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Barth-Fagan joins Sedalia school board

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The Sedalia School District 200 Board of Education has a new member after a vote during the Monday, Aug. 28 meeting at Smith-Cotton High School.

The board voted to approve Cara Barth-Fagan as the newest member after hearing from her and Eric Homan, who both applied for the position.

A vacancy was created in April with the departure of former member Matthew Herren, who moved out of the district. The district has left the position vacant since that time and advertised for applicants. During Monday's meeting, the board heard from Barth-Fagan and Homan as Superintendent Todd Fraley asked them questions. The board then voted to select a candidate.

Homan is a 1989 graduate of Smithton High School. He and his wife, also a Smithton graduate, moved to Sedalia about 10 years ago with their two daughters. He is a State Fair Community College alumnus and has worked for the Lake of

the Ozarks Convention and Visitors Bureau for almost 20 years. He also served for 12 years on the Smithton Board of Alderman.

Barth-Fagan earned a Bachelor's degree in psychology. When she came to Sedalia about 20 years ago, she went through the Transition to Teaching program, where she earned her K-12 teaching certification. She has since obtained a Master's in education and is pursuing a Doctorate in Higher Education Administration.

Barth-Fagan, who said "public education is near and dear to my heart," taught for eight years at SCHS and now works at SFCC as the Teacher Education Program Coordinator.

Barth-Fagan and her husband have four sons, and she has been part of a variety of Sedalia 200 activities through her children's involvement. She has also been the Smith-Cotton Junior High PTA vice president since 2015 and has led fundraising for the Chorale Society for several years.

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Cara Barth-Fagan, right, takes the oath of office Monday, Aug. 28, after being selected to fill the open position on the Sedalia School District 200 Board of Education. Administering the oath is Board Secretary Lisa Hammerly. PHOTO COURTESY OF SEDALIA SCHOOL DISTRICT 200

Ballpark preps at Centennial for adult softball



On Tuesday afternoon, Aug. 29, Sedalia Parks and Recreation employee Jeremy Bradley rakes concentric circles in the infield at Centennial Park for upcoming men's softball games. Bradley knows the players will just track-up his beautiful raking job, but says that's what it's all about. PHOTO BY CHRIS HOWELL | DEMOCRAT

Benton County to host Entrepreneurial Conference

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In a first for the area, Benton County will host an Entrepreneurial Communities Conference in September in the three communities of Cole Camp, Lincoln, and Warsaw.

The event, a cooperation between MU Extension and Benton County, encourages community engagement. This will be the third time for the conference to be in Missouri. It was previously hosted in Hannibal and Hermann. Information provided by MU Extension noted that the meeting sets the

stage for learning and transforms communities through collaboration, innovation, and inclusive growth. "The conference aims to highlight the strength of diversity, create an inclusive environment, and empower local businesses for a prosperous future."

Amie Breshears, the MU Extension field specialist in ag business in Warsaw, said the event will be hosted from Sept. 19 through 21, and there is a registration fee. She has worked with JoAnn Lane, the Benton County Economic Developer, and Annette Kendall, MU associate director of McQuinn Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership.

"There's a registration charge because it spans about 24 hours," Breshears noted. "There's some meals and some breakout sessions, workshops, and things like that."

"I think it's pretty rea-

sonable," she continued. "That's one of the goals of the conference actually is to keep the conference length and the fee as such that it's an easy one to attend."

She added that the event is designed for people who make decisions, allocate resources, and affect how entrepreneurs conduct business. It's not about starting a business, but it's about helping decision-makers, in rural areas especially, to understand how to allocate tax money or grants or make policy decisions and laws.

"So, county government officials, city government officials, economic developers — anybody who makes a decision, it tries to help them understand what makes a place better or worse for entrepreneurs," Breshears explained. "And how the decisions that they make actually affect entrepreneurs."

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Citizen's Police Academy now enrolling

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The Sedalia Police Department is looking for civic-minded citizens for its 2023 Citizen's Police Academy.

"One of our primary focuses with the Citizen's Police Academy, obviously, we want to educate the public and the citizens we serve on what we do and we want to have a lot of fun, but we also want to form those relationships," Commander David Woolery said. "Police officers are part of the community, and we should be the examples for the community."

Beginning Sept. 5, the six-week program will introduce willing Sedalians into all the functions of the police department.

"It's every Tuesday night from 5:30 to 8:30," Woolery said. "We start on time and try very hard to end on time. A three-hour

commitment for somebody for six weeks, that's a big deal. People's time is very important, and we appreciate that they're giving us that time."

Various officers will explain their positions and show participants the techniques used to maintain law and order.

"They won't come out the other side being police officers, unfortunately," Woolery said. "Though I think I've got a prayer group that might enjoy that, but no, it's just an introduction into what we do and to really kind of delve into the reality of our culture, of our commitment to service and to the community."

Sessions will begin with dinner catered in as classroom instruction takes students through the legal aspects of law enforcement. They then get to check out all the equipment.

"We will introduce

them to our police equipment," Woolery said, "to our special response team equipment. From the cars to practical applications, they'll get a chance to actually do traffic stops as a police officer. They'll stop some of our role players if they want to do that, and building searches and use some of our equipment to see how we perform those functions and those duties."

Those fearful they may not have the physicality to train as officers can relax, many of those attending citizen police academy are retired and the classes are geared for safety first.

"There's a physical aspect to it a little bit," Woolery said, "but folks have the option of whether they want to try things. A lot of the folks that do this are retired so we want to stay within the limitations of what they're physically comfortable doing."

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DEATH NOTICE

Dial
Norman L. Dial, 83, of Nelson, died Sunday, Aug. 27, 2023, at Legendary Nursing And Rehabilitation Center in Marshall.
Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2023, at Rea Funeral Chapel in Sedalia. The family will receive friends from 9:30 a.m. until service time at the chapel. The burial will be at Berea Cemetery in Nelson. Arrangements are under the direction of Rea Funeral Chapel.

FUNERALS

Vicki Mae Fry
5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Heckart Funeral Home in Sedalia. Arrangements are under the direction of Heckart Funeral Home.
Norman L. Dial
11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5, at Rea Funeral Chapel in Sedalia. Arrangements are under the direction of Rea Funeral Chapel.

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 Aug. 23
4:15 p.m.: Jimmy L. Linley, 41, of the 26000 block of Goodwill Chapel Road, was arrested after a traffic stop at East Seventh Street and South Ohio Avenue for a driver known to have a suspended driver's license. Linley was arrested and transported to the Pettis County Jail, where he was booked and released with a state charge of driving with a suspended license.

Aug. 24
4:39 p.m.: Christopher S. Hellesvig, 55, was arrested after an officer responded to the 2600 block of Stevenson Avenue for a trespassing report. The suspect had already left the area but was later located in the 1700 block of West 32nd Street and placed under arrest. He was transported to the Pettis County Jail and placed on a 24-hour hold pending charges of first-degree trespassing.

Aug. 28
1:39 a.m.: Trevor R. Cockerum, 41, of Kearney, was arrested after officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for no license plate lights. Kearney had a suspended driving status and was arrested, then released on scene for driving with a suspended license.

7:30 p.m.: Misty Autuun Taber, 41, of the 600 block of West Sixth Street, was arrested after officers were called to the 600 block of South Missouri Avenue for an individual dumping trash in a dumpster that did not belong to them. The complainant found mail within the dumpster with the address of a neighbor who admitted to using the dumpster for their trash. Taber was cited

and released on scene for depositing solid waste in a container other than their own.

Aug. 29
1:13 a.m.: LaDonna Fay Neace, 48, of the 4700 block of South Limit Avenue, was arrested after a bicycle patrol near South Grand Avenue and Clinton Road noticed subjects walking from the Katy Trail, which was closed at that time, onto South Grand Avenue in an improper manner. Investigation revealed one subject had methamphetamine and related paraphernalia. Neace was transported to the Pettis County Jail, booked and released.

Incidents Aug. 28
6:45 a.m.: Officers responded to the 700 block of West Seventh Street in reference to a theft report. The reporting party said a window to her vehicle was broken and money was stolen. No suspects have been identified.

9:39 a.m.: Officers responded to the police department lobby in reference to a theft report from a party who said her credit cards were stolen from her vehicle in the 2900 block of West Broadway Boulevard. No suspects have been identified.

3:55 p.m.: Officers responded to the 700 block of West Seventh Street in reference to a property damage report. They spoke with the reporting party, who stated sometime during the evening, someone slashed all four tires on their vehicle. No suspects have been identified.

Missouri State Highway Patrol Arrests Aug. 28
2:36 p.m.: Holly A. Wigginton, 34, of Slater, was arrested in Saline County for felony possession of a controlled substance. She was transported to the Saline County Jail and released.

Compiled by Chris Howell.

CRASH REPORTS

Centerview woman hurt in Johnson County accident
Linda S. Hensley-Shaufler, 75, of Centerview, suffered minor injuries at 5:30 p.m. Monday in a Johnson County accident.
According to a Missouri State Highway Patrol report, she was driving a 2008 Jeep Renegade east on U.S. Highway 50 and was slowing to turn when a 2017 Peterbilt driven by

Christopher D. Green, 47, of La Monte, attempted to brake and struck the back of her vehicle.
Green was wearing a seat belt, but Hensley-Shaufler was not and she was transported to Western Missouri Medical Center by Johnson County Ambulance District.
Montgomery City woman hurt when hit by pursuit suspect
Melissa Brumagin, 52, of

Montgomery City, suffered minor injuries at 5:55 p.m. Friday in a Moniteau County Accident.
According to a Missouri State Highway Patrol report, Brumagin was stopped in traffic on Boonslick Road in a 2013 Toyota Venza when she was hit by a 2006 Ford Fusion driven by Michael A. Chase, 31, of Independence, who was being pursued by Montgomery County Sheriff's Office

deputies. He immediately fled the scene.
Brumagin was wearing a seat belt and was transported to St. Joe West by Montgomery County EMS.
Information is taken from preliminary Missouri State Highway Patrol reports, which do not necessarily contain statements from all parties involved.
Compiled by Chris Howell.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Parks and Rec to host Bark in the Park
Sedalia Parks and Recreation will host Bark in the Park in partnership with the Sedalia Animal Shelter and other local animal rescues from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9 in Convention Hall.
The event is free and all ages are welcome. Bring your furry friend out to Liberty Park and enjoy a variety of booths and learn information about your pets. There will be a silent

auction throughout the day and all proceeds will go to the animal rescues. Donations are also accepted.
For more information, contact Kaylea Weber, Marketing and Special Events Supervisor, at kweber@sedaliaparks.com, visit the Sedalia Parks & Recreation Office at 1800 W. Third St., or call 660-826-4930.
SFCC, DeFeet to host 5K raising suicide awareness
State Fair Community

College and DeFeet will host a 5K walk/run on Saturday, Sept. 9 on the Sedalia campus.
Registration is at 8:15 a.m., followed by an opening ceremony at 9 a.m. and the walk/run at 9:15 a.m. The course will begin on the outside walking track near the soccer fields and loop through the rest of the campus.
All proceeds will remain in Pettis County and help raise awareness of suicide

prevention and the mental health issues associated with suicide.
Registration is \$20 for the general public and free for SFCC students and staff. Runners with paid registrations will receive a T-shirt. Shirt sizes and quantities may vary; available on a first-come, first-served basis.
Registration information is available at www.sfccmo.edu/5K-2023 or at facebook.com/sfccmo.

UNIVERSITY OF DUBUQUE SPRING 2023 GRADUATES

The University of Dubuque in Dubuque, Iowa, recognized and celebrated the academic achievements of undergraduate, graduate, and seminary students during its 171st commencement with two ceremonies on Saturday, April 29.
Versailles: Clinton Simmons, Certificate in Congregational Leadership

CBS honoring late game show host with prime-time special

NEW YORK — CBS is giving the late game show host Bob Barker a last run on television with a prime-time tribute special that will air on the network Thursday night.
“The Price is Right: A Tribute to Bob Barker,” scheduled for 8 p.m. Eastern and Pacific, will be replayed Labor Day in the game show's regular daytime slot, which

is 11 a.m. Eastern and 10 a.m. Pacific.
The smooth-talking host, who urged participants to “come on down” and play the enduring game that required them to guess the price of consumer goods, died at age 99 Saturday at his home in Los Angeles.
With his signature long, thin microphone, Barker commanded the

show's stage from 1972 to 2007. His tribute will be hosted by Drew Carey, his replacement and still the show's host now.
The show of highlights from Barker's 50-year television career will feature clips from his first and last days on “The Price is Right.” Barker hosted the game show “Truth or Consequences” before that.

It will illustrate Barker's ability to make the most out of every moment, said Margot Wain, senior vice president of daytime television at CBS.
“Bob was one-of-a-kind,” Wain said. “He'll be remembered as an extraordinary host, a devoted animal activist and, as he would put it, ‘a loyal friend and true.’”

Wear Red donates AEDs to Bothwell



From left: Michele Laas, Connie McLaughlin and Trish Henson, committee members; Dianne Simon, Thompson Hills Investment Corporation property manager and committee co-chair; Leisha Nakagawa, Bothwell Foundation administrative assistant; Lori Wightman, Bothwell Regional Health Center CEO and committee co-chair; and Kara Sheeley, Robin Balke and Erica Petersen, committee members. PHOTO COURTESY OF BOTHWELL REGIONAL HEALTH CENTER

Members of Wear Red for Women, a Bothwell Foundation committee, recently presented five automated external defibrillators (AEDs) to Bothwell Regional Health Center. An AED is a small, lightweight device that allows individuals and first responders to treat sudden cardiac arrest. The machine automatically analyzes the heart rhythm and when appropriate, it delivers an electrical shock to the heart to restore its normal rhythm.
According to research, the majority of sudden heart attack victims have good chances of survival under certain common conditions, including that

the event is witnessed, the collapse occurs in a large public place, an AED is handy, and bystanders use CPR and the AED.
Funds to purchase the device were raised during the 2023 Wear Red for Women luncheon and auction. The committee's goal is to have AEDs in every place people work,

learn, play or pray in Sedalia and Pettis County. Since the inception of the luncheon event in 2020, 72 AEDs have been placed in or committed to various locations. The 2024 Wear Red for Women event is Feb. 23, 2024.
Release courtesy of Bothwell Regional Health Center.

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The Democrat Best of Sedalia Awards will recognize and honor the best businesses West Central Missouri has to offer. Winners of each category will have permission to use the 2023 Democrat Best of Sedalia logo in their advertising during the next year. Best of Sedalia businesses will be included in the 2023 Democrat Best of Sedalia Awards special section in the Friday, Sept. 29 edition of the Democrat and the Wednesday, Oct. 4 and Wednesday, Oct. 11 editions of the Plainsman.

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Paper ballots must be received by Friday, Sept. 1. Ballots must have a minimum of 20 category votes to be eligible. Online voting will close at 11:59 p.m. Sept. 1 at sedaliademocrat.com/BestofSedalia



The rules are simple, but follow them closely to make sure your vote counts!

- Ballots must be the original ballot; no copies will be accepted.
- One vote accepted per person, per day, for one business.
- Ballots must have a minimum of *20 category votes* to be eligible.
- Paper and online ballots must include **your name and email address** to be counted. The ballot will not be eligible if an email address is omitted.
- Final decisions on eligibility of balloting categories and winning entries will be made by the Democrat selection committee.

Paper ballots must be received by Friday, Sept. 1. All paper ballots must be mailed to 111 W. 4th St., Sedalia, MO 65301, or dropped off at the same address between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Online voting will be open until 11:59 p.m. Sept. 1 at sedaliademocrat.com/BestofSedalia

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Civic Club _____

Large Employer (100+ employees) _____

Medium Employer (25-99 employees) _____

Small Employer (<25 employees) _____

Senior Living Facility _____

Food & Drink

Date Night Dinner _____

Catering Service _____

Food Truck _____

Restaurant Overall _____

Hamburger _____

Donuts _____

Barbecue _____

Cup of Coffee _____

Steak at a Restaurant _____

Ice Cream _____

Custom Cakes _____

Dessert _____

Pizza _____

Meat Shop/Butcher _____

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Host

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Decision-makers also can include bankers, someone on an agricultural committee, college trustees or those on nonprofit boards.

“Community champions is what I like to call those people who are super involved and really have the heartbeat of their community in mind,” she noted. “Those kinds of people. Because they’re allocating resources as well.”

Breshears added when the event was hosted in Missouri in the past, it was only in one town at a time, but she said they felt Benton County has so much to offer and the committee wanted to highlight the whole county.

“We really feel like Benton County has a great entrepreneurial story in all its towns,” she said. “Especially in the last several years.

“So, we pitched the idea to host the main conference sessions in Cole Camp and Warsaw,” she continued. “And then we’ll have a pre-event in Lincoln the night before the conference starts. Officially the conference starts at about 11 (a.m.) on the 20th in Cole Camp. But we’ve got some pretty awesome Wednesday morning tours that folks can go on.”

The event will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 19, with a pre-conference event at Drenon Ranch Arena in Lincoln, where there will be barbecue, drinks, and shopping at a popup market.

On Wednesday, Sept. 20, there is a pre-conference Kayak Tour at Drake Harbor in Warsaw. Tours will occur during the morning of various businesses,

such as Weinig Custom Gunstocks, the Regal Rexnord Factory in Lincoln, and Triple Creek Golf Course in Cole Camp. Those attending may also go on a Coffee Crawl to the many coffee houses in Benton County or on a Benton County Barn Quilt Square Trail tour.

After the tours, registration begins at 10:30 a.m. Sept. 20 at RiOak in Cole Camp. There will be group sessions, a keynote speaker, and breakout sessions in the afternoon during the conference.

“What’s neat is this conference is designed for people to not run from session to session,” Breshears noted. “But have a break in between, do some shopping at the businesses. Because the breakout sessions are going to be held in the local businesses — that’s the venue. You can shop and network in between and grab a coffee (and) enjoy the sunshine.”

Wednesday evening, there is a networking reception at the Visitor’s Center at Truman Lake in Warsaw. On Thursday, Sept. 21, the main session will be hosted in the Community Building in Warsaw, with breakout sessions hosted in local businesses.

“Small town Missouri is alive and doing well,” Breshears noted. “And I think everyone can come to this conference and get some ideas that they can take home and make their town even better.”

Those interested in attending the Benton County Entrepreneurial Communities Conference hosted Sept. 19 through 21 may register at <https://bit.ly/3Pjm-7RK>.

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Police

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Applications for the Sedalia Citizen’s Police Academy can be found at the police department, 300 W. Third St., and will be taken until the first class. The police department hopes to get shirts for students, so earlier enrollment is key if you want to have the PD look.

“It’s mostly about forming those lasting relationships with people in our community and having fun,” Woolery added.

For more information or to enroll, contact Woolery at 660-827-7823 ext. 1204 or dwoolery@sedaliapolice.com, or look on the Sedalia Police Department’s Facebook page.

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Rare blue supermoon to brighten the night sky this week

By Marcia Dunn

AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Stargazers are in for a double treat this week: a rare blue supermoon with Saturn peeking from behind.

The cosmic curtain rises Wednesday night with the second full moon of the month, the reason it’s considered blue. It’s dubbed a supermoon because it’s closer to Earth than usual, appearing especially big and bright.

This will be the closest full moon of the year, just 222,043 miles (357,344 kilometers) or so away. That’s more than 100 miles (160 kilometers) closer than the Aug. 1 supermoon.

As a bonus, Saturn will be visible as a bright point 5 degrees to the upper right of the moon at sunset in the east-southeastern sky, according to NASA. The ringed planet will appear to circle clockwise

around the moon as the night wears on.

If you missed the month’s first spectacle, better catch this one. There won’t be another blue supermoon until 2037, according to Italian astronomer Gianluca Masi, founder of the Virtual Telescope Project.

Clouds spoiled Masi’s attempt to livestream the supermoon rising earlier this month. He’s hoping for clearer skies this time so he can capture the blue supermoon shining above St. Peter’s Basilica at the Vatican.

Weather permitting, observers don’t need binoculars or telescopes — “just their own eyes,” said Masi.

“I’m always excited to admire the beauty of the night sky,” he said, especially when it features a blue supermoon.

The first supermoon of 2023 was in July. The fourth and last will be in September.

Board

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She serves as the board secretary for the Center for Human Services and the Early Head Start liaison. She has also served as the board secretary and president of the Missouri Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.

Fraley asked the candidates to explain the special skills and knowledge they would bring to the board. Barth-Fagan pointed to her more than 20 years of education experience, which includes involvement with Proposition K.I.D.S., the Sedalia 200 calendar committee, the Sedalia 200 long-range planning committee, the Sedalia 200 parent advisory board, and the Parents as Teachers advisory council.

She also noted she has an understanding of the budgeting process, something she teaches her students at State Fair.

“I have a really good understanding of Sedalia’s demographics, both socioeconomic and historically, because I worked with students when I was a teacher and I work with our graduates who are now at State Fair Community College,” she said. “I have served on numerous advisory commit-

tees ... and I’ve done lots of volunteering for the different extracurricular activities my kiddos have been a part of. I have a clear vision for what our school district should be and can be.”

Homan and Barth-Fagan were also asked how they view the Board of Education director role. Barth-Fagan said some responsibilities include creating and adopting policies for the district and ensuring budgets are allocated appropriately.

“We are able to oversee the superintendent but also make decisions for the school district that would benefit our students,” she continued. “The board is a face in the community and we need to work to create the best working environment for our teachers and our staff, to promote them within, to give them the opportunity to enhance themselves, to earn a really good working wage so they want to stay in our district and keep working. And part of being on the board, we should work collaboratively, agreeing to disagree sometimes but also talking things out and being open and honest.”

Fraley asked the candidates to offer some of the district’s greatest strengths and how they would address the greatest challenges.

Barth-Fagan thanked Communications Director

Bob Satnan for his work to promote the district and communicate with parents and the community through various methods. She said other strengths include great sports organizations, clubs and activities, which she noted continue to grow, as evidenced by several program updates earlier in the meeting. She said the passage of Proposition K.I.D.S. during the April municipal election shows “clearly we have community support.”

“We do have issues with keeping teachers and I know that’s an issue for the whole state, for the whole country,” she said. “Working on getting teachers who are highly-qualified and keeping them is a challenge. We do have the Grow Your Own program where we want our students that go to Smith-Cotton to come back and teach at Smith-Cotton, so offering those opportunities as well is a strength.

“... And something else we could work on is helping our teachers and our students with the well-being of their emotional health by providing them with counseling services or just options for those who may be feeling burned out from being in the field of education. I really appreciate the fence that is being put up at the junior high for the safety of the junior high kiddos and all of the security officers you’ve

hired for the schools. Finally, it wouldn’t be me if I didn’t mention special education. Providing special education services for our kiddos, providing them with the right resources and materials they need and providing it equally for everyone.”

The last question asked why the candidates wanted to be a board member and why they were the best candidate.

“I feel like I have a wealth of knowledge in my educational upbringing,” Barth-Fagan said. “I have that 20 years of experience in education, and I would be a benefit or an asset bringing on some knowledge from the educational field to the board. I want to see Sedalia thrive, I want to see the school being promoted that this is a district people want to come to, people want to bring their kids to, they want to teach here. And we do that, we offer that through our curriculum, our athletics, our activities. ... My kiddos all went through (the early childhood program) and have grown up in the Sedalia school district and I’ve been able to walk alongside them and see all the great things that have happened. So I would like to just continue being a part of that.”

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After court curtails federal power, Biden administration weakens water protections

By Michael Phillis, Matthew Daly and John Flesher

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Biden administration weakened regulations protecting millions of acres of wetlands Tuesday, saying it had no choice after the Supreme Court sharply limited the federal government’s jurisdiction over them.

The rule would require that wetlands be more clearly connected to other waters like oceans and rivers, a policy shift that departs from a half-century of federal rules governing the nation’s waterways.

Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Michael Regan said the agency had no alternative after the Supreme Court sharply limited the federal government’s power to regulate wetlands that do not have a “continuous surface connection” to larger, regulated bodies of water.

Justices boosted property rights over concerns about clean water in a May ruling in favor of an Idaho couple who sought to build a house near a lake. Chantell and Michael Sackett had objected when federal officials required them to get a permit before filling part of the property with rocks and soil.

The ruling was the second decision in as many years in which a conservative majority on the high court narrowed the reach of environmental regulations.

“While I am disappointed by the Supreme Court’s decision in the Sackett case, EPA and Army (Corps of Engineers) have an obligation to apply this decision alongside our state co-regulators,” Regan said in a statement Tuesday.

The rule announced Tuesday revises a rule finalized earlier this year regulating “waters of the United States.” Developers and agriculture groups have long sought to limit the federal government’s power to use the Clean Water Act to reg-

ulate waterways, arguing the law should cover fewer types of rivers, streams and wetlands. Environmental groups have long pushed for a broader definition that would protect more waters.

The new rule is highly unusual and responds specifically to the Supreme Court ruling in the Sackett case. Typically, a rule is proposed, the public weighs in and then the federal government releases a final version. This rule changes existing policy to align with the recent Supreme Court decision and is final.

Damien Schiff, a senior attorney with the Pacific Legal Foundation who represented the Sacketts, said the Biden administration properly changed rules to eliminate unlawful criteria to protect wetlands. “Kudos to the agencies,” he said.

Still, Schiff said the rule ignored other ways that the court limited the reach of the Clean Water Act to protect certain streams and ditches. “I think this attempt to keep it vague, whether it is wisely strategic in a political sense, is just not legally sustainable,”

he said.

A coalition of business groups was unhappy with the rule, too.

“Even worse, the agencies blocked public input and engagement in the revision process,” said Courtney Briggs, chair of the industry group Waters Advocacy Coalition in a statement.

The Supreme Court ruling was a win for developer and agriculture groups. It said federally protected wetlands must be directly adjacent to a “relatively permanent” waterway “connected to traditional interstate navigable waters,” such as a river or ocean.

They also must have a “continuous surface connection with that water,” Justice Samuel Alito wrote.

The court’s decision broke with a 2006 opinion by former Justice Anthony Kennedy that said wetlands were regulated if they had a “significant nexus” to larger bodies of water. That had been the standard for evaluating whether developers needed a permit before they could discharge into wetlands. Opponents had long said the standards was vague, hard to interpret

and generally unworkable.

Justice Elena Kagan wrote in a separate opinion that the majority’s decision was political, improperly weakening regulatory powers Congress gave the federal government.

The rule issued Tuesday removes the “significant nexus” test from consideration when identifying tributaries and other waters as federally protected.

The amended rule should “provide clarity and a path forward consistent with the (Supreme Court) ruling,” the EPA said.

Because the sole purpose of the new rule is to amend specific provisions of the previous rule that were rendered invalid by the high court, the new rule will take effect immediately, the EPA said.

Julian Gonzalez, senior legislative counsel with Earthjustice, said the change is likely to weaken protections for ephemeral streams, which only flow after rainstorms and are especially common in the arid Southwest.

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Flesher reported from Traverse City, Mich. and Phillis from St. Louis.



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CONTRIBUTING COLUMN

Starting off another new school year

My 5-year-old granddaughter experienced her first day of kindergarten on Monday. In the weeks leading up to that day, I watched my daughter patiently prepare her by walking her through the process step-by-step.

My granddaughter had some hesitation. You see, her sister is only 20 months younger than she is and they have grown up at each other's hips. They have never been apart and we expected that she might experience a bit of separation anxiety. As it turns out, everything was fine.

In fact, she loved her first two days of school so much that it is, quite literally, the only thing she can talk about. She is happy and excited to go back. I'm not sure why we, as parents and grandparents, experience more anxiety about our children going off to school than the students do, but it seems to come with the job.

Sending your second child off to kindergarten is a little easier. They have likely been to many events within the school because of their sibling, know some of the teachers and many of the students and are familiar with their surroundings. It's still hard to accept that your baby is growing up, but our fears are mostly conquered by this time.

By the time the third child goes, it's a relief! We pull up in the drop-off line, make sure everyone has their belongings, smile and tell them to "beat it!" There are also the days when you have to say, "Oh, you're crying? Bless your heart! Now suck it up, Buttercup and get yourself out of the car!" Ask me how I know.

The beginning of the school year is a tough process for everyone. Students and parents have to adjust to new schedules, teachers have to learn about each student and students are responsible for learning new rules. Parents are inundated with paperwork that their student may or may not return to their teachers, lunches have to be packed for finicky eaters, the alarm goes off earlier and parents stay up later just to have a few minutes of quiet.

It doesn't get easier as they get older.

Soon enough, they are involved in all things extracurricular. Music, sports, theatre, clubs of all sorts, fundraising, school assemblies, parties and field trips are only the tip of the iceberg.

Raising children is a full-time job on top of full-time jobs. Looking back, I'm not sure how we accomplished everything and I'm not entirely sure that we did it all correctly,



Stephanie Lefevers
Contributing Columnist

but I can tell you that I have come to learn that it is definitely a young person's game. I didn't feel that way in the moment, but hindsight allows me an opportunity to look back and think, "Wow! We were rock stars!"

Now that I am watching our daughters take on the very challenges that we did, I look at them with pride and respect. They are managing tasks that sometimes seem impossible.

I was fortunate to have been able to spend a lot of time in the schools with my children. Those who have been on my mind aside from these memories are the teachers.

I have yet to meet a teacher who is in this occupation for the money. They are there to make a difference in the lives of these tiny humans. They want the very best for each of them and work tirelessly to ensure that each student receives as much knowledge as possible within a limited timeframe.

Over the past decade or more, this challenge has become increasingly difficult with students for many reasons. One is the lack of preparation for kindergarten. If a student has not yet learned to share, take turns, follow instructions, sit quietly when instructed or stay in line while switching rooms, the teacher is forced to spend valuable time teaching the basics that should have been addressed beforehand.

The same goes for behavior. This is a challenge that all teachers are currently facing and they need (require) assistance from parents when this occurs. You have probably heard this before, but when I was a youngster, I was more concerned about what would happen at home than I was about the consequences I received at school. I hope parents will come back around to supporting our teachers in order to give all students an equal opportunity to soak in as much knowledge as possible without constant distractions.

I wish all of you a wonderful school year! Parents, don't forget to sleep!

Stephanie Lefevers is a local business owner, former member of the Sedalia 200 Board of Education and a resident of Sedalia for more than 40 years.



CONTRIBUTING COLUMN

The contradictions about grasshopper plague of 1870s

In 1873, the Democrat printed a number of articles about the infestation of grasshoppers that had been predicted in 1873 by an Austin, Texas, reporter and had been denied by the Missouri State Etymologist, Professor C.V. Riley, who believed they would not come east of the counties along the Kansas-Missouri border.

Ultimately, they reached as far east in Missouri as Jefferson City. As grasshoppers continued to destroy crops in 33 western and central Missouri counties, Riley continued researching grasshoppers and became a respected authority on their habits, according to the 1882 History of Pettis County.

Western Missouri, including Pettis County, like much of the Midwest, was suffering from a severe drought, a condition favorable to grasshoppers reproducing in large numbers and swarming as they flew from the western states in a northwesterly direction toward the Midwest.

The Sedalia Democrat reported on the activity of the grasshoppers, including accounts of the devastation they caused in neighboring counties of Johnson, Saline, and Henry, as well as in Jackson, Lafayette, and Cass counties. Oddly enough, the Democrat reported little on the insects here.

The Democrat noted



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on May 26, 1875, that a Sedalian had shared a letter from a friend in Solomon Valley, Kansas, a settlement along the Solomon River in central Kansas. He noted the insects' presence there but wrote that grasshoppers had not done much damage there, "for as soon as they get large enough to fly, they leave."

This comment indicated a particular stage in the grasshopper's life cycle. Female grasshoppers lay eggs on the ground in the fall. As they lay the eggs, the female sprays a substance on them that hardens into egg cases or pods. A pod may contain up to 300 eggs, and a female typically lays 25 pods.

The pods stay in the brush or leaves on the ground until spring. Since the pods are destroyed by water, a drought, which western and central Missouri suffered in the 1870s, helps the insects to increase.

The eggs hatch into nymphs, small grasshoppers without wings. The nymphs eat voraciously,

attacking grass, garden crops, and other vegetation. They molt, or shed their skins, up to five times as they grow into mature grasshoppers with wings.

On May 22, 1875, the Democrat noted the presence of nymphs in their office. The "little rascals, about a fourth of an inch long, visited us in force." The nymphs hopped about the office, the tables, and the faces of the staff.

When the nymphs have become adults with wings, they fly or swarm, going away in search of food.

On Sept. 4, 1874, the Democrat printed a report from J.W. Taylor, the U.S. Consul at Winnipeg, Canada, about preventing damage from grasshoppers that were then damaging crops in Manitoba.

Taylor noted remedies from nature, such as birds that eat the nymphs, bright sunlight that causes the insects to go away, and insects that destroy the nymphs. While these remedies sound interesting, they were not practical.

Taylor noted that better remedies involved killing the grasshoppers when they were in the egg pods. If farmers would plow deeply in the fields, in the roads, and along the roads where grasshoppers had laid eggs, the weight of the soil would crush the eggs. This method had been

used successfully in experiments by the Texas Department of Agriculture in the late 1860s.

Letting hogs and poultry into the fields where eggs had been laid was also suggested, as was planting field peas, which grasshoppers would not eat, around grain crops to keep the nymphs from the grain.

Paying a bounty on egg pods, such as was done in Hungary, Spain, France, and Italy, was offered as another possible remedy.

Yet another remedy involved attacking the nymphs by setting prairie fires in circles so they could not escape the flames.

Taylor also suggested human action against adult grasshoppers, which he said had been used effectively. Smudge pots, for example, produced dense smoke that would kill the insects. Or the insects could be netted in large bags made out of sheets and then dunked in hot water.

The Democrat did not follow up these recommendations with information about which, if any, of them had been tried in central Missouri.

Next week's column details the extent of the efforts to help farmers who had been harmed by the grasshoppers.

Rhonda Chalfant is active in the Sedalia/Pettis County chapter of NAACP and the Pettis County Historical Society.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

City should support alternative transportation options

Dear Editor:

I've read the Sedalia Democrat on and off for some time, and lived here my entire life. I believe, in many ways, Sedalia can be a wonderful and even beautiful city, but I've noticed something as I've begun studying city design, as I am a major in sociology with a focus in city planning at State Fair Community College.

Sedalia, despite holding in high regard that it is one of the major stops on the famous Katy Trail cross-country bike trail, has almost little to no safe or equitable biking infrastructure. No roads in the city have a single bike lane, detached from the road or simply painted. The city itself is just arguably hostile in design to the pedestrian, who I have been and witnessed being forced into walking on turf

and gravel as opposed to what really should be sidewalk.

The lack of an alternative besides the frankly outdated city bus or any form of safe and well-designed alternative to driving a personal motor or electric vehicle is bad for the city and its people. Inevitably it traps those either without or who cannot drive cars in their homes and forces people to spend large amounts of their personal income on gasoline. It also severely worsens traffic by giving most citizens no simple or safe alternative to driving their car even a few blocks from their home.

I think this is a very important issue that should be addressed by the city in the near future.

MacAllister Gartner
Sedalia

Immigration discussions should happen more

Dear Editor:

I feel as if the topic of immigrants is not talked about enough.

As America is supposed to be considered a free country, many immigrants are treated unfair and unequal. Whether they are citizens of the U.S. or not citizens, they migrate here for a better life for themselves or for their family. Where do we see ourselves as being the ones to control their life and take hold over how they live? Many who migrate here do not come to smuggle goods as some people may believe.

The discussion on how immigrants are treated should be brought about and talked about so people are aware of how they are actually treated. If this topic was to be talked about more, then maybe more could get done to allow the officials to stop treating immigrants unequally and allow them a chance to live the life they wholeheartedly long for.

Everyone deserves a chance, and how can they prove themselves if not given that chance?

Ondrea Bush
Sedalia

10 drugs targeted for Medicare price negotiations

By Chris Megerian, Tom Murphy and Amanda Seitz
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden touted the potential cost savings of Medicare’s first-ever price negotiations for widely used prescription drugs on Tuesday as he struggles to convince Americans that he’s improved their lives as he runs for reelection.

The drugs include the blood thinner Eliquis, diabetes treatment Jardiance and eight other medications. The negotiation process was authorized under the Inflation Reduction Act, which Biden signed last year, capping decades of debate over whether the federal government should be allowed to haggle with pharmaceutical companies.

Any lower prices won’t take effect for three years, and the path forward could be further complicated by litigation from drugmakers and heavy criticism from Republicans.

But the effort is a centerpiece of Biden’s reelection pitch as the Democrat tries to show Americans he’s deserving of a second term because of the work he’s doing to lower costs while the country is struggling with inflation. The drug negoti-

ations, like many of Biden’s biggest policy moves, will take time to play out, and his challenge is to persuade the public to be patient.

“For all of you out there, I get it, and millions of Americans get it,” Biden said at the White House. “I promise you. I’m going to have your back and I’ll never stop fighting for you on this issue.”

He noted that he got “no help from the other team” — meaning Republicans — when it came to lowering prescription costs.

The drugs on the list announced Tuesday accounted for \$3.4 billion in out-of-pocket costs for Medicare patients last year.

The Medicare program paid more than \$50 billion for the drugs between June 1, 2022, and May 31, according to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, or CMS.

That includes more than \$16 billion on Eliquis, a total that does not count discounts or rebates that are already negotiated for the drug. The drug from Pfizer and Bristol-Myers Squibb treats blood clots in the legs and lungs and reduces the risk of stroke in people with an irregular heartbeat called atrial fibrillation.

The diabetes treatments Jardiance from Eli Lilly

and Co. and Boehringer Ingelheim and Januvia from Merck made the list. It also included Amgen’s autoimmune disease treatment Enbrel and Entresto from Novartis, which is used to treat heart failure.

Other drugs on the list include AstraZeneca’s diabetes and heart failure treatment Farxiga and three drugs from Johnson & Johnson: the blood thinner Xarelto, the blood cancer treatment Imbruvica and it’s biggest seller, Stelara, an IV treatment for psoriasis and other inflammatory disorders.

The list also includes several versions of Novo Nordisk’s Fiasp, a fast-acting insulin taken around meals.

The announcement Tuesday is another significant step toward taming drug pricing under the Inflation Reduction Act, which was signed by Biden last year. The law also calls for a \$2,000 annual cap on how much people with Medicare have to pay out of pocket for drugs starting in 2025.

In addition, the law already caps out-of-pocket costs for insulin at \$35 a month for Medicare patients.

“We are here today with the firm belief that in the United States of America,

no senior should have to choose between whether they fill their prescription or fill their fridge with food,” Vice President Kamala Harris said.

For drugs on the list released Tuesday, the government aims to negotiate the lowest maximum fair price. That could help some patients who have coverage but still face big bills like co-insurance payments when they get a prescription.

About 9% of Medicare beneficiaries age 65 and older said in 2021 that they did not fill a prescription or skipped a drug dose due to cost, according to research by the Commonwealth Fund, which studies health care issues.

Currently, pharmacy benefit managers that run Medicare prescription plans negotiate rebates off a drug’s price. Those rebates sometimes help reduce premiums customers pay for coverage. But they may not directly change what a patient spends at the pharmacy counter.

The new drug price negotiations aim “to basically make drugs more affordable while also still allowing for profits to be made,” said Gretchen Jacobson, who researches Medicare issues at Commonwealth.

The federal government

will benefit most from any lowered drug prices, noted Larry Levitt, an executive vice president for health policy at KFF, another non-profit that studies health care. But he said that if Medicare spends less on prescription drugs, then premiums for everyone with its drug coverage also should fall.

Drug companies that refuse to be a part of the new negotiation process will be heavily taxed.

The pharmaceutical industry has been gearing up for months to fight these rules. The lobbying group Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America said Tuesday that the drug list announcement stemmed from “a rushed process focused on short-term political gain rather than what is best for patients.”

“Many of the medicines selected for price setting already have significant rebates and discounts due to the robust private market negotiation that occurs in the Part D program today,” PhRMA CEO Stephen J. Ubl said in a statement.

PhRMA representatives also have said pharmacy benefit managers can still restrict access to drugs with negotiated prices by moving the drugs to a tier of their

formulary — a list of covered drugs — that would require higher out-of-pocket payments. Pharmacy benefit managers also could require patients to try other drugs first or seek approval before a prescription can be covered.

PhRMA and several drugmakers have filed lawsuits over the administration’s plan.

Republican lawmakers also have blasted the Biden administration, saying companies might pull back on introducing new drugs that could be subjected to future haggling. They’ve also questioned whether the government knows enough to suggest prices for drugs.

CMS plans to meet this fall with drugmakers that have a drug on its list, and government officials say they also plan to hold patient-focused listening sessions. By February 2024, the government will make its first offer on a maximum fair price and then give drugmakers time to respond.

CMS aims to add 15 more drugs to its negotiation list for 2027 and another 15 for 2028. It then plans to add up to 20 more for each year after that.

— *Murphy reported from Indianapolis.*

Lawyers indicted with Trump say they were doing their jobs

By Eric Tucker
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — As John Eastman prepared to surrender to Georgia authorities last week for an indictment related to efforts to overturn the 2020 presidential election, he issued a statement denouncing the criminal case as targeting attorneys “for their zealous advocacy on behalf of their clients.”

Another defendant, Rudy Giuliani, struck a similar note, saying he was being indicted for his work as Donald Trump’s attorney. “I never thought I’d get indicted for being a lawyer,” he lamented.

The 18 defendants charged alongside Trump in this month’s racketeering indictment in Fulton County include more than a half-dozen lawyers. And the statements from Eastman and Giuliani provide early foreshadowing of at least one of the defenses they seem poised to raise: that they were merely doing their jobs as attorneys when they maneuvered on Trump’s behalf to undo the results of that election.

The argument suggests a desire to turn at least part of the sprawling prosecution into a referendum on the boundaries of ethical lawyering in a case that highlights anew how Trump’s own attorneys have become entangled over the years in his own legal problems.

But while attorneys do have wide berth to advance untested or unconventional positions, experts say a “lawyers being lawyers” defense will be challenging to pull off, to the extent prosecutors can directly link the indicted lawyers to criminal schemes alleged in the indictment. That includes efforts to line up fake electors in Georgia and other states to falsely assert that Trump, not Democrat Joe Biden, had won their respective contests.

“The law books are replete with examples of lawyers who were disciplined for claiming they were representing their

clients,” said Barry Richard, who represented George W. Bush’s winning presidential campaign in 2000 in a dispute ultimately decided by the Supreme Court. “Lawyers are required to follow very stringent rules of propriety. And there are certain things you can’t do for your clients.”

A more complicated question, though, is how far lawyers can go in advancing legal theories — even poorly supported ones — to achieve a desired outcome for a client, said Stephen Saltzburg, a George Washington University law professor and former Justice Department official.

“Bad lawyering” is in and of itself not a crime, nor is “testing the waters” of reasonable advocacy, he said.

“The real question is, at what point does a lawyer who knows that the legal theory that that lawyer is espousing has never been accepted anywhere — when does the lawyer cross the line if the lawyer suggests sort of that it’s OK, that it’s clearly OK?” Saltzburg said. “And that’s a fuzzy line.”

Of course, attorneys are expected, as Eastman noted in his statement, to zealously represent clients — though he did privately acknowledge, according to court documents, that he expected the Supreme Court to unanimously dismiss the idea that then-Vice President Mike Pence could reject the counting of electoral votes.

There’s also a long history of election-related lawsuits, none more famous than the 2000 Florida fight between Democrat Al Gore and the Bush campaign. Justice Department counsel Jack Smith acknowledged as much in his own federal indictment against Trump, saying he was entitled like any candidate to file lawsuits challenging ballots and procedures and contest the results through other legal means.

But the Georgia indictment lists numerous acts in which prosecutors allege that lawyers went beyond conventional legal advocacy

and engaged themselves in criminal activities.

It alleges, for instance, that former Justice Department official Jeffrey Clark — who has denied any wrongdoing — drafted a memo he wanted to send to Georgia officials falsely claiming fraud that could have affected the election outcome in that state. It also accuses another lawyer, Sidney Powell, of plotting to illegally access voting equipment in a rural county in Georgia in an attempt to prove voting fraud claims.

And the indictment says multiple other lawyers — including Kenneth Chesebro, Giuliani and Eastman — were involved in discussions about enlisting fake electors in battleground states won by Biden in place of the legitimate ones. A lawyer for Chesebro has said that each allegation against him related to his work as an attorney; lawyers for Powell declined to comment Tuesday.

“The difference here is between recommending to the client that it may be possible to appoint electors other than those identified by the secretary of state and then the client does it or doesn’t do it,” said Stephen Gillers, a legal expert at New York University. “It’s different when the lawyer himself or herself proceeds to follow that advice.”

He added: “The lawyer as actor, as opposed to the lawyer as advocate, gets less freedom to trespass on legal principles.”

The Georgia case continues a pattern of Trump lawyers becoming stuck into his legal woes. His former lawyer and fixer, Michael Cohen, pleaded guilty in 2018 to arranging at Trump’s direction a hush money payment to a porn actress who said she had an extramarital affair with Trump years earlier.

More recently, some of Trump’s lawyers testified before a federal grand jury investigating his alleged mishandling of classified documents, with statements from one of those attorneys, M. Evan Corcoran, helping

form the backbone of an indictment against Trump filed in June.

Richard, who represented the Bush campaign in 2000, said there was no fair comparison to those legitimate court challenges of that era and the alleged

misconduct 20 years later. The fighting then was done solely in court, and once the Supreme Court ruled, the matter was considered resolved.

When it came to that decision, Richard said, “I remember people said to

me, ‘How is anybody going to govern after this?’ I said, ‘The Monday after this is over, everybody will go back to work, and everybody will acknowledge that we have a president’ — and that’s exactly what happened.”

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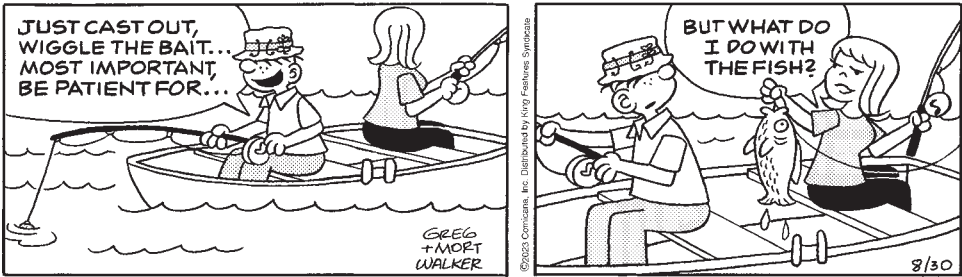
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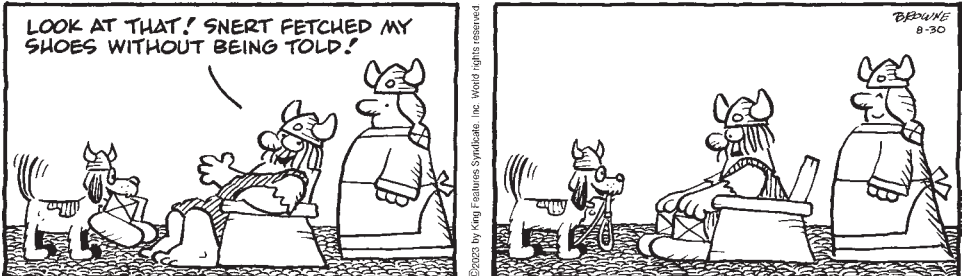
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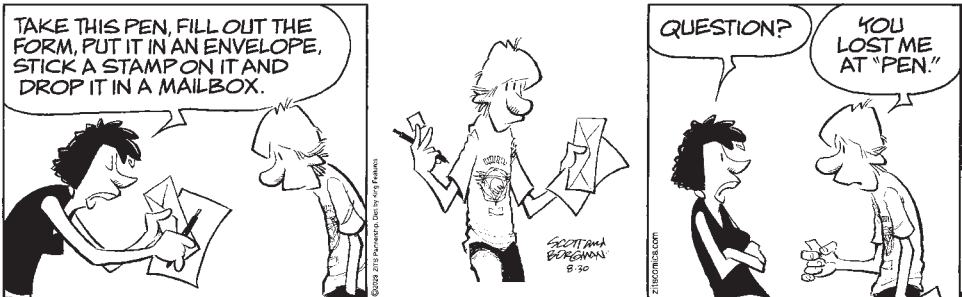
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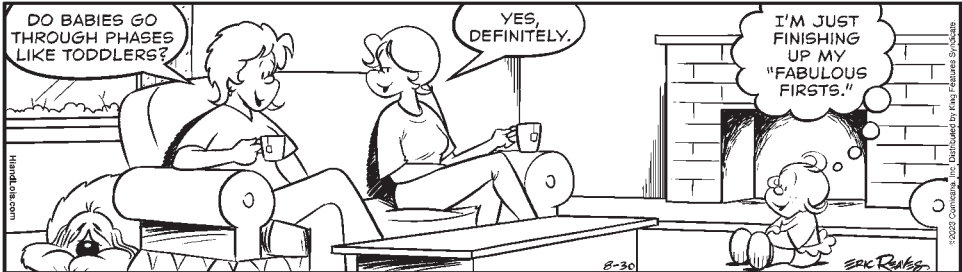
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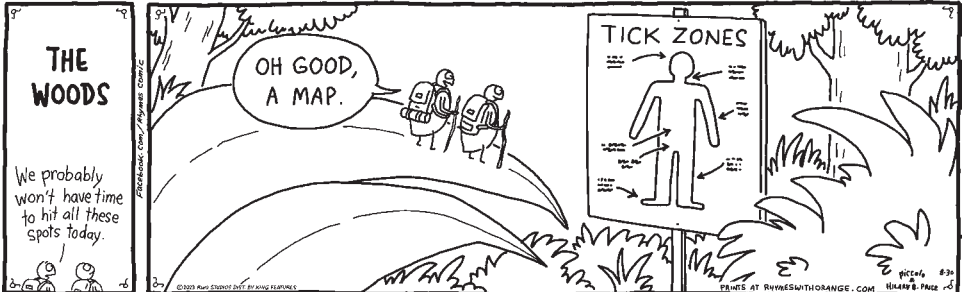
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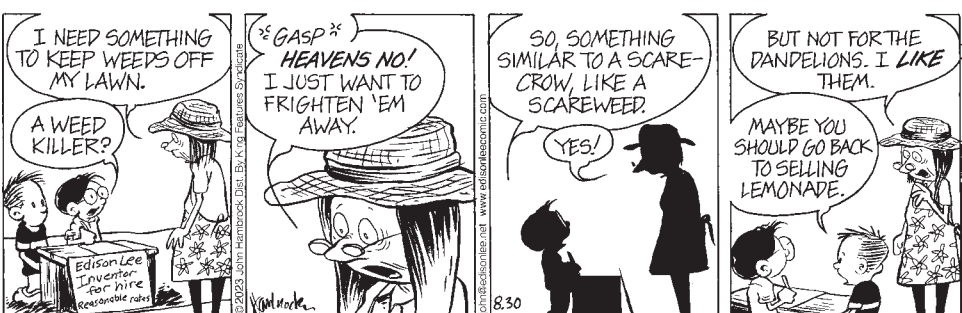
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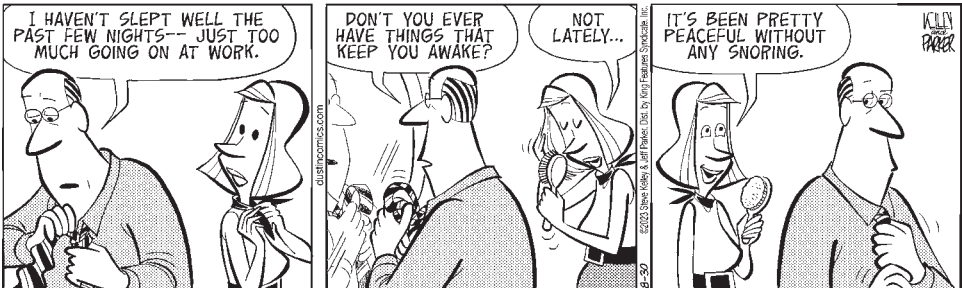
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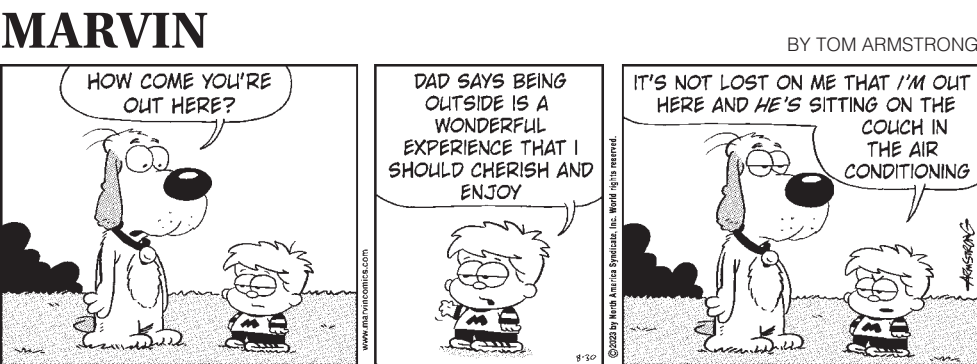
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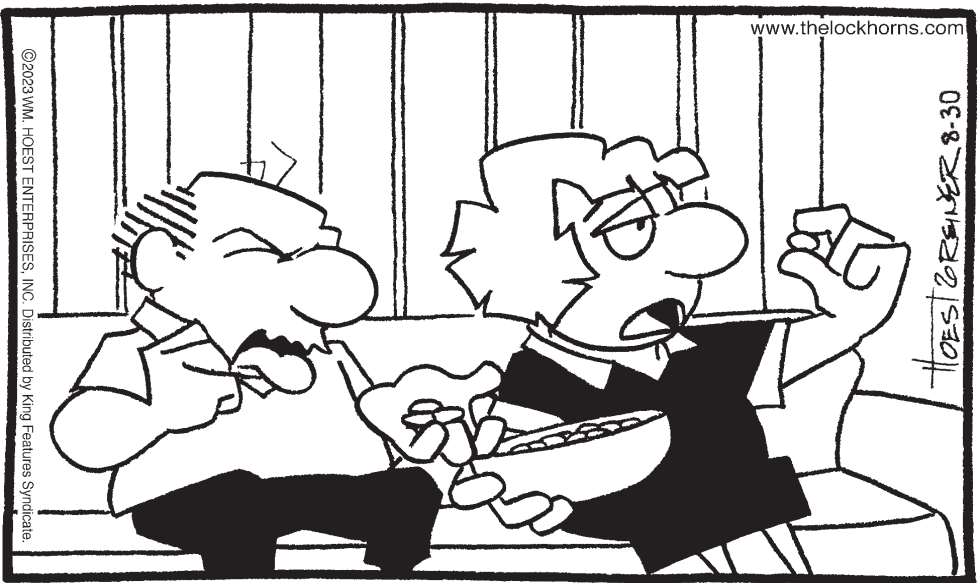
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THE LOCKHORNS

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SUDOKU

To play sudoku, use logic to fill the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the numbers 1-9 only once. Puzzle difficulty increases from Monday to Sunday.

King Classic Sudoku

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Difficulty: ★★

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Grupe wins kicking job as Broncos acquire Lutz from Saints

By Arnie Stapleton and Bryan Everson

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — The Denver Broncos acquired kicker Wil Lutz from the New Orleans Saints in exchange for a seventh-round pick next year, reuniting the veteran kicker with coach Sean Payton.

The Lutz deal means New Orleans will go with undrafted rookie and Sedalia native Blake Grupe from Notre Dame. He was 5-for-6 in the preseason with his only miss from 60 yards, while Lutz was perfect in the preseason, nailing all four of his kicks.

NFL.com's Ian Rapaport was one of the first Tuesday morning to report the news of the Lutz-Payton reunion that cleared the way for the Smith-Cotton alum in New Orleans.

Following his game-winning field goal to defeat the Kansas City Chiefs in the Saints'

preseason opener, Grupe spoke to the Democrat about the competition with Lutz.

"He's a guy that's been here seven or eight years and had success," Grupe said. "When you have a guy that's done it a long time at a high level, there's lots to pick up on and learn. I just sit back and watch, see how he operates. There's a lot of big-name guys that have done a lot. You pick up on things and watch, and [Will's] been great to me. We're in a competition, so when it's time to go, it's time to go, but off the field it's been good so far."

New Orleans Times-Picayune reporter Luke Johnson tweeted he was informed by one source the Lutz trade wasn't made with salary considerations in mind, and that the Saints organization believed that Grupe won the job outright in training camp.

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New Orleans Saints linebacker Nick Anderson (40) and place-kicker Blake Grupe (19) talk before an NFL preseason football game against the Houston Texans in New Orleans, Sunday, Aug. 27, 2023. PHOTO BY GERALD HERBERT | AP PHOTO



Handlers guide Colorado mascot Ralphie in the ceremonial run before Colorado's NCAA college football game against TCU on Friday, Sept. 2, 2022, in Boulder, Colo. The Buffaloes will be coming back after being part of the original 12-team lineup and then involved in the first rounds of conference realignment that dropped the Big 12 to 10 teams. Now they will be part of an expansion that will make the Big 12 bigger than ever. FILE PHOTO BY DAVID ZALUBOWSKI | AP PHOTO

Big 12 getting an early look at 3 teams coming next year

By Stephen Hawkins

Associated Press

The Big 12 has four new teams debuting in the league this season, and thanks to some coincidental non-conference scheduling is already getting some prime previews of what's to come next year.

Three of the four Pac-

12 teams that will join the Big 12 next year are playing future conference foes over the next two Saturdays. There haven't been many such matchups in the past for Arizona, Arizona State, Colorado and Utah, who got Big 12 invites over the past five weeks.

Deion Sanders makes his debut as Colorado's coach in the season

opener Saturday at 17th-ranked TCU, which last year on the way to the national championship game won at Boulder in Sonny Dykes' first game coaching the Horned Frogs. That was also the Buffaloes' first regular-season game against a Big 12 team since leaving that league after the 2010 season.

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Panthers acquire Smith-Marsette from Chiefs after spate of WR injuries

By Steve Reed

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — With injuries impacting their depth at wide receiver, the Carolina Panthers made a move to acquire wide receiver/returner Ihmir Smith-Marsette from the Kansas City Chiefs in a deal involving a swap of conditional 2025 seventh-round draft picks.

The 6-foot-1, 185-pound Smith-Marsette is coming off a strong preseason in which he was second in the league with 195 yards receiving on nine receptions.

The 2021 fifth-round draft pick by the Minnesota Vikings averaged 21.7 yards per catch in three games, including two 40-plus yard receptions from Chiefs

backup quarterback Blaine Gabbert. Smith-Marsette spent time with Minnesota and the Chicago Bears the past two seasons, catching five passes for 116 yards and two touchdowns as a rookie.

"We think he's a really good route runner with very good hands — and he's a smart guy," Panthers coach Frank Reich said. "If you're on our roster, you need to be able to play all three positions because we move guys around a lot."

With the NFL regular season less than two weeks away, the Panthers are dealing with injuries to three of their top five receivers — DJ Chark, Terrace Marshall Jr. and Laviska Shenault Jr.

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Kansas City Chiefs wide receiver Ihmir Smith-Marsette celebrates after gaining a first down during the first half of an NFL preseason football game against the Cleveland Browns Saturday, Aug. 26, 2023, in Kansas City, Mo. PHOTO BY CHARLIE RIEDEL | AP PHOTO

US Ryder Cup team adds familiar pair, LIV player with Koepka



Rickie Fowler, of the U.S., plays out of a bunker on the 10th during a foursome match on the opening day of the 42nd Ryder Cup at Le Golf National in Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines, outside Paris, France, Friday, Sept. 28, 2018. Fowler was a captain's pick announced Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2023, for the 2023 U.S. Ryder Cup team. FILE PHOTO BY ALASTAIR GRANT | AP PHOTO

By Doug Ferguson

AP Golf Writer

U.S. captain Zach Johnson wasn't about to go to Rome for the Ryder Cup without Justin Thomas. And he made it sound as though Brooks Koepka was just as easy a decision.

They were among six captain's picks announced Tuesday to fill out a 12-man American team that will try to end three decades of losing on European soil, all while setting up Johnson for the usual dose of second-guessing if it all goes wrong.

The Ryder Cup is Sept. 29 to Oct. 1 at Marco Simone outside Rome.

Europe's team will not be determined until after this week.

Thomas is regarded by players on both sides as the emotional spark for the U.S. team in the Ryder Cup, beyond his 6-2-1 record in two previous appearances. But he has gone 15 months without winning, and he played so poorly this year that he didn't even finish among the top 70 who reached the FedEx Cup postseason.

"He has without question been the heart and soul of Team USA," Johnson said. "In my mind, he was born for this. You just don't leave JT at home."

Thomas said he had

trouble sleeping in the days leading up to the phone call, and then he couldn't sleep after he was picked because of his excitement.

"I'm very, very fortunate to be here," Thomas said.

Koepka was knocked out of the six automatic qualifiers in the final week. No one would have thought twice about his selection as the PGA Championship winner and a Masters runner-up, except that he's part of Saudi-backed LIV Golf and its 54-hole events and 48-man fields.

Turns out that wasn't an issue. "It was a pretty easy pick," Johnson said.

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SPORTS CALENDAR

Wednesday
ON TAP
HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL
Smith-Cotton at Knob Noster

ON AIR
COLLEGE SOCCER (WOMEN'S)
7 p.m. PAC-12N — Utah Valley at Utah

COLLEGE
VOLLEYBALL (WOMEN'S)
7 p.m. BTN — Omaha at Nebraska

SECN — Wisconsin at Arkansas

FIBA BASKETBALL (MEN'S)
3:30 a.m. ESPN2 — FIBA World Cup Group Stage: U.S. vs. Jordan, Group C, Pasay, Philippines

HORSE RACING
Noon FS2 — Saratoga Live: From Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

MLB BASEBALL
Noon MLBN — Regional Coverage: LA Angels at Philadelphia OR Cleveland at Minnesota

3 p.m. MLBN — Regional Coverage: San Diego at St. Louis OR Milwaukee at Chicago Cubs (Joined in Progress)

5:30 p.m. MLBN — Regional Coverage: Texas at NY Mets OR Tampa Bay at Miami

9 p.m. MLBN — Regional Coverage: Arizona at LA Dodgers OR Atlanta at Colorado (7:30 p.m.)

SOCCER (MEN'S)
8:55 p.m. FS2 — CONCACAF Central American Cup Group Stage: Comunicaciones vs. CS Herediano, Group C, Guatemala City

TENNIS
11 a.m. ESPN — ATP/WTa: The U.S. Open, Second Round, Flushing, N.Y.

6 p.m. ESPN — ATP/WTa: The U.S. Open, Second Round, Flushing, N.Y.

ESPN2 — ATP/WTa: The U.S. Open, Second Round, Flushing, N.Y.



Las Vegas Raiders defensive tackle Neil Farrell Jr. (92) watches from the sideline during the first half of an NFL football game against the Jacksonville Jaguars, Sunday, Nov. 6, 2022, in Jacksonville, Fla. PHOTO BY PHELAN M. EBENHACK | AP PHOTO

AP source: Chiefs get DT Farrell Jr from Raiders for draft pick

By Dave Skretta
Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Chiefs acquired defensive tackle Neil Farrell Jr. from the Las Vegas Raiders for a sixth-round pick in a rare trade among division rivals, giving Kansas City some needed depth as All-Pro pass rusher Chris Jones continues his holdout.

The Chiefs agreed to the trade on Tuesday just hours before the deadline for teams to reach the 53-man roster limit, a person familiar with the trade told The Associated Press, speaking on condition of anonymity because Farrell still must pass a physical. That is not expected to be an issue after the Raiders' fourth-round pick in the 2022

draft appeared in all of their preseason games.

About an hour after the deadline passed, word spread that the Chiefs had put Jones on the reserve/did not report list. That means he will not count toward the 53-man roster and his \$19.5 million base salary will not count toward the salary cap.

Jones has been holding out in the hopes of earning a lucrative long-term contract, racking up millions in fines for missing the Chiefs' mandatory minicamp, their entire training camp and three preseason games.

In a back-and-forth with fans on social media, Jones indicated he would be willing to hold out until Week 8. That would be the deadline for making sure he would accrue

a full season and fulfill the terms of his four-year, \$80 million contract.

Even in that case, the Chiefs could use the franchise tag on him next offseason.

Farrell, who at 6-foot-4, 325 pounds plugs a mammoth hole in the middle of the defensive line, only had 12 tackles and two quarterback hits in nine games last season. But the acquisition of the 25-year-old tackle follows a trend of Chiefs general manager Brett Veach acquiring relatively high draft picks and giving them a fresh start in Kansas City.

"God don't make mistakes, forever blessed and highly favored," Farrell posted on Twitter after the trade.

The Chiefs were relatively thin along the defensive line

with Jones holding out. Turk Wharton missed a big chunk of training camp with a knee injury, though he should be ready to go for their Sept. 7 opener against the Detroit Lions, while defensive end Charles Omenihu will begin serving a six-game suspension for violating the NFL's personal-conduct policy.

Among the players cut by the Chiefs on Tuesday was Danny Shelton, a defensive tackle who made a push for a roster spot.

"This is the toughest day, when you have to make the cuts because these guys have busted their tails through all the OTAs and then through the training camp," Chiefs coach Andy Reid said. "They all can't be here unfortunately."

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HOROSCOPES

By Georgia Nicols

Moon Alert: After 10 a.m. EDT today (7 a.m. PDT) there are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions. The Moon is in Pisces.

Happy Birthday for Wednesday, Aug. 30, 2023:

You are a leader who gets things done because you know how to delegate. You are organized and proficient. This year is the last year of a nine-year cycle for you, which means it's time to give up anyone or anything that is holding you back. Clear the decks!

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ You might experience some genuine stress at work today because of the energy of the Full Moon combined with Mercury retrograde. Do your best to be patient with co-workers and customers. Likewise, be extra aware of everything related to your pet, as well as your health. Tonight: Lie low.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★ This is a stressful day for romance. Parents also might find this to be a stressful day when dealing with their kids because of the Full Moon energy. Everyone will be more emotional than usual, which might lead to hissy fits and meltdowns. Patience and tolerance will save you. Tonight: Be agreeable.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★ Today you might feel pulled between the demands of home and family versus the demands of your career or your public reputation. This is due to the energy of today's Full Moon. You cannot ignore the demands of home and family, especially those of a parent. Good luck. Tonight: Patience.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Pay attention to everything you say and do, because this is an accident-prone day for you. An accident doesn't have to happen, but it might if you are emotionally distracted, which is possible due to the energy of today's Full Moon. Slow down and take it easy. Tonight: Be mindful.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★ Financial squabbles or disagreements about ownership as well as responsibilities might arise today. This is a tricky day, because this particular Full Moon is also lined up with Mercury retrograde. Issues from the past can't be ignored. Tonight: Check your finances.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★ Today the only Full Moon opposite your sign all year is taking place, which will likely create tension between you and spouses, partners and close friends. This also might be related to the fact that ex-spouses and partners are back on the scene. Stay mellow. Tonight: Be cooperative.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★ Hidden tension might affect your job today. It also might affect your health or something to do with a pet. Basically, something is going on behind the scenes, possibly related to the past, that is creating some angst in your life. Take a step back. Take a breath. You can deal with this. Tonight: Patience.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★ Romance is in the toilet today. People are too emotional and possibly jealous of old flames or past situations. Don't let your emotions cloud judgment and reason. Be patient with kids and social situations that might suddenly go sideways. Tonight: Get organized.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Despite the demands of home and family, you can't ignore the demands of your career and your public reputation today, especially if you're dealing with bosses and authority figures from your past. Cope as best you can. Be patient with everyone, including yourself. Tonight: Stay calm.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★ Warning: This is an accident-prone day for you, so pay attention to everything you say and do. Slow down and be aware of what you're doing. Think before you speak. Act with discipline, and you will have no regrets. Tonight: Be aware.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Financial problems might come to a head today due to the energy of the Full Moon. Very possibly, this is about old issues related to inheritances, shared property, taxes or debt. This could be an opportunity to finish something. Use it! Tonight: Protect your assets.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★ Today the only Full Moon in your sign all year is taking place, which could create increased tension when dealing with those closest to you — dear friends, partners and spouses. This might relate to people from your past who are back on the scene. Possibly, this friction is related to heightened emotions. Stay chill. Tonight: Be tolerant.

BORN TODAY

Actress Cameron Diaz (1972), billionaire, philanthropist Warren Buffett (1930), actor Michael Chiklis (1963)



Field guards haul away one of two fans who approached Atlanta Braves right fielder Ronald Acuna Jr. (13) before the bottom of the seventh inning of a baseball game against the Colorado Rockies, Monday, Aug. 28, 2023, in Denver. PHOTO BY DAVID ZALUBOWSKI | AP PHOTO

Acuña's encounter, Guaranteed Rate Field shooting raise safety questions

By Jay Cohen

AP Baseball Writer

CHICAGO — A shooting that likely happened inside of Guaranteed Rate Field, followed by a scary moment for Atlanta Braves star Ronald Acuña Jr. in Colorado. Both in a span of four days.

While Major League Baseball is on track for a marked increase in attendance this year, the pair of high-profile incidents raised questions about the safety of players and fans inside and outside of big league ballparks.

A spokeswoman for the Major League Baseball Players Association said Tuesday that the union takes player safety “very seriously” and that it reviews club and stadium protocols throughout every season “to mitigate the possibility of similar future incidents.”

Acuña had an encounter with two fans during Atlanta's 14-4 win over Colorado on Monday night.

One fan got his arms against Acuña during the middle of the seventh inning. Two security people quickly grabbed the fan and, as they tried to drag him away, a third security person approached.

A second fan then sprinted toward the group, knocking down Acuña, and that fan was tackled as one of the security people chased him down.

The two fans are facing charges of trespassing and disturbing the peace, according to the Denver Police Department.

“I was a little scared at first,” Acuña said through an interpreter. “I think the fans were out there and asking for pictures. I really couldn't say anything because at that point, security was already there and we were already kind of tangled up, but security was able to get there and everything's OK. We're all OK and I hope they're OK.”

Teammate Kevin Pillar expressed relief Acuña wasn't hurt.

“Thankfully, they weren't there to do any harm, but you just never know during those situations,” Pillar said. “They were extreme fans and wanted to get a picture, put their hands on him. But in no way is it appropriate for people to leave the stands, even more to put their hands on someone else.”

The incident with Acuña occurred on the same day that Chicago's interim police superintendent said a shooting that wounded two women at Friday night's Athletics-White Sox game most likely involved a gun that went off inside Guaranteed Rate Field.

Both wounded women, ages 42 and 26, were expected to recover from the shooting that occurred during the fourth inning. Police said the 42-year-old sustained a gunshot wound to the leg and the 26-year-old had a graze wound to her abdomen. The 26-year-old refused medical attention, accord-

ing to a police statement.

A spokesperson for the Chicago Police Department said Tuesday that the investigation remains active, and no further information was available.

If the gun went off inside the home of the White Sox, the focus turns to how it was brought into the facility. Major League Baseball has had mandatory metal detection screening in place since opening day in 2015.

It also raises questions about the decision to continue playing the game. Fred Waller, interim superintendent of the Chicago Police Department, said police initially requested that the game be halted after the shooting was discovered. The White Sox said Saturday that they were not aware at first that a woman injured during the game was shot, and that police would have stopped play if officers thought it was unsafe to continue.

US Open is noisiest Grand Slam tourney thanks to planes, trains, music and, yes, fans

By Howard Fendrich and Brian Mahoney

AP Sports Writers

NEW YORK — The U.S. Open is loud. “Insane loud,” 2022 semifinalist Frances Tiafoe called it.

There are the planes. The trains. The music at changeovers — they don't play “Danza Kuduro” by Don Omar and Lucenzo or “Move Your Feet” by Junior Senior at Wimbledon's Centre Court, the way the speakers blared during Coco Gauff's first-round victory at Arthur Ashe Stadium on Monday night.

And there are the spectators, who do not necessarily adhere to the sort of decorum often associated with tennis. They yell and whistle and applaud and get especially rowdy at Ashe, a 23,000-capacity venue that is the largest at any of the sport's four major championships and really helps make the U.S. Open the noisiest Slam.

“The biggest stadium in our sport, the loudest stadium in our sport,” Novak Djokovic called it after winning there Monday. “It's the size. It's the echo because of the roof construction. It's everything combined.”

When a big star is on that court or when an American is competing, the roars get wild enough. When it's someone like Gauff, who fits both categories, you get what happened Monday. They applauded faults by her opponent, Laura Siegemund, and jeered when she spoke to the chair umpire. By the time the German's news conference rolled around, Siegemund was in tears, saying: “They treated me bad.”

Add in a \$150 million retractable roof that seals the place and keeps all of that sound inside and, well, let Tiafoe describe what it was like to face eventual champion Carlos Alcaraz at Flushing Meadows a year ago.

“I've never been in an atmosphere that loud in my life,” said Tiafoe, a 25-year-old from Maryland who is an entertainer at heart and enjoys riling up the folks in the stands by shaking a fist or waving his arms. “It was one of the craziest atmospheres I've ever been in. Like, 23,000 people in there felt like 23 million. Everyone was just going nuts and everyone was drunk and it was just awesome.”

The fans at the U.S.

Open are definitely more noticeable to players than those at Wimbledon and the French Open, in particular.

“Oh, they're noisier, for sure,” said Caroline Garcia, a French player who reached the 2022 semifinals in New York. “In tennis, we are used to it being pretty quiet during the points. ... Maybe it's because the stadiums are huge here and people are used to going to watch sports like basketball, baseball or American football, where they can chat or shout. The culture around it is different.”

Which means, in some cases, 2016 U.S. Open champion Stan Wawrinka

explained, “You need to adjust, a little bit, your focus.”

There are ringing cellphones. Crying children. Then throw in the occasional grinding of the roof being closed or the humming of an air ventilation system.

“That's why I would have struggled in this stadium,” 18-time major singles champion Martina Navratilova said about Ashe.

She won on every kind of surface and setting in her Hall of Fame career, so the idea that the environment could affect her is hard to imagine — until she explains the importance of sound to a tennis player.

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Tennis fans cheer during a match between Sloane Stephens, of the United States, and Beatriz Haddad Maia, of Brazil, during the first round of the U.S. Open tennis championships, Monday, Aug. 28, 2023, in New York. PHOTO BY JASON DECROW | AP PHOTO

Open

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“First you hear the ball and then you see it. ... That helps you track the ball,” Navratilova said. “When you don’t have that sensory input, it’s like, ‘Where is the ball?’”

The ruckus extends well beyond Ashe. Planes are early in their climb as they depart LaGuardia Airport less than 5 miles away. Passing subway trains can be heard as can honking car horns outside adjacent Citi Field, home of the New York Mets.

It’s not possible to eliminate all of that — or

the sirens that bothered Nick Kyrgios last year or the thwack of rain drops that Andy Murray once complained about pelting the shut Ashe roof.

Tennis fans are expected to hold their applause and yells until points are over, but it’s hard to ask thousands to remain silent — try as chair umpires might, repeatedly asking for “Quiet, please,” or admonishing, as happened during Gauff’s match: “If you could keep your voices down, that would be greatly appreciated.”

Navratilova compared it all to attempting to compete with headphones blaring music

into your ears.

“You’re going to be lost,” she said.

Or, at the very least, confused.

That’s what happened to Aryna Sabalenka during a match last year. She demanded an explanation from the chair umpire when action continued after she clearly heard a voice scream “Out!” at the far baseline.

The answer: The person yelling out wasn’t an official. It was a spectator.

Calling the match on ESPN, Rennae Stubbs chuckled and delivered what could be a warning for the two weeks ahead: “Welcome to New York.”

QB Beck finally getting his chance to lead No. 1 Georgia

By Paul Newberry
Associated Press

ATHENS, Ga. — No one in college football has bigger shoes to fill than Carson Beck.

His predecessor as Georgia’s starting quarterback was Stetson Bennett, who guided the Bulldogs to consecutive national championships and was always at his best in the biggest games.

Now, after three years spent watching mostly from the sidelines, Beck is finally getting his chance to lead the No. 1 Bulldogs.

Coach Kirby Smart is confident that he’s got the right man for a daunting job.

“He’s very bright, very intelligent,” Smart said. “He’s been around, so he understands the demands that we put on the quarterback.”

Beck is well aware of the scrutiny he’s under. He has played in only 10 college games, usually in mop-up roles when the outcome was no longer in doubt.

Now, it’s his team. From the very first snap.

If the Bulldogs slip up the least bit offensively, it will be easy to pin the blame on the new guy. Rest assured, everyone around these parts remembers that Bennett closed his career with a 65-7 demolition of TCU to claim a second straight national title.

Beck wants to keep it going with a title of his own. If he can pull it off, Georgia would become the first school in the history of the poll era to capture three championships in a row.

“It’s different to be part

of a national championship team than actually win a national championship,” Beck said.

He figures to have learned some valuable lessons watching Bennett’s rise from an obscure walk-on to a tenuous starter facing persistent doubts to a Heisman Trophy finalist who’ll go down as one of the greatest players in school history.

“A lot of people really hated on him a lot,” Beck said. “He just maintained and kept his head down and kept going. I’d say that’s the biggest thing that I learned from him is that you just have to do you. You have to be you.”

Even with three years in the red and black and a full season as Bennett’s No. 2, Beck had to fend off two other highly recruited quarterbacks — Brock Vandagriff and Gunner Stockton — to claim the starting job.

While it was clear that Beck had the edge coming out of spring practice, Smart waited until about well into fall camp to make it official.

“Obviously, this whole entire year I’ve been working for it and grinding for it,” Beck said. “I kind of expected that for myself, but to actually hear it go live, it meant a lot to me. It’s something to see all the hard work pay off.”

If nothing else, Beck has proven to be a very patient 20-year-old in this era of the transfer portal, where so many players have jumped schools when it becomes apparent they won’t get a chance to start right away.

“Sometimes it’s hard to be patient in a world where everything is so immediate with social media and the internet and everybody wants stuff now,” he said.

“Just seeing that patience pay off really hit home with me.”

While Bennett could display a fiery side — and a definite chip-on-the-shoulder attitude after all he went through — Beck has earned his teammates’ respect with a more reserved demeanor.

“Carson is wise, intelligent and a personality that I think the team draws to, because he’s relatively quiet and doesn’t show a lot of emotion,” Smart said. “I think that they’ve embraced him.”

Beck has a huge line in front of him and plenty of offensive firepower to help him grow into the job, including tight end Brock Bowers.

Smart stressed throughout the quarterback competition that he wasn’t looking for a star. He wanted a guy who could manage the offense most efficiently in every situation, by making the proper calls, limiting mistakes and getting the ball in the right hands.

“A big thing for him was the confidence that he developed in fall camp,” Bowers said. “I feel like he got faster, faster at making reads. I think that helped him a lot.”

Beck’s margin of error will be bolstered in the early going by a very favorable schedule that begins with four straight games inside the friendly hedges of Sanford Stadium.

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83 57	81 58	88 63	89 66	91 69	96 73	97 72
Sunny and comfortable	Nice with plenty of sunshine	Plenty of sunshine	Mostly sunny and very warm	Mostly sunny and very warm	Considerable cloudiness	Sizzling sunshine and hotter

SUN AND MOON

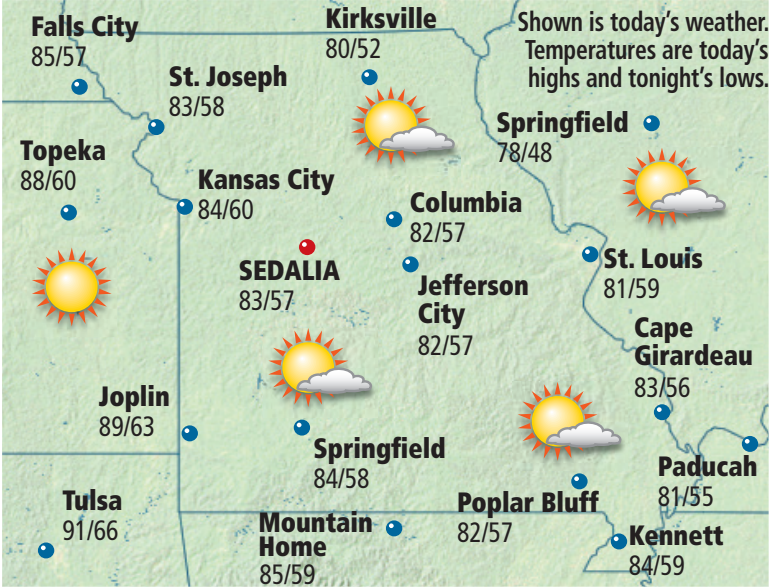
Sunrise today	6:40 a.m.		
Sunset tonight	7:47 p.m.		
Moonrise today	7:59 p.m.		
Moonset today	5:50 a.m.		
Full	Last	New	First
			
Aug 30	Sep 6	Sep 14	Sep 22

WEATHER HISTORY

On Aug. 30, 1929, traveling at excessive speed through dense fog without sounding fog horns, the oil tanker S.C.T. Doss rammed the coastal steamer San Juan. All 70 crewmen perished.

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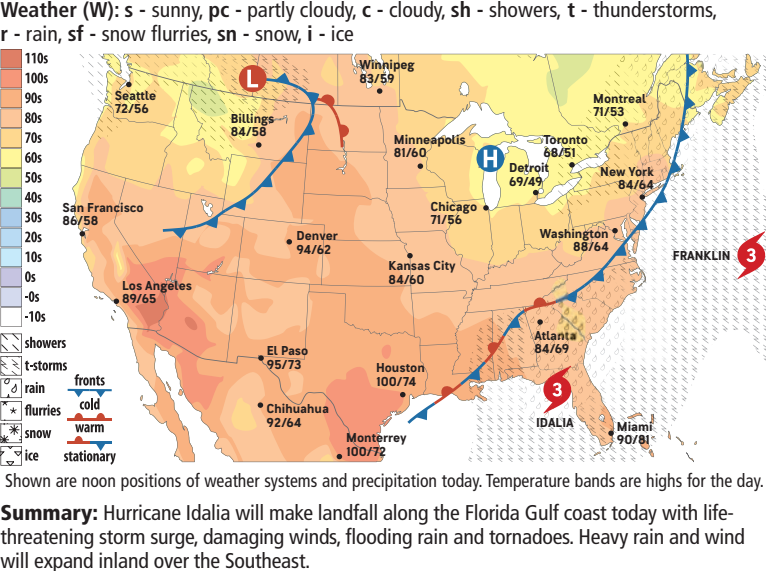
Sedalia Regional Airport Monday	
TEMPERATURES	
High	85
Low	59
Normal high	84
Normal low	62
Record high	101 in 2000
Record low	43 in 1992
PRECIPITATION	
Monday	0.00"
Month to date	8.52"
Normal m-t-d	3.50"
Year to date	27.68"
Normal y-t-d	30.40"
COOLING DEGREE DAYS	
Index of energy consumption indicating how many degrees the average temperature was above 65 degrees for the day.	
Monday	7
Month to date	383
Year to date	1325
Normal year to date	1012
Last year to date	1391
RIVER LEVELS	
In feet as of 7 a.m. Tuesday	
Blackwater	Stage Chg Fld Stg
Blue Lick	6.46 -0.05 24
Valley City	2.40 +0.04 22
Lamine	
Otterville	0.82 +0.01 15
Missouri	
Boonville	6.58 +0.19 21



BRANSON
High: 89. Low: 59. Mostly sunny today. A moonlit sky tonight. Nice tomorrow with plenty of sunshine. Friday: plenty of sunshine. Saturday: plenty of sunshine.
KANSAS CITY
High: 84. Low: 60. Nice today with plenty of sunshine. A moonlit sky tonight. Pleasant tomorrow with plenty of sunshine. Friday: plenty of sunshine.
ST. LOUIS
High: 81. Low: 59. Mostly sunny and pleasant today. Clear tonight. Nice tomorrow with plenty of sunshine; a nice end to August.
NEW YORK CITY
High: 84. Low: 64. A shower and thunderstorm, cloudy and humid this morning, then sun and clouds this afternoon. A moonlit sky tonight.
LOS ANGELES
High: 89. Low: 65. Mostly sunny today. Clear early tonight, then areas of low clouds forming. Patchy low clouds and fog early tomorrow, then mostly sunny.

NATIONAL WEATHER

	Today	Thursday	Today	Thursday
	Hi/Low	Hi/Low	Hi/Low	Hi/Low
Atlanta	84/69/r	85/68/pc	67/56/s	74/59/s
Baltimore	88/63/pc	79/60/s	86/64/s	85/64/s
Billings	84/58/s	84/56/s	98/79/pc	94/78/s
Boston	79/63/t	73/58/s	85/72/t	78/67/t
Buffalo	67/52/sh	75/56/s	92/66/s	95/66/s
Charlotte	84/67/r	82/59/r	87/78/r	88/76/t
Chicago	71/56/s	77/59/s	111/90/s	105/80/t
Cleveland	67/53/pc	73/57/s	73/55/pc	76/53/s
Dallas	100/73/s	98/76/s	72/56/r	73/52/s
Denver	94/62/s	93/63/s	78/60/pc	68/59/r
Detroit	69/49/s	73/55/s	100/63/s	92/60/s
Honolulu	88/76/sh	86/75/pc	81/59/s	80/61/s
Houston	100/74/s	101/76/s	86/58/s	76/62/pc
Indianapolis	76/54/s	77/58/s	72/56/pc	68/55/r
Las Vegas	108/85/s	105/81/t	88/64/pc	78/62/s



Summary: Hurricane Idalia will make landfall along the Florida Gulf coast today with life-threatening storm surge, damaging winds, flooding rain and tornadoes. Heavy rain and wind will expand inland over the Southeast.

Panthers

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Chark, who is projected to start opposite Adam Thielen, did not practice on Tuesday as he continues to deal with a hamstring injury.

“The goal is to be ready for Week 1,” Chark said. “That is what me and the training staff are working toward. I’ve been running, but not it’s about getting back to the workload that I was at. But we have some time.”

Shenault was limited at practice as he continues to make his way back from the concussion protocol. The Panthers got some good news on Marshall, who returned to practice Tuesday after dealing with a back injury in what Reich called “a good first step.”

The Panthers also announced their other roster moves to get down to 53 players on Tuesday.

The most notable cut was linebacker Deion Jones, a 2016 Pro Bowl linebacker for the Atlanta Falcons who was signed earlier this offseason to a one-year deal. Jones has started 88 games and played in 96 in his career, with 12 interceptions and 11 sacks.

Carolina is keeping three QBs on the roster for now, with Matt Corral making the team as a backup to No. 1 draft pick Bryce Young and veteran Andy Dalton.

The Panthers also parted ways with five draft picks from the era of former coach Matt Rhule, including wide receiver Shi Smith, cornerbacks Keith Taylor and Stanley Thomas-Oliver, linebacker Brandon Smith and offensive lineman Deonte Brown.

Smith caught 22 passes for 296 yards and two TDs last season for Carolina, but he struggled to find his footing in the team’s new offensive system.

Teams

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In Week 2, No. 14 Utah goes to Baylor for its first regular-season game against the Big 12 since 2010, and Arizona State hosts Oklahoma State after last year playing in Stillwater for the first time since 1991. The Sun Devils also had a home-and-home series against Texas Tech in 2016 and 2017, with the home team winning each high-scoring game.

BYU and Houston, incoming teams this season with Cincinnati and UCF, were in similar spots when both sets of Cougars played Big 12 opponents after being accepted in September 2021. That was about six weeks after Oklahoma and Texas were invited to join the Southeastern Conference, which happens after this season.

“I was very careful with talking too much Big 12 prior to January. I think we pressed too much a little bit, just based on this is what it’s going to be like. But I tried not to make that big of a deal about it,” Houston coach Dana Holgorsen said. “Since January, yeah, I’ve talked about it because that’s the way it’s going to be. It’s going to be like that every week.”

Houston had back-to-back games early last season against the Big 12, losing at Texas Tech and at home to Kansas. The Cougars are 4-13 against the league since not being among the four Texas teams from the Southwest Conference that merged with the Big Eight to form the Big 12 in 1996. Their loss to the Red Raiders in 2021 came the weekend before getting their invitation to join.

BYU’s double-overtime win at home over then-No. 9 Baylor last September was the part of a non-conference home-and-home series, the Cougars’ first games against a Big 12 opponent since 2016. Now they are part of the league after playing 12 seasons as an independent.

“Being in the Big 12

is exciting. You have so much more to play for,” BYU linebacker Ben Bywater said. “Obviously, being an independent was great but now you can play for a conference championship, you’re competing, you’re watching week-to-week who’s winning and who’s losing. ... There’s been a lot of anticipation and a lot of talk but I’m ready to just get out there and go do it.”

UCF’s last game against the Big 12 was a 52-42 win over Baylor in the Fiesta Bowl at the end of the 2013 season. Cincinnati, which two seasons ago was the first Group of Five team to make the four-team College Football Playoff, hasn’t played a team from its new league since losing to Oklahoma in 2010, and it hasn’t played one of the continuing members since Kansas in 1997.

Colorado was part of the original 12-team lineup before the first rounds of conference realignment that dropped the Big 12 to 10 teams. The Buffaloes will now be part of an expansion that will make the Big 12 bigger than ever.

Founding members Texas A&M and Missouri left for the SEC after the 2011 season, a year after the departures of Colorado and 1997 national champion Nebraska (to the Big Ten). TCU and West Virginia joined in 2012, and the Big 12 stayed at 10 teams through last season. It is at 14 this year with BYU in along with Cincinnati, Houston and UCF from the American Athletic Conference.

With no more moves, the Big 12 will grow to 16 teams next season when the quartet from the dismantled Pac-12 officially become members.

While Arizona doesn’t play a team from its future league this year, the Wildcats are the only incoming Pac-12 team with multiple regular-season games against Big 12 teams before this season — Texas Tech in 2019, and Oklahoma State in 2011 and 2012.

All will have a chance to become more well-acquainted after this season.

Grupe

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Moving Lutz and holding onto Grupe does provide some small cap relief for the Saints, though, as Grupe would make roughly \$2.7 million over the next three years and Lutz, 29, had a 2023 cap hit of \$1.7 million with a deal set to expire at the end of this year, according to Spotrac.

This was set to be the final season of a five-year, \$20.3 million deal Lutz signed with the Saints, one which was restructured in 2021 to reduce his base salary by over \$1.3 million and convert some of that salary into a signing bonus to provide cap relief.

Despite Johnson’s report the cap considerations, however, most analysts believed that Lutz would win the Saints’ job, and Grupe would quickly land elsewhere, with reports of the Tennessee Titans among those other teams who were interested in his services.

Saints coach Dennis Allen said the decision to trade Lutz was “real tough.”

“Wil Lutz has been a good kicker for us for a while now,” Allen said. “We felt like we had a chance to get value for a player and felt like we had another guy in the building that we had confidence in. So, those are always challenging situations.”

The 24-year-old Grupe had opportunities to play college soccer but elected to try football at Arkansas State, where he kicked for four seasons before using an additional year of eligibility to kick at Notre Dame in 2022. In the hours before the Saints’ preseason opener this month, when the 5-foot-7, 156-pound Grupe walked out on the Superdome field out of uniform, he was stopped by security personnel who didn’t realize he was a player.

He’ll be better recognized now.

“It’s been obviously a highly competitive camp, going against a guy like (Lutz) that’s done it for a while and done it at a high level,” Grupe said. “I couldn’t have asked for a better competition or a better guy to do it against. ... He congratulated me. I congratulated him.”

The Broncos released veteran Brandon Mc-



New Orleans Saints place kicker Blake Grupe (19) kicks for a field goal during an NFL preseason football game against the Los Angeles Chargers, Sunday, Aug. 20, 2023, in Inglewood, Calif. PHOTO BY KYUSUNG GONG | AP PHOTO

Manus in the spring and brought in veterans Elliott Fry and Brett Maher for a camp competition. Fry was waived with an injury designation after the preseason opener where he missed a field goal.

Maher, who was jettisoned by the Dallas Cowboys in the offseason following his extra point meltdown in the playoffs, missed two field goals in that first preseason game before bouncing back to make all four of his attempts and all seven extra points in the last two exhibitions.

“Brett Maher did an outstanding job,” Broncos general manager George Paton said. “I feel he should be kicking in this league.”

Payton had made it clear that Maher hadn’t won the job when Fry was released two weeks ago and was actually competing with kickers across the league.

That included Lutz, 29, who signed with New Orleans after the Baltimore Ravens cut him in 2016.

Lutz has made 84.6% of his field goal attempts in his seven-year NFL

career. He made 74.2% of his tries last year after missing 2021 with a core muscle injury.

Payton said he believes Lutz is back to his pre-injury self.

“He was a target for us. We knew they had two players,” Payton said. “... He had a really good training camp for them. We’ve seen all of his kicks and we got pretty good information on how his practices went. And look, this is a place kickers want to be with the altitude and the conditions.”

Later Tuesday, Lutz tweeted a thank you to New Orleans saying that “this city will always be a special place to us.” But Denver Gazette reporter Chris Tomasson tweeted that Lutz’s agent, when asked about Lutz losing the job to Grupe, said, “He didn’t lose his job. The Saints just made a poor decision. The better player is not the one who is left on the Saints’ roster, I’ll tell you that.”

The Broncos also traded veteran tight end Albert Okwuegbunam and a 2025 seventh-round selection to the Phila-

delphia Eagles for a ‘25 sixth-rounder.

Okwuegbunam is coming off a monster exhibition finale in which he caught seven passes for 109 yards and a touchdown against the Rams, after which his teammates serenaded him with chants of “Albert O! Albert O!”

“I’ve always been capable of doing this,” he said afterward. “Tonight, I just got the opportunities to show it.”

In 26 games over his first three NFL seasons, Okwuegbunam had 54 catches for 546 yards and four touchdowns.

Lutz, meanwhile, will see plenty of familiar faces in Denver besides Payton’s.

The Broncos stocked their roster with several former Saints who played for Payton in New Orleans, including tight end Adam Trautman, fullback Michael Burton and wide receivers Marquez Callaway and Lil’Jordan Humphrey.

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Open

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“He’s built in my mind for the biggest of stages, and there’s no bigger stage than the Ryder Cup,” Johnson said from the PGA of America’s new headquarters in Frisco, Texas.

The other four picks were Jordan Spieth and Collin Morikawa, both part of the U.S. rout over Europe in 2021 at Whistling Straits, along with Rickie Fowler and Sam Burns, the only Ryder Cup rookie among the six picks.

The six qualifiers were Scottie Scheffler, U.S. Open champion Wyndham Clark, British Open champion Brian Harman, Patrick Cantlay, Max Homa and Xander Schauffele.

Left off the team were Cameron Young, who has finished in the top

10 in four of the last seven majors and was No. 9 in the Ryder Cup standings; Keegan Bradley (No. 11), a two-time winner this season who has played in two Ryder Cups; and Lucas Glover, one of the hottest players in golf with two victories over the last four weeks.

That led to speculation over how much the buddy system played a role.

Spieth and Thomas have been best friends since they were 14 and have compiled a strong partnership in the Ryder Cup and Presidents Cup — 8-2-0, most notable a 3-1 mark before a hostile crowd in France in 2018.

Burns is best friends with Scheffler and finished 12th in the Ryder Cup standings, his only win this year in the Dell Match Play over Young. He missed the cut in two of the four majors. He and Scheffler were 0-2-1 as partners in the Presi-

dents Cup last year.

Fowler pulled himself out of a deep slump by winning the Rocket Mortgage Classic. One of the most likeable players in golf, he is close friends with Spieth, Thomas and practically everybody else. He was 13th in the Ryder Cup standings, and while this will be his fifth Ryder Cup team, it was his third time relying on a captain’s pick. His Ryder Cup record is 3-7-5.

Fowler didn’t win his first match until his third Ryder Cup appearance.

Johnson said the six automatic qualifiers had some ownership in the team and contributed to the discussion on the six picks, the last meeting a week ago in Atlanta during the Tour Championship. He made it sound as though the choices had been set.

“I think the elements in which I’ve mentioned

before — team room, camaraderie, guys getting along, wanting to be with each other, course fit, experience — all of those factors and what the top six are leaning on, those factors weighed heavier than I would say the last two weeks of competition,” Johnson said.

The American team will have four Ryder Cup rookies — Clark, Harman, Homa and Burns — and four players who have played a Ryder Cup overseas. Fowler has played in Wales, Scotland and France, and his record in those away matches is 1-6-5.

Johnson said he called most Americans on the Ryder Cup points list who didn’t make the team down to the low 20s. That did not include Dustin Johnson, who went 5-0 at Whistling Straits, or other LIV players like Bryson DeChambeau.

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