'm not doing the daily things," he said. "And I'll only be here a couple of years or whenever they need me to."

Travis added Mike would be available only if needed.

"We just really want to thank our past customers," Mike noted. "B&P's been here for a long time, and we want it to be here a lot longer."

Mike said it was bitter-sweet to hang up his hat.

"The guys don't really need me a lot," he said. "They've been running the business for some time — I'm just here for support if they need me."

Dennis Steele is now president of the company, and Bill Mertgen is the general manager.

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Smithton looks to join Pettis County Fire

258 signatures needed to get issue on November ballot

By Chris Howell

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SMITHTON – The Smithton Fire Association is considering ending the community's volunteer fire department and joining the Pettis County Fire Protection District.

"Smithton Fire Association is wanting to join Pettis County Fire Association," SFA Chairman Nick Gerke said during a public information session Thursday, July 20. "We're a dues-based fire association, and we can't force people to pay dues, so 25% of the people in the district don't."

With a population of just over 500 people, Smithton, like many rural communities, struggles to keep its volunteer fire department viable.

"There's not that many to raise funds from," Gerke added. "We're all volunteer,



A public information session at the Smithton Community Center Friday floated the idea of the Smithton joining the Pettis County Fire Department. Pettis County Fire Chief explained the benefits to the sparsely-attended audience.

PHOTO BY CHRIS HOWELL

we've got a pumper truck, a tanker truck, and two brush trucks."

The equipment is very costly to replace, and though Smithton Fire has enough funds to buy a \$400,000 truck, that isn't the community's only fire-related expense.

"Money to upgrade

equipment and training," Gerke said. "We got a really good group of volunteers, but the training... We talked about this for several years and as time goes by, I mean, the writing's on the wall. It's gotta happen sometime, we just can't keep up with our dues."

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Democratic attorney general candidate visits Sedalia

By Faith Bemiss

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A 2024 Democratic candidate for Missouri attorney general visited Sedalia this week and participated in the Pettis County Democrats' fundraising Ice Cream Social.

Elad Gross, 35, a civil rights and government transparency attorney in St. Louis, was previously the Assistant Attorney General under the Chris Koster administration. He ran for attorney general in 2020 and received 44.6% of the vote in the Democratic primary against winner Rich Finneran.

Incumbent Andrew Bailey, a Republican, announced in January he plans to seek his first full term in the 2024 election. He was appointed by Gov. Mike Parson to replace Eric Schmitt, who was elected to the U.S. Senate last year.

Bailey has been challenged by Will Scharf for the Republican nomination. According to Missouri Independent, Scharf was an aide to former Gov. Eric Greitens and most recently worked as an assistant U.S. attorney,

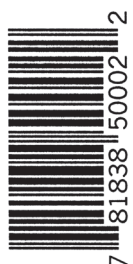
State Rep. Sarah Unsicker, D-Shrewsbury, has also announced her campaign for the office. Gross and Unsicker would face each other in the August 2024 primary. Filing for that election begins Feb. 27.

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Thursday night, July 20, Elad Gross, a 2024 Democratic candidate for Missouri attorney general, points to a contestant in a cakewalk during the Pettis County Democrats' Ice Cream Social. Gross and Ruth Dale were conducting the cakewalk during the community fundraiser hosted at the First United Methodist Church. Gross will visit Henry County on Sunday, July 23.

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OBITUARIES

Kimberly Ann Stoecklein Townlain

Kimberly Ann Stoecklein Townlain, age 59, of Pilot Grove, MO, passed away Friday, July 14, 2023, at her home surrounded by her family and friends.



Kim was born July 19, 1963, in Boonville, to Gene and Janet Stoecklein. She was a 1981 graduate of Pilot Grove High School. On June 13, 1987, she was united in marriage to Jim Townlain at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Pilot Grove. Kim was an avid Pilot Grove Tigers fan and scorekeeper. She worked for the University of Missouri School of Journalism for over 25 years.

She was preceded in death by her dad, Gene, and son, Anthony.

She is survived by her husband, Jim, and her sons, Dustin (fiancé McKalie) and Matthew (Hannah); grandson Tucker James on the way.

She is also survived by her mother, Janet, and brothers, Brad (Suzy) and Andy (Rhonda), as well as her nieces and nephews, Ryan (Coree), Katy (Bryce), Dalton and Marysa, and great-niece, Callie.

Prayers of the Rosary will begin at 4 p.m. Friday, July 21, 2023, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Pilot Grove, with visitation to follow until 7 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 22, 2023, at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Burial will be in St. Joseph Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to St. Joseph School Foundation, Pilot Grove Booster Club, or Pilot Grove FFA Alumni Association.

Arrangements are in the care of Meisenheimer-Page-Dady Funeral Home in Pilot Grove.

Dorothy Mae Franklin

Dorothy Mae Franklin, age 100, of Sedalia, departed this life on Thursday, July 20, 2023, to begin her new life with the Lord. She lived at Sylvia Thompson from 2011 until the time of her death.



She was born February 19, 1923, in La Monte, Missouri, to Roy Rue and Grace Mae Shelley.

Dorothy graduated from La Monte High School in 1941. On December 25, 1943, she married Amos E. Franklin, who preceded her in death on November 24, 1991.

Mrs. Franklin was a member of Parkview Christian Church since 1981. She was also a member of BFY (Be Forever Young) and served as secretary for several years.

Mrs. Franklin worked at Woolworths for 13 years, 1957-69. She took care of the pets and home furnishings, and before they closed, she served food at the fountain, which she loved. She then worked at Fabricland for six years from 1970 to 1976 and then finally at Walmart for two years before retirement.

She is survived by a son, James E. Frankin and Suzanne, and a daughter, Carolyn Lee and Steven; 15 grandchildren: Amy Dutcher and Darin, Emily Goodman and Scott, Brian Lee and Christina, Kevin E. Lee, Jean Wahl-Bejarano, Mary Garcia-Berjarno and Frank, Shirley Ser-

rano and Eliaquin, Mike Hern, Rusty McPherson and Larry, Floyd Hern and Maria, Katherine Hern, David Hern and Tina, Angela Hern, Tracy Diaz and Max, Daniel Jeremiah Hern; more

than 65 great-grandchildren, and several great-great-grandchildren, plus many nieces and nephews.

Special thanks goes to the staff at Sylvia G. Thompson Residence Center for the excellent care given Dorothy for over 10 years, as well as the care provided by Hospice Care.

In addition to her husband and her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Virginia R. Howard, a daughter and son-in-law, Betty and Dan Hern, and three grandchildren, Danny Hern, Melinda Hern Perez, and John Hern.

Dorothy was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, aunt and friend.

Her hobbies included fishing, spending time with her grandchildren, listening to country music, and watching the KC Royals play baseball.

The family will receive friends from 9 a.m. until service time Thursday, July 27, 2023, at Heckart Funeral Home. The funeral service will begin at 10 a.m. A Christian burial will follow at Highland Sacred Gardens.

Memorials are suggested to Parkview Christian Church.

Emery Jean Knisley, age two months, passed away Monday, July 17, 2023, at Bothwell Regional Health Center.

She was born April 24, 2023, in Sedalia, daughter of Brenten Knisley and Tiffany Eldridge. She was the baby sister of Lyra Mae and Ava Leeanna.

Emery loved the outside, the sound of bells, and liked to be patted when she was rocked. When she smiled, she lit

up the room with a dimple on her cheek and everyone smiled along with her. She was loved dearly and will be greatly missed.



Surviving are her mom and dad and two older sisters; paternal grandparents, Rance and Kara Knisley; maternal grandmother, Caran

Eldridge; aunt, Channon (Jason) Ratcliffe; uncle, Adam (Enjoli) Knisley; and cousins, Olivia, Piper and Palmer. She was preceded in death by her maternal grandfather, Thomas J. Eldridge.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 29, 2023, at Florence United

Methodist Church, with Rev. Vonda Veale officiating.

Burial will be at a later date in North McDonald Cemetery near Winterset, IA.

A memorial bench will be placed in a local park and contributions toward this can be made to Tiffany Eldridge, in care of Heckart Funeral Home, P.O. Box 434, Sedalia, MO 65302.

Ruby Joyce Moulder, 86, of Windsor, MO, passed away July 18, 2023, at the The Piper in Kansas City, Kansas.

She was born October 18, 1936, in McNairy County, TN, the daughter of Charles Lowell Massey and Minnie Verlee (Taylor) Massey.

As a child, Ruby moved from Pocahontas, TN, to rural Benton County, MO, to Alton, IL, and returned to Warsaw, MO. She graduated from War-

saw High School in 1954. Ruby worked as a social worker and also worked at Sears and Roebuck, Calvary Baptist Church, and Royal Oaks Hospital, all in Windsor. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church, Windsor.

On Sept. 4, 1959, she married Kenneth Earl Moulder in Warsaw. He preceded her in death on March 4, 1998. Survivors include a son, Kenneth Craig Moulder, Camdenton, MO; a daughter,

Lisa Joyce Hiller (Michael), Basehor, KS; a foster daughter, Amy Ann Moore, Sedalia, MO; two grandchildren, Heather Moulder and Lindsey Hiller; two step-grandchildren, Tara Harbit and Michael Slivkov; and seven great-grandchildren, with another expected November 2023.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Charles Massey and Terry Massey, and two sisters,

Charlotte Spry and Linda Ritter.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. July 29, 2023, at the Hadley Funeral Home, Windsor. Visitation before from 1-2 p.m. Burial at a later date in the Parrack Grove Cemetery, Roach, MO. Memorials suggested to Farrington Park in Windsor c/o the funeral home. Condolences at www.hadleyfuneralhome.com.

DEATH NOTICE

Brock

Otis Delmar Brock Jr., 80, of Sedalia, died Wednesday, July 19, 2023. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, July 24, 2023, at First United Methodist Church in Sedalia. Burial will be in Memorial Cemetery in Cole Camp. Arrangements are under the direction of Fox Funeral Home in Cole Camp.

FUNERALS

Kimberly Ann Stoecklein Townlain

10 p.m. Saturday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Pilot Grove. Arrangements are in the care of Meisenheimer-Page-Dady Funeral Home in Pilot Grove.

Margaret E. "Marge" Charles

11 a.m. Saturday at Campbell-Lewis Chapel in Marshall. Arrangements are under the direction of Campbell-Lewis Funeral Home.

Karen Kullmann Gruhn

11 a.m. Saturday at the Davis-Miller Funeral Home in Lincoln. Arrangements are under the direction of Davis Miller Funeral Home.

Kathi S. Crum

1:30 p.m. Saturday at Heckart Funeral Home in Sedalia. Arrangements

are under the direction of Heckart Funeral Home.

Janet Marie Dotson-Butler

2 p.m. Saturday at Calvary Baptist Church in Sedalia. Arrangements are under the direction of Floral Hills Funeral Home in Kansas City.

Christian George Weisz

3 to 7 p.m. Sunday at Milestones Barn in Warrensburg. Arrangements are under the direction of Heartland Cremation & Burial Society in Raytown.

Garland Wray Jobe

10 a.m. Monday at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Sedalia. Arrangements are under the direction of Rea Funeral Chapel in Sedalia.

Otis Delmar Brock Jr.

11 a.m. Monday at First

United Methodist Church in Sedalia. Arrangements are under the direction of Fox Funeral Home in Cole Camp.

Roger W. Gates

1 p.m. Monday at McLaughlin Funeral Chapel in Sedalia. Arrangements are under the direction of McLaughlin Funeral Chapel.

Orlyn A. Heimsoth Sr.

2 p.m. Tuesday at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Concordia. Arrangements are under the direction of Campbell-Lewis Funeral Home in Concordia.

Charles David Hopkins

2 p.m. Tuesday at Rea Funeral Chapel in Sedalia. Arrangements are under the direction of Rea Funeral Chapel.

Dorothy Mae Franklin

11 a.m. Saturday at First

United Methodist Church in Sedalia. Arrangements are under the direction of Heckart Funeral Home in Sedalia. Arrangements are under the direction of Heckart Funeral Home.

Emery Jean Knisley

11 a.m. Saturday, July 29 at Florence United Methodist Church in Florence. Arrangements are under the direction of Heckart Funeral Home in Sedalia.

Ruby Joyce Moulder

2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29 at Hadley Funeral Home in Windsor. Arrangements are under the direction of Hadley Funeral Home.

Cecil Warren Bohon Jr.

11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 12 at Calvary Episcopal Church in Sedalia. Arrangements are under the direction of Heckart Funeral Home and Cremation Services in Sedalia.

Democrat Salutes



Retrieving Freedom Inc. CEO Wayne Richardson gave a presentation to the Sedalia Lions Club on July 19. Shown is Lions Club President Evan Fluty presenting a \$500 check to Richardson help the organization continue to train and offer service dogs throughout the U.S. for those in need.

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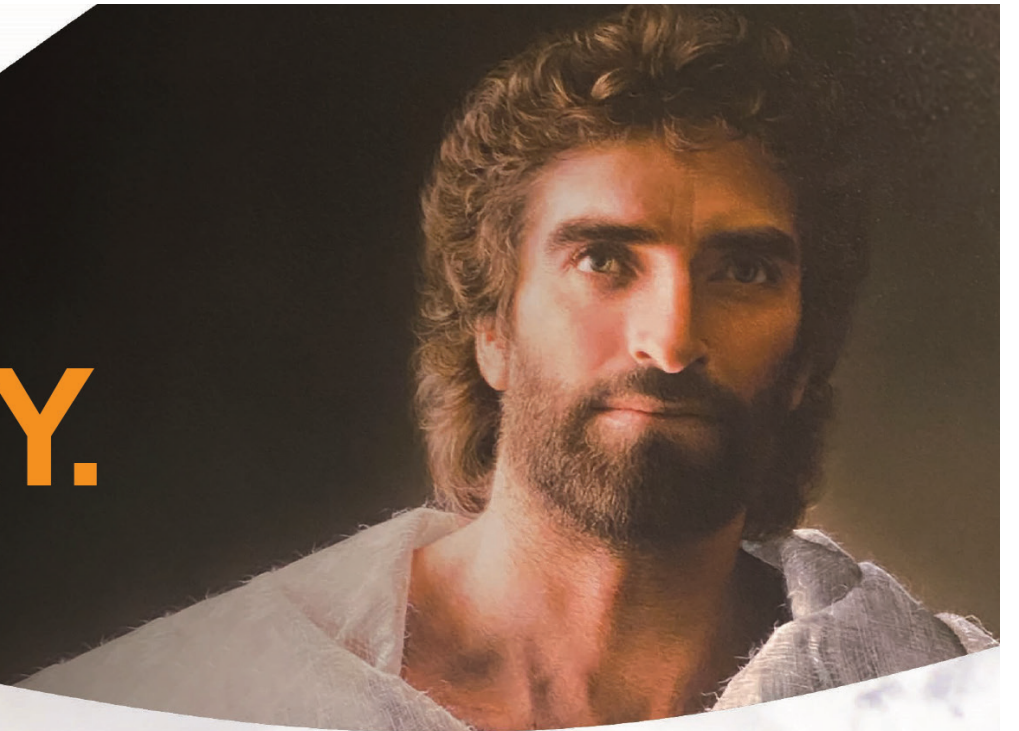
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Explore the **WAY.**



"In all ranks of life, the human heart yearns for the beautiful; and the beautiful things that God makes are His gift to all alike."
- Harriet Beecher Stowe

"Wow, look at that beautiful sunset!"
"Are you kidding me?! Sunsets are disgusting and ugly! They make my stomach turn."
Said no one, ever.

People from different lands and cultures across human history recognized the beauty of a colorful sunset. Poets, painters, and musicians throughout time have written, sung, and depicted the beautiful wonder of sunsets, waterfalls, mountains, lakes, people, animals, and art of all kinds. Beauty surrounds us, but is beauty only in the eye of the beholder? Is beauty just an individual statement of preference?

In our previous three essays (available online through the link below), we explored three rather technical assertions:

1. The Universe did not self-create from absolute nothingness, but in fact had a beginning (Big Bang) and therefore a Beginner (i.e. God).
2. The cosmos gives ample evidence of extreme fine tuning, and the odds of this occurring by random chance remain so long as to be impossible. The more that scientists learn of the Universe and its properties, the longer the odds become for it all occurring randomly.
3. Biology, and especially DNA, also demonstrate extreme fine tuning, which random chance fails to explain. Such fine tuning testifies to a Fine Tuner (God).

These represent powerful arguments for the existence of God, but they can also become complex and detailed subjects. What if we can perceive God through something as straightforward as beauty?

Why do we all recognize beauty? Well, first we need to clarify the concepts of **objective** and **subjective**. Think of it this way: Jacob and Rachel enter a room. The thermostat shows the temperature is 75 degrees Fahrenheit. Jacob says it feels hot. Rachel says it feels cold. The temperature is *objectively* 75 degrees. They both *know* it is 75 degrees, but what they *feel* is *subjective*. Likewise, with beauty. *No one* looks upon a red rose, the Grand Canyon, or a golden retriever puppy and sees repulsive ugliness. (Any such person would be rightly described as disconnected from reality.) They are objectively beautiful, we all agree, even though we may feel a subjective level of intensity for such beauty. We can objectively recognize classical music as beautiful while subjectively feeling that "it's just not my kind of music." Many examples of objective beauty exist across time and cultures. All human beings agree that some things are objectively beautiful. *How can this be?*

There remain essentially two candidates for addressing objective beauty. The first is **naturalism** (a.k.a. materialism): all things naturally occur from within nature – nothing exists outside of our physical world. Naturalistic explanations often deny the existence of objective beauty at all. As author, Steven E. Parrish notes:

"Given naturalism and an impersonal Universe...one would have to say that beauty is something totally subjective, and the fact that we see beauty and enjoy beautiful things is a product of mindless evolution. In this case, it is something of a quirk. If the mutations of our ancestors had been a little different, we might think that piles of garbage were beautiful."

If naturalism accepts any form of beauty, it is only due to evolution (a theory of unguided, natural processes), which states that any beauty has worth only as it furthers the health and fertility of our species. Yet, one can imagine our ancestors gazing at the beauty of a sunset and not noticing the approaching lion, thereby making beauty a detriment to survival. And if beauty aids survival, why don't apes, dogs, or termites demonstrate some kind of appreciation or expression of beauty? Presumably they want to survive, too. Yet, animals survive just fine without beauty. Shouldn't humans also be able to survive and thrive without beauty? Plus, we all recognize many beautiful things that have nothing to do with reproduction and survival. In short, naturalism fails to explain why objective beauty exists at all.

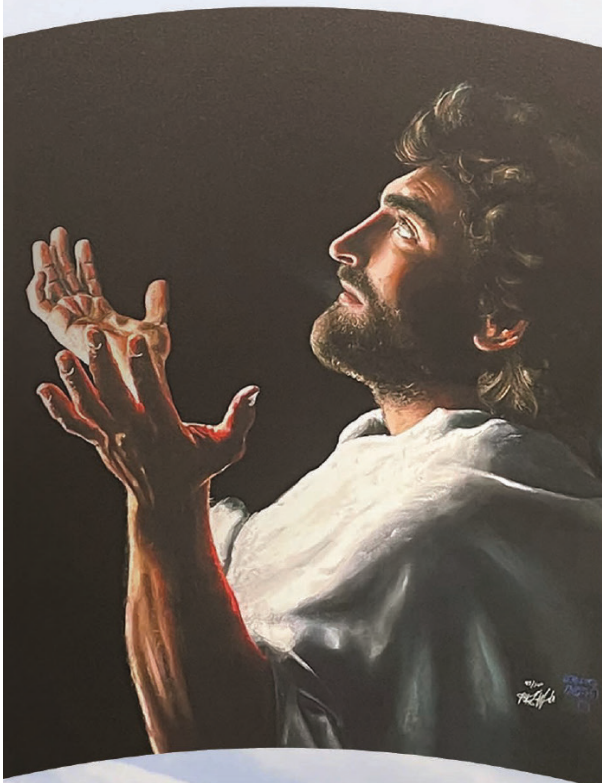
The Christian affirms objective beauty not because of naturalism but because of "super" naturalism – a **spiritual perspective** added to a scientific and philosophical framework. This represents the second and best option for explaining beauty:

- a. *If objective beauty exists, then a standard of beauty exists outside of ourselves.*
- b. *Objective beauty does exist; therefore, a Creator established a standard of beauty.*

God created all things and thus created that which is objectively beautiful. Human beings, created in God's image, are given the unique ability to recognize, appreciate, and create beauty. We reflect God's creative character in us. In this sense, beauty is indeed in the eye of the beholder, the Divine Beholder: God. As Helen Keller, born blind and deaf, so beautifully stated:

"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart."

Join us for further discussion, questions, and more details at www.ExploreTheWay.org/newspaper. We'll see you in two weeks when we next explore morality and the nature of God.



Did you know..."

According to National Geographic magazine, of the top FIVE most beautiful views in the world, THREE are in the United States:

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2. Niagara Falls
3. San Francisco Bay
4. Florence Cityscape, Italy
5. West Coast of Ireland



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SACRED HEART GRADS RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS



The 2023 recipients of the McCarthy Toyota Scholarship, from left: Caitlin Carrico, Laura Granados, Cade Brown and Jaden Velando.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF SACRED HEART SCHOOL



From left, Shawn Grose and Dan Grose award Laura Granados with the Devon Grose Memorial Scholarship and Abby Tippie with the Devon Grose McCarthy Toyota Scholarship.

Graduation week-end for the Sacred Heart School Class of 2023 included a Senior Luncheon at the Sedalia Country Club for graduates and their parents.

During the program, five graduates each received \$1,000 from the McCarthy Toyota Scholarship. Recipients included Caitlin Carrico, Cade Brown (both attending the University of Central Missouri), Kate Carney (attending Kansas State University), Laura Granados (attending the University of Missouri), and Jaden Velando (attending State Fair Community College). The McCarthy Toyota Scholarship was established in 2015 to recognize and financially support deserving Sacred Heart School graduates.

Mariana Restrepo (attending the University of Missouri) and Tanner Damlo (attending the University of Central Missouri) were each awarded \$2,500 from the Jim and Barbara Cooney Scholarship. The late Jim and Barbara Cooney

both graduated from Sacred Heart School and were part of the inaugural class of inductees into the Sacred Heart School Hall of Fame.

Granados also received \$1,000 from the Devon Grose Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship was established to honor Devon Grose, a 2015 SHS graduate who died in 2016.

Abby Tippie (attending the University of Missouri) received \$500 from the Devon Grose McCarthy Toyota Scholarship. McCarthy Toyota partnered with the Grose family to establish this scholarship to honor Devon, who was one of the first SHS recipients of the McCarthy Toyota Scholarship.

The Class of 2023 was awarded \$1,638,064 in total scholarships and accepted \$528,084. The average GPA for the class of 2023 is 3.5 on the 4.0 scale and 12 of the 22 graduates (nearly 55%) posted a cumulative GPA of 3.75 or higher.

Release courtesy of Sacred Heart School.

EVANGEL SPRING 2023 DEAN'S LIST

Evangel University recently announced a list of 636 students named to the Spring 2023 dean's list.

To be eligible for the EU dean's list, students must pass a minimum of 12 semester credits with a semester grade point

average of 3.6 to 4.0.

Local students include: **Sedalia:** Bailey Mabry, a senior majoring in Youth Ministries; Julaine

Willis, a junior majoring in Music.

Versailles: Noah Whitfield, a sophomore majoring in Leadership.

CRASH REPORTS

Clinton woman hurt in Henry County pile-up

Lida Dalton, 58, of Clinton, sustained minor injuries at 6:45 a.m. Thursday in a Henry County accident.

According to a Missouri State Highway Patrol report, Dalton was driving a 2014 Chrysler 200 north on Highway 13 at the Grand River arm bridge. She was improperly stopped in the roadway when she was struck in the rear by a 2006 Chevrolet Tahoe driven by Amber Lesmeister, 41, of Montrose. A 2009 Dodge Ram driven by John Hilty, 46, of Montrose, then struck

the back of the Tahoe, which struck the back of the Chrysler.

All drivers were wearing seat belts. Dalton was transported to Golden Valley Memorial Hospital in Clinton by private vehicle.

Two from Sedalia injured in Pettis accident

Gerald Johnson, 33, and Anita Akers, 54, both of Sedalia, sustained moderate injuries at 4:35 p.m. Thursday in a Pettis County accident.

According to a Missouri State Highway Patrol report, Ashlin Sandoval-Lemus, 19, of Sedalia, was driving a

2011 GMC Acadia west on Highway 50 and had slowed to avoid debris when she was struck in the rear by a 2004 Ford Focus driven by Akers.

Both of the drivers and the passenger were wearing seat belts. The injured were transported to Bothwell Regional Health Center by Pettis County Ambulance District.

Slater man hurt in Saline accident

Andrew M. Cowan, 22, of Slater, suffered minor injuries at 7:15 a.m. Friday in a Saline County accident.

According to a Missouri State Highway Patrol report, Cowan

was driving a 1997 GMC Suburban east on Highway 240 at 240th Road when he lost control of the vehicle while negotiating a left-hand curve. The vehicle slid off the roadway and struck a utility pole.

Cowan was not wearing a seat belt and was transported to Fitzgibbon Hospital in Marshall by private vehicle.

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

Compiled by Chris Howell.

POLICE REPORTS

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

Sedalia Police Department Arrests July 15

7:05 p.m.: Mauricio Torres Rascon, 30, of Kansas City, was arrested after a traffic stop for speeding near East Broadway Boulevard and South Babcock Avenue. The driver was intoxicated and was transported to the police department, then the Pettis County Jail, where he was booked and released for driving while intoxicated — alcohol and operating a motor vehicle without a valid driver's license.

July 19

11:09 p.m.: Christina Marie Bakert, 34, of the 1500 block of East Seventh Street, was arrested after a traffic stop near East Broadway Boulevard and South Massachusetts Avenue for traveling with no lights. It was discovered Bakert had a suspended driving status and there was a 2-year-old with no child seat. Bakert was

transported to the Pettis County Jail, booked, and released for driving with a suspended license and no child restraint.

July 20

7:46 p.m.: Virgil Andrew Edgar, 50, of the 400 block of North Grand Avenue, was arrested after officers were dispatched to the 700 block of East Broadway Boulevard for trespassing. They learned one of the subjects had been previously trespassed from the property, and Edgar was transported to the Pettis County Jail for first-degree trespass and fourth-degree assault.

Incidents July 16

6:12 p.m.: An officer spoke with a victim about the theft of items from her vehicle while she was inside a business in the 2500 block of West Broadway Boulevard.

July 19

6:18 a.m.: An officer was dispatched to a business in the 3200 block of West 16th Street in reference to a property damage report. Suspects came into the laundromat and tampered with eight washing machines. They damaged them to the point of needing circuit boards replaced,

with an estimated cost of \$7,200.

11:33 a.m.: An officer responded to the 1200 block of South Lamine Avenue to investigate a report of property damage. The victim said a domestic assault had occurred and charges are being requested against the suspect for third-degree domestic assault.

July 20

10:23 a.m.: Police were called to the 400 block of East Seventh Street in reference to a male and female known to each other having a disturbance. The male had forced open a storm door and began yelling at the female, who tried to get him out of her face when he slapped her arm down. The female did not want to cooperate with the investigation except have a trespass notice given to the male. A report was made for documentation.

4:45 p.m.: An officer met a victim at her residence in the 600 block of East 13th Street in reference to a July 16 assault by someone she knew. The case remains under investigation.

11:50 p.m.: Officers were working traffic in a work zone in the 2000 block of South

Limit Avenue when they heard a loud crash and observed a vehicle that had driven through the cones and into a flashing yellow merge sign. The driver then attempted to leave the scene but was stopped by law enforcement. The Missouri State Highway Patrol arrived to assist and one male suspect was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

Missouri State Highway Patrol Arrests July 21

12:13 a.m.: Christopher M. Hansen, 25, of Windsor, was arrested in Pettis County for driving while intoxicated and failure to register a motor vehicle and no insurance. He was transported to the Pettis County Jail and released.

4:15 a.m.: Austin B. Menning, 19, of Stover, was arrested in Morgan County for driving while intoxicated — alcohol and failure to drive on the right half of the roadway resulting in a crash. He was transported to the Morgan County Jail.

Compiled by Chris Howell.

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Gross spoke with the Sedalia Democrat about his campaign Thursday afternoon, July 20.

As a former employee, Gross noted there are “a lot of problems” with the Attorney General’s Office. He added his overall philosophy for the position “is to have the people of Missouri represented by the attorney general.”

“The attorney general should be the attorney for the people of our state,” he said. “Not the attorney for the governor, not the attorney for big government and big donors, all these things. But it should be the attorney for Missourians and their families.”

He added the governor is elected separately from the attorney general.

“So, we learn all about checks and balances and separation of power,” Gross noted. “The federal system is easy. There are the three branches.”

“In Missouri and many other states, we actually elect multiple executives,” he continued. “So, you might have people from different parties or interests even within the same party. And I believe very strongly in the foundational separation of power or the checks and balances elements.”

He noted the attorney general should be much more independent and represent the people of

Missouri.

“Even when other officials aren’t doing what they are supposed to do,” Gross added. “I’d say the big key things I talk about a lot are going after scammers and all the different forms of them.”

“They shape-shift,” he continued. “Now there are these companies coming to Missouri to exploit so many laws that we have or don’t have here. And it’s just really sad to see them doing that. That’s a type of scam, especially in the health care system right now. I think to some degree public corruption falls under scams too.”

He added he plans to address a civil rights division.

“We do not have one,” Gross said. “Many other states do, and I can imagine a lot of reasons why we don’t have one in Missouri right now. So, that’s pretty unfortunate. I will start our first one — that will happen. In this state.”

Gross noted Missouri has “accountability issues in general.”

“There’s a lot of reasons why folks right now don’t want to participate in government,” he said. “They don’t trust our public institutions, and that’s because we’re not very transparent. And that means we’re not very accountable.”

“That’s a big reason why I’ve spent a lot of my career in the law and our Sunshine Law in our state, too,” he continued. “Which is a very big deal to me.”

Gross said he feels he qualifies for the position because he used to work in the



During the Pettis County Democrats Ice Cream Social, Democratic candidate for Missouri attorney general Elad Gross shares a laugh with contestants of a cakewalk.

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Attorney General’s Office.

“I have knowledge about how that Office is supposed to work,” he said. “Obviously, I’ve litigated a bunch of these civil rights cases, a lot of Sunshine Law cases.”

“I’ve done a lot of work to hold government officials accountable,” he continued. “And work with individual Missourians in lobbying these issues. So, most of my career really has been spent on those legal issues we deal with at the Attorney General’s Office, or at least should.”

He added those issues include civil rights, consumer protection, and fraud investigation.

Gross is married to Tasha Kaminsky, and the cou-

ple has three rescue dogs, Liberty Bell, Mr. Toby, and Ladybird. He noted another issue he plans to address is puppy mills in Missouri. He added he often travels with Liberty Bell, a 9-pound Shih Tzu that was rescued from a puppy mill.

“A big thing I’ve been talking about is puppy mills,” he noted. “We should be going after those in Missouri in the Attorney General’s Office.”

Gross may be contacted at Elad@Elad4MO.org or 314-753-9033. More information is also available at EladGross.org.

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Gerke sees the way out of the mess is to follow the City of Houston’s example and join the Pettis County Fire Protection District. Houstonia voters approved the change almost unanimously, passing Proposition H by 87-1 in the April municipal election.

“We’ve got a petition we’ll sign and if we’ve got get enough signatures, it’ll be on the ballot in November,” Gerke said.

Pettis County Fire Chief Mike Harding made the argument that smaller communities can’t afford to go it alone.

“As all these little departments are operating, the cost of the trucks and the upkeep of the trucks and everything that’s going on, it’s inevitable that these little departments are going to have to do something,” Harding said. “Smithton has approached us and made the petition towards the board and the board agreed.”

And the protection afforded by Pettis County Fire would be a step above the fire service Smithton currently enjoys.

“They do have quite a bit of equipment, it all has some dates on it, but I mean, it’s all good, usable equipment,” Harding said. “The personnel down there work great with us, can’t ask for a better bunch of guys, better community. I mean, Smithton is just awesome. Their firehouse is a little bit on the small side, they’re not able to keep everything stored inside. One of the things that we would want to do if we take something over is we want to build a new firehouse.”

And then there are other equipment costs.

“Any fire gear older than 10 years may still be good,” Harding said, “but the guidelines say we need to have our personnel in less than 10-year-old gear.”

Every community has ISO ratings, which are based on factors like fire department response times and available hydrants, and these ratings affect business and residential insurance rates.

Harding argued switching to Pettis County Fire would improve Smithton’s ISO rating enough to qualify for savings on their insurance rates.

“If you’re in an 8-9 or grade 10, and if you go to a 5-6,” Harding pointed out, “they could see the significant drop within their insurance.”

Smithton Fire Association Treasurer Cletus Tagtmeyer encourages all Smithton residents to sign the petition to get the issue on the November ballot as soon as possible.

“We’re supposed to have 258 signatures of registered voters in this area in our fire district in order to put this on the ballot,” Tagtmeyer said. “We have them here, we also have them at the local Smithton Café, and we have sign-up sheets at Hassler’s Automotive in downtown Smithton.”

Vanita Southard admits she is biased toward safety, and hopes Smithton residents make sure the issue is on the ballot.

“I was interested in what they had to say,” Southard said, “but of course, my son’s a volunteer fireman and my nephew is the Chief of the fire department, so I’m very supportive in what they do, and they are passionate about wanting this done.”

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

As temperatures rise, malaria-carrying mosquitoes also on the move

By Mary Katherine Wildeman

Associated Press

As the planet warms, mosquitoes are slowly migrating upward.

The temperature range where malaria-carrying mosquitoes thrive is rising in elevation. Researchers have found evidence of the phenomenon from the tropical highlands of South America to the mountainous, populous regions of eastern Africa.

Scientists now worry people living in areas once inhospitable to the insects, including the slopes of Mt. Kilimanjaro and the mountains of eastern Ethiopia, could be newly exposed to the disease.

“As it gets warmer at higher altitudes with climate change and all of these other environmental changes, then mosquitoes can survive higher up the mountain,” said Manisha Kulkarni, a professor and researcher studying malaria in sub-Saharan Africa at the University of Ottawa.

EDITOR’S NOTE:

This story is part of a collaboration between The Associated Press and Grist exploring the intersection of climate change and infectious diseases.

Kulkarni led a study published in 2016 that found the habitat for malaria-carrying mosquitoes had expanded in the high-elevation Mt. Kilimanjaro region by hundreds of square kilometers in just 10 years. Lower altitudes, in contrast, are becoming too hot for the bugs.

Similar occurrences have been found elsewhere. For example, researchers in 2015 also noticed native Hawaiian birds were squeezed out of lower elevation habitats as mosquitoes carrying avian malaria slowly migrated upward into their territory. But given 96% of malaria deaths occurred in Africa in 2021, most research on the trend is found there.

The region Kulkarni studied, which is growing in population, is close to the border of Tanzania and Kenya. Together, the two countries accounted for 6% of global malaria deaths in 2021.

Global deaths from malaria declined by 29% between 2002 and 2021, as countries have taken more aggressive tactics in fighting the disease. However, the numbers remain high, especially in Africa where

children under 5 years old account for 80% of all malaria deaths. The latest world malaria report from the WHO recorded 247 million cases of malaria in 2021 — Nigeria, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Uganda and Mozambique alone accounted for almost half of those cases.

“The link between climate change and expansion or change in mosquito distributions is real,” said Doug Norris, a specialist in mosquitoes at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, who was not involved in the research.

Despite this, uncertainty remains on the extent of how shifting mosquito populations will affect people in the future. A recent Georgetown University study investigating the movement of mosquitoes across all of sub-Saharan Africa also found the vectors have moved upward in elevation at a rate of 6.5 meters (roughly 21 feet) each year.

Mosquitoes are picky about their habitat, Norris added, and the various malaria-carrying species have different preferences in temperature, humidity and amount of rainfall. Add

on the fact that people are fighting malaria with bed nets, insecticides and other tools, and it becomes hard to pin any single trend to climate change, he said.

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TODAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
86 / 66	89 / 65	94 / 70	98 / 73	97 / 75	94 / 73	102 / 77
Plenty of sunshine	Mostly sunny	Sunny and very warm	Hot with partial sunshine	Warm; breezy in the afternoon	Warm; a strong p.m. t-storm	Mostly cloudy with a t-storm

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	6:06 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:33 p.m.
Moonrise today	10:33 a.m.
Moonsset today	11:19 p.m.
First	Aug 1
Full	Aug 8
Last	Aug 16
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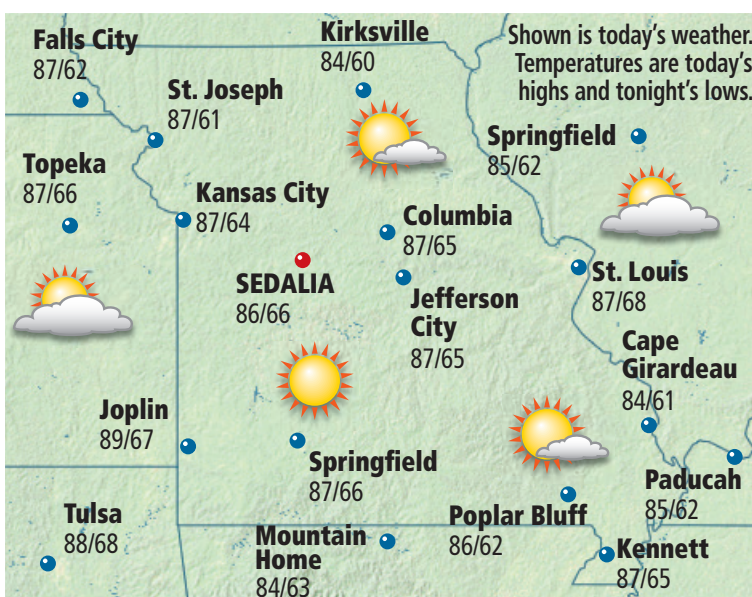
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On July 22, 1918, one lightning strike killed 504 sheep in Wasatch National Park, Utah. In one year, lightning often kills more people than floods, tornadoes or hurricanes do.

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Sedalia Regional Airport Thursday

TEMPERATURES	High 90
Low 69	
Normal high 87	
Normal low 67	
Record high 104 in 2006	
Record low 50 in 1971	
PRECIPITATION	Thursday Trace
Month to date 3.89"	
Normal m-t-d 3.31"	
Year to date 17.63"	
Normal y-t-d 25.27"	
COOLING DEGREE DAYS	Thursday 15
Month to date 266	
Year to date 759	
Normal year to date 586	
Last year to date 875	
RIVER LEVELS	In feet as of 7 a.m. Friday
Blackwater	Stage 6.81 Chg -0.10 Fld Stg 24
Blue Lick	6.81 -0.10 24
Valley City	2.60 -0.24 22
Lamine	
Oterville	0.29 -0.02 15
Missouri	
Boonville	7.26 -0.15 21



BRANSON
High: 88. Low: 64. Abundant sunshine and pleasant today. Clear to partly cloudy tonight. Partly sunny tomorrow. Monday: mostly sunny. Tuesday: partly sunny.

KANSAS CITY
High: 87. Low: 64. Mostly sunny today. Patchy clouds tonight with widely separated thunderstorms. Mostly sunny tomorrow.

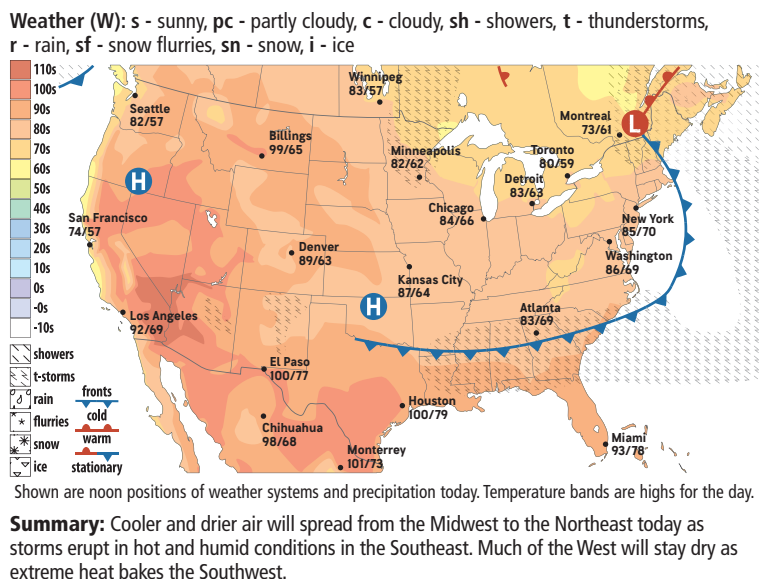
ST. LOUIS
High: 87. Low: 68. Mostly sunny today. Partly cloudy tonight. Partly sunny and more humid tomorrow with a thunderstorm in spots in the afternoon.

NEW YORK CITY
High: 85. Low: 70. Partly sunny and less humid today. Clear tonight. Mostly sunny tomorrow with a passing shower. Monday: partly sunny and more humid.

LOS ANGELES
High: 92. Low: 69. Partly sunny and hot today. Mainly clear tonight. Partly sunny and hot tomorrow.

NATIONAL WEATHER

	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sunday Hi/Lo/W		Today Hi/Lo/W	Sunday Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	83/69/t	89/69/pc	Milwaukee	83/66/t	82/67/t
Baltimore	88/66/pc	91/69/sh	Nashville	85/65/pc	88/66/s
Billings	99/65/s	99/71/s	New Orleans	95/78/t	89/77/t
Boston	81/67/pc	83/69/s	Norfolk	83/71/pc	86/72/pc
Buffalo	79/61/pc	80/64/s	Oklahoma City	87/66/s	92/68/s
Charlotte	84/66/pc	89/68/c	Orlando	93/76/t	90/76/t
Chicago	84/66/t	84/66/t	Phoenix	115/92/pc	113/90/pc
Cleveland	81/62/s	82/64/sh	Pittsburgh	78/58/pc	81/63/s
Dallas	94/73/pc	100/78/s	Portland, ME	78/61/c	81/63/s
Denver	89/63/s	96/66/s	Portland, OR	89/61/s	84/60/s
Detroit	83/63/s	81/64/pc	Sacramento	105/63/s	93/60/pc
Honolulu	89/76/sh	90/76/c	St. Louis	87/68/s	88/70/t
Houston	100/79/pc	97/78/t	San Francisco	74/57/s	71/56/pc
Indianapolis	83/63/pc	84/65/t	Seattle	82/57/s	79/54/s
Las Vegas	114/89/pc	112/87/pc	Washington, DC	86/69/pc	90/69/pc



Tech firms agree to AI safeguards set by the White House

By Matt O'Brien and Zeke Miller

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden said Friday that new commitments by Amazon, Google, Meta, Microsoft and other companies that are leading the development of artificial intelligence technology to meet a set of AI safeguards brokered by his White House are an important step toward managing the “enormous” promise and risks posed by the technology.

Biden announced that his administration has secured voluntary commitments from seven U.S. companies meant to ensure their AI products are safe before they release them. Some of the commitments call for third-party oversight of the workings of commercial AI systems, though they don't detail who will audit the technology or hold the companies accountable.

“We must be clear eyed and vigilant about the threats emerging technologies can pose,” Biden said, adding that the companies have a “fundamental obligation” to ensure their products are safe.

“Social media has shown us the harm that powerful technology can do without the right safeguards in place,” Biden added. “These commitments are a promising step, but we have a lot more work to do together.”

A surge of commercial investment in generative AI tools that can write convincingly human-like text and churn out new images and other media has brought public fascination as well as concern about their ability to trick people and spread disinformation, among other dangers.

The four tech giants, along with ChatGPT-maker OpenAI and startups Anthropic and Inflection, have committed to security testing “carried out in part by independent experts” to guard against major risks, such as to biosecurity and cybersecurity, the White House said in a statement.

That testing will also examine the potential for societal harms, such as bias and discrimination, and more theoretical dangers about advanced AI systems that could gain control of physical systems or “self-replicate” by making copies of themselves.

The companies have also committed to methods for reporting vulnerabilities to their systems and to using digital watermarking to help distinguish between real and AI-generated images known as deepfakes.

They will also publicly report flaws and risks in their technology, including effects on fairness and bias, the White House said.

The voluntary commitments are meant to be an immediate way of addressing risks ahead of a longer-term push to get Congress to pass laws regulating the technology. Company executives plan to gather with Biden at the White House on Friday as they pledge to follow the standards.

Some advocates for AI regulations said Biden's move is a start but more needs to be done to hold the companies and their products accountable.

“A closed-door deliberation with corporate actors resulting in voluntary safeguards isn't enough,” said Amba Kak, executive director of the AI Now Institute. “We need a much more wide-ranging public deliberation, and that's

going to bring up issues that companies almost certainly won't voluntarily commit to because it would lead to substantively different results, ones that may more directly impact their business models.”

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., has said he will introduce legislation to regulate AI. He said in a statement that he will work closely with the Biden administration “and our bipartisan colleagues” to build upon the pledges made Friday.

A number of technology executives have called for regulation, and several went to the White House in May to speak with Biden, Vice President Kamala Harris and other officials.

Microsoft President Brad Smith said in a blog post Friday that his company is making some commitments that go beyond the White House pledge, including support for regulation that would create a “licensing regime for highly capable models.”

But some experts and upstart competitors worry that the type of regulation being floated could be a boon for deep-pocketed first-movers

led by OpenAI, Google and Microsoft as smaller players are elbowed out by the high cost of making their AI systems known as large language models adhere to regulatory strictures.

The White House pledge notes that it mostly only applies to models that “are overall more powerful than the current industry frontier,” set by currently available models such as OpenAI's GPT-4 and image generator DALL-E 2 and similar releases from Anthropic, Google and Amazon.

A number of countries have been looking at ways to regulate AI, including European Union lawmakers who have been negotiating sweeping AI rules for the 27-nation bloc that could restrict applications deemed to have the highest risks.

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres recently said the United Nations is “the ideal place” to adopt global standards and appointed a board that will report back on options for global AI governance by the end of the year.

Guterres also said he welcomed calls from some countries for the creation of

a new U.N. body to support global efforts to govern AI, inspired by such models as the International Atomic Energy Agency or the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

The White House said Friday that it has already consulted on the voluntary commitments with a number of countries.

The pledge is heavily focused on safety risks but doesn't address other worries about the latest AI technology, including the effect on jobs and market competition, the environmental resources required to build the models, and copyright concerns about the writings, art and other human handwork being used to teach AI systems how to produce human-like content.

Last week, OpenAI and The Associated Press announced a deal for the AI company to license AP's archive of news stories. The amount it will pay for that content was not disclosed.

O'Brien reported from Providence, Rhode Island.

Biden picks female admiral to lead Navy

By Lolita C. Baldor

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden has chosen Adm. Lisa Franchetti to lead the Navy, an unprecedented choice that, if she is confirmed, will make her the first woman to be a Pentagon service chief and the first female member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Biden's decision goes against the recommendation of his Pentagon chief. But Franchetti, the current vice chief of operations for the Navy, has broad command and executive experience and was considered by insiders to be the top choice for the job.

In a statement Friday, Biden noted the historical significance of her selection and said “throughout her career, Admiral Franchetti has demonstrated extensive expertise in both the operational and policy arenas.”

Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin recommended that Biden select Adm. Samuel Paparo, the current commander of the Navy's Pacific Fleet, several U.S. officials said last month. But instead, Biden is nominating Paparo to lead U.S. Indo-Pacific Command.

A senior administration

official said Biden chose Franchetti based on the broad scope of her experience at sea and ashore, including a number of high-level policy and administrative jobs that give her deep knowledge in budgeting and running the department.

At the same time, the official acknowledged that Biden understands the historical nature of the nomination and believes that Franchetti will be an inspiration to sailors, both men and women. The official spoke earlier on condition of anonymity because the nomination had not been made public.

Franchetti's nomination will join the list of hundreds of military moves that are being held up by Republican Sen. Tommy Tuberville of Alabama. He is blocking confirmation of military officers in protest of a Defense Department policy that pays for travel when a service member has to go out of state to get an abortion or other reproductive care.

Biden, in his statement, blasted Tuberville for prioritizing his domestic political agenda over military readiness.

“What Senator Tuberville

is doing is not only wrong — it is dangerous,” Biden said. “He is risking our ability to ensure that the United States Armed Forces remain the greatest fighting force in the history of the world. And his Republican colleagues in the Senate know it.”

Franchetti is slated to serve as the acting Navy chief beginning next month when Adm. Michael Gilday, the current top naval officer, retires as planned.

Several women have served as military service secretaries as political appointees, but never as their top uniformed officer. A woman, Adm. Linda L. Fagan, is currently the commandant of the Coast Guard. She, however, is not a member of the Joint Staff. The Coast Guard is part of the Department of Homeland Security, not the Pentagon.

The news last month that the defense chief had recommended Paparo stunned many in the Pentagon because it was long believed that Franchetti was in line for the top Navy job.

In a statement Friday, Austin praised the nomination, saying, “I'm very proud that Admiral Franchetti has been nominated to be the

first woman Chief of Naval Operations and member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, where she will continue to inspire all of us.”

A surface warfare officer, she has commanded at all levels, heading U.S. 6th Fleet and U.S. Naval Forces Korea. She was the second woman ever to be promoted to four-star admiral, and she did multiple deployments, including as commander of

a naval destroyer and two stints as aircraft carrier strike group commander.

Paparo, who if confirmed will replace Adm. John Aquilino, is a naval aviator and a TOPGUN graduate with more than 6,000 flight hours in Navy fighter jets and 1,100 landings on aircraft carriers. A Pennsylvania native, he graduated from Villanova University and was commissioned into the

Navy in 1987.

Prior to his Pacific tour, he was commander of naval forces in the Middle East, based in Bahrain, and also previously served as director of operations at U.S. Central Command in Florida.

Biden also said he will nominate Vice Adm. James Kilby to be the vice chief of the Navy and tap Vice Adm. Stephen Koehler to head the Pacific Fleet.

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Presentism, and its war on the past

I'd never encountered the word "presentism" until recently, but it helps explain a lot of the crazy stuff that's going on today.

Presentism believes that only the present matters. The past has no standing whatsoever. The so-called "cancel culture" is presentism in action. If historical figures don't measure up to the woke standards of the day, off with their heads!

Unless they're stopped, the presentists and the cancellers they breed threaten to undermine the systematic, scholarly study of American history, which could well be their aim.

Under the web heading "The Historical Fallacy of Presentism," I found the following:

"The fallacy consists of projecting a present political concern backwards towards a past situation in which, of course, the protagonist and decisionmakers had different priorities from those of today."

The damage presentism is doing isn't limited to American history. It also has invaded literature. Books are being re-edited to eliminate language that some readers might find offensive.

By what right do we demand that authors never offend anybody? Charles Dickens offended a lot of mid-Victorians by pointing out many of society's problems, including child labor, education, and debtors' prisons, to mention only three.

The James Bond books, those by Roald Dahl and several other authors are being cleansed of allegedly offending language. This is pure censorship, something



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that writers, including this one, always have opposed.

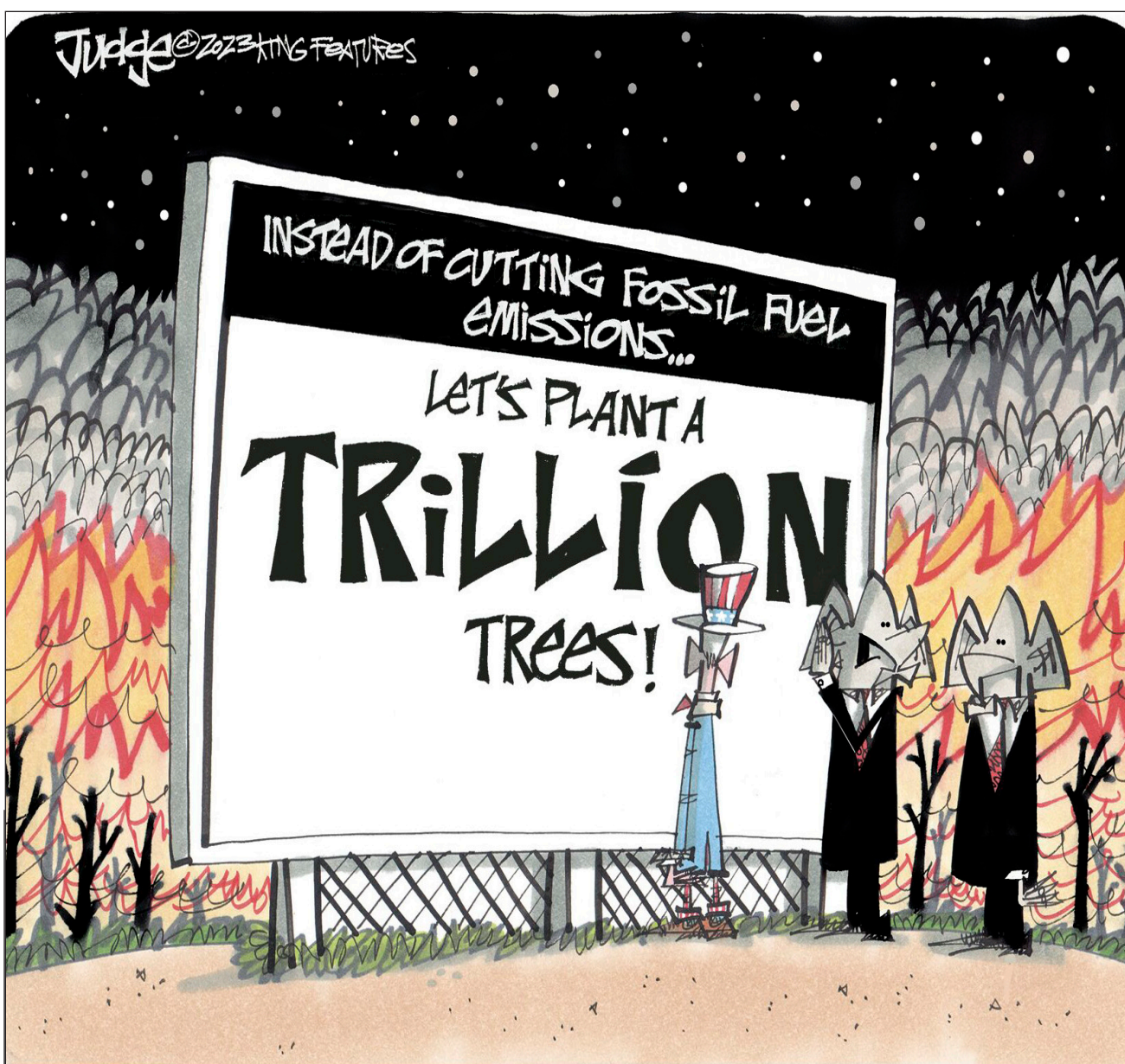
Book publishers are actually hiring "sensitivity" reviewers to read books they plan to publish to see if they've shocked anyone. In an age that's confronted by sex in every conceivable permutation, rampant pornography, and countless other moral assaults on the commonweal, where have these sensitive souls been hiding all these years?

Presentism is an offshoot of progressivism, the left-wing belief that society is steadily progressing (so long as the federal government is calling all the shots, that is).

If that's really happening, someone needs to inform the American people, for nearly 75% of those polled by the New York Post last month said America "is on the wrong track." Numerous other polls have been reporting the same responses. Which raises the question, why don't these people vote their convictions?

Getting back to the presentists, at a time when America's "present" is more screwed up than in any period of our history, it takes some gall to presume to judge the actions and writings of those who came before.

Doug Kneibert is a former editor of the Sedalia Democrat.



"LET'S HOPE HE CAN'T SEE THE FOREST FIRES FOR THE TREES!"

CONTRIBUTING COLUMN

The first of many 'Sunday Retirement' trips

Some mornings are just for lying in bed and reading a book. The sky is gray, thunder rolls in the distance, rain begins to pelt against the windows in the house – yes, a day for staying in bed and reading a book.

Today, however, is not that day. Oh, we have the gray skies, the thunder, and the rain pelting against the window, all right, but we are not home, and I do not have a book. We are instead on the first leg of my heretofore heralded First Week of Sunday Retirement. Yes, my first official weekend away, and we are sitting through a thunderstorm. And hot humidity later. I suppose I should have expected it. After all, "the best laid plans of mice and men often go awry" (adapted from Robert Burns's poem "To a Mouse").

This trip is a family one, first going to Little Rock to visit Emily and then to Whitefish Bay to see my aunt and her husband. But it is a trip. We are away. We decided to stay at the Aloft in Little Rock because it has a pool, and I thought a day in the sun – albeit a very



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Contributing Columnist

hot sun – sounded like a good idea. It still is. It's just not going to happen today. Instead, we are going to do very mundane, non-retirement-type things: get the oil changed in the car, shop for groceries for dinner tonight, maybe even do some laundry. On the brighter side, for fun in rain or hot humidity, Emily and I are going to get pedicures and indulge in girl talk. We thought about going to see "Barbie," and that may yet happen, especially if the rain continues. And so far, it is continuing.

The First Week of Sunday Retirement began well. Even though we had to do some work on the way down (visiting with a client, telephone court hearing), we were excited to get on the road. And

then last night, we went to one of my favorite pizza joints in Little Rock to have a salad of heirloom tomatoes, burrata (similar to fresh mozzarella), basil, balsamic vinegar glaze, and olive oil. Then Max, Emily, James, and I shared two pizzas: a margherita pizza (tomatoes, basil, and fresh mozzarella) and a street corn pizza (I don't remember everything that was on it, but I remember that it was delicious).

We finished the evening by sitting on the deck, and then came to our hotel to slumber and prepare for the pool. The slumber went well. As you know, the pool did not – and it's still raining.

It does feel weird to know that this Sunday will be the first Sunday that I am away for good. We have been in Little Rock to church with Emily and James before. I have even sung in the choir. But that was just being away for a week. Now, I know that I won't be sitting on a bench or leading a choir the next Sunday, no matter where I am. I suppose that adjusting to a different schedule

is difficult no matter the circumstances, and I suppose it will take time.

In the meantime, I am starting my list of places to go, things to do, and people to see. Because Lisa Eck is a wonderful cat-sitter, and because Hue loves her, we don't have to worry about leaving Hue for several days at a time, which I plan to do.

First on the list, and later this summer, is a trip to Niagara Falls, Maine, and Prince Edward Island. We do not plan to go over the falls in a barrel, but we do plan to eat lobster and mussels and see what Lucy Maud Montgomery describes in her "Anne of Green Gables" books. As I told you a couple of years ago, because of my reading those books in my childhood, that place calls to me, and we are finally going to make it happen. Even as I write these words about it, I am getting excited.

First, though, I will enjoy this trip and my First Week of Sunday Retirement. And what do you know? The rain has stopped.

Deborah Mitchell is a Sedalia attorney.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Concerns about Truman Visitor Center's future

Dear Editor:

There is talk around the community that the Truman Visitor Center is closing and being converted into offices for the Corp of Engineers. No wonder people are fired up. The Visitor Center is a landmark in Benton County, and it would be difficult to find a person who is not impressed by the majestic view or awed by the history in and around it.

In an economic and development meeting two weeks ago there was mention of putting offices in the building, which some believe may be part of a plan to close it down. According to some who were at the meeting, the "offices" idea was discussed, but it was not intended to be taken as a reason to close the Visitor Center. Neither the decision regarding

the facility closing, nor converting a portion of it into offices has been made at this point and converting part of the building is just one of several ideas being discussed regarding the future of the facility.

The Corp of Engineers committed to keeping the Visitor Center open until 2024. The decision to remain open and how to fund it beyond this year are still being made. People joined local, state, and U.S. officials Saturday, July 15 at 6 p.m. in the Warsaw Community Building to discuss the Visitor Center and its future.

Please reach out to your neighbors and friends in the surrounding communities and let them know. It is important to know what is happening and how you can impact decisions being made.

Lisa Treece
Warsaw

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SEDALIA DEMOCRAT

Trump Organization, former fixer settle lawsuit over unpaid legal bills

By Larry Neumeister and Jennifer Peltz

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Donald Trump's company and his former longtime lawyer and fixer Michael Cohen have settled a lawsuit over Cohen's claims that he was unfairly stuck with big legal bills after getting entangled in investigations into the former president.

Lawyers for the two sides disclosed the settlement during a video conference with the judge Friday, three days before Cohen's 2019 lawsuit was slated to go to trial in a Manhattan state court. Details of the agreement were not made public.

Cohen said Friday the matter "has been resolved in a manner satisfactory to all parties," and his attorney, Lauren Handelsman, said the terms were confidential. Messages seeking comment were left with lawyers for Trump's company, the Trump Organization.

The legal fees lawsuit was one of the more obscure branches of the thicket of legal troubles surrounding Trump and his company. Still, the trial stood to give a platform to Cohen — an ardent Trump loyalist who became an outspoken antagonist — and to put the ex-president's son Donald Trump Jr. on the witness stand.

Cohen claimed in his lawsuit that the Trump Organization had promised to pay his legal expenses and did so for a time, footing more than \$1.7 million in legal fees.

But, Cohen said, the company reneged after he began cooperating with federal prosecutors in their investigations related to Trump's business dealings in Russia and attempts to silence women with embarrassing stories about his personal life.

Cohen's then-lawyers stopped representing him after the company stopped paying. His lawsuit said that harmed his ability to respond to the federal investigations.

In court papers, the Trump Organization has disputed that it made certain promises and has said it satisfied any obligations it did have. The company also has argued that Cohen's involvement in the federal investigations wasn't an outgrowth of his former job but rather a personal decision to try to reduce his own criminal legal exposure as an indictment loomed.

Jury selection in the case had begun Monday.

Among the prospective jurors, more than half said they had strong opinions about Trump, the front-runner in the 2024 Republican presidential primary. Several said their feelings toward him were intense enough that they would not be able to fairly evaluate evidence.

While the former president would not have been a witness in the trial, Donald Trump Jr., who is a leader in the family business, was expected to testify.

Cohen pleaded guilty in 2018 to multiple charges, admitting that he lied to Congress, violated campaign finance laws through excessive political contributions,

lied to multiple banks to obtain financing and evaded income taxes by failing to report more than \$4 million in income. He was sentenced to three years in prison, although he served nearly two-thirds of it at home, released after the COVID-19 outbreak overwhelmed the nation's prisons.

He then became a key witness in the New York grand jury proceeding that led to Trump's April indictment on charges of falsifying Trump Organization records to protect his 2016 candidacy by suppressing claims that he had had extramarital sexual encounters.

Trump denied those encounters, and he

pleaded not guilty to the criminal charges. He cast the case as a Democratic district attorney's attempt to blunt his ongoing campaign to return to the White House.

Trump has now sued Cohen, accusing him of violating a company confidentiality agreement, breaching ethical standards for lawyers and maliciously "spreading falsehoods" about Trump. A Cohen spokesman, attorney Lanny Davis, has responded that Trump was abusing the legal system to harass Cohen.

While Friday's settlement resolves the suit over Cohen's legal expenses, a trial is set for October in New York

Attorney General Letitia James' business fraud lawsuit against Trump's company and the businessman-turned-president himself.

Trump also faces a March trial date in the New York hush-money indictment; a trial set for May in Florida in the federal criminal case surrounding his handling of classified documents; and the second federal civil trial involving writer E. Jean Carroll's claim that he defamed her in denying her sexual assault allegation.

He also disclosed this week that the Justice Department had told him he was a target of an investigation into

efforts to unravel his loss in the 2020 presidential election — a notification that could signal forthcoming charges. Separately, prosecutors in Georgia plan to announce charging decisions within weeks in their inquiry into attempts by Trump and his allies to reverse the vote outcome there.

Trump has denied wrongdoing in all the matters and says prosecutors are ginning up charges to damage his ongoing presidential campaign.

Associated Press writers Michael R. Sisak, Jake Offenhardt and Jill Colvin in New York and contributed to this report.

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Prizeweek Puzzle

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- 4. _ time for traveling is what parent plans each year, ruling out Christmas with claims it's too much of a logistical nightmare.
- 5. The affliction known as "weather arthritis" has many sufferers believing that arthritis and _ go hand in hand.
- 7. Teen waits anxiously for a _ that she's been told could be terrifying.
- 10. With city's homeless population now camping in park, neighboring residents claim that bringing down _ should be government's next step.
- 11. Mother accuses teen of having no reason to _.
- 15. Not even.
- 16. "She wouldn't be caught dead in any _ that didn't suit her," says relative viewing photographs of great-grandmother.
- 17. Politicians have to be careful with what they _ to the public because there's seemingly an increase in agitated crowds these days.

DOWN:

- 1. Daughter is embarrassed when, at big gathering, mother tells guests to listen to daughter's terrific imitation of a _.
- 2. Knowing pal who's downsizing has just discarded many of least favorite vinyl albums, friend suggests selling the _ on internet.
- 3. Movement or a change in direction is usually what happens around a _.
- 6. "I can't follow his line of reasoning at all; he just _ on," YouTube viewer says about speaker while watching tutorial.
- 7. Travel website gushes about location _, which it claims will prove to be incomparable in its beauty for any photographer.
- 8. Renowned figure has been seen in certainly more than one traditional _ during his career.
- 9. A lack of communication around a table can be a sign of a poor _.
- 12. Retired couple downsizing from family home to newly purchased apartment has lots of concerns, one being overabundance of _.
- 13. Social media influencer who now has a million viewers has been labeled as _ by a major news publication.
- 14. Anger.

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- 4. Anyone is eligible to enter PWP meeting the above requirements except employees of the Sedalia Democrat and family members of their household.
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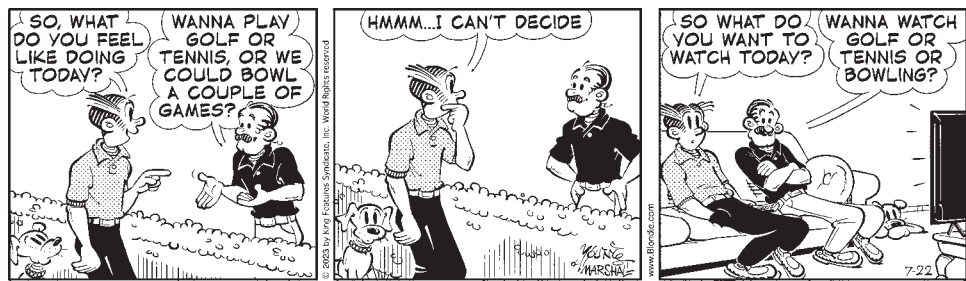
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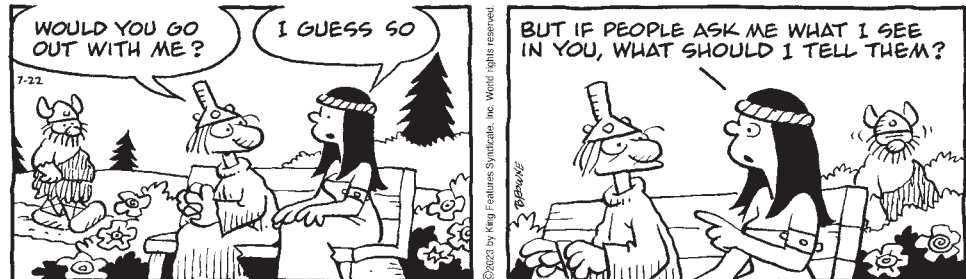
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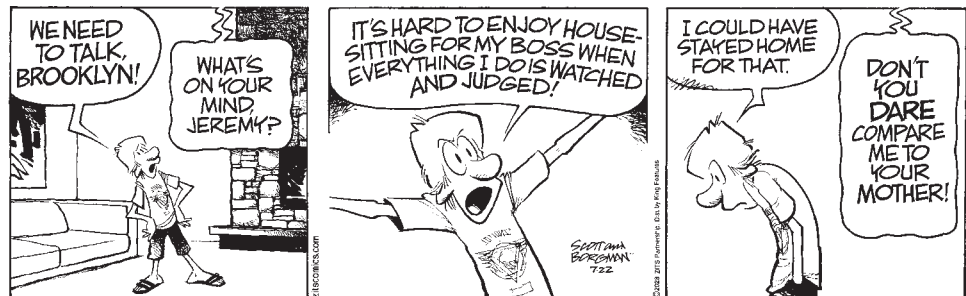
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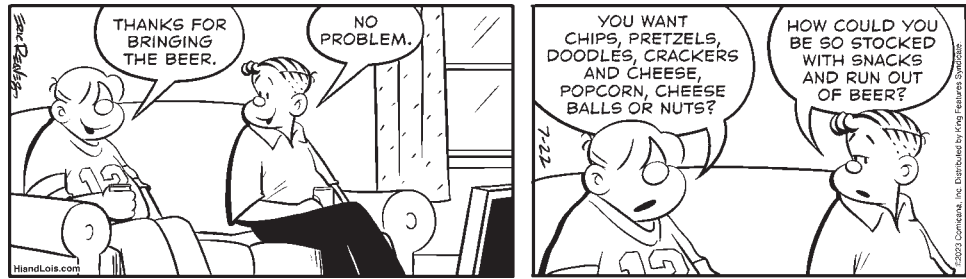
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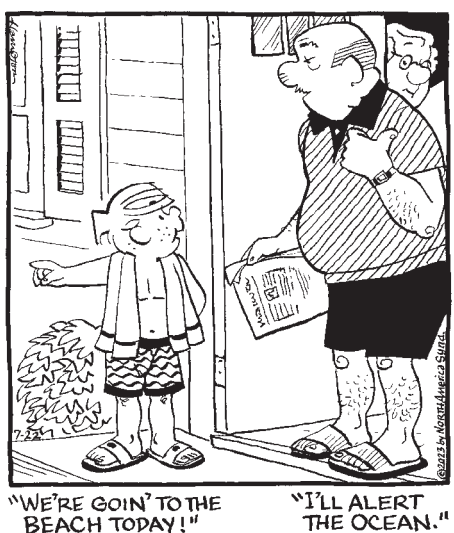
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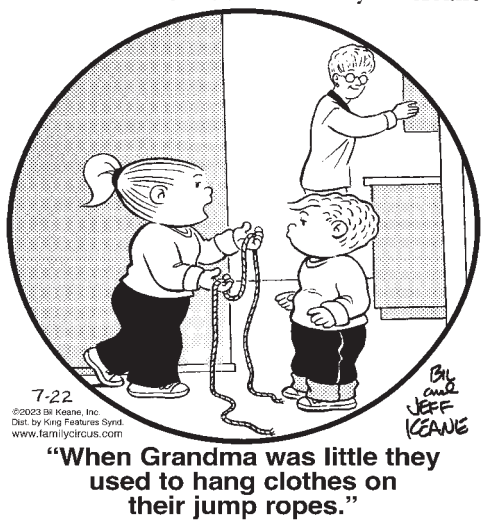
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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 - 11 Undermine
 - 12 Maui greeting
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 - 14 Works the fields
 - 15 Unbroken
 - 17 Came together
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 - 22 Bear's lair
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 - 24 Exercised one's right
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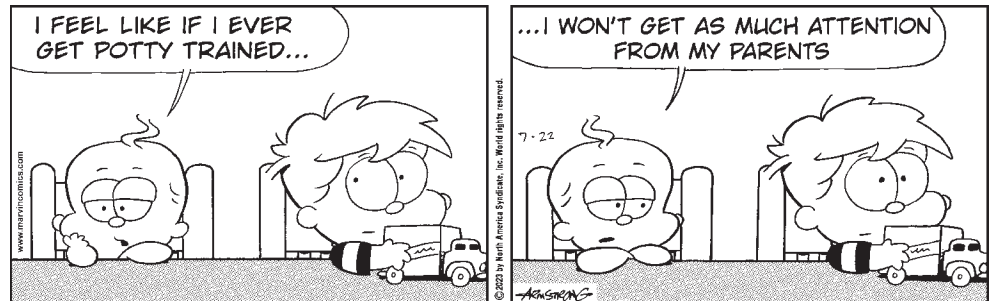
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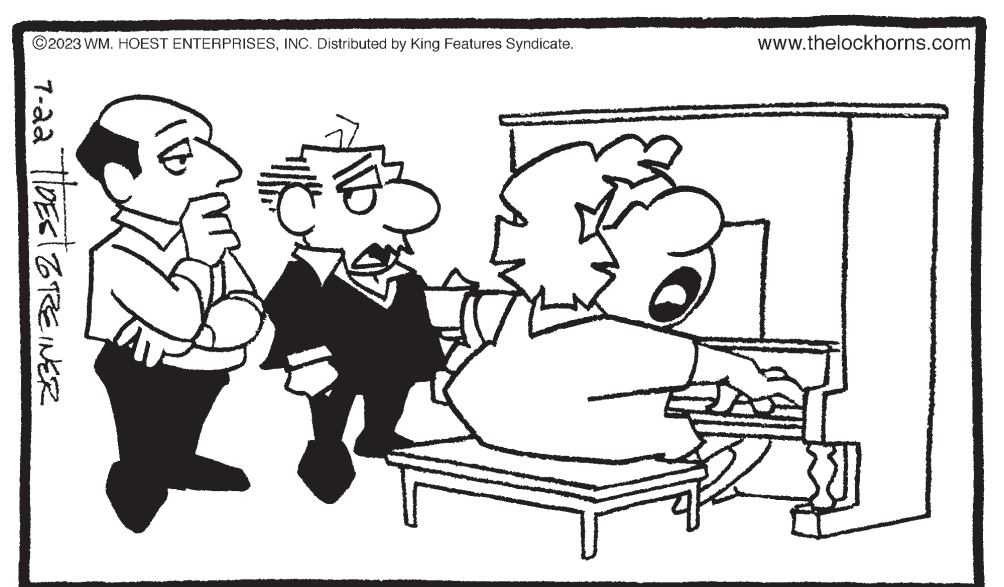
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"THAT LAST HIGH NOTE REACHED INTO DOLPHIN FREQUENCY."

SUDOKU

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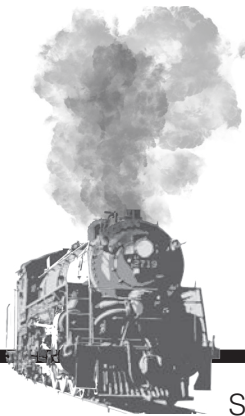
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Answer to previous puzzle

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Difficulty: ★★★ 7/22



Travelers secure Zone Championship, state bid

By Bryan Everson
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None cared that the ending of Thursday's AAA Legion Zone Championship at Liberty Park Stadium was a bit anticlimactic.

More important was that, for the Sedalia Travelers, the 12-2 win over Oak Grove Post 379 booked the team a spot in next week's state tourney.

Catcher Andrew Lazenby, hit by a pitch in the bottom of the sixth with one out, stole second base, then was moved over to third before a balk brought him across home plate to trigger the run rule and the early ending that had his teammates celebrating as he crossed.

"It's one of the weirder ones for sure, but at the end of the day I'm just glad we put ourselves in a good enough position to win

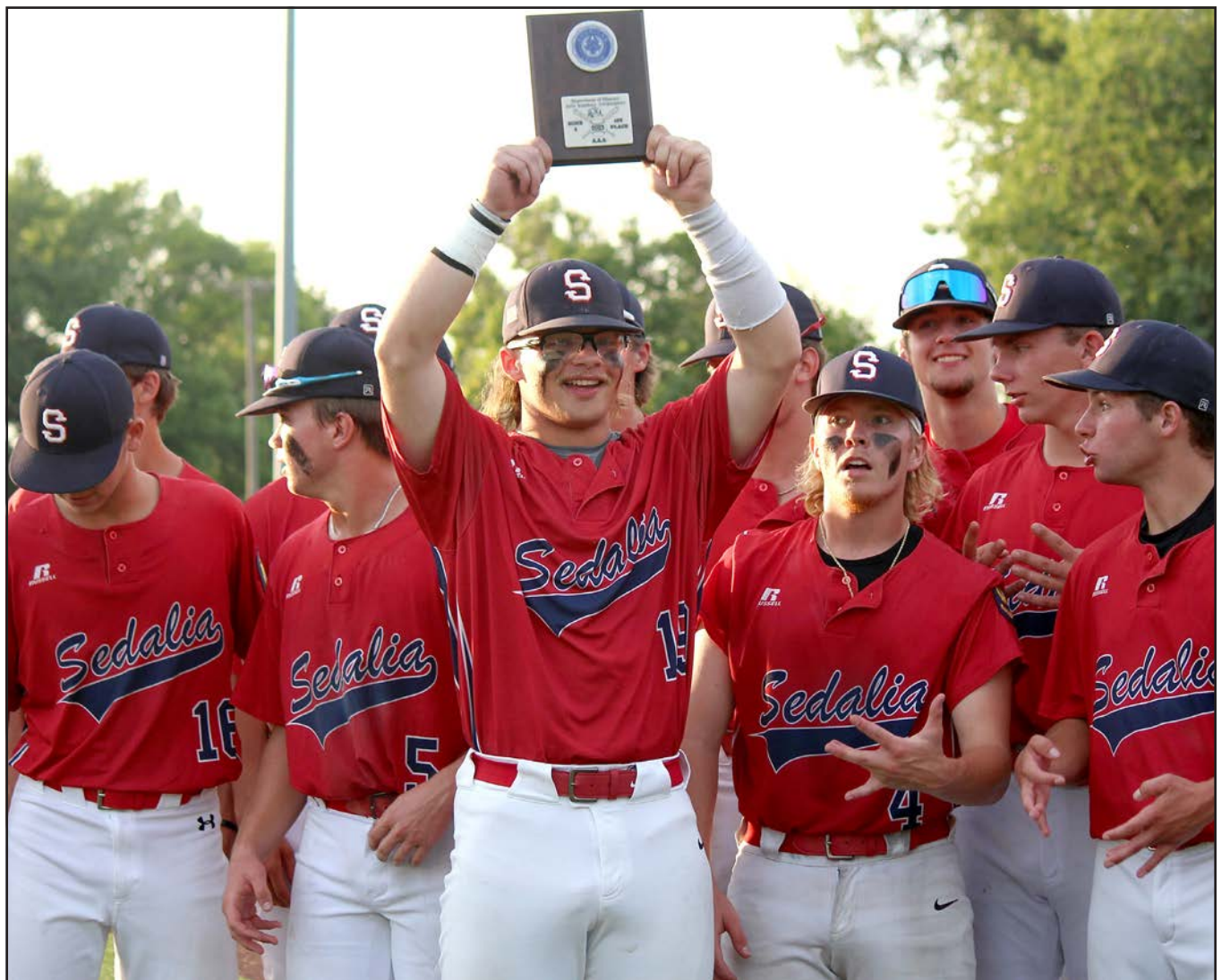
in that spot," Lazenby said. "It's a good feeling that's been a long time coming to win the Zone Championship, but we still have a lot of work to do next week."

Lazenby drove in two runs, and was one of four Travelers (Connor Lynde, Tanner Damlo, Colton Hughes) who finished with a pair of hits.

Sedalia trailed briefly 2-0 in the top of the first inning, but the Travelers (36-4) put three on the board, including a walk with the bases juiced that brought in Elias Washington, in the bottom of the frame to take a lead that they never relinquished.

After allowing the runs in the first, Gavin Locke shut down Oak Grove's offense over four innings and picked up the win. Owen Caton allowed just one hit in his two frames of relief.

See TRAVELERS | A14



Infielder Elias Washington holds up the Zone Championship trophy following Thursday evening's Sedalia Travelers victory over Oak Grove Post 379 at Liberty Park Stadium. PHOTO BY BRYAN EVERSON | DEMOCRAT



St. Louis Cardinals second baseman Jose Fermin throws out Chicago Cubs' Cody Bellinger at first to end the seventh inning of a baseball game Friday, July 21, 2023, in Chicago. PHOTO BY CHARLES REX ARBOGAST | AP PHOTO

Bellinger homers, Cubs edge Cardinals 4-3

By Matt Carlson
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Cody Bellinger hit a two-run homer, and the Chicago Cubs stopped St. Louis' six-game win streak with a 4-3 victory over the Cardinals on Friday.

Bellinger capped Chicago's four-run third inning with a 400-foot drive to right against Jack

Flaherty. He finished with three hits in another strong performance at the plate.

Bellinger, a possible trade target ahead of the Aug. 1 deadline, is 10 for 20 in his last five games. Since returning from a bruised knee on June 15, the 2019 NL MVP is batting .381 (40 for 105) with six homers.

All-Star left-hander

Justin Steele (10-3) struck out a season-high nine in 6 1/3 innings for Chicago, bouncing back from a lackluster performance against Boston. He allowed two runs and six hits.

Miles Mastrobouni lined his first big league homer for the Cubs, and Mike Tauchman added an RBI double.

See HOMERS | A15

With NCAA probe in Vols' rearview mirror, Heupel ready to chase titles

By Teresa M. Walker
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Josh Heupel made clear when hired at Tennessee he saw the NCAA investigation hanging over the program as a mere speed bump.

With the probe now concluded and his Volunteers escaping a postseason ban, it's full speed ahead.

"It's great to have it in the rearview mirror and not something that you're driving by all the time," Heupel said Thursday as his Volunteers wrapped up the fourth and final day of Southeastern Conference media days.

Tennessee concluded an investigation that started in November 2020 last week. The NCAA issued a scathing report outlining more than 200 infractions that included 18 Level I violations and approximately \$60,000 paid out to athletes and their families in recruiting infractions under former coach Jeremy Pruitt.

The NCAA also punished Tennessee with scholarship reductions and imposed an \$8 million fine without a postseason ban. The NCAA cited Tennessee's cooperation with the investigation involving violations described as "egregious and expansive."

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Tennessee head coach Josh Heupel speaks during NCAA college football Southeastern Conference Media Days, Thursday, July 20, 2023, in Nashville, Tenn. PHOTO BY GEORGE WALKER IV | AP PHOTO

Harman matches British Open records, builds 5-shot lead



United States' Brian Harman speaks at a press conference following the completion of his second round during the second day of the British Open Golf Championships at the Royal Liverpool Golf Club in Hoylake, England, Friday, July 21, 2023. PHOTO BY JON SUPER | AP PHOTO

By Doug Ferguson
AP Golf Writer

HOYLAKE, England — Brian Harman found himself in elite company through two rounds at Royal Liverpool, tying the 36-hole record also held by Tiger Woods and Rory McIlroy. Even better was having no company at all atop the leaderboard Friday in the British Open.

Harman seized control early with four straight birdies, and saved his best for the final hole. He ripped a 5-iron to 15 feet for eagle, giving him a 6-under 65 that gave him a five-shot lead over Tommy Fleetwood going into the weekend.

Not since Scottie Scheffler at the 2021 Masters has a player led by five shots through 36 holes. The last player to lead the British

Open by five shots at the halfway point was Louis Oosthuizen at St. Andrews in 2010. Both went on to win handily.

"I understand a lot can happen at an Open, but eight shots is a lot of shots to spot a player who's playing really well," said Jordan Spieth, who lost three shots on the back nine for a 71 that left him eight behind. "But I think we'll just have to look at what Brian will do. He's in control now. It's on him."

McIlroy had even more ground to make up. He figured a round in the 60s would have put him right back in the mix. He lost his spark around the turn and only a birdie at the par-5 18th allowed him to break par with a 70. He was nine shots behind in his quest to end nine years without a major.

Harman's 65 matched the lowest

score for Royal Liverpool, which is hosting the Open for the 13th time. He was at 10-under 132, the same score Woods in 2006 and McIlroy in 2014 had when they went on to win the claret jug.

Harman cared only about a little food, a little sleep and not thinking about much more.

"I've had a hot putter the last couple days, so try to ride it through the weekend — 36 holes to go, so try to rest up and get ready," Harman said.

The key to Saturday might be to stay dry with rain in the forecast.

Sepp Straka had six birdies over his last seven holes — the other was a bogey — for a 31 on the back nine that gave him a 67. He was alone in third place, six shots behind Harman.

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SPORTS CALENDAR

Saturday ON AIR
AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL
 4:30 a.m. FS2 — AFL: Collingwood at Port Adelaide

AUTO RACING
 5:25 a.m. ESPN2 — Formula 1: Practice, Hungaroring, Mogyoród, Hungary
 8:55 a.m. ESPN — Formula 1: Qualifying, Hungaroring, Mogyoród, Hungary
 11 a.m. FS1 — NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series: The CRC Brakleen 150, Pocono Raceway, Long Pond, Pa.
 USA — IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship: The FCP EURO Northeast Grand Prix, Salisbury, Conn.
 1 p.m. CBSSN — Fanatec GT: World Challenge Asia, Motegi, Japan
 FS1 — NHRA: Qualifying, Pacific Raceways, Kent, Wash.
 2 p.m. NBC — NTT IndyCar Series: The Hy-Vee INDYCAR 250, Newton, Iowa
 USA — NASCAR Cup Series: Practice and Qualifying, Pocono Raceway, Long Pond, Pa.
 4:30 p.m. USA — NASCAR Xfinity Series: The Pocono 225, Pocono Raceway, Long Pond, Pa.

BOXING
 9 p.m. ESPN — Top Rank Main Card: George Kambosos Jr. vs. Maxi Hughes (Lightweights), Shawnee, Okla.

CFL FOOTBALL
 6 p.m. CBSSN — Saskatchewan at B.C.

CYCLING
 6:30 a.m. PEACOCK — UCI: The Tour de France, Stage 20, 83 miles, Belfort to Le Markstein Felling, France
 1 a.m. (Sunday) USA — UCI: The Tour de France, Stage 20, 83 miles, Belfort to Le Markstein

Felling, France (Taped)

GOLF
 4 a.m. USA — DP World Tour/PGA Tour: The Open Championship, Third Round, Royal Liverpool, Hoylake, England
 6 a.m. GOLF — Ladies European Tour: The La Sella Open, Third Round, La Sella Golf, Alicante, Spain
 NBC — DP World Tour/PGA Tour: The Open Championship, Third Round, Royal Liverpool, Hoylake, England
 3 p.m. CBS — LPGA Tour: The Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational, Final Round, Midland Country Club, Midland, Texas
 4 p.m. GOLF — PGA Tour: The Barracuda Championship, Third Round, Tahoe Mountain Club, Truckee, Calif.
 7 p.m. GOLF — USGA: U.S. Girls' Junior Amateur Championship, Championship Match, U.S. Air Force Academy's Eisenhower Golf Club (Blue Course), Colorado Springs, Colo. (Taped)
 3 a.m. (Sunday) USA — DP World Tour/PGA Tour: The Open Championship, Final Round, Royal Liverpool, Hoylake, England

HORSE RACING
 Noon FS1 — Saratoga Live: From Saratoga Springs, N.Y.
 2 p.m. FOX — Saratoga Live: From Saratoga Springs, N.Y.
 4 p.m. NBC — Breeders' Cup Challenge Series: The TVG. COM HASKELL, Monmouth Park, Oceanport, N.J.
 5 p.m. FS1 — Saratoga Live: From Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

LACROSSE (MEN'S)
 6:30 p.m. ESPN — PLL All-Star Game: Rising Stars vs. Veterans, Louisville, Ky.

LACROSSE (WOMEN'S)

11 a.m. ESPN — Athletes Unlimited: Team Read vs. Team Apuzzo, Sparks Glencoe, Md.

MLB BASEBALL
 Noon MLBN — Regional Coverage: Kansas City at NY Yankees OR Colorado at Miami
 3 p.m. FS1 — NY Mets at Boston
 6 p.m. FOX — Regional Coverage: Atlanta at Milwaukee OR Chicago White Sox at Minnesota
 9 p.m. MLBN — Regional Coverage: Pittsburgh at LA Angels OR Houston at Oakland (Joined in Progress)

RUGBY (MEN'S)
 2:25 a.m. FS2 — NRL: Melbourne at Newcastle

RUGBY (WOMEN'S)
 8:55 p.m. FS2 — NRL: Wests at Parramatta
 10:45 p.m. FS2 — NRL: Canberra at Cronulla Sutherland

SAILING
 1 p.m. CBS — Rolex United States Sail Grand Prix: Chicago at Navy Pier
 9 p.m. CBSSN — SailGP: Oracle Grand Prix — Day 1, Los Angeles (Taped)

SOCCER (MEN'S)
 4 p.m. ESPN — Club Friendly: Manchester United vs. Arsenal, East Rutherford, N.J.
 6 p.m. FS2 — CPL: Cavalry FC at Vancouver FC
 7 p.m. FS1 — Leagues Cup Group Stage: Club Tijuana at Philadelphia Union, Group L
 9 p.m. FS1 — Leagues Cup Group Stage: San Jose at Portland, Group A
 5 a.m. (Sunday) CBSSN — Club Friendly: Leicester City vs. Tottenham Hotspur, Bangkok

SOCCER (WOMEN'S)
 2 a.m. FS1 — FIFA World Cup Group Stage: Zambia vs. Japan, Group C, Hamilton, New Zealand
 4:30 a.m. FOX — FIFA World

Cup Group Stage: England vs. Haiti, Group D, Brisbane, Australia
 7 a.m. FOX — FIFA World Cup Group Stage: Denmark vs. China, Group D, Perth, Australia
 Midnight (Sunday) FS1 — FIFA World Cup Group Stage: Sweden vs. South Africa, Group G, Wellington, New Zealand
 2:30 a.m. (Sunday) FS1 — FIFA World Cup Group Stage: Netherlands vs. Portugal, Group E, Dunedin, Australia
 5 a.m. (Sunday) FOX — FIFA World Cup Group Stage: France vs. Jamaica, Group F, Sydney

TBT BASKETBALL
 3 p.m. ESPN2 — TBT Tournament: Mass Street vs. Show Me Squad, Second Round, Wichita, Kan.

TENNIS
 4 a.m. TENNIS — Gstaad-ATP, Bastad-ATP, Budapest-WTA Semifinals
 5 a.m. TENNIS — Gstaad-ATP, Bastad-ATP, Budapest-WTA Semifinals
 Noon TENNIS — Newport-ATP, Palermo-WTA Semifinals
 5 p.m. TENNIS — International Tennis Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony
 4:30 a.m. (Sunday) TENNIS — Newport-ATP, Gstaad-ATP, Bastad-ATP, Budapest-WTA & Palermo-WTA Finals; Hamburg-WTA Early Rounds
 5 a.m. (Sunday) TENNIS — Newport-ATP, Gstaad-ATP, Bastad-ATP, Budapest-WTA & Palermo-WTA Finals; Hamburg-WTA Early Rounds

TRACK AND FIELD
 Noon CNBC — IAAF World Athletics Diamond League: The Herculis, Stade Louis II, Monaco (Taped)

WNBA BASKETBALL
 Noon ESPN — Connecticut at Atlanta
 2 p.m. ESPN — Las Vegas at

Minnesota
 8 p.m. NBATV — Chicago at Seattle

WOMEN'S FOOTBALL ALLIANCE
 Noon ESPN2 — National Championship: St. Louis vs. Boston, Canton, Ohio

X GAMES
 Noon ABC — X Games 2023: Finals — Day 2, Ventura, Calif.
 7 p.m. ESPN2 — X Games 2023: Finals — Day 2, Ventura, Calif.

Sunday ON AIR
AUTO RACING
 7:55 a.m. ESPN — Formula 1: The Qatar Airways Hungarian Grand Prix, Hungaroring, Mogyoród, Hungary
 9 a.m. CBSSN — FIM Motocross: The MX2, Lommel, Belgian
 10 a.m. CBSSN — FIM Motocross: The MXGP, Lommel, Belgian
 11 a.m. USA — AMA Pro Motocross: Round 8, Washougal, Wash. (Taped)
 12:30 p.m. FS1 — NHRA: Qualifying, Pacific Raceways, Kent, Wash. (Taped)
 1:30 p.m. NBC — NTT IndyCar Series: The Hy-Vee INDYCAR 250, Newton, Iowa
 USA — NASCAR Cup Series: The Pocono 400, Pocono Raceway, Long Pond, Pa.
 3 p.m. FOX — NHRA: The Flav-R-Pac NHRA Northwest Nationals, Pacific Raceways, Kent, Wash.

BIG3 BASKETBALL
 2 p.m. CBS — Week 5: Tri-State vs. Trilogy, Triplets vs. Aliens, Power vs. Ghost Ballers, Killer 3's vs. Enemies, 3 Headed Monsters vs. Ball Hogs, Bivouac vs. 3's Company, Miami

CFL FOOTBALL
 6 p.m. CBSSN — Ottawa at Calgary

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HOROSCOPES

By Georgia Nicols

Moon Alert: Avoid shopping or important decisions after 9:30 p.m. EDT today (6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from Virgo into Libra.

Happy Birthday for Saturday, July 22, 2023:

You are action oriented. You want to make things happen; you want to get things done. You value independence and self-sufficiency. This year is the last year of a nine-year cycle, which means it's time to let go of people, places and possessions that are holding you back.

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)

★ ★ ★ Think twice before making decisions today, because you're impulsive, and today there's an element of confusion or indecision present. Therefore, if you make a quick decision without thinking about it carefully, you could have regrets later. Forewarned is forearmed. Tonight: Socialize.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★ Parents must be vigilant with their kids today, especially with water hazards, poisons or contaminated food. Keep your eyes open and know where they are. This is a poor day for romantic decisions. In fact, because Venus is now retrograde, it will be wise to postpone romantic decisions until September. Tonight: Cocoon.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★ ★ ★ Your home routine will change suddenly today. Something unexpected might happen, possibly the breakdown of a small appliance or surprise company at your door. The thing to know is that there is an element of confusion, perhaps even deceit, when dealing with family members or authority figures. Be careful. Tonight: Conversations.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★ ★ ★ You might spend time daydreaming today. You also might feel confused about something, deceived or misled. Meanwhile, do be aware that this is a mildly accident-prone day. Give yourself extra time for whatever you're doing, including commuting or travel. Delays are likely. Tonight: Patience.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★ ★ ★ This is a fuzzy day for finances. It's a poor day to make an important financial decision. Likewise, if shopping, keep your receipts (and the box). You are prone to impulse shopping and spontaneous purchases today, especially ones that are elegant and luxurious! Tonight: Count your money.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★ Today the Moon is dancing with unpredictable Uranus and opposite fuzzy Neptune. This means you feel restless and impulsive, and yet, you might be confused, especially in your dealings and conversations with partners and close friends. Slow down. Tonight: Seek privacy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★ ★ ★ You're happy to play things low-key and stay behind the scenes today. Nevertheless, you might feel jumpy and restless. Don't believe everything you hear. In fact, if you suspect something fishy is going on, it is. Enjoy socializing with younger, artistic people. Tonight: Be friendly.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★ ★ ★ Be careful in discussions with others today, especially friends and groups. Someone might be fast and loose with the truth. If this is the case, you're hard to fool. You can tell if someone is lying, because you see the subtext of everything around you. Still, a close friend or partner might surprise you. Tonight: You shine!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★ ★ ★ Don't volunteer for anything today, and be cautious when dealing with parents, bosses, teachers, VIPs or the police — any authority figure. For starters, they might do something out of the blue that catches you off guard. ("Busted!") There's also an element of confusion, even deceit. Tonight: Explore.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★ Today you want to do something different because you feel the need for change. You would like to travel. Certainly, discussions with people who are different or from another culture will intrigue you. Be aware that travel plans might suddenly change today. Don't fall for everything you hear. Tonight: Check your finances.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

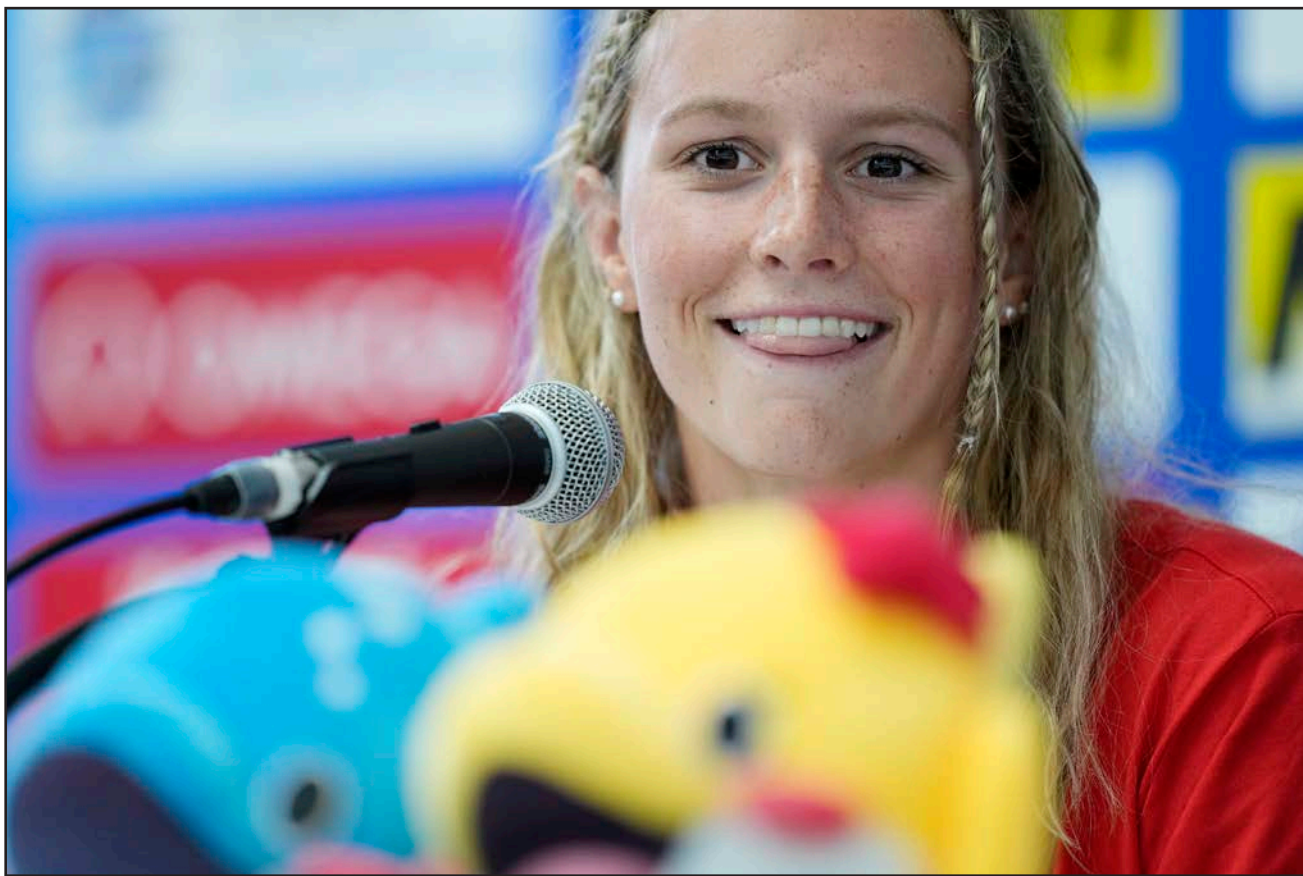
★ ★ ★ Be cautious when dealing with shared property, taxes, debt or anything to do with the wealth and resources of your partner (or anyone else). This is because something unexpected (and sudden) might occur and could be confusing. Things might not be as they appear. Be careful. Tonight: Cooperate.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★ You will have to compromise and be accommodating when dealing with others today. Keep your eyes open. Something unexpected or unusual might occur. If you try to get to the bottom of something, you might be deflected. Someone might be hiding something. Tonight: Get busy.

BORN TODAY

Actress, singer Selena Gomez (1992), actor Willem Dafoe (1955), actor Terence Stamp (1938)



Summer McIntosh of Canada smiles during a press conference at the World Swimming Championships in Fukuoka, Japan, Friday, July 21, 2023. One of the greatest freestylers the sport has ever seen, Katie Ledecky is up against two younger stars: 16-year-old Canadian Summer McIntosh and 22-year-old Australian Ariarne Titmus. PHOTO BY EUGENE HOSHIKO | AP PHOTO

American freestyler Ledecky faces youth as world championships open

By Stephen Wade

Associated Press

FUKUOKA, Japan — Katie Ledecky has almost never gone home with anything other than a gold or silver medal in the Olympics or world championships dating from the 2012 London Games.

But it might happen again Sunday in the women's 400-meter freestyle on the opening night in the pool of the World Aquatics Championships. This is perhaps the most anticipated race of the entire eight-day program.

One of the greatest freestylers the sport has ever seen, Ledecky is up against two younger stars: 16-year-old Summer McIntosh of Canada, and 22-year-old Ariarne Titmus of Australia.

"Of course Summer and, of course Ariarne, have some incredibly fast times over the last two years," the 26-year-old Ledecky said. "I know they'll be right there and I know there are a lot of other contenders as well."

United States head coach Bob Bowman summed up the meet, par-

ticularly the first day.

"There are definitely people out there with star quality in swimming," he said. "There'll be three of them in the women's 400 free."

McIntosh set the 400 world record four months ago in 3 minutes, 56.08 seconds, taking the mark from Titmus, who in turn had taken it from Ledecky.

Ledecky dominates the 800 and 1,500. But not so much the 400.

Titmus calls the 400 "my baby." And it's the event in Tokyo where she won her first Olympic gold medal.

"I mean, it's my favorite race," Titmus said. "I wish that I could watch from the outside. I don't really remember as an athlete seeing three women that have held the world record within 18 months all together racing each other. I really hope we can put on a good show."

"I think this is probably the first time since the Olympics that I'm really feeling the buzz to race."

Ledecky's medal haul in the 400, 800, and 1,500 in the Olympics and worlds reads like this: She's won

seven Olympic gold medals and a silver. At the worlds, 19 gold medals and a silver. There's also four other silver medals — in the Olympics and worlds — in relays and a lone 200-meter race.

In the 200 free at the Tokyo Olympics in 2021, she finished fifth.

Ledecky obliterated the field in the 800 and 1,500 at the U.S. national championships several weeks ago in Indianapolis. She won the 400, too. But she acknowledged the time of 4:00.45 was not what she expected.

"That was probably the one (race) I was hoping to be a little better in, just given that I've been better in that event throughout the years," she said.

McIntosh made her Olympic debut two years ago in Japan, finishing fourth in the 400 as a 14-year-old with Titmus winning and Ledecky taking silver.

A lot has changed as McIntosh approaches the race as, perhaps, the favorite. The pressure is on as she and other swimmers prepare.

"I don't really like to fo-

cus on expectations from anyone other than myself," McIntosh said. "I mean, it's kind of irrelevant. I really feel the outside pressure. Obviously it's there but at the end of the day all I can do is try my hardest and train as hard as I can to race the best I can."

Ledecky can make history in the 800, which takes place on the penultimate day. She can become the first person — male or female — to win six world titles in the same event.

"I'm looking forward to the 800 at the end of my program," Ledecky said. "I don't really have a preference on when it falls in the meet, but I'm used to it being at the end of these meets. And it's kind of a nice one to end with knowing that it's my favorite race."

Bowman also coaches rising French star Leon Marchand at Arizona State. Marchand is a threat to break Michael Phelps' world record in the 400 IM of 4:03.84. He has clocked 4:04.28 and is being billed as the next Phelps, the man who won 23 Olympic gold medals.

SPORTS CALENDAR Continued From A12

CYCLING

7 a.m. CNBC — UCI: The Tour de France Femmes, Stage 1, 77 miles, Clermont-Ferrand, France

9:10 a.m. PEACOCK — UCI: The Tour de France, Final Stage, 71 miles, Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines to the Champs-Elysées in Paris, France

4 p.m. NBC — UCI: The Tour de France, Final Stage, 71 miles, Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines to the Champs-Elysées in Paris, France (Taped)

1 a.m. (Monday) USA — UCI: The Tour de France, Final Stage, 71 miles, Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines to the Champs-Elysées in Paris, France (Taped)

GOLF

3 a.m. USA — DP World Tour/PGA Tour The Open Championship, Final Round, Royal Liverpool, Hoylake, England

6 a.m. GOLF — Ladies European Tour: The La Sella Open, Final Round, La Sella Golf, Alicante, Spain

NBC — DP World Tour/PGA Tour: The Open Championship, Final Round, Royal Liverpool, Hoylake, England

4 p.m. GOLF — PGA Tour: The Barracuda Championship, Final Round, Tahoe Mountain Club, Truckee, Calif.

2 p.m. FS1 — Saratoga Live: From Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

LACROSSE (WOMEN'S)

11 a.m. ESPN2 — Athletes Unlimited: Team Read vs. Team Mastroianni, Sparks Glencoe, Md.

1:30 p.m. ESPN2 — Athletes Unlimited: Team Apuzzo vs. Team Moreno, Sparks Glencoe, Md.

MLB BASEBALL

11:05 a.m. PEACOCK — San Diego at Detroit

12:30 p.m. MLB — 2023 Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony: From Cooperstown, N.Y.

6 p.m. ESPN — NY Mets at Boston

ESPN2 — NY Mets at Boston (KayRod Cast)

RUGBY (MEN'S)

2 p.m. CBSN — Premier Sevens: Eastern Conference Finals, Pittsburgh

SAILING

9 p.m. CBSN — SailGP: Oracle Grand Prix — Day 2, Los Angeles (Taped)

SOCCER (MEN'S)

5 a.m. CBSSN — Club Friendly: Leicester City vs. Tottenham Hotspur, Bangkok

6 p.m. FS1 — Leagues Cup Group Stage: Atlas at NY City FC, Group N

8 p.m. FS1 — Leagues Cup Group Stage: Puebla at Minnesota United, Group E

SOCCER (WOMEN'S)

2:30 a.m. FS1 — FIFA World Cup Group Stage: Netherlands vs. Portugal, Group E, Dunedin, Australia

5 a.m. FOX — FIFA World Cup Group Stage: France vs. Jamaica, Group F, Sydney

1 a.m. (Monday) FS1 — FIFA World Cup Group Stage: Italy vs. Argentina, Group G, Auckland, New Zealand

3:30 a.m. (Monday) FS1 — FIFA World Cup Group Stage: Germany vs. Morocco, Group H, Melbourne, Australia

TBT BASKETBALL

2 p.m. ESPN — TBT Tournament: TBD, Third Round, Wichita, Kan.

4 p.m. ESPN — TBT Tournament: TBD, Third Round, Wichita, Kan.

TENNIS

4:30 a.m. TENNIS — Newport-ATP, Gstaad-ATP, Bastad-ATP, Budapest-WTA & Palermo-WTA Finals; Hamburg-WTA Early Rounds

5 a.m. TENNIS — Newport-ATP, Gstaad-ATP, Bastad-ATP, Budapest-WTA & Palermo-WTA Finals; Hamburg-WTA Early Rounds

4 a.m. (Monday) TENNIS — Warsaw-WTA, Lausanne-WTA, Hamburg-ATP/WTA, Umag-ATP, Atlanta-ATP Early Rounds

5 a.m. (Monday) TENNIS — Warsaw-WTA, Lausanne-WTA, Hamburg-ATP/WTA, Umag-ATP, Atlanta-ATP Early Rounds

TRACK AND FIELD

1 p.m. CNBC — IAAF World Athletics Diamond League: The London Diamond League, London (Taped)

WNBA BASKETBALL

Noon CBS — Phoenix at Washington

2 p.m. NBA TV — Indiana at New York

X GAMES

Noon ABC — X Games 2023: Finals — Day 3, Ventura, Calif.



USC quarterback Caleb Williams speaks at the NCAA college football Pac-12 media day Friday, July 21, 2023, in Las Vegas. PHOTO BY LUCAS PELTIER | AP PHOTO

Heisman Trophy winner Williams prepared for redemption campaign

By W.G. Ramirez
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — USC quarterback Caleb Williams stood behind the lectern at the Heisman Trophy ceremony in December and delivered a speech, reminding his co-finalists that he might have won the hardware, but they were the ones playing in the College Football Playoffs.

“Guess you can’t win ‘em all,” he said. When Williams spoke Friday at the Pac-12 Conference media day, it became clear the same thought has reverberated through him for the past seven months.

“It resonates a lot,” Williams told The Associated Press. “It burns inside that I had said that up there. I didn’t want to say it, but it was the truth and it also got a little laughter ... So it eased up the crowd a little bit.”

What hasn’t eased up is his hunger for a national championship.

Williams, listed on FanDuel Sportsbook as the current favorite to win the Heisman Trophy again at 5-1 odds, said he’s heading into the 2023 season extra motivated after a hamstring injury marred his sophomore campaign. A victory over Utah in the Pac-12 title game might have catapulted USC into a playoff spot, but Williams was dealing with the nagging

injury and the Utes beat the Trojans 47-24.

Had he been healthy for the championship in USC’s remarkable turnaround season — from 4-8 in 2021 to 11-2 and a Cotton Bowl bid in 2022 — Williams said he believes the Trojans would have enjoyed a different ending.

This year, he realizes what it’ll take to execute coach Lincoln Riley’s gameplan, as the two continue to resurrect the program to national prominence.

“I think when I’m on the field we got the best shot to win,” Williams said. “When I’m healthy, we got even a better shot to win. ... Having a routine that I stick to throughout the season, whether it’s food, lifts, running, whatever the case may be, that’ll help me stay healthy for 15 games.”

In just one season with the Trojans, after following Riley from Oklahoma, Williams ranks 10th all time in the program with 42 touchdown passes. His 333 completions are 13th at the school.

Now, Riley and the rest of the Trojans are hoping the catalyst who helped thrust USC’s football program back into the national spotlight is ready for an encore performance.

“I think the situation last year, he obviously did

a great job, was important for our program, but also I think for his learning and his growth, it was a great situation for him to be in as well,” Riley said. “Great quarterbacks at the end of the day get defined by their teams’ success, their championships. I know he’s very hungry to go close out this year with both.

“There is no one that I would rather go to war with than that guy.”

Williams has already drawn comparisons to Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes for his ability to improvise in a split second and still deliver precision passes from an array of arm angles. And considering the former five-star high school recruit out of Washington, D.C., has been in the national spotlight since high school, Williams said he’ll subconsciously be ready for every big moment that’ll confront him.

Whether or not he’s back at the lectern at the Heisman Trophy ceremony again, Williams has his eyes set on a bigger goal.

“I play for championships,” he said. “I’d much rather hoist the golden trophy at the end, it means a lot more to me than the bronze trophy. And it doesn’t mean to disrespect the Heisman ... but it’s more or less that’s why you go out there and play football.”

Travelers

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When asked what it meant to pick up the silverware and lock up a spot in state on a familiar field, Lazenby said, “I’ve played a lot of baseball here, and it’s my favorite place to play, obviously. It’s very special to win it at home and to bring a state championship home to Sedalia.”

He played his share of games there with another Smith-Cotton graduate, Washington (.420 BA, 6 HRs), a duo that has helped provide experience and leadership that’s allowed the team to thrive.

“The whole year, being able to come back and play with these guys — try and

not necessarily be a role model, but someone that can lead the team and try to help guys get better and win like we have — it’s all-around been a cool experience,” Washington said. “We’re a really good team, these guys are amazing.

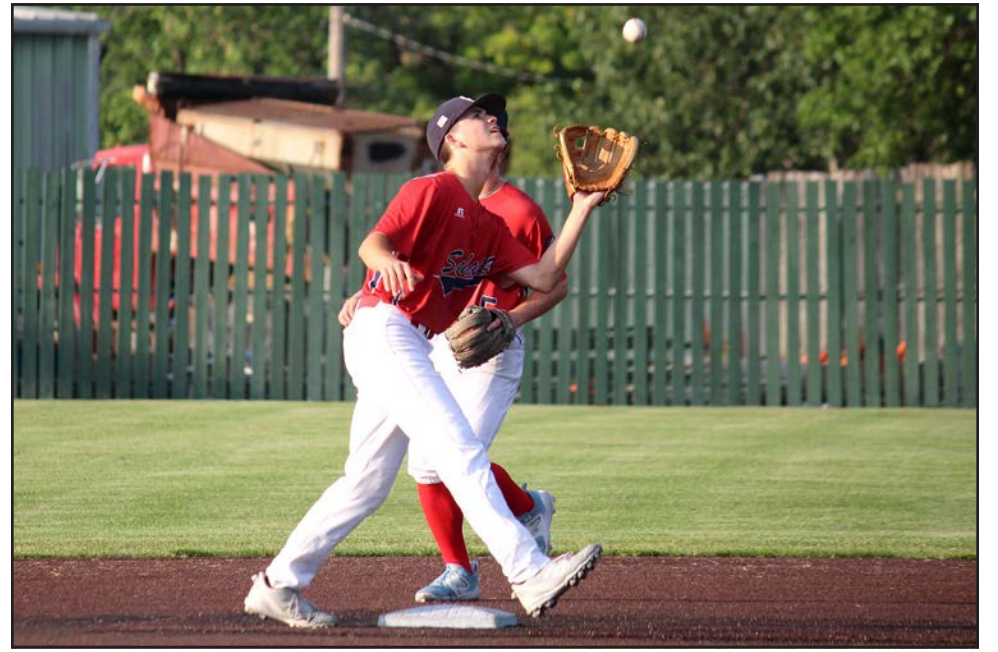
“Being able to be a part of this team, with guys not just from Smith-Cotton and Sedalia, but guys like Josh Hagle from Knob Noster, the Lincoln kids, all these guys, they bring energy every day. There’s never a dull moment. Everyone’s trying to help each other and stay up. It’s fun to be a part of a legion team that’s not just Sedalia guys.”

Quizzed on what makes the team so hard to beat, Washington answered, “I think it’s the way we carry ourselves. Even when we’re

down, everyone’s like, ‘How are we going to come back or make a better play?’ We’re all the X-factor. We all bring a little piece of the puzzle to put it all together, and you get the team we have. A hard-nosed team that’ll do just about everything to win.”

The Travelers begin their hunt for a state title at Liberty Park Stadium on Monday at 7 p.m.

“When you start this thing, the goal is to get to the final dance, which is state,” Travelers head coach Connor Spunaugle said. “It’s a big deal, and we haven’t [won] that since 2019. We’ll enjoy this one tonight, but when we wake up tomorrow, we’re 0-0 again. Now, we’ve got a couple days to get ready and play some home games.”



Travelers infielder Josh Hagle prepares to catch an infield pop out late in Thursday’s victory in Sedalia. PHOTO BY BRYAN EVERSON | DEMOCRAT

Chiefs keen to upgrade aging Arrowhead Stadium rather than building anew

By Dave Skretta
Associated Press

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. — The Kansas City Chiefs believe Arrowhead Stadium remains structurally sound and prefer to renovate their famous facility in the coming years, even if the neighboring Royals go through with plans to build a new ballpark elsewhere.

The NFL franchise and its Major League Baseball counterpart have played at the Truman Sports Complex since the early 1970s, when Arrowhead opened just across the parking lot from Kauffman Stadium. Both have undergone massive renovations over the years, the most recent tying them to a new lease with Jackson County that expires in January 2031.

Yet the Royals have made it clear that they intend to build a new stadium, either in downtown Kansas City or neighboring Clay County, and that they are aiming for a spring vote to renew a sales tax that would help to fund the construction.

That leaves the Chiefs to decide whether they will pursue more renovations to Arrowhead Stadium or likewise build anew.

“If the Royals decide to stay in Jackson County, we’ve had discussions about how we do that together. And if they go, then that is a variable and we’ve got to be ready to either continue on that path or pivot,” Chiefs President Mark Donovan said Friday.



Fans cheer in a general view of Arrowhead Stadium during the first half of an NFL divisional round playoff football game between the Kansas City Chiefs and the Jacksonville Jaguars, Saturday, Jan. 21, 2023 in Kansas City, Mo. FILE PHOTO BY REED HOFFMANN | AP PHOTO

“Our team has done a really good job at just being ready. And I feel like we’re pretty well prepared for whatever happens.”

Donovan underscored the preference of chairman Clark Hunt to remain in Arrowhead Stadium, though. It was Hunt’s father, Lamar Hunt, who founded the franchise and relocated it from Dallas to Kansas City for the 1963 season.

“We’ve gone through the process and made some progress there,” Donovan said on report day for Chiefs veterans for training camp. “There are still three viable options on the table that we’ve got to do the due diligence on: renovate-upgrade, build new on-site or build new somewhere else. All three of those options are still part of our dialogue. We’ve learned a lot in this process. The good news is we think the building itself is actually, structurally pretty

sound. Which gives us the opportunity.”

“Having said that,” Donovan added, “we’ve learned it’s going to take a significant annual investment to keep that building sound.”

While the Royals would use their share of a renewed tax to fund their new ballpark, the Chiefs would use their share not only for upgrades to Arrowhead Stadium but also to offset the annual upkeep that is certain to rise as the building ages.

Another complication for the Chiefs is the fact that they are due to host World Cup games at Arrowhead Stadium in 2026, and that means some costly alterations to the 51-year-old building over the next three years so that it meets FIFA standards.

“That would be really fast-forwarding everything to try to tie it all together,” Donovan admitted. “The question then becomes, ‘What are we going to do for the World Cup to be compliant to host that amazing event that potentially we could keep or benefit from or not have to redo?’ Versus, ‘We’ve got to make the building requirement-proof for World Cup, and we have to do that absolutely perfect, (but) we also have to play a football season pretty quickly after that, and we want our fans to have the best possible experience.’ So, we can’t really sacrifice the football experience because we did some things for the World Cup.”

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Homers

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Flaherty (7-6) was charged with four runs and eight hits and six innings. The right-hander went 4-0 with a 3.24 ERA in his previous four starts.

St. Louis trailed 4-1 before Nolan Arenado hit a two-run single against Julian Merryweather with two out in the seventh.

The Cardinals loaded the bases with one out in the eighth on walks to Tyler O'Neill, Jordan Walker and Paul DeJong. Pinch-hitter Alec Burleson then had a 3-0 count against Mark Leiter Jr. before he looked at two called strikes that appeared to be outside.

Burleson bounced into an inning-ending double play, and then was ejected for yelling at plate umpire Ron Kulpa.

Adbert Alzolay worked the ninth for his eighth save. Arenado reached on second baseman Christopher Morel's two-out error and Willson Contreras was hit by a pitch before O'Neill flied out to center.

Right fielder Seiya Suzuki also made a nice running catch on Paul Goldschmidt's drive for the second out in the ninth.

St. Louis grabbed a 1-0 lead on Andrew Knizner's run-scoring grounder in the second. But Steele limited the damage when

he retired Dylan Carlson on a weak comebacker for the final out.

Mastrobuoni tied it at 1 with a leadoff drive to right-center in the third. It was his first homer in his 45th big league game.

CARDINALS DEAL CABRERA

The Cardinals traded reliever Génesis Cabrera to the Toronto Blue Jays for minor league catcher Sammy Hernandez. The 26-year-old Cabrera was designated for assignment by St. Louis on Monday.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Cardinals RHP Drew VerHagen (right hip impingement) is nearing a return, manager Oliver Marmol said. He is eligible to come off the injured list on Saturday. ... INF/OF Brendan Donovan, limited to DH duties since July 4 because of a sore throwing arm, said he expects to continue in that role this season. The 26-year-old won a Gold Glove as a rookie utilityman last year, playing all four infield positions and left and right field.

Cubs: SS Dansby Swanson (left heel bone bruise) ran the bases before the game. ... INF Nick Madrigal (right hamstring strain) was set to make a rehab appearance at Triple-A Iowa.

UP NEXT

Cardinals RHP Miles Mikolas (6-5, 4.14) takes the mound on Saturday. The Cubs hadn't named their starter.

NCAA

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On Thursday, Heupel credited Tennessee administration for backing him in his first season by refusing self-impose a bowl ban in his first season. Tennessee fired Pruitt and nine others in January 2021, athletic director Phillip Fulmer retired and new athletic director Danny White hired Heupel.

Tennessee started cutting scholarships in Heupel's first season, leaving him with 65 players on scholarship. Heupel noted other programs also beat up on the Volunteers in recruiting, often "sensationalizing" the punishments the program could face.

"There was huge hurdles in our first two years to get to this point that we've had to climb out of. And, you know, the easiest thing would have been for our administration and for me is to take the bowl ban in year one," Heupel said. "But that wasn't right. The guys that were left were innocent guys."

Mississippi coach Lane Kiffin's first question Thursday was about Tennessee's NCAA penalties. He coached the Vols to a 7-6 record in 2009 before leaving for Southern California and noted that didn't take long. Kiffin noted he read Heupel was

"ecstatic" about the penalties and the fine.

"So that kind of probably tells you about how severe the penalties are in their eyes," Kiffin said. "I'm happy for them that they don't have to go through what we went through. So good for them."

Even under the NCAA cloud, Heupel went 18-8 at Tennessee. He and his Vols are coming off an 11-2 record in 2022 that was their best since 2001. Tennessee beat Alabama, LSU and routed No. 10 Clemson in the Orange Bowl — programs that won six of seven College Football Playoff national titles.

The Vols ranked No. 1 at one point during last season for the first time in more than two decades and finished sixth in the country.

Heupel understands championships are what's expected with Tennessee's last national title in 1998. The Vols haven't played in the SEC championship game since 2007 despite ranking second in the league with 13 championships.

Vacating Pruitt's 11 wins in 2019 and 2020 dropped the Vols' 867 total that had ranked them 10th all-time in college football.

"The standard is to compete at the highest level and win championships," Heupel said. "You know for us that starts in the Eastern Division, which everybody knows that there's a

lot of good football that's played in that division."

The East has been dominated by back-to-back national champ Georgia, and the Bulldogs will visit Knoxville on Nov. 18.

Heupel has to replace Hendon Hooker, now in the NFL with the Detroit Lions. But he has Joe Milton III who took over when Hooker tore an ACL last November and guided the Vols to a rout of Vanderbilt and that Orange Bowl victory. Milton has thrown for 1,346 yards, 12 touchdowns and "zero interceptions."

Tennessee had to replace offensive coordinator Alex Golesh, who was hired before the Orange Bowl as the new head coach at South Florida. Joey Halzle was promoted to coordinator, and Heupel returned everyone else on his coaching staff. Halzle also coaches quarterbacks.

The Vols set 15 school records with 599 total points and points per game along with 6,832 yards total offense, total touchdowns and fewest interceptions with three. Nothing is expected to change when Tennessee opens the season Sept. 2 hosting Virginia in Nashville.

"It's Coach Heupel's offense, so whatever he wants is going to get done that way," Milton said. "I don't see it no different being a change of offensive coordinators."

Open

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Fleetwood made back-to-back birdies on the back nine to get within four shots of Harman, only to find a bunker to the left of the 16th fairway. He could only splash out and had to hit a superb pitch to save bogey. He scrambled for par on the final two holes for his 71.

Fleetwood, who grew up about 45 minutes away in Southport, had massive support from the gallery in

the northwest of England. He knows about big deficits in the Open, having started four shots behind Shane Lowry at Royal Portrush in the final round in 2019.

At least this time he still has 36 holes.

"Brian had two amazing days," Fleetwood said. "He's a long way in front. Of course there's a long way to go. But still, for myself and everybody else playing, it's just do your thing, play one shot at a time. ... You just have to keep playing until it's over and see where you finish."

The course remained

tough, even though the R&A chose to rake sand in the bunker toward the edges to keep golf balls from rolling next to the edges of the steep, vetted sides. Such situations led to big numbers in the opening round.

"It played tough — it played really, really tough," McIlroy said. "Ten-under par is unbelievably impressive out there. We'll see what the weekend holds. But after two days I'm actually pretty happy with my two days' work."

At least he has two more days.

Dustin Johnson shot an 82, his worst score in a major since the final round at Pebble Beach that cost him a chance in the 2010 U.S. Open. Justin Thomas rebounded from his 82 with a 71 that was all about momentum — he is playing next week in Minnesota as he tries to qualify for the PGA Tour's postseason.

Over the final hour, the only drama was who would survive the cut at 3-over 145.

Scottie Scheffler, the world's No. 1 player who has not finished worse than 12th this year, delivered a

clutch moment when he got up-and-down from a bunker on the par-5 18th for birdie. That gave him a 74 to make the cut on the number.

Patrick Cantlay, the No. 4 player in the world, was one outside the cut line when he chipped in for birdie on the par-3 17th and made it. Defending champion Cameron Smith was one over the cut when he hit a 6-iron that curled around the top edge of a bunker to 2 feet for eagle.

"I think the scorecard is a long way off how the game feels," Smith said. "It's been a

frustrating couple of days."

That's what made Harman's round so impressive. A pint-sized lefty with Georgia grit, Harman has done the best at keeping the ball in play — on grass, not pot bunkers — and he has made only one bogey through 36 holes.

His start got everyone's attention — birdie putts from 20 feet on the second, 25 feet on the third, 18 feet on the fourth. And then he went long on the par-5 fifth, only to watch his chip bang into the pin and stop inches away from the easiest birdie of all.

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SIX DECADES OF CARE

WMMC celebrates its 60th anniversary

By Meliyah Venerable

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WARRENSBURG — Western Missouri Medical Center is celebrating its 60th anniversary, marking 60 years of compassionate care.

After many years of being served by Warrensburg Medical Center, the health care facility closed in 1959.

In 1960, Johnson County residents voted in favor of a bond issue to build a new hospital at a cost of \$1.6 million.

In July 1963, Johnson County welcomed a 58-bed hospital, Johnson County Memorial Hospital. Through the next 20-plus years, the hospital continued to expand, adding multiple additions, renovations and more staff.

On Jan. 1, 1986, JCMH became Western Missouri Medical Center.

“What I always tell employees when I tell the history of the hospital, is this hospital was built right here on this site 1963 and it was called Johnson County Memorial Hospital,” WMMC CEO Darinda Dick told the Star-Journal. “It was much smaller



A nursing unit at Johnson County Memorial Hospital.

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and in size at that time. The main entry was on the east side of the building... so the outside vision of this hospital has changed tremendously over the years, mostly because we’ve encased it in new buildings around it. But in

1986, we officially changed the name to Western Missouri Medical. So that was a really big deal for us then; that’s when some of the remodeling started happening.”

The 2000s have continued to serve as build-

ing years for WMMC. Throughout the 2010s, WMMC connected with local private practice doctors to provide care for all of Johnson County.

According to Dick, the Emergency Room rehab services site was remod-

eled in 2000. A decade later in 2011 is when “we really changed the face of the hospital,” she said, with the addition of the 72-private room patient tower and the main entrance moved to the front. In 2014, the Medical Office

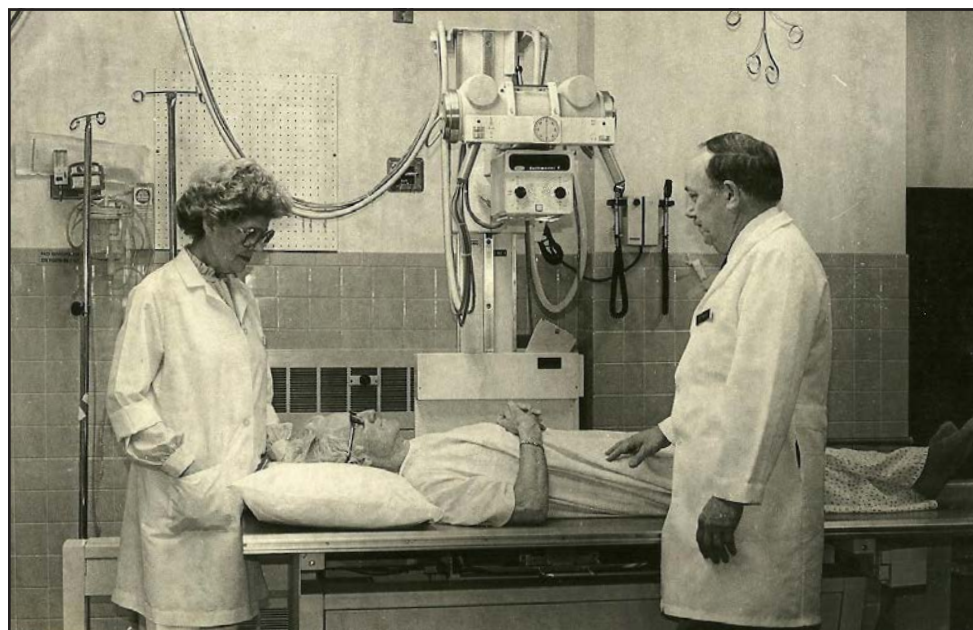
building was constructed to house some specialty services on the east side.

“You don’t really see 1963 anywhere in the hospital anymore,” Dick said. “The original hospital is a pretty small footprint and it’s been surrounded by a lot of new structures. I feel really fortunate, though, that we have a great location...”

Within the last decade, there has been a national trend of seeing a shift from physicians being in private practice and working for themselves to working with hospitals.

“So in 2016, our local physicians, we both had needs for each other...” Dick recalled. “We didn’t have this connection with primary care in this community to try and control the costs and quality... because they were very separate from us, so they needed help recruiting doctors. So both of the big family practice groups here in town, NFPA and Central Family, they both had needs to recruit physicians. And so we could help each other in that manner... we created what we call the Integrated Community Care Network.”

See CARE | B5



A patient lies on the operating table at Western Missouri Medical Center, previously known as Johnson County Memorial Hospital.



The east entrance of Johnson County Memorial Hospital is seen at 403 Burkarth Road in Warrensburg, the same site as Western Missouri Medical Center.

Quick hits & short takes: gardening, heat waves, and union strikes

Hi! I’m back! Did you miss me? (Don’t answer that, it’s rhetorical.)

I’ve been on a column-writing hiatus for several months for a few reasons. Remember when I mentioned in a late 2022 column that I had a news reporter vacancy in the Warrensburg newsroom? Well, that vacancy still exists – although we’ve been fortunate enough to have a great intern join us for the summer – and a new vacancy popped up in the Sedalia newsroom back in March.

Combined with those two vacancies, other staffing changes, a municipal election and several special sections, things going on in my personal life and just general busyness, my column became the least of my concerns.

I told myself I’d sit down and write a quick column on more occasions than I can count. But each week, something else came up or I simply ran out of time.

So, in an attempt to get back into the habit of writing my weekly column, here is the latest version of Quick Hits & Short Takes.

• In the category of “no one



Nicole Cooke
Democrat Editor

asked, not one person,” I’ve got a gardening update for you. I’ve kept you apprised of my journey this far, so I figured you’re due for the latest installment. I am crossing my fingers and knocking on wood, but I might finally have a successful gardening year. All my plants are alive and well, except for a few small plants that our rowdy neighborhood squirrels ripped out of the pots on our front porch (within days of planting them, I might add).

I had a surge of gardening confidence when purchasing

my supplies this year and decided to try my barely-green thumb at growing vegetables. I did start small, however, and selected two cherry tomato plants and a basil plant. The basil plant was already full when I bought it, so we’ve enjoyed it on pasta several times. The real accomplishment is the tomato plant. I grew my first tomato! Perfectly round and red, hanging right off the vine in the backyard. Patience is definitely a virtue, and I now have numerous tiny green tomatoes slowly ripening.

Time will tell if I can keep this up through the rest of the season. My track record says I shouldn’t hold my breath, but I remain cautiously optimistic.

• It is hot. It has been hot and dry for weeks, with the exception of a few thunderstorms that felt the need to overcompensate for our lack of rain and tore through with wind and crazy downpours. I fear the heat will never end. The Midwesterner in me knows that isn’t true and realizes we’ll all be complaining about the cold before we know it. But at the moment, it’s hard not to think about the

all-encompassing heat.

Thank goodness for air conditioning, refrigerators with ice dispensers, a job that keeps me mostly indoors, and that we live in Missouri and not Texas or Phoenix, where the heat index has well surpassed 100 degrees.

• With two Hollywood strikes underway and a UPS strike looking imminent in the next few weeks, worker compensation is a renewed topic of discussion. For those who have complained about millionaire celebrity actors striking for more money, I encourage you to read more about it. Those celebrities are on the picket lines to raise awareness for actors who don’t get million-dollar contracts and for the writers who make our favorite shows happen in the first place.

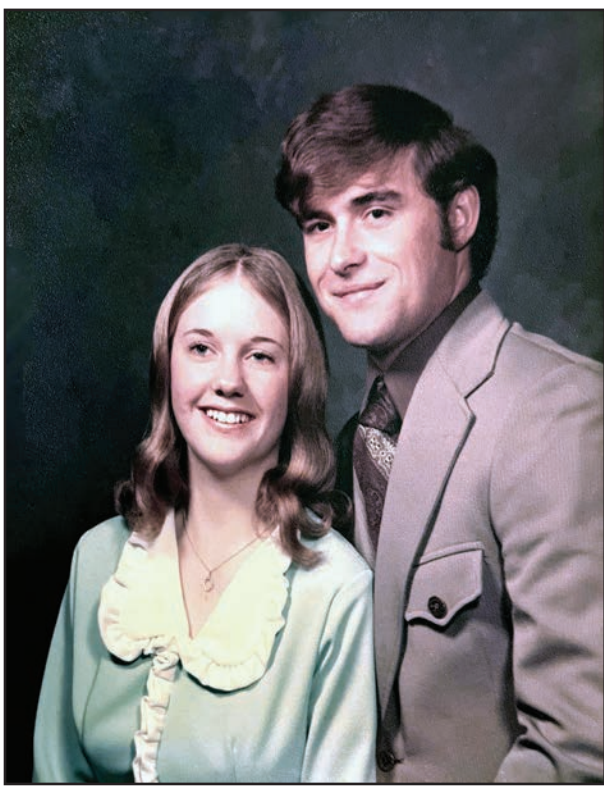
The digital age has impacted society in countless ways, and the impact of streaming services is one of them.

Residuals, the payment contributors receive for movies and TV shows viewed after the initial release, vary greatly now. Actors at all levels have been sharing residual checks that amount to mere cents for

popular shows that are undoubtedly viewed thousands or millions of times online. Many working actors – those who probably don’t have their name on the movie poster – previously could live on residuals from reruns, but now those amounts are tiny, thanks to online streaming.

The problem goes well beyond Hollywood. Industries everywhere are plagued by inflation, workforce issues, and CEOs making more in a year than many working below them could ever hope to make in a lifetime. I’m not familiar with the inner workings of SAG-AFTRA or WGA, nor am I an expert in salary structures for any industry, but it doesn’t seem too much to ask to simply earn a living wage. It doesn’t seem too much to ask for a fair share of the profits you helped the company achieve.

AI is also a concern, not just in Hollywood but for any content-creating business, from journalism to screenwriting to graphic design. Automation and technology have certainly made our lives easier, but the saying is true: there can be too much of a good thing.



VAN METER ANNIVERSARY

Kent and Carol Van Meter, of Smithton, will celebrate 50 years of marriage on July 29.

Their children and grandchildren

are hosting a card shower to congratulate them. Greetings can be sent to 29951 Highway W, Smithton, Mo. 65350.

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"The Housekeepers," by Alex Hay.

"The Long Ago," by Michael McGarrity.

"Circle of Death," by James Patterson and Brian Sitts.

"Hope," by Andrew Ridker.

"Flop Dead Gorgeous," by David Rosenfelt.

"The Collector," by Daniel Silva.

Nonfiction

"Revolutionary Spring: Europe Aflame and the Fight for a New World, 1848-1849," by Christopher Clark.

"Behold the Monster: Confronting America's Most Prolific Serial Killer," by Jillian Lauren.

"The Boy Who Reached for the Stars: A Memoir," by Elio Morillo.

"Wonder Drug: The Secret History of Thalidomide in America and its Hidden Victims," by Jennifer Vanderbes.

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1:30 p.m.: Lincoln Community Care.

1:45 to 3:45 p.m.: Lincoln City Park.

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

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GONZALES-STROUSE WEDDING

Joseline Michelle Gonzales and Matthew Charles Strouse, both of Columbia, were married Saturday, June 24 at St. Vincent de Paul St. Patrick Catholic Church in Sedalia.

The bride is the daughter of Col. Jose and Elina Gonzales, of La Ceiba, Atlantida, Honduras. The groom is the son of Dr. Thomas and Kay Strouse, of Sedalia.

Fr. Joe Corel conducted the ceremony and the bride was given in marriage by her father.

Susan Prisendorf played piano and Mary Margaret Dale played violin.

The Matron of Honor was Eliveth Gonzales de Quinonez, the sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Erin Price, sister of the groom, Kim Oesterle, Jordan Floyd, Julie Kleijweg, and Natalya Oliferchuck. The flower girl was Jovana Molina, niece of the

bride.

The Best Man was Brett Strouse, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Blake Nichols, Brannon Oesterle, Chris Stratton, Nelson Mavares and Caleb Price, brother-in-law of the groom. The ring bearer was Fabian Molina, nephew of the bride.

The bride graduated in 2015 from La Ceiba Bilingual School in La Ceiba, Honduras. She graduated in 2019 from State Fair Community College with an associate's degree in nursing. She works as a circulator nurse at the Missouri Orthopedic Institute in Columbia.

The groom graduated in 2014 from Smith-Cotton High School. He graduated from State Fair Community College and, in 2018, he graduated from the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg with a bachelor's degree in biology. He



works as a plumbing technician at Master-Tech Plumbing, Heating and Cooling in Columbia.

A rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents on Friday, June 23 at

Bethany Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

A wedding reception was hosted on Saturday, June 24 at Foundry 324 in Sedalia.

The couple went on a honeymoon in Gulf Shores, Alabama.

CLUB NOTES

Daughters of Isabella

The Daughters of Isabella met at the Knights of Columbus Hall, which was the annual July Baby Shower meeting. Members donated many baby supplies and clothing, which was then to be donated to Birthright.

The meeting began with Fr. Joe Corel speaking about the important end of life decisions that need to be made by everyone. He passed out folders with detailed information, checklists and next of kin information.

Fr. Joe urged every-

one to make these decisions now and not wait until it is too late so that the grieving family is left to do it.

Tom Van Leer, who is a member of the parish, spoke next about the many financial decisions that need to be made and reminded the membership that there are many resources available to help. Van Leer is a financial advisor with Edward Jones and also works with Fr. Joe for the parish members who request it. Members were encouraged to make an appointment to discuss

these vital matters.

Regent Theresa Rider thanked the two speakers. She discussed the state conference and the basket our group will donate for bids. Members are to bring items to the August meeting. On Aug. 1 from 6 to 8 p.m., members are asked to come to the Knights Hall and help with bagging for the Right to Life booth at the Missouri State Fair.

Joyce Grinstead gave the treasurer's report.

Mary Bahner is recovering well from

shoulder surgery. For this picnic supper, Bahner brought table decorations, silverware and lemonade. Rider brought pulled pork and Mike Bahner, Mary's husband, brought ham. The rest of the picnic supper committee consisted of Katy Hodges, Lu Canon and Racine Westemeier brought desserts. The rest of the membership brought assorted side dishes.

The meeting closed with prayer.

The minutes were submitted by Jean Gallagher.

BIRTHDAYS

DeBres

Betty DeBres will observe her 88th birthday July 24.

She was born July 24, 1935, in St. Louis.

Before retiring, she did clerical work. Her

hobbies include traveling with her husband, dancing, senior exercise classes and spending time with family.

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

Sedalia, Mo. 65301

Thomas

Valmer Thomas will celebrate her 96th birthday July 25.

She was born July 25, 1927, in New Franklin.

Before retiring, she was

a homemaker and she enjoyed spending time with her husband.

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

NEW BOOKS

Fiction

"Dead Man's Wake," by Paul Doiron (mystery).

"Flop Dead Gorgeous," by David Rosenfelt (mystery).

"The First Ladies," by Marie Benedict (histori-

cal fiction).

"After Death," by Dean Koontz (suspense).

"Famous in a Small Town," by Viola Shipman (fiction).

"Be Mine," by Richard

Ford (fiction).

"The Sweetheart List," by Jill Shalvis (romance).

"Whispers at Dusk," by Heather Graham (romance).

Nonfiction

"First Family," by Cassandra A. Good.

"Anne Boleyn & Elizabeth I," by Tracy Borman.

New Movies

"Book Club: The Next Chapter"

DIVORCES

These people were recently granted divorces in Pettis County Circuit Court:

Tina M. McCue and Tyler J. McCue;

Taylor R. Whiting and Rebecca C. Whiting;

James E. Trujillo and Heather D. Trujillo;

Mercedez R. Kindle and Samuel K. Kindle;

Brandon J. Culbreth and Brandi N. Culbreth.

ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

Jamie Lee Curtis working on a new children's book

NEW YORK — Oscar winner Jamie Lee Curtis also has a busy career as a children's author. Her next work, "Just One More Sleep," is set to come out in January.

"The passage of time, how children relate to waiting, and patience are the themes at play in my newest book for children," Curtis said in a statement released Thursday by Philomel

Books, an imprint of Penguin Young Readers. The actor had previously released her children's stories through HarperCollins.

"The seed for this book was planted when I saw my 4-year-old neighbor, Betty, on Christmas Eve 2020 and I said 'Santa is on his way!' She scolded me and said, 'No Jamie, one more sleep, then Santa.' That moment of her literal truth gave birth to this lovely book, which I hope will resonate with

all families with young children," Curtis said.

She will again team with illustrator Laura Cornell, who worked with Curtis on "Tell Me Again About the Night I Was Born," "Today I Feel Silly" and several other picture stories.

Universal theme park plans to open new DreamWorks land

ORLANDO, Fla. — The Universal Orlando Resort theme park in Florida plans to open a new land next year based on char-

acters from DreamWorks Animation, company officials said Thursday.

The new DreamWorks land opening next year will feature characters from the "Shrek" franchises, the "Trolls" film series and "Kung Fu Panda."

The 4-acre (1.6-hectare) land is geared toward young children and their families, as is a separate theme park in Frisco, Texas, that the company announced plans for earlier this year.

Community Calendar JULY

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

SUNDAY

Each day: AA meets at 417 E. Pettis St.
Noon and 7 p.m.: Alcoholics Anonymous 12x12 Non-smoking group, Sunday through Saturday; at 417 W. Pettis St., sedalia12x-12aa@gmail.com.
1:30 p.m.: Open Door Soup Kitchen, 417 W. Pettis St. Call 660-827-1613.
7 p.m.: Narcotics Anonymous Because We Care and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday; First Christian Church, 200 S. Limit Ave.

MONDAY

Each day: AA meets at 417 E. Pettis St.
8 a.m.: Courthouse Prayer Group meets on the lawn of the Pettis County Courthouse, Monday through Friday. During the winter months, the group meets at Panera.
10 a.m.: Show-Me Mad Tatters, University Extension Office Conference Room, 1012A Thompson Blvd.
11:30 a.m.: Open Door Soup Kitchen, 417 W. Pettis St. Call 660-827-1613.
Noon: Sedalia Rotary

Club, Best Western State Fair Inn, 3120 S. Limit Ave.
1:45 p.m.: TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter 0102 Sedalia meets at the Boonslick Regional Library, 219 W. Third St., in the lower level meeting room. All are welcome to attend. The first meeting is always free. Call 660-525-4142.
6 p.m.: Cornerstone Celebrate Recovery. A Bible-based 12-step program for Hurts, Habits and Hangups; Cornerstone Baptist Church, 660-827-4833.
6 p.m.: DeFeet.org has a general meeting open to the public at First Christian Church, located at 200 S. Limit Ave., in Sedalia (across from the new community center on Hwy 65). For more information, contact info@defeet.org, visit www.defeet.org, or message via our Facebook page.
6 p.m.: Smithton Senior Citizens Group Pitch and Pool, Smithton Senior Center on Washington Street.
6:30 p.m.: Bingo at VFW Post 2591, 121 S. Ohio Ave. Bonanza blackout starts at 6 p.m.
6:30 p.m.: Mid-Missouri Photo Club for all photo enthusiasts, St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Cole Camp.
6:30 p.m.: Show Me Sound, Sweet Adelines

International, rehearsals at Wesley United Methodist Church basement, 1322 W. Broadway Blvd. All women who like to sing are welcome. For more information, call 660-851-2205.
7 p.m.: Al Anon, at 417 W. Pettis. For more information, call 660-473-0855
7 p.m.: Father Tony Kraff Assembly of Knights of Columbus, Knights Hall, 1708 Elm Hills Blvd.
7 p.m.: Pettis County Historical Society, 228 Dundee Ave.
7 p.m.: West Central Missouri Genealogical Society, Culp Building at the Johnson County Historical Society on Main Street, in Warrensburg

TUESDAY

Each day: AA meets at 417 E. Pettis St.
8 a.m.: Central MO Business Builders (BNI), at Heckart Family Center, 903 S. Ohio Ave.
11:30 a.m.: Open Door Soup Kitchen, 417 W. Pettis St. Call 660-827-1613.
Noon: Flat Creek Family and Community Club, for luncheon. Call 660-827-0591 for location information.
Noon: Sedalia Optimist Club, in Room C at the Heckart Community Center, 1800 W. Third St.
12:30 to 4:30 p.m.: Birthright Pregnancy Center, 1810 W. 11th St., Tuesday through

Friday; and other hours by appointment. The office number is 660-826-9060.
3 to 6 p.m.: Sedalia Area Farmers' Market, in Nucor Pavilion on Missouri State Fairgrounds by Centennial Gate along South Limit Avenue.
6 p.m.: NarAnon meetings at LifePointe Church, 2921 W. Broadway Blvd.
6 p.m.: Sedalia Runners Club-Track at Smith-Cotton Track.
7 p.m.: Co-Dependents Anonymous (CoDA) is a 12-step fellowship of men and women whose common purpose is recovery from co-dependence at the First United Methodist Church Celebration Center, 1701 W. 32nd St.; for more information, call Barbara at 660-827-6522.
7 p.m.: Mozarkite Society of Lincoln Inc., Rock, Gem and Mineral Club, First Christian Church, 200 S. Limit Ave. Use southeast entrance; visitors are welcome.
7 p.m.: OIC Studios will present the SpoFest writing prompt/open mic event event streaming live via Zoom, Facebook and OIC Radio. Signup and event guidelines at www.oicstudios.com/spofest-online.
7 p.m.: Women of the Moose, at the lodge, 119 Winchester Dr.

WEDNESDAY

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

10 a.m.: TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter 958, First Baptist Church, 200 E. Sixth St. First visit is free; 816-916-6237.
11:30 a.m.: Open Door Soup Kitchen, 417 W. Pettis St. Call 660-827-1613.
Noon: Sedalia Lions Club, Heckart Community Center, 1800 W. Third St.
1 p.m.: Helen G. Steele Music Club meets with a program at the Heard Memorial Club House, 200 W. Broadway. Visitors are always welcome. Soro-sis.TheHeardHouse@gmail.com.
5:30 p.m.: Amigos de Cristo, Teen Mom Classes at 3003 W. 11th St., 660-826-2788.

THURSDAY

Each day: AA meets at 417 E. Pettis St.
11:30 a.m.: Open Door Soup Kitchen, 417 W. Pettis St. Call 660-827-1613.
Noon: Kiwanis of Sedalia, at Lamy's, 108 Pacific St.
1 p.m.: Sedalia Duplicate Bridge Club at First Christian Church, 200 S. Limit Ave.
6 p.m.: Women in Crisis Group, call 660-827-5555 for location.
6:30 p.m.: Sedalia Cadet Squadron Civil Air Patrol, Civil Air Patrol building, U.S. Highway 50.
6:30 p.m.: Sedalia Landlords Inc., Community of Christ Church, 2000 S. Ingram Ave.

7 p.m.: Fraternal Order of Eagles No. 4286, Lincoln.
7 p.m.: Sedalia Bible Academy, Boonslick Regional Library, 219 W. Third St., Sedalia. For more information, call 660-826-9988. It is free and open to the public.

FRIDAY

Each day: AA meets at 417 E. Pettis St.
11:30 a.m.: Open Door Soup Kitchen, 417 W. Pettis St. Call 660-827-1613.
Noon: Pettis County Pachyderms, Room C at the Heckart Community Center.
3 to 6 p.m.: Sedalia Area Farmers' Market, in Nucor Pavilion on Missouri State Fairgrounds by Centennial Gate along South Limit Avenue.

SATURDAY

Each day: AA meets at 417 E. Pettis St.
7 a.m.: Sedalia Runners Club-Group Run every Saturday at Clarendon and Katy Trail.
11:30 a.m.: Open Door Soup Kitchen, 417 W. Pettis St. Call 660-827-1613.
1 to 4 p.m.: The Pettis County Museum and Historical Society is free and open for guests, 228 Dundee.
4 to 7 p.m.: Wind-sor United Methodist Church, 216 S. Main St., will host a homemade ice cream social for a freewill donation.

Police seized items from home of witness to Tupac Shakur's 1996 killing

By Rio Yamat and Ken Ritter
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — A home that Las Vegas police raided this week in connection with the 1996 drive-by shooting of Tupac Shakur is tied to one of the only surviving witnesses to the crime, a man long known to investigators whose nephew was seen as a suspect shortly after the rapper's killing.
Detectives sought items "concerning the murder of Tupac Shakur" from Duane "Keffe D" Davis, according to warrant documents obtained Thursday by The Associated Press.
Davis, now 60, is a self-described "gangster" and the uncle of Orlando "Baby Lane" Anderson, one of Shakur's known rivals. Anderson denied involvement in Shakur's killing, and died two years later in a shooting in Compton, California.
Police reported collecting multiple computers, a cellphone and hard drive, "documentary documents," a Vibe magazine that featured Shakur, "purported marijuana," several .40-caliber bullets, two "tubs containing photographs" and a copy of Davis' 2019 tell-all memoir, "Compton Street Legend."
The Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department confirmed it served a search warrant Monday in the neighboring city of Henderson.

The department hasn't said whether investigators expect to make a first-ever arrest in the slaying of the rapper nearly 27 years ago.
Residents of the neighborhood in foothills about 20 miles (32 kilometers) southeast of the Las Vegas Strip said they saw officers detain two people outside the home Monday night while investigators searched the one-story property.
"There were cruisers and SWAT vehicles. They had lights shining on the house," said Don Sansouci, who watched from the sidewalk as a man and a woman stepped out of a house to bullhorn commands, placed their hands behind their heads and slowly walked backwards toward officers amid a swirl of blue and red police lights.
The case is being presented to a grand jury in Las Vegas, according to a person with direct knowledge of the investigation who was not authorized to speak publicly. The timing and results of those proceedings was unclear, and the person did not identify the two people whom police encountered at the house.
It was not immediately known if Davis has a lawyer who can comment on his behalf. Messages left for Davis and his wife, Paula Clemons, weren't returned. Records show the two were married in Clark Coun-

ty, Nevada, in 2005.
News of the search breathed new life into Shakur's long-unsolved killing, which has been surrounded by conspiracy theories. There has never been any arrest and attention on the case has endured for decades.
"I'm one of the only living eyewitnesses to Tupac's killing, who also knows the much larger story around the reasons why both Tupac and Biggie were killed," Davis wrote in the memoir, referring also to the 1997 killing of rapper "Biggie Smalls," also known as "Notorious B.I.G."
Shakur's death came as his fourth solo album, "All Eyez on Me," remained on the charts, with some 5 million copies sold. Nominated six times for a Grammy Award, Shakur is largely considered one of the most influential and versatile rappers of all time.
On the night of Sept. 7, 1996, Shakur was riding in a black BMW driven by Death Row Records founder Marion "Suge" Knight in a convoy of about 10 cars. They were waiting at a red light a block from the Las Vegas Strip when a white Cadillac pulled up next to them and gunfire erupted. Shakur was shot multiple times and died days later.
Knight, now 58, was wounded but recovered. He was sentenced in October 2018 to 28 years in prison for running over a man with his pickup truck, killing him, in a

Compton burger stand parking lot in January 2015.
The Shakur shooting unfolded shortly after a casino brawl earlier in the evening involving Anderson, Shakur and their associates.
There were many witnesses, but the investigation stalled because people refused to cooperate, Las Vegas police said in the past.
That silence broke, to a point, in 2018, when Davis — saying he was ready to speak publicly after a cancer diagnosis — admitted to being in the front seat of the Cadillac. In an interview for a BET show, he implicated his nephew in the shooting, saying Anderson was one of two people in the backseat.
Davis said the shots were fired from the back of the car, though he stopped short of naming the shooter, saying he had to abide by the "code of the streets."
But in his memoir, Davis said he shared what he knew nearly a decade earlier in a closed-door meeting

with federal and local authorities who were investigating the possibility that Shakur's slaying was linked to B.I.G.'s death.
"They offered to let me go for running a 'criminal enterprise' and numerous alleged murders for the truth about the Tupac and Biggie murders," Davis, who was 46 at the time, said in his book. "They promised they would shred the indictment and stop the grand jury if I helped them out."
At the time of their deaths, Shakur and B.I.G. were involved in the infamous East Coast-West Coast rivalry that primarily defined the hip-hop scene during the mid-1990s. The feud was ignited after Shakur was seriously wounded in another shooting during a robbery in the lobby of a downtown Manhattan hotel.
Shakur openly accused B.I.G. and Sean "Diddy" Combs of having prior knowledge of the shooting in New York, which both vehemently denied. It sparked a serious di-

vide within the hip-hop community and among fans.
In the memoir, Davis wrote that he finally decided to tell authorities in 2010 what he knew of the Shakur and B.I.G. killings to protect himself as well as 48 of his associates involved in the Southside Compton Crips gang from what might have been sentences of life in prison.
"I sang because they promised I would not be prosecuted," Davis said, adding that he thought they were lying about the deal. "But they kept their word and stopped the indictment, tore up the whole case. Nobody went to jail."
It's unclear if Davis was at the Henderson home when officers descended on the property. Las Vegas court records show he has been sought on an arrest warrant since July 2022, when he failed to appear in court on a drug charge.
Associated Press researcher Rhonda Shafner in New York contributed to this report.

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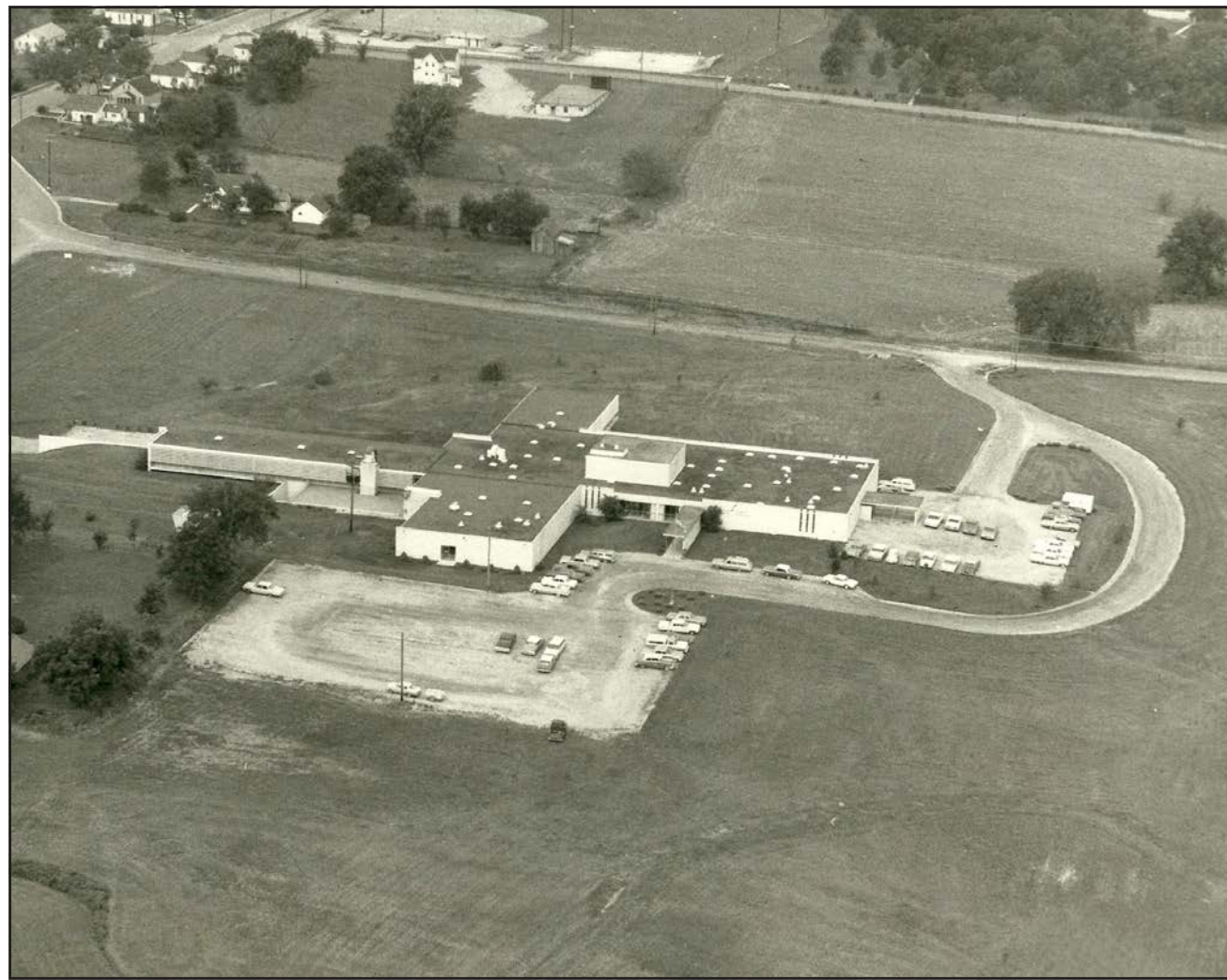
“And that is really an invisible structure that really is just how we became integrated as one for the whole continuum of care for patients in this community. And then we also expanded into Lafayette County at that time too, and we have the practice in Concordia and Higginsville. So owning those primary care facilities or clinics has been really helpful for us because we can help with guiding the quality of the improvement, the cost, all those things and we have been able to really invest in the physician recruitment, so that’s a big deal. That really changed the face of the medical community in this community.”

Since the additions in 2016, WMMC has focused on growing its team of physicians within the hospital. Dick said the hospital has added specific physician services and looked to its physicians as leaders to help figure out how to grow those services.

“So we have a physician enterprise that we created in 2016,” said Dick, who became Vice President of Patient Care Services/Chief Nursing Officer in 2013 and CEO in 2016. “It’s like a shared decision-making model where they work with me and so they get to help decide like, you know, we talked about problems, issues, successes of different services in the hospital... And so they’re able to really guide how the medical community is going to look.”

Dick said each WMMC CEO has left their legacy at the hospital.

“We had CEO Greg Vernardi and he was



An aerial view of the east entrance of Johnson County Memorial Hospital.

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here for 17 years... And he was a great visionary CEO, but he was really good at saving money,” Dick shared. “He saved a lot of money... He has a huge piece in our history because he made us poised and ready to build this big new building... We got Craig Marks, he was a huge visionary and so he was here about five years and Craig is behind building that new building with the Board of Trustees... Then Susan Stiles was previous to me, and I feel like in her tenure, she was really focused on making sure that we were doing the same things as you could get done in the city... We outsourced a lot of specialty services... I think to make sure to bring the standard of care up.”

Dick wants her legacy to be about making WMMC a place that provides the

best care to the community, and continuing to serve the community as one of the largest employers.

“I feel like my legacy has really been about right-sizing us, getting this medical community that’s more united,” she said. “We have kind of gone away from outsourcing because we have the quality, we have the structures in place to provide high-quality, evidence-based care to our community. And so we select partners, but we can be very selective in our partners, we’re not desperate for people to come help us in this community.”

WMMC employs more than 700 people, along with 200 to 300 contractors, putting it in the top five largest employers in Johnson County. With that in mind, Dick said “it really sets on my heart that one of our biggest respon-

sibilities to this community is as a large employer.”

“In a community like this, I feel like we have to have a really big commitment to the employee experience because we are really floating the finances and the livelihoods of many families in this community, and I don’t think that can be overlooked,” she continued. “Just as importantly as we’re saving people’s lives or helping them to maintain their health, we’re also keeping people’s livelihoods and their families financially secure as they live in this community... There’s a lot of interconnectivity.”

The OB department has proven to be one of WMMC’s steady strengths. With many young families in the surrounding communities, Dick said it is important to keep OB at

the highest level of care.

“People have been having babies in this community at this hospital for its entirety that this hospital has been in place... it’s a proud service for us,” she said. “I think that we do a great job in the OB service line. And we really do feel like it is a commitment to the specific needs of this community because there are a lot of hospitals right now closing OB departments because there is not a lot of revenue... We deliver a lot of babies and I think we do a fantastic job. With that, we want to continue to grow that strength.”

That OB growth includes recruiting two more OB physicians starting later this year. Next year, WMMC will be pursuing a Level 2 nursery NICU using neonatal nurse practitioners through Sunflower

Neonatology in Overland Park, Kansas.

“And so we again, we’re just trying to keep the mom and baby together for things that we can’t take care of here... So that’s really the future of growing and supporting that service line... We’re really proud of that,” Dick added.

Last year, the hospital sent employees a survey asking why they chose WMMC. Dick said many of the responses used the word “family.”

“I strongly believe that leadership always has something to do with it,” Dick said. “What you permit, you promote. And so if you permit people to have bad attitudes, then you’re going to promote the bad attitudes. So, and that’s definitely one part of it. I have some amazing leaders across this organization that really foster good relationships and their staff. They handle conflict. They don’t let it fester.”

Dick said having a friendly environment is important and impacts patient outcomes. She mentions it whenever she attends new employee orientation: she expects every employee and volunteer to smile and say hello to every person they encounter in the hall. Doing so means living out the hospital’s mission.

“I feel very fortunate to have come into a place that has a great culture and you know, it gets hard. Sometimes health care is hard, but we’ve managed not to destroy it, you know,” Dick said. “And so I’m pretty proud of that, but it is not because of me solely at all. It really is the commitment of every employee here because people want to work here. And we want to make it a good experience.”

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An old sign for Western Missouri Medical Center stands in front of the hospital.



Prior to the construction of Johnson County Memorial Hospital, the community was served by the Warrensburg Medical Center, seen here.

How ‘Barbie’ soundtrack came together, according to mastermind Ronson

By Maria Sherman
AP Music Writer

LOS ANGELES — Mark Ronson is showing off his Barbies.

Scattered throughout his studio, the executive producer of the “Barbie” soundtrack — and a musical polymath known for his work with artists like Amy Winehouse and Lady Gaga — has a few “leftovers” scattered across the room. One doll is placed in a permanent split, stretched across a Moog synthesizer. Another is styled to look like primatologist Jane Goodall.

“I went to Toys R Us and I didn’t find a single Ken,” he laughs. Fittingly, “that’s the theme of the movie.” Mattel HQ did end up sending over a few; the Ken that remains in Ronson’s studio is, appropriately, shirtless.

Finding the sound of “Barbie,” poised to become one of 2023’s biggest

blockbusters, required careful consideration and research for a film with such a rich visual palette. In the end, he produced a stacked soundtrack that included Lizzo, Billie Eilish, Dua Lipa (who also acts in the movie) and more.

But it started with a simple text message.

The music supervisor on the project, George Drakoulias, shot Ronson a quick, “Barbie?” Ronson read the script and was in. He also scored “Barbie” with collaborator Andrew Wyatt. Ronson is no stranger to working on music for film, but executive producing a soundtrack album and scoring an entire movie, let alone, a movie of this size, was new territory. “It was a lot of learning on the job,” he says.

The soundtrack assignment began with two tracks: a pop song for a big dance number and an ‘80s

power ballad for Ken (name a genre with more “self-aware, bombastic silliness,” as Ronson calls it).

The former came first. Ronson came up with a chorus and beat — a detour from his first, far too obvious plan on writing “‘80s, sugar-y pop,” and instead landing on a “groovy, melodic thing... with some toughness,” perfect for Dua Lipa. It became “Dance the Night,” the Lipa track featured in the film’s main trailer.

The Ken song came about differently. For the most part, Ronson works on instruments: When he wrote “Shallow” with Lady Gaga and Bradley Cooper for “A Star Is Born,” for example, he only contributed lyrics to fill in gaps — the “surface, don’t hurt us,” line, as he recalls. But for the song that would become Ryan Gosling’s “I’m Just Ken,” Ronson couldn’t

shake the lyric: “I’m just Ken, anywhere else I’d be a 10.”

So he sent director Greta Gerwig a demo with a few lines — including a deliciously mouthy lyric about “blonde fragility.” She sent it to Gosling, who plays Ken in the film, and knew immediately he needed to sing it. What could have soundtracked any scene in the film became its own musical moment.

Early on, Gerwig used the Bee Gees and ‘70s discos as a reference point for Ronson.

“You know the Chicago (Disco Demolition) thing, where everyone burned their disco records, “Saturday Night Fever” had reached its apex and the poor Bee Gees were like, ‘All we wanted to do was make people dance! What did we do wrong?’” says Ronson. “That’s ‘Barbie.’”

If anything, that idea

is more of a thematic one than a sonic guideline. The mood board was vast, and also included “Dolly Parton, Olivia Newton John, ‘Nine to Five,’” Ronson explains.

It speaks to why the “Barbie” soundtrack spans pop genres, including a reggaeton track courtesy Karol G, “Watati,” bubblegum K-pop from girl group Fifty Fifty featuring Kaliiii in “Barbie Dreams,” and the falsetto-led piano ballad “What Was I Made For?” by Billie Eilish.

For Atlantic Records, who released the soundtrack, collaboration and diversity was key.

“All of these artists were brought in early on to do screenings with Mark, Greta, and the filmmakers. They would see scenes they were going to write their music to,” says Brandon Davis, executive vice president and co-head of pop A&R at the label. “Each of these

artists wrote lyrics about the specific ways Barbie was important to them.”

Ronson echoes the sentiment.

“Karol G was like, ‘I’m here because I love Barbie. I wasn’t expecting this incredible film. This is awesome,’” he says. “And HAIM had this encyclopedic knowledge. The only VHS they were allowed in the ‘90s, when they were kids, was this one Barbie thing. They knew every song.”

Others were tasked with a prompt: Lizzo’s “Pink,” which ends with a voice-over from Helen Mirren, was inspired by the lead Barbie, played by Margot Robbie, living through her perfect day. And because the film is a comedy with real-world complications, humor informed a lot of the songwriting: It’s in Dominic Fike’s “Hey Blondie” as well as the many samples of Charli XCX’s “Speed Drive.”

Tony Bennett, masterful stylist of American musical standards, dies at 96

By Charles J. Gans

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Tony Bennett, the eminent and timeless stylist whose devotion to classic American songs and knack for creating new standards such as “I Left My Heart In San Francisco” graced a decadeslong career that brought him admirers from Frank Sinatra to Lady Gaga, died Friday. He was 96, just two weeks short of his birthday.

Publicist Sylvia Weiner confirmed Bennett’s death to The Associated Press, saying he died in his hometown of New York. There was no specific cause, but Bennett had been diagnosed with Alzheimer’s disease in 2016.

The last of the great saloon singers of the mid-20th century, Bennett often said his lifelong ambition was to create “a hit catalog rather than hit records.” He released more than 70 albums, bringing him 19 competitive Grammys — all but two after he reached his 60s — and enjoyed deep and lasting affection from fans and fellow artists.

Bennett didn’t tell his own story when performing; he let the music speak instead — the Gershwins and Cole Porter, Irving Berlin and Jerome Kern. Unlike his friend and mentor Sinatra, he would interpret a song rather than embody it. If his singing and public life lacked the high drama of Sinatra’s, Bennett appealed with an easy, courtly manner and an uncommonly rich and durable voice — “A tenor who sings like a baritone,” he called himself — that made him a master of caressing a ballad or brightening an up-tempo

number.

“I enjoy entertaining the audience, making them forget their problems,” he told The Associated Press in 2006. “I think people ... are touched if they hear something that’s sincere and honest and maybe has a little sense of humor. ... I just like to make people feel good when I perform.”

Bennett was praised often by his peers, but never more meaningfully than by what Sinatra said in a 1965 Life magazine interview: “For my money, Tony Bennett is the best singer in the business. He excites me when I watch him. He moves me. He’s the singer who gets across what the composer has in mind, and probably a little more.”

He not only survived the rise of rock music but endured so long and so well that he gained new fans and collaborators, some young enough to be his grandchildren. In 2014, at age 88, Bennett broke his own record as the oldest living performer with a No. 1 album on the Billboard 200 chart for “Cheek to Cheek,” his duets project with Lady Gaga. Three years earlier, he topped the charts with “Duets II,” featuring such contemporary stars as Gaga, Carrie Underwood and Amy Winehouse, in her last studio recording. His rapport with Winehouse was captured in the Oscar-nominated documentary “Amy,” which showed Bennett patiently encouraging the insecure young singer through a performance of “Body and Soul.”

His final album, the 2021 release “Love for Sale,” featured duets with Lady Gaga on the title track, “Night



Tony Bennett reacts after performing the song “I Left My Heart in San Francisco” during his 80th birthday celebration at the Kodak Theater in Los Angeles, on Nov. 9, 2006. Bennett, the eminent and timeless stylist whose devotion to classic American songs and knack for creating new standards, graced a decadeslong career that brought him admirers from Frank Sinatra to Lady Gaga, died Friday, July 21, 2023. He was 96. FILE PHOTO BY KEVORK DJANSEZIAN | AP PHOTO

and Day” and other Porter songs.

For Bennett, one of the few performers to move easily between pop and jazz, such collaborations were part of his crusade to expose new audiences to what he called the Great American Songbook.

“No country has given the world such great music,” Bennett said in a 2015 interview with Downbeat Magazine. “Cole Porter, Irving Berlin, George Gershwin, Jerome Kern. Those songs will never die.”

Ironically, his most famous contribution came through two unknowns, George Cory and Douglas Cross, who in the early ‘60s provided Bennett with his signature song at a time his career was in a lull. They gave Bennett’s musical director, pianist Ralph Sharon, some sheet music that he

and forgot about until he was packing for a tour that included a stop in San Francisco.

“Ralph saw some sheet music in his shirt drawer ... and on top of the pile was a song called ‘I Left My Heart In San Francisco.’ Ralph thought it would be good material for San Francisco,” Bennett said. “We were rehearsing and the bartender in the club in Little Rock, Arkansas, said, ‘If you record that song, I’m going to be the first to buy it.’”

Released in 1962 as the B-side of the single “Once Upon a Time,” the reflective ballad became a grassroots phenomenon staying on the charts for more than two years and earning Bennett his first two Grammys, including record of the year.

By his early 40s, he was seemingly out of fashion. But after turning 60, an age when even the most

popular artists often settle for just pleasing their older fans, Bennett and his son and manager, Danny, found creative ways to market the singer to the MTV Generation. He made guest appearances on “Late Night with David Letterman” and became a celebrity guest artist on “The Simpsons.” He wore a black T-shirt and sunglasses as a presenter with the Red Hot Chili Peppers at the 1993 MTV Music Video Awards, and his own video of “Steppin’ Out With My Baby” from his Grammy-winning Fred Astaire tribute album ended up on MTV’s hip “Buzz Bin.”

That led to an offer in 1994 to do an episode of “MTV Unplugged” with special guests Elvis Costello and k.d. lang. The evening’s performance resulted in the album, “Tony Bennett: MTV Unplugged,” which won two Grammys, includ-

ing album of the year.

Bennett would win Grammys for his tributes to female vocalists (“Here’s to the Ladies”), Billie Holiday (“Tony Bennett on Holiday”), and Duke Ellington (“Bennett Sings Ellington — Hot & Cool”). He also won Grammys for his collaborations with other singers: “Playin’ With My Friends — Bennett Sings the Blues,” and his Louis Armstrong tribute, “A Wonderful World” with lang, the first full album he had ever recorded with another singer. He celebrated his 80th birthday with “Duets: An American Classic,” featuring Barbra Streisand, Paul McCartney and Stevie Wonder among others.

“They’re all giants in the industry, and all of a sudden they’re saying to me ‘You’re the master,’” Bennett told the AP in 2006.

‘Am I crossing picket lines if I see a movie?’ and other Hollywood strike questions answered

By The Associated Press

You watch movies. You watch TV. And now you’re wondering how the dual Hollywood strikes — a pitched battle with actors and writers on one side, and studios and streaming services on the other — will affect you. We have answers.

Do the strikes mean “Barbie” and “Oppenheimer” aren’t coming out?

They — and all other summer releases — are still on track! Many flashy premieres have been canceled, however, or dramatically scaled down.

Am I crossing the picket line by seeing one of those movies?

No, the unions have not asked fans to boycott productions, and are quick to make that explicit. Instead, the guilds have asked supporters who aren’t members to post on social media and donate to community funds.

Should I cancel Netflix, MAX or the 16 other streaming services I subscribe to if I want to show support?

Nope, there’s been no consumer boycott of any kind called yet. Some guild members have said watching their programs on streaming services — if they’re still on there — actually helps make their cases to the studios’ bargaining arm, the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers.

When will I stop being able to watch new movies and shows?

That’s the big question: When will the pipeline dry up? There aren’t clear answers. The impact of the writers strike has so far been felt most acutely in the world of television; now, the actors strike has halted the bulk of film production. Your favorite broadcast shows like “Abbott Elementary” definitely aren’t coming back by early fall, regardless of whether the strikes are settled by then. Ditto for streaming favorites like “Stranger Things.” International productions may be able to fill the gap. As for movies, there’s still a steady stream on the horizon.

I have a ticket to a play starring my favorite actor. Do the strikes mean the show is going to be canceled?



Picketers carry signs outside Disney studios on Monday, July 17, 2023, in Burbank, Calif. The actors strike comes more than two months after screenwriters began striking in their bid to get better pay and working conditions and have clear guidelines around the use of AI in film and television productions. PHOTO BY JORDAN STRAUSS | INVISION/AP

No, stage actors in plays and musicals are governed by the Actors’ Equity Association. A different union altogether, Equity has expressed solidarity with SAG-AFTRA and many actors are members of both unions. But Broadway dances on.

I love the Emmys — will they still air in September?

The Emmys are still set for Monday, Sept. 18. But history shows that awards shows that proceed during strikes turn out to be bleak affairs. And Emmy campaigning will certainly be affected — SAG-AFTRA and WGA members aren’t allowed to take part in “for your consideration” events under their strike notices and they wouldn’t be able to accept awards for projects produced by struck companies.

Can actors still post to social media?

Yes! Actors (and writers) do not have to fade gently into that good night while they’re on strike. Social media actually helps boost the visibility of their cause, and you’ll see many guild members posting content with bespoke strike-related hashtags. But actors aren’t supposed to promote any of their projects in the pipeline while on strike, so it’s unlikely that you’ll see a sea of #barbie and #oppenheimer hashtags from their star-studded casts.

The SAG-AFTRA strike website had this advice for members wondering if they were allowed to promote them-

selves (or post #spon): “Yes! Promote yourself as an artist, a fashion icon, a union activist, a commercial actor, and a proud SAG-AFTRA member. You can also promote brands using our groundbreaking Influencer Agreement or start a podcast.”

It’s my dream to go to Comic-Con — will that be affected this year?

Honestly, yes. Several show and movie panels have already been canceled and the strike notice forbids SAG-AFTRA members from promoting any work made by struck companies — even if those projects were long in the past. There are certain exceptions that would allow members to attend some conventions, but the bottom line is that major events like San Diego’s Comic-Con will indeed be diminished during the strikes.

Look, the only thing that helps me unwind is watching celebrity interviews on YouTube. What am I going to do when that well dries up?

It won’t — the nature of that content will just be different. Ryan Gosling might not explicitly exude “Kenergy” in his interviews, but he’s still allowed to make media appearances (where the “Kenergy” might just be innate). Scores of actors and writers alike have been talking to media — including The Associated Press — on the picket lines for weeks.

Jason Momoa hosts Discovery’s ‘Shark Week’

By Mark Kennedy

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Discovery Channel has landed the perfect host this year for “Shark Week,” none other than a huge fan of all ocean creatures — Aquaman.

Jason Momoa, who in real life dreamed of a career as a marine biologist before Hollywood anointed him an ocean god, is going back to his roots to celebrate all things shark.

“My heart is in the ocean,” Momoa told The Associated Press from Tahiti, moments before taking a trip to swim with some of the apex predators. “Doing ‘Shark Week’ is a no brainer.”

Momoa will be the week’s recurring master of ceremonies, dipping in and out of the channel’s roughly 20 new hours of programs that start Sunday. Episode encores run most nights, too.

Viewers will get to see rare sharks off the coast of South Africa, examine deadly shark attacks off the posh beaches of Egypt’s Red Sea and investigate whether sharks in Florida waters are getting high on cocaine.

The week kicks off with a sort of nautical nod to “Jackass.” Researchers in the show “Belly of the Beast: Feeding Frenzy” try to reproduce a great white shark feeding frenzy by building a life-sized dead whale carcass decoy.

They put veteran “Shark Week” biologist Dr. Austin Gallagher and cameras inside the cavity — along with 200 pounds of chum and 50 gallons of

blood — and hope it can make dozens of sharks go mad. Then they try it at night.

“There are a few moments during the show where I was pretty freaked out,” Gallagher told the AP. “There’s a healthy respect there and I don’t want that ever to go away because I know what these animals are capable of.”

“Cocaine Sharks,” which premieres Wednesday, examines whether the occasional bricks of cocaine abandoned by drug smugglers effect shark behavior. “I’m basically looking for something really weird and out of the ordinary,” says the lead scientist, Tom Hird, in the program.

It shows a swarm of lemon sharks going a bit insane over floating bailes of faux cocaine and later we see how fish powder mimics the dopamine response that cocaine might give to junkie sharks.




“Hopefully people enjoy the show as much as they enjoy the title,” Hird said.

Geeking out with viewers will be Momoa, who watched “Shark Week” growing up and says he couldn’t wait to meet the scientists behind the programs. “I’m going to be every other fan,” he said in an interview before the Hollywood strike. “This is my life’s passion.”

As always, there is a deep respect for the creatures and strong science beneath the amusing titles, dramatic music and eye-popping titles like “Great White Fight Club,” “Shark Vs. Snake” and “Serial Killer: Red Sea Attacks.”

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 Case No. 23PT-CC0087
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ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SEDALIA, PETTIS COUNTY, MISSOURI.

In addition to the parties listed above, the names of all other parties to said action, are: the City of Sedalia, Missouri, Plaintiff; Charles ("Charlie") Midkiff, Defendant; Alma Midkiff, Defendant; Sean P. Pilliard, Defendant; and Jagpal Gosal, Defendant. The name and address of the attorney for Plaintiff is Madison E. Touchstone, 4031 NE Lakewood Way, Lee's Summit, Missouri 64064.

You are further notified that, unless you file an Answer or other pleading or shall otherwise appear and defend against the aforesaid Petition to Quiet Title within forty-five (45) days of the date of first publication, on or about July 8, 2023, or such longer time as the Court may fix by Order, Judgment by Default shall be rendered against you.

Witness my hand and seal of the Circuit Court on this 5th day of July, 2023.

Susan Sadler, Circuit Clerk
By: Cindi Ross, Deputy Circuit Clerk
4x-7/8, 15, 22, 29, 2023

IN THE 18TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, PETTIS COUNTY, MISSOURI

Judge or Division: PROBATE BETTY JEAN GUTH, Deceased

Notice of Letters Testamentary Granted (Independent Administration)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of BETTY JEAN GUTH, Decedent:

On 7-6-2023, the last will of Decedent having been admitted to probate, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of BETTY JEAN GUTH, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of PETTIS COUNTY, Missouri. The personal representative may administer the estate independently without adjudication, order, or direction of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court, unless a

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petition for supervised administration is made to and granted by the court.

The name and business address of the personal representative is:

LEORA MAE BREMER, 30640 PLEASANT HILL RD, SEDALIA, MO 65301

The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number is:

R SCOTT GARDNER, 416 SOUTH OHIO, SEDALIA, MO 65301-4410, 660-827-0204

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Date of decedent's death: 24-JUN-2023
Date of first publication: 08-JUL-2023

Susan Sadler, Circuit Clerk
By: /s/Darla Ebeling, Deputy Clerk
4x-7/8, 15, 22, 29, 2023

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PETTIS COUNTY, MISSOURI

Cheldyn Rae Harvey, Petitioner, vs. Kaleb Wayne Harvey, Respondent.

Case Number 21PT-DR00162

Notice of Publication The State of Missouri to Kaleb Wayne Harvey: You are hereby notified that an

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action has been commenced against you. The object and general nature of this action is a modification of the custody judgment entered with respect to your children R.K.H. and T.W.H. This action may affect your your rights and obligations concerning these children. This action is filed in the Circuit Court of Pettis County, Missouri. The parties to this action are Cheldyn Rae Dieckman and yourself. The Petitioner, Cheldyn Rae Dieckman, is represented by Daniel Baker, Baker Legal Services LLC, 412 South Ohio Avenue, Suite D, Sedalia, Missouri 65301.

Judgment by default will be entered against you unless you file an answer or other pleading or otherwise appear and defend within forty-five days after the date of the first publication, or such longer time as the court may fix by order. The date of the first publication is: July 1, 2023.

It is ordered that a copy of the above notice be published in the Sedalia Democrat, a newspaper of general circulation in Pettis County, Missouri.

Dated: June 28, 2023

Susan Sadler, Pettis County Circuit Clerk

By: /s/Cindi Ross, Deputy Clerk
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