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## PCAD Chief Dirck announces resignation

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Pettis County Ambulance District EMS Chief Eric Dirck announced Wednesday, Sept. 27 he will resign as chief on Tuesday, Oct. 10.

Dirck sent a letter to PCAD staff and the PCAD Board of Directors Chair Nick Gerke on Wednesday, giving them his formal notice of resignation. He told the Democrat on Thursday, Sept. 28 that Assistant Chief Roy Pennington will act as interim chief until the Board announces his

replacement at the Oct. 10 Board meeting.

After careful consideration, Dirck said he will relocate to Southern Utah to be with his longtime partner, who is in the health care field. When asked if he will return to the EMS field, he noted he will remain in some aspect of health care.

In his letter to his staff, Dirck spoke to them as a family.

"The district is still growing, and I know there will be some great accomplishments — along with a few unavoidable frustrations," he wrote. "Take time to celebrate the wins. Keep

in mind that your positive actions and words have a real and lasting impact on those you serve and the people around you.

"The most important thing an EMS agency has is the public's trust, and maintaining that trust requires always working together towards a common mission," he continued. "Everyone at PCAD should be thought of as your second family, and great things can happen when you stick together as a team...as a family should."

He added it was an honor to serve with each staff member.

Dirck thanked the Board of Directors and the people of Pettis County for their support for the last decade.

"It has been a privilege working with such an amazing group of medical and emergency service providers, community leaders, and most of all, the brave and dedicated PCAD responders and district administrative staff," Dirck wrote. "The public deserves the finest prehospital emergency medical care there is, and I am proud to have played a part in setting up the district to provide just that.

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Pettis County Ambulance District EMS Chief Eric Dirck has announced he will resign on Oct. 10 after 10 years with the district. FILE PHOTO BY FAITH BEMISS-MCKINNEY | DEMOCRAT

## City worker flown to hospital after garbage truck accident on East Broadway

By Chris Howell

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A morning rush hour accident on Friday, Sept. 29 on East Broadway Boulevard at South Engineer Avenue closed eastbound lanes and sent police, fire, highway patrol, and ambulance crews scrambling to care for the injured, tow the three damaged vehicles, and reopen the busy highway.

According to a Missouri State Highway Patrol report, Kayla R. Blakely, 31, of Houstonia, was driving a 2010 Chevrolet Tahoe east on Broadway when she failed to stop at the light and hit a 2022 International driven north on Engineer Avenue by Brandon J. Hill, 33, of Sedalia. After impact, the International overturned and came to rest on top of the Tahoe

and a 2004 Ford Explorer driven west by Ronald J. Hicken, 66, of Smithton.

The three vehicles were totaled and five injured were transported to hospitals.

A 5-year-old unrestrained girl from Houstonia in Blakely's vehicle sustained serious injuries and was transported by a Children's Mercy helicopter to Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City. Blakely, who also had no seat belt, was transported to Bothwell Regional Health Center by Pettis County Ambulance District with moderate injuries.

Passengers in the International truck, Jacob A. Weeks, 27, and Troy Harms, 42, both of Sedalia, were unrestrained, sustained minor injuries, and were taken to Bothwell by PCAD.

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A City of Sedalia garbage truck was hit by a Chevy Tahoe at South Engineer Avenue and East Broadway Boulevard on Friday morning, Sept. 29. Five people were injured with two flown out in serious condition. PHOTO BY CHRIS HOWELL | DEMOCRAT



Melanie Morales and her daughter, 2-year-old Camila Rodriguez, enjoy some "lunch" at Ema's Diner while visiting My Little Town on opening day Monday, Sept. 25. Morales, of Whiteman Air Force Base, said they are originally from Chicago, where businesses like My Little Town are common, so she was excited to hear about the new offering in Warrensburg. She said they were having a lot of fun, and Rodriguez especially liked all the stuffed animals at the vet's office. PHOTO BY NICOLE COOKE | WARRENSBURG STAR-JOURNAL

## My Little Town offers real-life fun for young imaginations

By Nicole Cooke

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WARRENSBURG – Families with young children have a new place in Warrensburg to explore with the opening of My Little Town on Monday, Sept. 25.

My Little Town is set up as a small town for children to explore, featuring everything from a diner and a farm to a police station, fire station, salon, and veterinary office. The business is filled with toys, books, puzzles, dress-up clothes, and countless items to allow children to play and let their imaginations run wild.

During the Star-Journal's visit Monday morning, a mom and

daughter were having "lunch" at Ema's Diner and a mother and son were playing with puzzles at the library, while another family group was exploring the farm and the various toy vehicles. Another mom and her young child spent time playing in a gated area available only to children 23 months and younger.

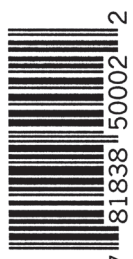
As the Star-Journal spoke with Marketing Director Elizabeth Tucker, she and her daughter, Berkley, who turns 2 later this year, were playing at the diner. Berkley kept the "coffee" refills coming for her mom and searched through boxes under the counter to find more food to serve.

"I like that it stimulates her

imagination. She shows interest in things that I didn't even know that she had an interest in because we didn't have that stuff," Tucker said. "I didn't realize how much she enjoys playing dress-up. And I don't just mean princess dresses, but the Army dress-up and the fireman and the police costumes.

"It has helped me get to know my own child a little bit more because we don't have all this stuff at home," she continued. "You don't know they're interested in those things until they are put in front of them. I feel like it's opened her up to things she wouldn't have gotten to see or play with."

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### Memorial Bench and Tree Program

Looking for a lasting remembrance of a loved one? Want a unique way to celebrate the birth of your child? Through this program, you can establish a memorial and beautify your parks at the same time.

Applications are taken all year round, but trees and benches are placed in our parks now until March 31st! To receive an application, email Kaylea at kweber@sedaliaparks.com or stop by the front desk at the Heckart Community Center!

Call 660-826-4930 or visit www.sedaliaparks.com for more information.

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## FUNERALS

### Robert Eugene Felten

11 a.m. Saturday at St. Joseph Catholic Church near Clear Creek. Arrangements are under the direction of Meisenheimer-Page-Dady Funeral Home in Pilot Grove.

### Kenneth Schumacher

11 a.m. Saturday at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery near Cole Camp. Arrangements are under the direction of the Fox Funeral Home in Cole Camp.

### Thurwon Clell Swift

11 a.m. Saturday at

Campbell-Lewis Chapel in Marshall. Arrangements are under the direction of Campbell-Lewis Chapel.

### Randolph Huth Schlesselman

2:30 p.m. Saturday at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Cole Camp. Arrangements are under the direction of Fox Funeral Home in Cole Camp.

### Marilyn Sue Harding

2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7 at Williams Funeral Chapel in Warrensburg. Arrangements are under the direction of Williams Funeral Chapel.

## LOCAL BRIEFS

### West 11th to close for resurfacing work

From Monday, Oct. 2 to Friday, Oct. 6, the City of Sedalia's Public Works Department will be milling and overlaying West 11th Street from Thompson Boulevard to Royal Boulevard.

Mill and overlay work will begin each day at 6 a.m. and continue through 5 p.m. until the project is complete. During these hours each day, the roadway will be closed.

Travelers are encouraged to use alternate routes to avoid delays. Residents living along this roadway will need to coordinate with City crews on site should they need

to access their driveways. Heavy equipment and workers will be present in the roadway during this period. Inclement weather or equipment breakdowns could delay completion.

### Grand Avenue Road to close for inspection

South Grand Avenue Road will be closed from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4. MoDOT will be conducting a routine bridge inspection of the truss bridge and requires no traffic during the process.

The truss bridge is located approximately 1.75 miles south of the Sedalia city limits. Road signs will be placed as a reminder that traffic will not be allowed through.

## Supreme Court will decide if state laws limiting social media violate Constitution

By Mark Sherman  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court agreed Friday to decide whether state laws that seek to regulate Facebook, TikTok, X and other social media platforms violate the Constitution.

The justices will review laws enacted by Republican-dominated legislatures and signed by Republican governors in Florida and Texas. While the details vary, both laws aim to prevent the social media companies from censoring users based on their viewpoints.

The court's announcement, three days before the start of its new term, comes as the justices continue to grapple with how laws written at the dawn of the digital age, or earlier, apply to the online world.

The justices had already agreed to decide whether public officials can block critics from commenting on their social media accounts, an issue that previously came up in a case involving then-President Donald Trump. The court dismissed the Trump case when his presidential term ended in January 2021.

Separately, the high court also could consider a lower-court order limiting executive branch officials' communications with social media companies about controversial online posts.

The new case follows conflicting rulings by two appeals courts, one of which upheld the Texas law, while the other struck down Flori-

da's statute. By a 5-4 vote, the justices kept the Texas law on hold while litigation over it continues.

But the alignment was unusual. Chief Justice John Roberts and Justices Stephen Breyer, Sonia Sotomayor, Brett Kavanaugh and Amy Coney Barrett voted to grant the emergency request from two technology industry groups that challenged the law in federal court.

Justices Clarence Thomas, Samuel Alito, Elena Kagan and Neil Gorsuch would have allowed the law to remain in effect. In dissent, Alito wrote, "Social media platforms have transformed the way people communicate with each other and obtain news."

Proponents of the laws, including Republican elected officials in several states that have similar measures, have sought to portray social media companies as generally liberal in outlook and hostile to ideas outside of that viewpoint, especially from the political right.

The tech sector warned that the laws would prevent platforms from removing extremism and hate speech.

"Online services have a well-established First Amendment right to host, curate and share content as they see fit," Chris Marchese, the litigation director for the industry group NetChoice, said in a statement. "The internet is a vital platform for free expression, and it must remain free from government censorship. We are confident the Court will agree."

## 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 Incidents Sept. 28

1:54 a.m.: Officers conducted a vehicle check near North Missouri Avenue and West Cooper Street. A subject ran from the scene. Criminal charges are not being requested.

9:36 a.m.: Officers took a report of a stolen scooter in the 300 block

of East 14th Street.

### Sept. 29

6:28 p.m.: Officers responded to the 1100 block of Wilkerson Street for a civil standby. A report was generated documenting the incident.

### Pettis County Sheriff's Office Arrests Sept. 28

7:37 p.m.: Rodrigo Barbosa Da Silva was arrested after a deputy running stationary radar on U.S. Highway 50 near La Monte clocked his vehicle at 116 miles per hour in a 65 mph zone. Da Silva was trans-

ported to the Pettis County Jail, booked and released for speeding in excess of 26 miles per hour.

### Missouri State Highway Patrol Arrests Sept. 28

6:11 p.m.: Matthew B. Douglas, 42, of Clinton, was arrested in Johnson County for driving while intoxicated, operating a motor vehicle without a valid driver's license, and careless and imprudent driving involving a crash. He was transported to the Johnson County Jail and released.

Compiled by Chris Howell.

# UAW strikes spread as 7,000 more workers join picket line

By Tom Krisher and David Koenig

AP Business Writers

DETROIT — The United Auto Workers union expanded its strikes against Detroit automakers Friday, ordering 7,000 more workers to walk off the job in Illinois and Michigan to put more pressure on the companies to improve their offers.

It was the second time the union has widened the walkout, which started two weeks ago at three assembly plants before the most recent addition of a Ford plant in Chicago and a General Motors assembly factory near Lansing.

Union President Shawn Fain told workers in a video appearance that the strikes were escalated because Ford and GM refused "to make meaningful progress" in ongoing contract talks. Jeep maker Stellantis was spared from the third round of strikes.

Ford and GM shot back as a war of words with the union also intensified. Ford accused the UAW of holding up a deal mainly over union representation at electric vehicle battery plants, most of which are joint ventures with a Korean manufacturer.

"There is still time to reach an agreement and avert disaster," Ford said in a statement, adding that the strikes are starting to affect fragile companies that make parts for factories affected by the walkouts.

GM's manufacturing chief said the union was calling more strikes "just for the headlines, not real progress."

The GM plant in Delta Township, near Lansing, makes large crossover SUVs such as the Chevrolet Traverse and Buick Enclave. A nearby metal parts stamping plant with 300 workers will remain open, Fain said.

The Chicago Ford plant makes the Ford Explorer and Explorer Police Interceptors, as well as the Lincoln Aviator SUV. The Explorer Interceptor is the nation's top-selling police vehicle.

Fain said union bargainers are still talking to all three companies, and he was hopeful they could reach deals.

Stellantis, he said, made significant progress moments before his appearance on Facebook Live by agreeing to unspecified cost-of-living raises, the right not to

cross a picket line and the right to strike over plant closures.

Ranael Edwards, a longtime GM employee who works at the Lansing-area factory, said she was "shocked but happy" to hear that her plant would join the strike.

"I feel like they don't understand that this is about more than wages," Edwards said. "It's about having security at our jobs."

Edwards said she believes the UAW's strategy of slowly adding more plants will work. "I love it because it keeps us on our toes. No one knows what's next," she said.

But in a note to workers Friday, Edwards' boss, GM manufacturing chief Gerald Johnson, said the company has yet to receive a counteroffer from union leaders to a Sept. 21 economic proposal.

"We continue to stand ready and willing to negotiate in good faith to reach an agreement that benefits you and doesn't let the nonunion manufacturers win," Johnson wrote. He called the counteroffer a record proposal with historic wage increases and job security.

Ford CEO Jim Farley said in a statement that it was "grossly irresponsible" for the union to add to the strikes and hurt families.

Stellantis, which until Friday had been the target of Fain's ire in the talks, said it's committed to "working through these issues in an expeditious manner to reach a fair and responsible agreement."

Automakers have long said that they're willing to give raises, but they fear that a costly contract will drive up vehicle prices, making them more expensive than models made at nonunion U.S. plants run by foreign automakers, largely in the South.

The union counters that labor costs are only 4% to 5% of the cost of a vehicle, and that the companies are making billions in profits and can afford big raises.

Wedbush analyst Dan Ives said the expansion of the strikes shows that both sides are digging in for a potentially long battle.

Ives wrote in a note to investors that President Joe Biden's administration is watching union demands collide with his



Members of the United Auto Worker Union walk out of the Chicago Ford Assembly Plant Friday, Sept. 29, 2023, in Chicago. The union expanded its two-week strikes against Detroit automakers Friday, adding 7,000 workers at the Ford plant in Chicago and a General Motors assembly factory near Lansing, Michigan.

PHOTO BY CHARLES REX ARBOGAST | AP PHOTO

push for cleaner electric vehicles. Biden, who has billed himself as the most union-friendly president in history, traveled Tuesday to the Detroit area to walk picket lines with workers at a GM parts warehouse.

Republican front-runner Donald Trump also traveled to the Detroit area this week for a rally at a nonunion truck parts maker.

Current offers on the table from the companies will add \$3,000 to \$5,000 to the cost of an average electric vehicle that would be passed on to consumers, Ives wrote. Such costs "would ultimately be a torpedo to the future business models" of the automakers, he wrote.

The electric vehicle battery plants are a huge issue for the union's future. Many industry executives say it will take fewer workers to assemble EVs because they have fewer moving parts. So the union is looking to organize battery plants and win top wages so displaced workers have somewhere to go.

Other industry officials, including GM CEO Mary Barra, say there will be enough jobs for all as the industry moves away from internal combustion engines.

The automakers' last known wage offers were around 20% over the life of a four-year contract, a little more than half of what the union has demanded. Other contract improvements, such as cost of living increases, restoration of defined-benefit pensions for newly hired workers and an end to tiers of wages within the union are also on the table.

The union went on strike Sept. 15, immediately after its contracts expired.

The UAW initially targeted one assembly plant

from each company. Then last week it added 38 parts distribution centers run by GM and Stellantis. Ford was spared from that expansion because talks with the union were progressing at that time.

The union has structured its walkouts in a way that has allowed the companies to keep making pickup trucks and large SUVs, their top-selling and most profitable vehicles. Previously it shut down assembly plants in Missouri, Ohio and Michigan that make midsize pickup trucks, commercial vans and midsize SUVs, all of which are profitable but don't make as much money as the larger vehicles.

But the new strikes against GM and Ford target crossover SUVs that are big moneymakers for both companies.

In the past, the union picked one company as a potential strike target and reached a contract agreement with that company that would serve as a pattern for the others.

But this year Fain introduced a novel strategy of targeting a limited number of facilities at all three automakers, while threatening to add more if the companies do not come up with better offers.

About 25,000, or about 17%, of the union's 146,000 workers at the three automakers are on strike, allowing it to preserve a strike fund that was worth \$825 million before Sept. 14.

If all of the union's auto workers went on strike, the fund would be depleted in less than three months, and that's without factoring in health care costs.

Koenig reported from Dallas. Associated Press Writer Joey Cappelletti in Lansing, Michigan, contributed to this report.

# Biden administration rolls out playbook for training workers

By Josh Boak  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Biden administration on Friday was expected to release a playbook on best practices for training workers as the low 3.8% unemployment rate and years of underinvestment have left manufacturers, construction firms and other employers with unfilled jobs.

Worker shortages have been a frustration for some employers, who upped their investments in new factories and construction projects after President Joe Biden signed into law funding for infrastructure, computer chips and a shift toward renewable energy sources. Finding employees to replace retirees also has become a challenge.

As part of the 2021 pandemic rescue package, state and local governments have committed \$11 billion to worker training. The money must be spent by the end of 2026 and the administration is trying to ensure the investments pay off as promised.

“This is a chance to make a once-in-a-generation investment in the skills and well-being of workers in your communities — an investment that will reap benefits well beyond pandemic recovery,” Treasury Department official Veronica Soto says in draft remarks obtained by The Associated Press.

The eight-page playbook being issued in conjunction with the remarks details possible models that the administration believes state and local governments

can follow.

The document encourages them to use registered apprenticeship programs, which have seen enrollment more than double over the past decade to 607,509 active apprentices, according to the Labor Department. Starting salaries for those who complete the programs average \$80,000.

Harris County, Texas, committed \$10.9 million to place 1,000 of its low-income residents into union apprenticeships and technology training programs, having put a focus on opportunities for women, people of color and those without a four-year college degree. The state of Maine plans to double its total number of apprenticeships with \$11 billion.

Funding also has gone to community colleges, with Oklahoma budgeting \$80 million to expand its nursing education programs. Connecticut is using \$19.5 million to improve the mentorship and coaching given to community college students, a program that has increased students’ grades and kept more of them enrolled.

Money also is going to supportive services for child care and transportation, which are two of the big reasons why people are unable to complete training or stay on the job. Iowa is making \$26.6 million available to help employers make child care available, while Phoenix’s airport is offering child care scholarships to workers.

# Powerball jackpot nears \$1 billion after long drought of winners

DES MOINES, Iowa — Another Powerball drawing Saturday night, another chance at a jackpot that is inching toward \$1 billion.

The estimated \$960 million prize is the world’s ninth-largest lottery jackpot, behind earlier Powerball and Mega Millions prizes that all topped \$1 billion.

The prize has grown so large because there have been 30 consecutive drawings without a big winner, dating to July 19. That streak without a jackpot winner is due to the game’s long odds, 1

in 292.2 million, that are designed to make winning rare so grand prizes can grow large.

The \$960 million prize is for a sole winner who chooses an annuity, with annual payments over 30 years. Winners almost always take the cash option, which for Saturday’s drawing would be an estimated \$441 million.

Federal taxes will eat into those winnings, and some states also tax big lottery prizes.

Powerball is played in 45 states, as well as Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

# Sen. Feinstein, trailblazer and champion of liberal priorities, dies at 90

By Mary Clare Jalonick and Michael R. Blood  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein of California, a centrist Democrat and champion of liberal causes who was elected to the Senate in 1992 and broke gender barriers throughout her long career in local and national politics, has died. She was 90.

Feinstein died on Thursday night at her home in Washington, D.C., her office said on Friday. Tributes poured in all day. Opening the Senate floor, Majority Leader Chuck Schumer announced that “we lost a giant in the Senate.”

“As the nation mourns this tremendous loss, we know how many lives she impacted and how many glass ceilings she shattered along the way,” Schumer said, his voice cracking.

President Joe Biden, who served with Feinstein for years in the Senate, called her “a pioneering American,” a “true trailblazer” and a “cherished friend.”

California Gov. Gavin Newsom will appoint a temporary replacement, and there is sure to be a spirited battle to succeed her.

Feinstein, the oldest sitting U.S. senator, was a passionate advocate for liberal priorities important to her state — including environmental protection, reproductive rights and gun control — but was also known as a pragmatic lawmaker who reached out to Republicans and sought middle ground.

Her death came after a bout of shingles sidelined her for more than two months earlier this year — an absence that drew frustration from her most liberal critics and launched an unsuccessful attempt by Democrats to temporarily replace her on the Senate Judiciary Committee. When she returned to the Senate in May, she was frail and using a wheelchair, voting only occasionally.

On Friday, her Senate desk was draped in black and topped with a vase of white roses. Senators gave tearful tributes as members of the California House delegation stood in the back of the chamber and former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi sat in the gallery with Feinstein’s daughter, Katherine.

Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell was one of several Republicans who gave tributes to the Democratic icon, calling her his friend. “Dianne was a trailblazer, and her beloved home state of California and our entire nation are better for her dogged advocacy and diligent service,” McConnell said.

Biden said in a statement, “Dianne made her mark on everything from national security to the environment to protecting civil liberties. ‘Our country will benefit from her legacy for generations.’”

Former president Barack Obama also saluted her as “a trailblazer,” and former President Bill Clinton called her a champion “of civil rights and civil liberties, environmental protection and strong national security.”

She was elected to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in 1969 and became its first female board president in 1978, the year Mayor George Moscone was gunned down alongside Supervisor Harvey Milk at City Hall by Dan White, a disgruntled

former supervisor. Feinstein found Milk’s body.

After Moscone’s death, Feinstein became San Francisco’s first female mayor. In the Senate, she was one of California’s first two female senators, the first woman to head the Senate Intelligence Committee and the first woman to serve as the Judiciary Committee’s top Democrat.

Although Feinstein was not always embraced by the feminist movement, her experiences colored her outlook through her five decades in politics.

“I recognize that women have had to fight for everything they have gotten, every right,” she told The Associated Press in 2005, as the Judiciary Committee prepared to hold hearings on President George W. Bush’s nomination of John Roberts to replace Sandra Day O’Connor on the Supreme Court.

“So I must tell you, I try to look out for women’s rights. I also try to solve problems as I perceive them, with legislation, and reaching out where I can, and working across the aisle,” she said.

Feinstein’s bipartisan efforts helped her notch legislative wins throughout her career. But it also proved to be a liability in her later years in Congress, as her state became more liberal and as the Senate and the electorate became increasingly polarized.

A fierce debater who did not suffer fools, the California senator was long known for her verbal zingers and sharp comebacks when challenged on the issues about which she was most fervent. But she lost that edge in her later years

in the Senate, as her health visibly declined and she sometimes became confused when answering questions or speaking publicly. In February 2023, she said she would not run for a sixth term the next year. And within weeks of that announcement, she was absent for the Senate for more than two months as she recovered from a bout of shingles.

Amid the concerns about her health, Feinstein stepped down as the top Democrat on the Judiciary panel after the 2020 elections, just as her party was about to take the majority. In 2023, she said she would not serve as the Senate president pro tempore, or the most senior member of the majority party, even though she was in line to do so. The president pro tempore opens the Senate every day and holds other ceremonial duties.

One of Feinstein’s most significant legislative accomplishments was early in her career, when the Senate approved her amendment to ban manufacturing and sales of certain types of assault weapons as part of a crime bill that President Bill Clinton signed into law in 1994. Though the assault weapons ban expired 10 years later and was never renewed or replaced, it was a poignant win after her career had been significantly shaped by gun violence.

Feinstein remembered finding Milk’s body, her finger slipping into a bullet hole as she felt for a pulse. It was a story she would retell often in the years ahead as she pushed for stricter gun control measures.

She had little patience

for Republicans and others who opposed her on that issue, though she was often challenged. In 1993, during debate on the assault weapons ban, Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, accused her of having an insufficient knowledge of guns and the gun control issue.

Feinstein spoke fiercely of the violence she’d lived through in San Francisco and retorted: “Senator, I know something about what firearms can do.”

Two decades later, after 20 children and six educators were killed in a horrific school shooting in Newtown, Connecticut, first-term Republican Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas similarly challenged Feinstein during debate on legislation that would have permanently banned the weapons.

“I’m not a sixth grader,” Feinstein snapped back at the much younger Cruz — a moment that later went viral. She added: “It’s fine you want to lecture me on the Constitution. I appreciate it. Just know I’ve been here a long time.”

Feinstein became mayor of San Francisco after the 1978 slayings of Moscone and Milk, leading the city during one of the most turbulent periods in its history. Even her critics credited Feinstein with a calming influence, and she won reelection on her own to two four-year terms.

With her success and growing recognition statewide came visibility on the national political stage.

Blood reported from Los Angeles. Associated Press writers Lisa Mascaro and Michael Balsamo contributed to this report.

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## CONTRIBUTING COLUMN

## No more political kings and messiahs

It's no secret that many of former President Donald Trump's supporters speak of him in almost godlike terms.

For example, the AP reports that Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene compared the former President to Jesus in an interview shortly after his arraignment this spring:

"Jesus was arrested and murdered by the Roman government," she said. "There have been many people throughout history that have been arrested and persecuted by radical corrupt governments, and it's beginning today in New York City."

Others, including "Q" of Q-Anon internet fame, frame the former President's tenure as part of an otherworldly battle with eternal ramifications:

"The level of importance of this operation equates to a 'Good vs Evil' battle that transcends politics. This is a 'Global Evil' that attempted to takeover America. Many in our government actively worship Satan, Moloch/Molech," wrote Q, regarding a rumored series of widespread indictments that never came to fruition.

Democrats have rightly wrung their hands and poked fun at this messianic language and the escalating mythology of conspiracy that has sprung up to accompany it. But, as usual, they have been overly content to point out the faults of their opponents while being blind to, or even encouraging, the same behavior in their own ranks.

In a Sept. 25 column for the Washington Post, editorialist Max Boot beat the drum for President Joe Biden's re-election, comparing him unfavorably to other Democratic politicians on the national stage but explaining that we must vote for the President nonetheless.

"... come November 2024, we might be facing the end of the world as we know it," Boot ended his column. "You can see why I'm not feeling good about the future — not when the fate of the world depends on the vitality and vigor of an octogenarian who looks his age. But it does."

The column was accompanied by a 2020 campaign photo of President Biden standing in front of a podium with a sign that read, "Text MN to 30330 BATTLE for the SOUL of the NATION."

The end of the world as we know it. Battle for the soul of the nation.

That kind of rhetoric isn't any different than Marjorie Taylor Greene and Q-Anon.

As the 2024 election looms closer, we must reject this apocalyptic language and political messianism from both parties. This is not a reflection of Jesus' sacrifice. It is not a transcendent battle between Good and Evil or a battle for souls. It is a Presidential election between two aging and imperfect men who haven't even secured their nominations



**Liz Schleicher**  
Contributing Columnist

yet. They are neither demigods nor demons. They are simply fallen humans sparring for a great deal of money and temporal power — but not the power to save the world, conquer evil, bring the shadowy elites to heel, end the war in Ukraine, or eradicate hate, child trafficking and poverty.

That power belongs to God, and he works through us. We are the fabric of democracy, the people whom the Founding Fathers trusted would sustain a virtuous and effective republic. We were never meant to fawn over a semi-divine leader who can solve all our problems through edicts and political appointments. Our ancestors fled that kind of government and rejected it outright. They would be dismayed to see that we have willingly allowed it to take hold in the land of the free.

If the 2024 election does have a religious parallel, it can be found in the book of Samuel:

"All the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel ... They said to him, '... appoint a king to lead us, such as all the other nations have.'"

And the Lord told him: "Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected me as their king. As they have done from the day I brought them up out of Egypt until this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are doing to you. Now listen to them; but warn them solemnly and let them know what the king who will reign over them will claim as his rights."

Samuel told all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. He said ... "He will take your sons .... He will take your daughters ... He will take a tenth of your flocks, and you yourselves will become his slaves. When that day comes, you will cry out for relief from the king you have chosen, but the Lord will not answer you in that day."

But the people refused to listen to Samuel. "No!" they said. "We want a king over us. Then we will be like all the other nations, with a king to lead us and to go out before us and fight our battles."

When Samuel heard all that the people said, he repeated it before the Lord. The Lord answered, "Listen to them and give them a king."

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## CONTRIBUTING COLUMN

## Trying to avoid being an armchair quarterback

We planned to watch football last weekend with Emily and James in Little Rock. Though we rarely watch college football, we were going to watch the Razorbacks take on the LSU "Tigahs" on Saturday, and revel in the Chiefs' mauling the Chicago Bears on Sunday. As it turned out, the Razorbacks game was a go, but we lost the Chiefs game to the Fox Network's dispute with Direct TV or some other media conglomerate.

Emily knew the Chiefs game wasn't the network's regional game in Little Rock, but she had an ace up her sleeve: Her friend Layton has an app on his phone that would allow us to watch the game. Lest you think we gathered around a teeny-tiny screen on a smartphone, think again. Technology wins: We projected the game from the phone to the television. I have been trying to figure out how to do that for quite a while, but I guess Emily's television is smarter than mine.

Unfortunately, Layton's app turned out to be a trial. To see the game, he had to buy a real subscription. He signed up for that, but then discovered that we were going to have to pay \$400 for something called NFL



**Deborah Mitchell**  
Contributing Columnist

Ticket to see Patrick Mahomes. At that point, we gave up on actually seeing the action, and instead periodically asked our electronic companion Alexa for the score.

We did, however, watch the Razorbacks game the day before. Because it was a lovely day, we went to the Railyard, a casual bar/restaurant, where we sat outside in Adirondack chairs and saw the game on a huge television. The outdoor area is set up for those who might not want to pay much attention to the screens. A bean bag toss game is available, as are lots of board games. The owners have also set up a water cooler so that anyone can serve themselves cold water on hot afternoons.

The Razorbacks played well against a powerful LSU team, tying the score again and again, until LSU scored the winning field goal in the final

seconds. After the game, we complained that Arkansas could have done better. They blew all their timeouts within the first few minutes of the second half so that they were hamstrung at the end. They called some running plays when passes would have been better, and on and on. We did some fantastic armchair quarterbacking.

Our post-game discussion reminded me of the column in the Democrat a couple of weeks ago, when a couple of "armchair quarterbacks" said the indictments against Donald Trump were political in nature, that the justice system was being "weaponized" against him, that the existence of 91 criminal charges was simply designed to, if nothing else, make him look bad.

I respectfully disagree. Most egregious about declaring that these charges are politically motivated is that neither of the people commenting heard the evidence that was presented to the grand juries — plural. More than one grand jury in more than one jurisdiction recommended all these charges, and they heard all the evidence.

We've heard some of that evidence from reputable news sources,

but we haven't heard it all. We know that most of the 91 charges stem from Mr. Trump's secreting documents in contravention of the Presidential Records Act and then lying about doing it. We know about Mr. Trump's phone call to Georgia officials asking them to "find" votes because we've heard it. We know that Mr. Trump lied about his wealth to benefit himself because a judge heard evidence and made that ruling just this past Thursday. We know that Mr. Trump asserted his Fifth Amendment privilege against self-incrimination over 400 times in a deposition (<https://bit.ly/3rqc7NN>). Regardless, we don't know it all.

These cases will come to trial, and we may hear all the evidence. Right now, though, cameras are banned in federal courtrooms, so we may never hear all the evidence. Regardless, when a jury or judge gives a verdict, whatever it is, they will have heard it all. Until then, it's best that we trust the citizens who heard the evidence and recommended charges. Leave the armchair quarterbacking to football.

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## THE ROCKWOOD FILES

## Medical test wimp decides to be brave

## BEFORE

I had lime Jello for breakfast today. Guess what I'm having for lunch? Lime Jello. And dinner? You guessed it. Lime Jello is on repeat today unless I get crazy and have a little chicken broth before the Jello. I'm also drinking water, white grape juice, Sprite, and tea.

If you recognize this odd diet, you've probably realized I'm 50. And when you turn 50, you don't get your driver's license, vote in your first election, or order your first fancy cocktail. You get your first colonoscopy. Tomorrow is the big event, and I'm a little terrified.

I started the mandatory "clear liquids diet" last night, and I'm continuing it today. Even though my stomach has had its share of lime Jello, I've never been more irrationally hungry. Just knowing I can't have chips and cheese dip makes me want to dive headfirst into a giant vat of queso and eat my way out.

If you're a chronic overthinker like me, the "before times" of a colonoscopy are the most challenging part. The worry. The dread. Unfortunately, I compound these emotions by doing extensive research on medical procedures in a vain attempt to alleviate my anxiety with facts and solid preparation. (I just realized that the phrase "solid prepara-



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Guest Columnist

tion" probably doesn't belong in this particular column. Let's move on.)

I even read an article by two British gastroenterologists with tips on colonoscopy preparation. I enjoyed the British version because they use charming phrases, including "nip to the loo," instead of the more American version, which sounds more like "go camp out on the toilet."

Just a few hours from now, I have to start the preparation protocol by taking the prescribed laxatives. My doctor gave me the option of drinking the medication, as most people do, or taking it in pill form. I'd already heard from a 50-something friend — whose gag reflex is as overactive as mine — that forcing down the unpleasant drink was a challenge. So, I asked for the pills instead.

Doctor: "Okay, but your insurance only pays for the liquid, not the pills, which cost \$60 out-of-pocket. Do you still want the pills?"

Me: "Here's my credit card."

If it's possible to be prematurely embarrassed about something, I'm there. I'm painfully aware I'm headed into a highly vulnerable position — literally and figuratively. I've scrubbed myself as clean as possible during an extra-long shower, which I'll probably repeat in the morning. And I may have put some self-tanning lotion on my backside, but not because I'm vain. It's a safety issue. What if the doctor's vision gets impaired by my blindingly white booty, and he takes a wrong turn at Albuquerque and ends up in my kidney? Could that happen?

What if they find something? What if it's weird? What if pictures of my colon get uploaded to the cloud and then leaked on the internet with funny captions? What if I'm the one person in the world who's immune to anesthesia, and I feel everything but can't utter the word "stop" for some unimaginable reason? What if, what if, what if.

## DURING

Me (one minute before procedure): "Are you sure this anesthesia will work on me?"

Nurse anesthetist: "Yes. Anesthesia always wins."

Me: "Zzzzzzzzz."

Nurse: "It's time to wake up. You're all done."

Me: "Best nap of my life. Do you serve cheese dip here?"

## AFTER

The doctor says my test is clear of any concerns. He gave me a post-procedure report with photos of my colon, which I unfortunately cannot unsee. (A colon is a highly skilled organ, but it's not winning any beauty contests.) Even better, my colon has the doctor's permission to go back into hiding for 10 years.

As someone who avoided and dreaded this test, I can tell you that getting it over with and having the peace of mind that comes with good results is so much better than the unease and guilt of finding excuses not to do it.

If you're overdue to take this test, do it not only because you know you should but because you want your adult kids and other people you love to get the medical tests they need. If I had kept on dodging my own colonoscopy, I wouldn't have a leg left to nag on.

So, call your doctor, make your lime Jello, and get it done. If a complete scaredy cat like me can do it, I know you can, too.

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Three city sanitation workers were removed from this flipped garbage truck by Sedalia Fire Department personnel and transported to hospitals Friday morning at Engineer Avenue and Broadway Boulevard.

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# Crash

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Hill was also not wearing a seat belt and sustained serious injuries. Hill was transported to University Hospital in Columbia by Staff for Life air ambulance.

Among a crowd of concerned people were City Administrator Kelvin Shaw and Human Resources Director Shannon Ramey-Trull, who quickly arrived on scene as the wreck involved a City of Sedalia vehicle.

“We had a call that a garbage truck was involved in an accident,” Shaw said. “We have one employee that was transported, and from what we know right now, that employee’s being flown to Columbia, so we’re just thinking good thoughts for him.”

The garbage truck was flipped onto the driver’s side and fire department personnel had to cut a hole in the windshield to extricate the injured men.

Ramey-Trull escorted the two city employees to Bothwell to attend to their injuries and be checked out.

“There were three employees,” Shaw explained. “It’s one of the trucks that has a rear load, so it takes a driver and then two people to load. They were loaded and headed to the city garage here to off-load, so thankfully, they were riding in the cab as opposed to riding on the back, which could have been even worse.”

The Sedalia Police Department and Missouri State Highway Patrol worked the three-vehicle collision, which temporarily blocked the eastbound lanes as they were untangled and removed by tow trucks.

Sedalia Police officers gathered interviews, guided traffic through the congestion and even deployed a drone to photograph the scene from the air, but let Highway Patrol troopers take the lead on the crash investigation.

“Since it does involve a city vehicle, we are letting the Highway Patrol work the scene and determine all of that,” Shaw said. “But right now, we’re just worried about people being OK, so that’s our first priority.”

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# PCAD

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“My time at PCAD has been an experience I will forever cherish,” he continued. “Please do not hesitate to reach out should you need anything in the future, and I will assure others are trained as needed as I leave the district in their capable and compassionate hands. I wish you and the Pettis County Ambulance District all the best.”

On Thursday, he discussed his decision to leave PCAD, noting he decided to go into the EMS field because of his late daughter Delia, who died at age 4 due to a congenital heart condition.

“She got a heart transplant at 10 months old,” he said. “And I had to learn how to communicate those technical things to my family. I just got a crash course in cardiology at that time.”

“Plus, I met the flight crews and all the people that were involved in her care,” he continued. “I never imagined the world of pediatric intensive care units. So, I learned all this stuff and kept having to explain it to people...”

He added when Delia was around 3 years old, he wanted to do something with all this medical information.

“It was so inspiring to see the flight crews and the ambulance crews who dealt with her that I went

to EMT school,” he said. “I’m going to share what I’ve learned, and I’ve carried that forward until this day. And still, to this day, the biggest reason I do this is because of her.”

He became a paramedic, was on an EMS flight crew, and began to delve into teaching full-time.

Dirck, who began with PCAD when it was founded in 2013 as a training officer, noted leaving PCAD is bittersweet.

“I’m also looking a little forward to it, but I’m also a little terrified,” he added with a chuckle. “The future is wide open. I’m looking at several different possibilities out there.”

He said he’s learned that while working in EMS, it is often the small things that

matter most.

“We see patients in all these different situations,” he noted. “Maybe they’re minor, maybe they’re really major and traumatic.”

“EMS, a lot of it is bearing witness, and I think those small wins, even if it’s just a conversation with an elderly patient, can kind of refill the tank,” he continued. “Just little things like that should be celebrated.”

Dirck said he’d like to tell the public he will miss them.

“It’s been quite a ride,” he added. “From the very start of the district until I took over as chief.”

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# McCarthy’s last-ditch plan to keep the government open collapses

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WASHINGTON — House Speaker Kevin McCarthy’s last-ditch plan to keep the federal government temporarily open collapsed in dramatic fashion Friday as a robust faction of hard-right holdouts rejected the package, making a shutdown almost certain.

McCarthy’s right-flank Republicans refused to support the bill despite its steep spending cuts of nearly 30% to many agencies and severe border security provisions, calling it insufficient.

The White House and Democrats rejected the Republican approach as too extreme. The vote was 198-232, with 21 hard-right Republicans voting to sink the package. The Democrats voted against it.

The bill’s complete failure a day before Saturday’s deadline to fund the government leaves few options to prevent a shutdown that will furlough federal workers, keep the military working without pay and disrupt programs and services for millions of Americans.

A clearly agitated McCarthy left the House chamber. “It’s not the end yet; I’ve got other ideas,” he told reporters.

The outcome puts McCarthy’s speakership in serious jeopardy with almost no political leverage to lead the House at a critical moment that has pushed the government into crisis. Even the failed plan, an extraordinary

concession to immediately slash spending by one-third for many agencies, was not enough to satisfy the hard right flank that has upturned his speakership.

Republican leaders planned to convene behind closed doors late Friday to assess next steps.

The federal government is heading straight into a shutdown after midnight Saturday that would leave 2 million military troops without pay, furlough federal workers and disrupt government services and programs that Americans rely on from coast to coast. Congress has been unable to fund the agencies or pass a temporary bill to keep offices open.

The Senate was pushing ahead Friday with its own plan favored by Republicans and Democrats to keep the government open while also bolstering Ukraine aid and U.S. disaster accounts. But that won’t matter with the House in political chaos.

The White House has brushed aside McCarthy’s overtures to meet with President Joe Biden after the speaker walked away from the debt deal they brokered earlier this year that set budget levels.

“Extreme House Republicans are now tripling down on their demands to eviscerate programs millions of hardworking families count on,” White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said.

Jean-Pierre said, “The path forward to fund the government has been laid out by the Senate with bipartisan support — House Republicans just

need to take it.”

Catering to his hard-right flank, McCarthy had returned to the spending limits the conservatives demanded back in January as part of the deal-making to help him become the House speaker.

His package would not have cut the Defense, Veterans or Homeland Security departments but would have slashed almost all other agencies by up to 30% — steep hits to a vast array of programs, services and departments Americans routinely depend on.

It also added strict new border security provisions that would kickstart building the wall at the southern border with Mexico, among other measures. Additionally, the package would have set up a bipartisan debt commission to address the nation’s mounting debt load.

Ahead of voting, the Republican speaker all but dared his hold-out colleagues to oppose the package a day before Saturday’s almost certain shutdown. The House bill would have kept operations open through Oct. 31.

“Every member will have to go on record where they stand,” McCarthy said.

Asked if he had the votes, McCarthy quipped, “We’ll see.”

But as soon as the floor debate began, McCarthy’s chief Republican critic, Rep. Matt Gaetz of Florida, announced he would be voting against the package, urging his colleagues to “not surren-

der.”

The hard right, led by Gaetz, has been threatening McCarthy’s ouster, with a looming vote to try to remove him from the speaker’s office unless he meets the conservative demands. Still, it’s unclear if any other Republican would have support from the House majority to lead the party.

Gaetz said afterward that speaker’s bill “went down in flames as I’ve told you all week it would.”

He and others rejecting the temporary measure want the House to instead keep pushing through the 12 individual spending bills needed to fund the government, typically a weeks-long process, as they pursue their conservative priorities.

Some of the Republican holdouts including Gaetz are allies of Donald Trump, who is Biden’s chief rival in 2024. The former president has been encouraging the Republicans to fight hard for their priorities and even to “shut it down.”

The margin of defeat shocked even Republican members.

Rep. Mike Garcia, R-Calif., said, “I think what this does, if anything, I think it’s going to rally people around the speaker and go, ‘hey the dysfunction here is not coming from leadership in this case. The dysfunction is coming from individuals that don’t understand the implications of what we’re doing here.’”

Garcia said, “For the people that claim this isn’t good enough, I want to hear what good enough looks like.”

Another Republican Rep. Ralph Norman of South Carolina, a member of the Freedom Caucus who supported the package, suggested the House was losing its leverage with the failed vote: “We control the purse strings. We just ceded them to the Senate.”

Rep. Rosa DeLauro of Connecticut, the top Democrat on the Appropriations Committee, criticized the proposed Republican cuts as hurting law enforcement, education and taking food out of the mouths of millions. She said 275,000 children would lose access to Head Start and make it harder for parents to work.

“This is a pointless charade with grave consequences for the American people,” DeLauro said.

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# Town

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Owners Ron and Laura Morris are military transplants to Johnson County but have lived in the community for years.

Laura Morris has almost 30 years of experience in child care, between owning a daycare center and operating an in-home daycare. Tucker and Morris met through the in-home daycare, where Tucker's daughter attended. Tucker said Morris decided to close her daycare due to the time commitment and other personal family reasons, but still wanted a way to provide for families in the area, just with a little more flexibility.

"She's always known she wanted to do something

like this and she's known Warrensburg had a need for it. It was just a matter of being in a position to make it happen," Tucker said. "She kept talking about it and finally, I was like, 'I found us a building.'"

Starting in May, they spent months renovating the space, which formerly housed Hallmark, followed by a Christian bookstore.

"She just wanted a place where parents could come and play if they wanted to but also just kind of sit back and spectate if they wanted to. But didn't want a drop-off center," Tucker explained. "She's very big into imagination play and dramatic play, which is why everything is real-life but has been made to relate to the child's mind."

Tucker said it was also important to Morris to

personalize each of the centers featured in My Little Town. Visitors will notice many are named, and all relate to someone in Morris' life: Mel's Library is for Morris' mom, Ema's Diner is for her granddaughter, and Noah's Farm and Parker's Pet Store are for her grandsons. B&B Glass and P31 are real businesses owned by Tucker and her husband, while Berkleigh's Market is named after a child Morris cared for in daycare. The pink home doesn't have a sign yet, but it will soon be known as Baby's Cottage, which is an homage to Tucker's daughter, Berkeley, who was nicknamed "Baby" at daycare.

All visitors must wear socks inside the play area. My Little Town is nut-free, and snacks and drinks are available for purchase. A nursing area is available

for mothers. The facility is geared toward children ages newborn to 8.

My Little Town, 321 E. Young Ave. Suite J in Warrensburg, is open Monday through Friday. Two sessions are available, from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. After Sunset play from 5 to 7 p.m. will be offered on select days each month, along with special events such as paint parties, craft days, character visits, movie nights, and a visit from a Warrensburg firetruck. The facility is also available for private rentals.

For more information, visit facebook.com/mylittletownwsbg, call 660-362-0402 or email mylittletownwsbg@gmail.com.

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Alexia Gray, of Warrensburg, and her son, Wyatt, play with a puzzle at Mel's Library on Monday. Gray also brought her son, Wesley, not pictured.



Jenny Haag smiles as her grandson, Trace Worley, offers an excited expression when he finds out the puzzle he's playing with also plays music. "This is great, so wonderful," Haag said. "We'll definitely be back. He's having a blast!"

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My Little Town Marketing Director Elizabeth Tucker gets a cup of coffee — or a cup of bread, rather — from her daughter, Berkley, as they play at the diner on Monday.

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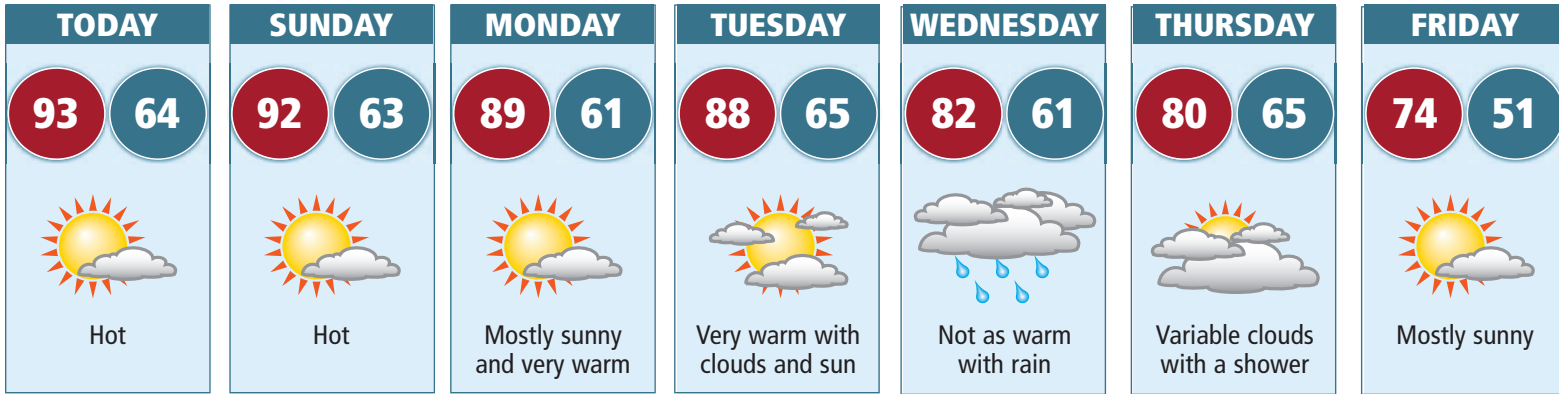
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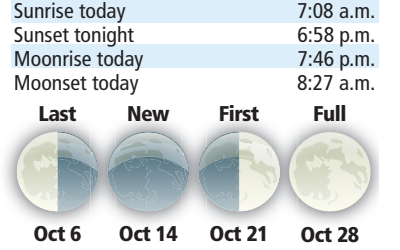
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### SEVEN-DAY FORECAST



### SUN AND MOON



### WEATHER HISTORY

A cold outbreak sent temperatures into the teens as far south as western Kansas on Sept. 30, 1985. On the same day, Grand Island, Neb., had 3.80 inches of snow.

### ALMANAC

Sedalia Regional Airport Thursday

TEMPERATURES	
High	90
Low	62
Normal high	74
Normal low	51
Record high	101 in 1953
Record low	30 in 1942

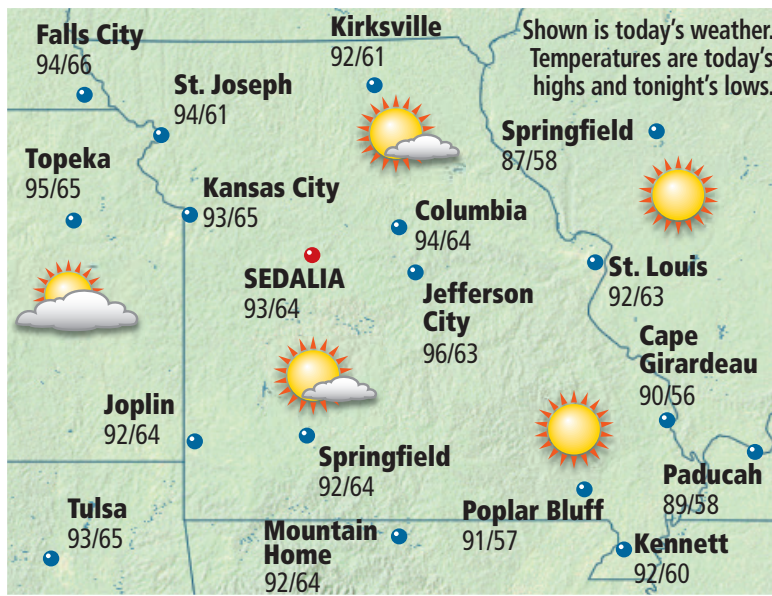
PRECIPITATION	
Thursday	0.00"
Month to date	0.84"
Normal m-t-d	3.90"
Year to date	28.52"
Normal y-t-d	34.68"

HEATING DEGREE DAYS	
Index of energy consumption indicating how many degrees the average temperature was below 65 degrees for the day.	
Thursday	0
Month to date	0
Season to date	0
Normal season to date	64
Last season to date	16

RIVER LEVELS			
In feet as of 7 a.m. Friday			
Blackwater	Stage	Chg	Fid Stg
Blue Lick	6.77	-0.16	24
Valley City	2.42	-0.05	22
Lamine			
Otterville	0.53	none	15
Missouri			
Boonville	6.89	-0.02	21



**BRANSON**  
High: 93. Low: 64. Mostly sunny and hot today. Clear and mild tonight. Very warm tomorrow with plenty of sunshine. Monday: sunny. Tuesday: partial sunshine.

**KANSAS CITY**  
High: 93. Low: 65. Mostly sunny and hot today with the temperature tying the record from 1938. Clear to partly cloudy and mild tonight.

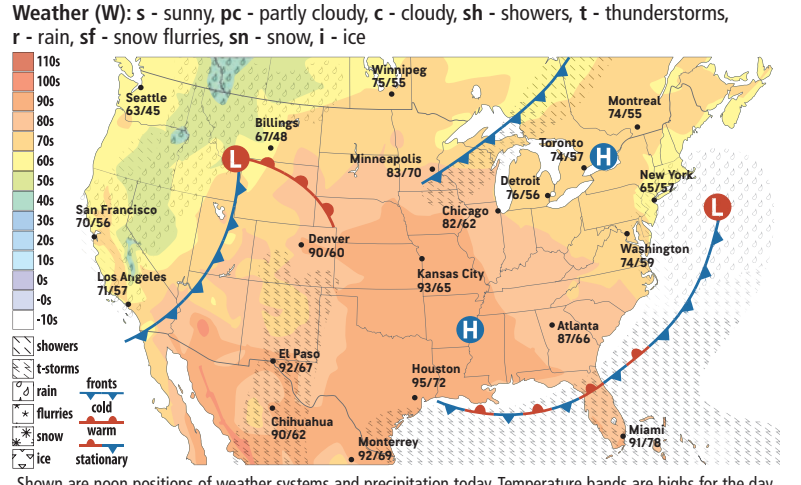
**ST. LOUIS**  
High: 92. Low: 63. Brilliant sunshine and hot today with the temperature approaching the record of 93 set in 1952. Clear tonight. Plenty of sun tomorrow.

**NEW YORK CITY**  
High: 65. Low: 57. Occasional rain and drizzle today. Standing water remains possible; turning a bit brighter later in the day. Clear tonight.

**LOS ANGELES**  
High: 71. Low: 57. Cooler today with occasional rain and drizzle. Mostly cloudy tonight with a bit of rain. Cool tomorrow with a passing shower or two.

### NATIONAL WEATHER

	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sunday Hi/Lo/W	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sunday Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	87/66/s	83/64/s	79/62/s	81/61/s
Baltimore	73/58/pc	81/59/s	88/62/s	90/61/s
Billings	67/48/c	59/46/sh	New Orleans	90/74/s
Boston	61/54/r	69/59/s	Norfolk	70/65/r
Buffalo	77/55/s	78/57/s	Oklahoma City	93/64/s
Charlotte	83/60/s	80/58/s	Orlando	86/76/t
Chicago	82/62/s	84/64/s	Phoenix	100/68/s
Cleveland	74/57/s	79/60/s	Pittsburgh	78/55/s
Dallas	96/72/s	96/71/pc	Portland, ME	64/48/c
Denver	90/60/c	85/50/s	Portland, OR	70/47/pc
Detroit	76/56/s	79/59/s	Sacramento	70/54/c
Honolulu	89/76/sh	90/75/pc	St. Louis	92/63/s
Houston	95/72/s	95/72/pc	San Francisco	70/56/sh
Indianapolis	81/58/s	85/59/s	Seattle	63/45/pc
Las Vegas	77/57/pc	72/58/s	Washington, DC	74/59/pc



Summary: Rain will depart slowly the coastal Northeast as many areas from the Appalachians to the Mississippi Valley will be sunny today. Colder air with rain and mountain snow will invade the West.



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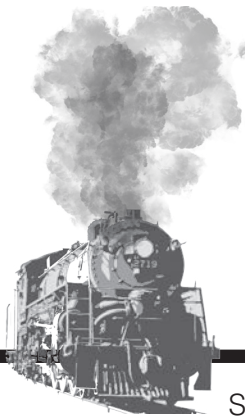
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# Lady Tigers get milestone win over Marshall

By Bryan Everson  
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Thursday's victory coincided with Pink Out Night for Smith-Cotton softball, but the 6-3 home win over Marshall at Centennial Park moved the team one step closer to a coveted goal.

Senior Grace West homered and the Lady Tigers picked up their 13th win, matching the most for the program for as far back as MSHSAA's online, or for that matter, anyone currently associated with the program's records go.

"It's been the whole subject [of talk] for quite a while," West said after the win. "It's been like, 'We've got to beat it, we've got to beat it.' So yeah, it's exciting."

After Marshall took a 1-0 lead in the first inning, Kylah Hawkins doubled with one out to center in the second, then West took a 1-1 pitch just over the wall to take the

first lead of the inning.

"It's probably my favorite pitch, high and inside," said West, who clarified why she was skeptical this one was gone. "I just thought it was going to hit off the fence. I hit a ball the game before this that was literally a foot away from going over. But it put us ahead, so it was a big part of the game."

West, the No. 8 hitter in the lineup, had plenty of help around her. The 6-through-9 batters in the order combined to go 7-10 with two walks and five RBIs.

That production included the team's pitchers, Rylie Nations and Addison Snyder. Nations, who went six innings and allowed eight hits, two earned runs and struck out six, went 3-3 and drove in two runs. Starting in left field, Snyder picked up a pair of hits, drove in one, then relieved Nations and sealed the deal in the seventh.

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Smith-Cotton's Ellie Kimbrough kicks up dust while diving back to first base in Thursday night's 6-3 victory over Marshall on Pink Out Night. PHOTO BY BRYAN EVERSON | DEMOCRAT



Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes smiles alongside FOX sideline reporter Erin Andrews following an NFL football game against the Chicago Bears Sunday, Sept. 24, 2023, in Kansas City, Mo. The Chiefs won 41-10. PHOTO BY ED ZURGA | AP PHOTO

## Hype remains for Chiefs' SNF showdown with Jets even without Rodgers

By Dennis Waszak Jr.  
AP Pro Football Writer

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The NFL figured it had a marquee made-for-TV matchup when it announced the league's schedule in May.

Aaron Rodgers' New York Jets would square off at home against Patrick Mahomes and the defending Super Bowl champion Kansas City Chiefs in prime time on Sunday night.

Well, then came quite a plot twist.

Rodgers was lost for the season just four snaps into his debut with the Jets — and now all the hype has shifted off the field, with fans wondering whether Taylor Swift will show

up at MetLife Stadium to support Chiefs star tight end Travis Kelce again.

The pop superstar attended Kansas City's victory over Chicago at home last Sunday, but the All-Pro tight end wouldn't divulge any details about their relationship. And neither would Mahomes.

"Like Travis said, I'm going to let them have their privacy and keep it moving," Mahomes said this week.

That's what the Chiefs (2-1) intend to do when they face a struggling Jets (1-2) team that's now led by Zach Wilson in place of the injured Rodgers, who's healing at home in California after having surgery on his torn left Achilles tendon.

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## Rivalry's rubber match Saturday means more for visiting SKC

By Bryan Everson  
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The aim will be the same, but the motivations for each club will be different Saturday night inside CityPark in St. Louis.

Host St. Louis City SC and Sporting KC enter the rubber match that is set to decide who takes the first chapter of their rivalry with very different views of the Western Conference table.

With three matches to go for both, St. Louis City appear to have the 1-seed locked up. Eight points

separate City SC from their closest competition, LAFC, who St. Louis already tied for most wins by an MLS expansion team in their inaugural season, and Seattle Sounders, even if both have a game in-hand. Although FC Cincinnati's nine-point advantage means the Supporters Shield is out of reach, City SC needing one win and five points to write more expansion history gives them something else to aim for with their playoff spot likely secure.

Far more than bragging rights are at stake for Sporting Kansas City.

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Sporting Kansas City midfielder Nemanja Radoja heads the ball during the second half of an MLS soccer match against Inter Miami, Saturday, Sept. 9, 2023, in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. FILE PHOTO BY WILFREDO LEE | AP PHOTO

# Europe strikes back in Ryder Cup, ties record for largest lead



Europe's Viktor Hovland throws his ball to the crowd after winning his with playing partner Europe's Ludvig Aberg on the 15th green 4&3 morning Foursome match at the Ryder Cup golf tournament at the Marco Simone Golf Club in Guidonia Montecelio, Italy, Friday, Sept. 29, 2023. PHOTO BY ALESSANDRA TARANTINO | AP PHOTO

By Doug Ferguson  
AP Golf Writer

GUIDONIA MONTECELIO, Italy — Europe swept the opening session of the Ryder Cup for the first time in its history, a beating so thorough that none of the four-somes matches reached the 18th hole.

And then somehow it got even worse for the Americans.

Right when they were on the verge of escaping Friday with a manageable deficit, Europe delivered one punch after another on the 18th hole at Marco Simone. It left the Americans without a single win on opening day for the first time in Ryder Cup history, and it gave Europe a record-tying lead in its bid to regain the cup.

Three fourballs matches came to the 597-yard closing hole, all of them looking like a red American point on the board.

And then Viktor Hovland made a 25-foot birdie putt. Jon Rahm made a 35-foot

eagle putt that slammed into the back of the cup. Justin Rose finished it with an 8-foot birdie putt, all those matches ending in a tie.

For a moment, it looked like the day would end with Europe holding a 5-3 lead.

Instead, it was 6 1/2-1 1/2. The five-point lead matched the biggest margin after one day, last done by Europe at Oakland Hills in 2004 when it handed the Americans their worst loss.

"Historic day," European captain Luke Donald said "But we want it to be a historic week. So the job is certainly not done. We will all celebrate an amazing day, but we'll be back tomorrow morning with the goal of trying to win tomorrow morning's session."

U.S. captain Zach Johnson could only offer hope that the tide would turn. He offered no excuses other than a mysterious mention of a bug going through the U.S. team.

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## SPORTS CALENDAR

### Saturday ON TAP

#### COLLEGE FOOTBALL

1 p.m. Northwest Missouri State at Central Missouri

#### COLLEGE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

2 p.m. Central Missouri at Pittsburg State

#### HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SOCCER

Smith-Cotton vs Nixa (at Kickapoo Tournament)

#### HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SWIM

Smith-Cotton at COMO Invitational

#### HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Otterville, Sacred Heart at Calvary Lutheran Invitational

Smithton at Grain Valley Invitational

Stover at Camdenton Invitational

#### HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS TENNIS

Smith-Cotton at Individual District Tournament (at Rock Bridge)

#### HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Smith-Cotton at Centralia Tournament

#### HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Otterville at Calvary Lutheran Tournament

Sacred Heart at Warrensburg Tournament

#### ON AIR

##### AUTO RACING

8:30 a.m. FS2 — NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series: Qualifying, Talladega Superspeedway, Talladega, Ala.

Noon FS1 — NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series: The Love's RV Stop 250, Playoffs — Round of 8, Talladega Superspeedway, Talladega, Ala.

3:30 p.m. USA — NASCAR Cup Series: Practice and Qualifying, Talladega Superspeedway, Talladega, Ala.

6:30 p.m. FS2 — NASCAR ARCA Menards Series: The Atlas 200, Salem Speedway, Salem, Ind.

8:30 p.m. FS2 — NHRA: Qualifying, World Wide Technology Raceway, Madison, Ill. (Taped)

##### COLLEGE FOOTBALL

11 a.m. ABC — Clemson at Syracuse

BTN — Regional Coverage: Louisiana at Minnesota OR Penn St. at Northwestern

CBSSN — Utah St. at UConn

ESPN — Florida at Kentucky

ESPN2 — UAB at Tulane

ESPNU — South Alabama at James Madison

FOX — Southern Cal at Colorado

SECN — Texas A&M at Arkansas

1 p.m. CW — Virginia at Boston College

2 p.m. PAC-12N — Arizona St. at California

2:30 p.m. ABC — Kansas at Texas

ACCN — Bowling Green at Georgia Tech

BTN — Regional Coverage: Indiana at Maryland OR Wagner at Rutgers

CBS — Georgia at Auburn

CBSSN — South Florida at Navy

ESPNU — N. Illinois at Toledo

FOX — Michigan at Nebraska

FS1 — Baylor at UCF

FS2 — Houston at Texas Tech

PEACOCK — Illinois at Purdue

3 p.m. ESPN2 — Boise St. at Memphis

SECN — Missouri at Vanderbilt

5 p.m. ESPN — LSU at Mississippi

5:30 p.m. PAC-12N — Oregon at Stanford

6 p.m. FS1 — Iowa St. at Oklahoma

NFLN — Coastal Carolina at Georgia Southern

6:30 p.m. ABC — Notre Dame at Duke

ESPNU — Charlotte at SMU

NBC — Michigan St. at Iowa

PEACOCK — Michigan St. at Iowa

SECN — South Carolina at Tennessee

7 p.m. ACCN — Pittsburgh at Virginia Tech

CBSSN — San Diego St. at Air Force

ESPN2 — West Virginia at TCU

8 p.m. ESPN — Alabama at Mississippi St.

9 p.m. PAC-12N — Washington at Arizona

9:30 p.m. FS1 — Nevada at Fresno St.

##### COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL (WOMEN'S)

6 p.m. BTN — Nebraska at Indiana

8 p.m. BTN — Penn St. at Minnesota

##### FISHING

7 a.m. FS1 — Bassmaster Elite Series: The 2023 Bassmaster College Classic Bracket presented by Lew's, Milford Lake, Junction City, Kan.

##### GOLF

2 a.m. NBC — The Ryder Cup: U.S. vs. Europe, Day 2 — Foursome Matches, Marco Simone Golf & Country Club, Rome

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8 p.m. NHLN — Preseason: Edmonton at Vancouver

##### RUGBY (MEN'S)

8 a.m. CNBC — World Cup Group Stage: Argentina vs. Chile, Group A, Nantes, France

10:30 a.m. CNBC — World Cup Group Stage: Fiji vs. Georgia, Group C, Bordeaux, France

3:30 a.m. (Sunday) FS2 — NRL: Brisbane at Penrith

##### RUGBY (WOMEN'S)

11:55 p.m. FS2 — NRL: Gold Coast at Newcastle

##### SOCCER (MEN'S)

6:30 a.m. USA — Premier League: Brighton & Hove Albion at Aston Villa

9 a.m. USA — Premier League: Crystal Palace at Manchester United

11:30 a.m. USA — Premier League: Liverpool at Tottenham Hotspur

##### TENNIS

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## HOROSCOPES

### By Georgia Nicols

**Moon Alert:** Avoid shopping or important decisions from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. EDT today (2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from Aries into Taurus.

### Happy Birthday for Saturday, Sept. 30, 2023:

You're charming, knowledgeable and confident. You're quick to see solutions and capable of persuading others. This year is the beginning of a fresh nine-year cycle, which means it's a time of adventure and major changes. Keep your eyes open for new opportunities. Be ready to take the initiative.

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

### ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ Be open to meeting new people and seeing inventive ways of doing things. This might apply to your job or your health. (Possibly even your pet.) Meanwhile, you are friendly and warm to everyone today. Enjoy social outings and fun activities with kids! Tonight: Money plans.

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ An unexpected invitation to a social event or something to do with sports or kids might catch you off guard today. Say yes if you can, because you will probably have fun. This is a creative, inventive day for artists. Avoid accidents in sports. Expect social plans to change at the last minute. Tonight: You win!

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ This is a great day to schmooze with others — not only friends, but also members of groups, clubs and organizations. You'll enjoy talking to siblings, relatives and neighbors as well. Something unexpected at home or within the family might occur. Stock the fridge. Be ready. Tonight: Thoughtful solitude.

### CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ People notice you today. In fact, some know personal details about your private life. Hopefully this will benefit you, because it will probably be positive. Spontaneous short trips, new faces, new places and new ideas are likely. Enjoy! Tonight: Socialize!

### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Someone who is different, perhaps from another culture, will intrigue you today. This is perfect, because you want to be stimulated by something different. Ideally, you would like to travel or have a change of scenery. Meanwhile, moneymaking ideas might occur. Keep an eye on your possessions. Tonight: Important discussions.

### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ You're feeling quite brainy today, which is why you might come up with original, inventive ideas or solutions. You're also impulsive, which is why you will be quick to act, quick to change your mind and ready to go off in new directions. Beware of knee-jerk reactions. Tonight: Explore!

### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ This is a great day to schmooze with friends and groups! You might meet someone new through a friend or a partner. Behind-the-scenes research might reveal some surprising answers or solutions to problems. It's a high-energy day, and you're in your element! Tonight: Check your finances.

### SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Someone unusual or different might intrigue you today. A conversation with this person might prompt you to rethink your future goals. Very likely, they're younger than you. Meanwhile, you are making a great impression on bosses, parents, teachers and even the police. People are impressed with you. Tonight: Cooperate.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ This is a lovely day to travel or enjoy a vacation. Social outings will please you, as well as playful times with children and sports events. You're feeling a bit competitive, perhaps related to a physical sport or activity. Surprising news from a parent or boss might happen. It's all good. Tonight: Work.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Sudden opportunities to travel might fall in your lap today. Perhaps you'll have a brilliant idea related to studies, publishing, the media or something to do with the law or medicine. It could be a "Eureka!" moment. Fortunately, you look excellent in the eyes of others, especially bosses and parents. People are impressed by you. Tonight: Relax.

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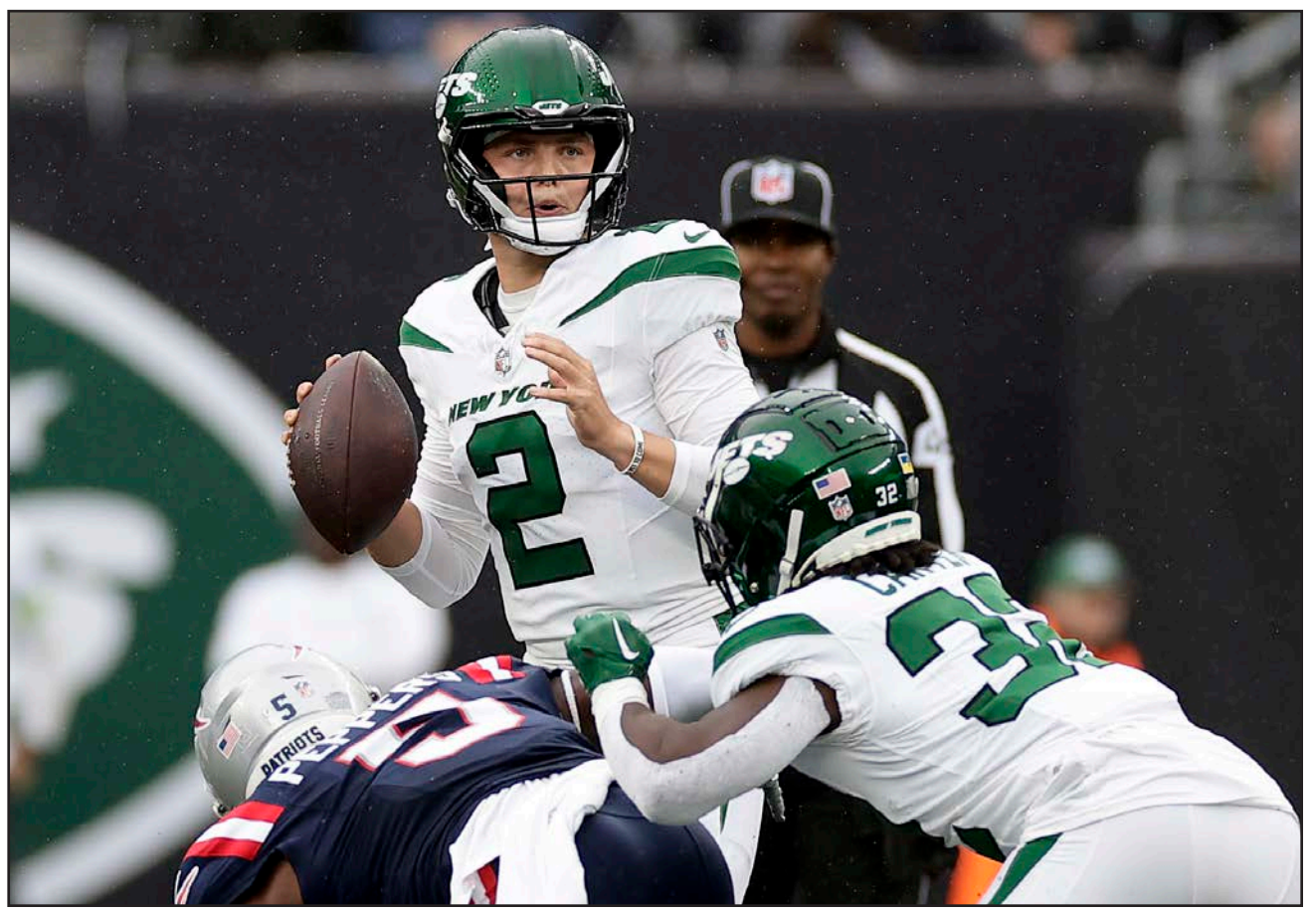
★★★★★ Enjoy the company of friends, partners and spouses today. People are warm-hearted and friendly. Stay on top of banking information, because something related to shared property, shared responsibilities, inheritances and such might surprise you. Stay sharp. Tonight: Cocoon.

### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ Relations with co-workers are warm today. It's an excellent day for financial discussions or discussing moneymaking ideas. (Check the Moon Alert before you act.) Note: A friend, spouse or partner might throw you a curveball. Get ready for a surprise. Tonight: Study.

### BORN TODAY:

Actress Maddie Ziegler (2002), actress Marion Cotillard (1975), actor Eric Stoltz (1961)



New York Jets quarterback Zach Wilson (2) looks to pass against the New England Patriots during the first quarter of an NFL football game, Sunday, Sept. 24, 2023, in East Rutherford, N.J. PHOTO BY ADAM HUNGER | AP PHOTO

## Jets' Wilson trying to block out criticism while focusing on improvement

By Dennis Waszak Jr.

AP Pro Football Writer

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. — Zach Wilson knows the noise is out there — and it's blaring right now.

The New York Jets quarterback is being criticized, slammed and ripped apart by frustrated fans on social media and sports talk radio, and his unflattering play has been documented and dissected by reporters.

Wilson understands it all. The embattled one-time face of the franchise is trying to tune it out.

"I mean, I don't know if I would say it fuels me because I like to ignore it, you know? Wilson said Thursday. "And I get the passion and the frustration, absolutely. But my job as a quarterback is to focus on how I can get better, how I can help this offense score, how I can help us win games. And it needs to improve and needs to get better."

"But that starts in the film room with the coaches checking out those plays and then just doing my job from there."

The third-year quarterback is set to make his third straight start in place of the injured Aaron Rodgers on Sunday night against the defending

Super Bowl champion Kansas City Chiefs.

The game in front of a prime-time audience will cap a week that has been particularly rough for Wilson. He has ranked at the bottom of the NFL in quarterback rating each of the past two seasons, the first to do so since the 1970 merger. Wilson is again last at 57.0, and his 52.4% completion rate is also last in the league.

Even Joe Namath, the most revered figure in the franchise's history, said in a radio interview this week he has seen enough of Wilson. He's calling for a quarterback change, and so are those same fans who would be OK with just about anyone other than Wilson at this point.

"Obviously, Joe was an unbelievable player, but this locker room is very tight knit and we're working to get better," Wilson said. "I'm working to get better. I know I need to improve and I promise I'm doing everything I can to keep trying to get better."

But now he needs results.

Wilson was supposed to be sitting, of course, while Rodgers took the Big Apple by storm. A torn left Achilles tendon changed all that, and Wilson was thrust back in the starting

role.

While he insists he's blocking out the chatter outside the facility, his teammates are surely hearing it. And if the quarterback can't get the job done and the Jets continue to falter, the possibility of unrest in the locker room could quickly become a reality.

"This narrative outside of this locker room is different than the narrative that's in this locker room," said Wilson, wearing a black, long-sleeved T-shirt with the words "I Got Your Back" written on the front that hangs in each player's locker.

"I truly believe the guys in this locker room all have each other's back. I've got theirs and I feel like they've got mine. And we're going to keep doing everything we can to improve."

The players have insisted they still believe in Wilson, saying the offense's struggles are not just on him. Coach Robert Saleh has said the same, while also noting Wilson needs to play better.

Offensive coordinator Nathaniel Hackett echoed those sentiments, and also shouldered some blame. The Jets rank last in third-down efficiency and even Chiefs linebacker

Willie Gay held back a laugh when he was asked what he saw from the Jets' offense and then said it looked as if it's in "panic mode" after Rodgers was hurt.

"If you take our body of work these past three games, it hasn't been pretty," Hackett said. "That's facts. And again, like anybody that questions us, we have the right to prove everybody wrong. But in the end, we have to do it."

The fans at MetLife Stadium booed him and the offense a few times during the Jets' 15-10 loss to New England.

And as much as Wilson tries to block it all out, those jeers could reach a fever pitch if he doesn't somehow help turn things around against Kansas City on Sunday night.

"I feel like I've improved as a player and it's obviously not perfect," Wilson said. "I have things to work on, but I have the guys to rely on. Every single day, it's just how can I put one foot in front of the other, keep improving and get better, have confidence?"

"You know, we're three games into the season. There's no reason to freak out or panic right now. And I think we're close."

## Hype

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Mahomes and the offense appeared in top form last week while romping past the winless Bears. The reigning league MVP threw three touchdown passes, including one to Kelce and two to Jerick McKinnon, while Isiah Pacheco and Clyde Edwards-Helaire added TD runs.

Mahomes, who surpassed 25,000 yards passing last week, has 199 career touchdown passes. If he gets one against the Jets in his first appearance at MetLife Stadium, he would reach 200 in his 84th game — five faster than Dan Marino's NFL record.

"Patrick Ma-homie? He's a special talent," Jets coach Robert Saleh said. "Some of the throws he makes are disgusting from a defensive perspective, but they're super talented."

Andy Reid's Chiefs rank fifth in overall offense, fifth in passing, 10th in rushing and ninth in scoring.

"Sometimes I wonder if he just draws it in the dirt as the game goes on, with some of the concepts that they have," a smiling Saleh said of

Reid. "But it's going to be a challenge, for sure."

Especially with the embattled Wilson under center for at least another week. After a solid showing in the Jets' season-opening win over Buffalo in overtime, the offense has sputtered. And a lot of it is on Wilson, who has been unable to get anything going — while frustrated fans are calling for him to be benched.

Even Joe Namath went all in this week, saying during a radio show he has seen enough of the No. 2 overall pick in the 2021 and suggested wholesale changes to the organization.

Saleh and the Jets have reiterated their confidence in Wilson, but acknowledged he must improve — and fast. "It's a long season,"

Wilson said after New York's 15-10 loss to New England last Sunday. "We're all going to look in the mirror, find out how we can be better and learning and improving. Having that short-term memory, understanding that we lost this week — oh well, we have to learn from this and move on and get better."

### GOOD MEMORY OF A BAD MEMORY

Mahomes remembers just about every interception he has thrown, mostly because

there haven't been many.

And when it gets returned for a touchdown? Those really stand out, even if they happened in college.

So it was easy for him to recount D.J. Reed's pick-6 against him on Oct. 8, 2016 — when Mahomes was playing for Texas Tech and Reed for Kansas State.

"That's stuff you really have to be aware of when you play quarterback," said Mahomes, who'll see Reed on the opposite side again Sunday night. "I think he was supposed to get blocked by a receiver and jumped it and got to the house."

Reed's Wildcats won 44-38.

"Just from watching the tape back then I knew he was going to be special," the Jets cornerback said. "He's a generational quarterback with his off-rhythm throws."

### THIRD DOWNS

The Jets' struggles on offense could be largely attributed to what they've done — or haven't done — on third down.

New York was 1 for 10 in those situations against Dallas in Week 2 and 2 for 14 last Sunday against New England. For the season, the Jets are 8 for 37, a 22% conversion rate that ranks them last in the NFL.

"It's all of us," offensive coordinator Nathaniel Hackett said. "I think that we put our entire offense into some really bad situations. Doesn't matter who's back there at quarterback, who's playing, when you're behind the sticks, when you're third-and-extra-long continuously, it's not going to be good, and we have to be better."

### TACKLE TROUBLE

Rarely does Reid criticize officials, but he doubled down on his critique of them after last week's rout of Chicago, during which they continued to penalize Chiefs right tackle Jawaan Taylor.

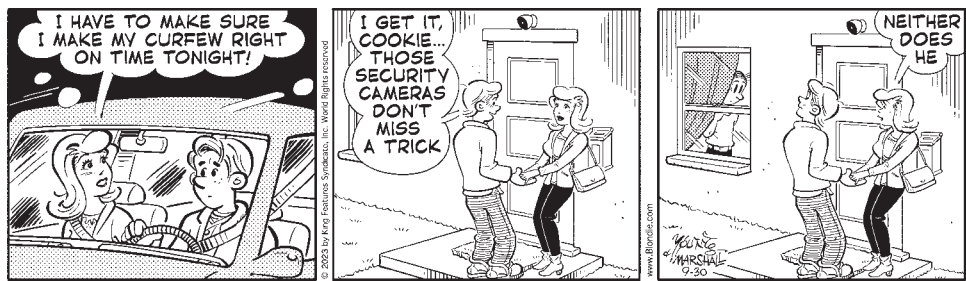
Taylor had been thrust into the spotlight after Week 1 when he appeared to continually line up too deep in the backfield, and was flagged five times for various infractions the following week. Yet replays showed that Taylor lined up no deeper than any other offensive tackle in the league last week, leading Reid to conclude Taylor was being picked on.

"They got their point proved," he said. "Now let's make sure we're staying consistent."

AP Sports Writer Dave Skretta contributed to this report.

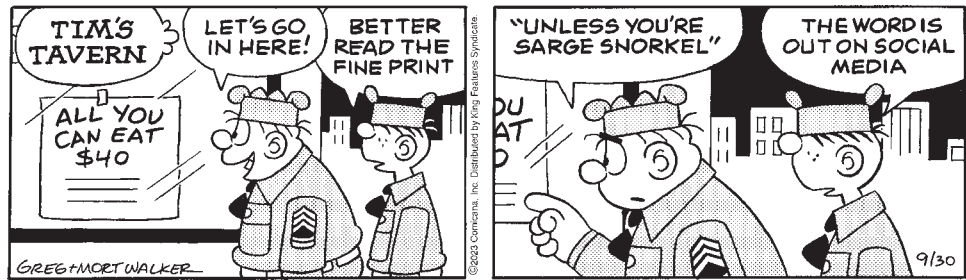
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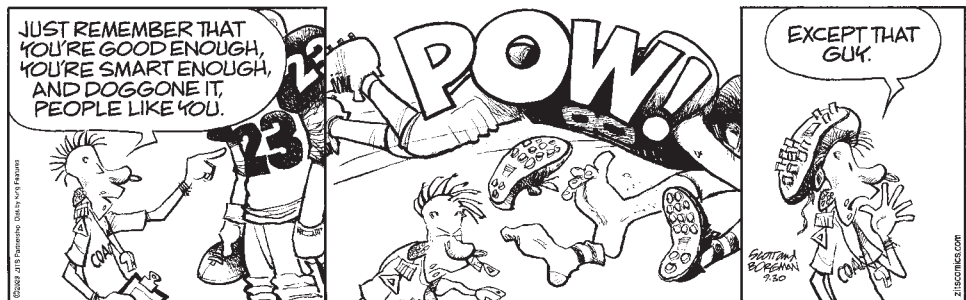
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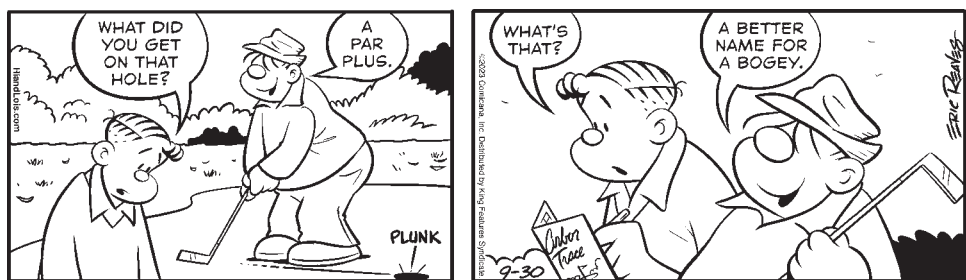
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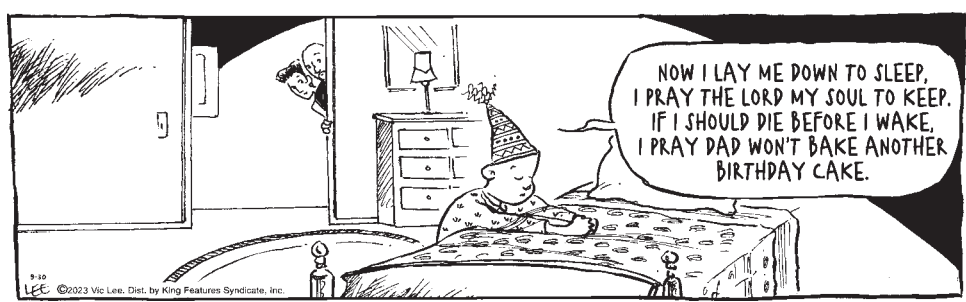
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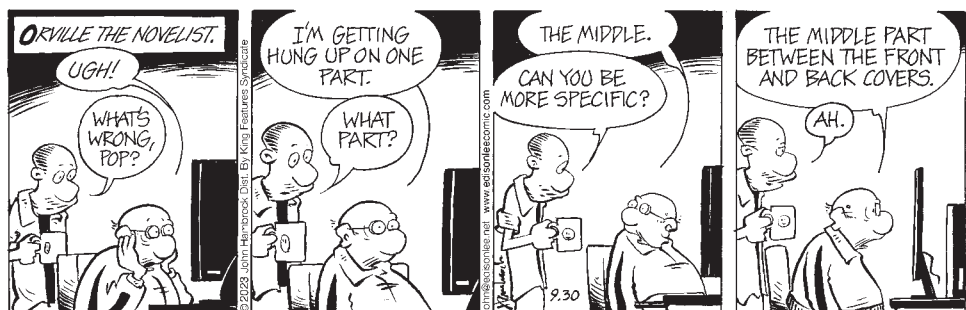
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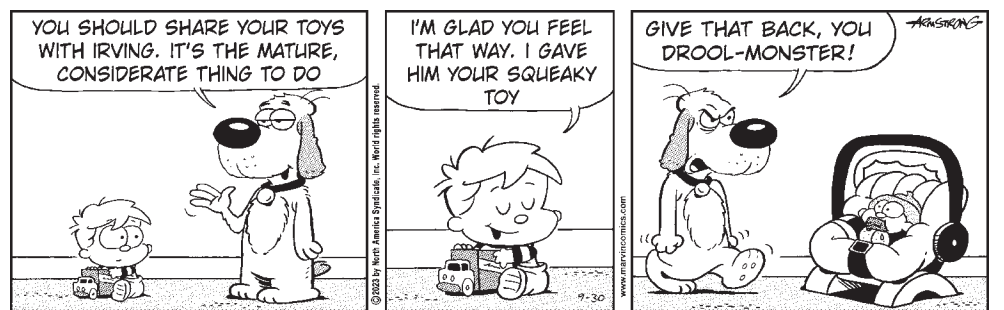
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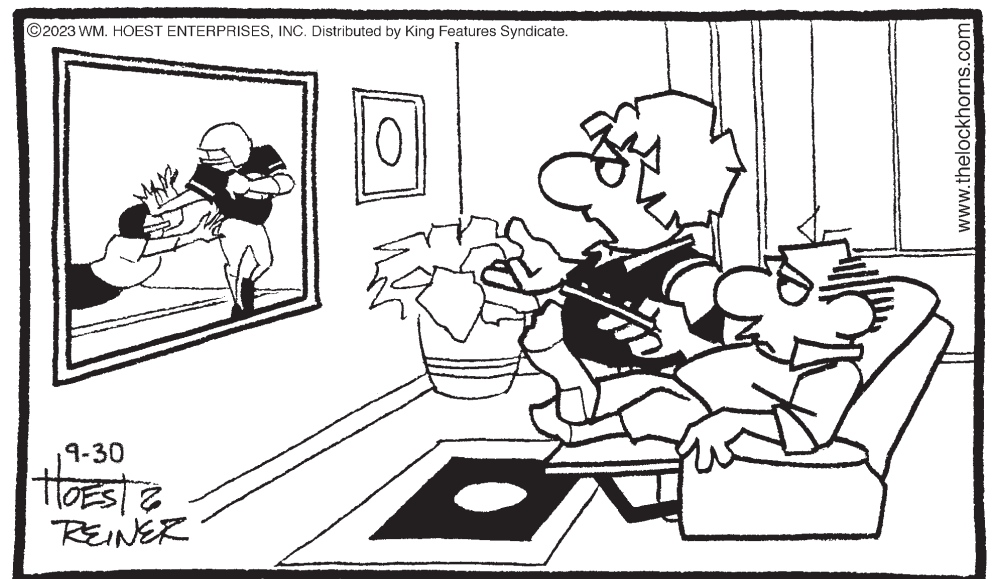
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### SUDOKU

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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Difficulty: ★★★★★

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# Rubber

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Even if they can't lock up a playoff spot or be eliminated Saturday, it rightly feels like a do-or-die SKC fixture, whether that's getting all three points or simply a result. Sporting enter the weekend on 38 points, looking up at Dallas (40 points), currently in possession of the ninth and final playoff spot. Minnesota, headed to Children's Mercy Park for the regular season finale, lurk a point behind, while Austin sit on 35 points, each with a game in-hand. LA Galaxy are on 34 points with still a handful of matches remaining.

Sporting's 2-1 victory last Saturday at home over Houston Dynamo was crucial, but came at a cost. Designated player and right winger Johnny Russell, who converted a penalty in the seventh minute before Willy Agada's goal in first-half stoppage time, was handed a controversial red card in the 39th minute that forced the team to hold on with 10

men. Although no foul was originally called, VAR intervened after referee Chris Penso took a second look, at Penso determined that Russell came over the top of the ball studs up and made contact with the planted leg of Nelson Quinones.

"If that's a red card, they need to have a serious look at some of the tackles that me and the other guys get hurt on again, because you're going to be handing out four or five a game," Russell said following Saturday's win. "For me, not a red card. I've never in my entire career went out to injure a player and for him to come and tell me that it's malicious and I'm endangering players, I think it's an absolute joke to be honest."

The MLS Disciplinary Committee fined Russell an undisclosed amount midweek and an appeal to the red card was denied, meaning that Russell will be missing from Saturday's affair. Recently re-signed star forward Alan Pulido, who missed the Houston game with a quad contusion, is expected to be back, but may start on the bench.

Following a 4-0 defeat in St. Louis back on May 20, Sporting enacted revenge in the cross-state showdown with a 2-1 victory on Sept. 2, but City SC looks a healthier side from the one that suffered defeat early in the month.

Kansas City native Nicholas Gioacchini (10 goals) remained on the bench still healing when the two sides met last after entering the night with a questionable tag, and played 83 minutes in Saturday's 2-1 victory over Minnesota, the most since scoring a brace Aug. 20 against Austin prior to suffering the injury that sidelined him for the last rivalry tilt.

Also, João Klauss and Eduard Löwen each played just a half in the Sept. 2 match, and both are in-form at the moment for City SC. Klauss scored his third goal of September against Minnesota, while Löwen has arguably been the team's best player this season and has 13 goal contributions on the year.

Saturday's contest will kick off at 7:30 p.m. with free streaming on Apple TV.

# NFL revises gambling policy, reinstates suspended players

By Rob Maaddi

AP Pro Football Writer

The NFL has revised its gambling policy and is reinstating three players who previously received longer suspensions.

Tennessee's Nicholas Petit-Frere and Detroit's Jameson Williams can return to their teams on Monday. Free agent Stanley Berryhill will be eligible to participate in all activities, including games, starting Tuesday. All three players were initially suspended six games.

The new policy reduces the punishment for gambling on non-NFL sports from within team facilities to two games.

The minimum suspension for gambling on NFL games increases to one year and betting on your team has been raised to two

years. In a memo sent to teams and obtained by The Associated Press, the league said it periodically reviews the gambling policy "to ensure that it is responsive to changing circumstances and fully addresses our commitment to protect the integrity of our game."

The league has consulted with the NFL Players Association and teams in recent weeks to ensure policies are "clear, properly communicated, and focused on protecting the integrity of the game and the reputations of everyone connected with the NFL."

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell or a person he designates decides violations of the gambling policy.

A list of penalties: Betting on NFL Football: indefinite suspension,

minimum of one year or minimum of two years if player bets on an NFL game involving his team.

Actual or Attempted Game Fixing: permanent banishment from the NFL.

Inside Information and Tipping: indefinite suspension, minimum of one year.

Third Party or Proxy Betting: indefinite suspension, minimum of one year.

Betting (other than NFL football) in the workplace or while working:

First violation — two game suspension without pay

Second violation — six game suspension without pay

Third violation — suspension without pay for at least one year

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# Cup

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"It did not go in our favor today. Doesn't mean it can't tomorrow or Sunday," Johnson said. "Tip my cap to the European team for playing great golf. Our time's coming."

Europe now needs only to win eight points from the remaining 20 matches to extend its winning streak at home that dates to 1993. Donald pushed all the right buttons by starting with foursomes, which he considered a European strength that would give him a hot start.

And then he let his stars do the work. Rory McIlroy was the only player to win both his matches, even if he rode the amazing play of Matt Fitzpatrick in fourballs. Fitzpatrick won five straight holes on the front nine in the only fourballs match that ended early.

Rahm twice holed big shots off the green in foursomes with Tyrrell Hatton and hit the pin with his tee shot on a par 3. In the afternoon, he made two eagles over the last three holes.

Hovland got this shot-making clinic started in the morning when he chipped in from 45 feet, off a tight lie on the fringe and over a ridge. He ended his day with that big birdie, a putt that paused ever so briefly before taking one final turn into the cup.

"They are studs. They are three of the top four players in the world," Donald said. "You need your superstars firing. You need them playing well. Without that, it's really an uphill battle. They stepped up and did what they needed to do, and I'm

so proud of them."

Europe had the stars, all the pivotal shots and a delirious home crowd pushing them along the way. It was a rude welcome and a harsh reminder to the Americans why it has been 30 years since they last won the Ryder Cup away from home.

The American stars fell flat. Xander Schauffele and Patrick Cantlay lost their foursomes match to "Fleetwood Mac" — McIlroy and Tommy Fleetwood. The American tandem had been 5-0 in foursomes at the Ryder Cup and Presidents Cup.

Justin Thomas and Jordan Spieth were undefeated in fourballs in three previous Ryder Cup matches. They had to settle for a a halve when Hovland made his big putt.

The lead was even bigger than the U.S. had over Europe at Whistling Straits two years ago, when Europe had hardly any fans because of travel restrictions from the COVID-19 pandemic.

"A great day in front of some amazing home fans," McIlroy said.

There were plenty of American fans at Marco Simone. They just didn't make much noise because there was so little reason to cheer.

The final blow came from Rose, at 43 the oldest player at Marco Simone. He guided around Ryder Cup rookie Robert MacIntyre and delivered in the end, winning three of the last four holes to scratch out a halve in the final match on the course.

"I didn't want us to be the only one to let red on the board," Rose said, illustrating how ruthless Europe felt with a home crowd on its side.

"The 18th hole was

incredibly kind to us, and the boys holed some unbelievable putts," Rose said. "Those three ties mean a lot, just for moral victory as much as obviously keeping the score as spread as possible."

Europe has started the Ryder Cup at home with fourballs every time since 1993, which also was the last time Europe lost at home. Donald felt his side statistically was stronger in foursomes and he wanted a fast start. McIlroy said Donald had Europe play three-hole matches in practice to develop a sense of urgency.

Whatever the plan, it worked to near perfection.

"All week, all we've been talking about is getting off to fast starts ... something Luke has drilled into us," McIlroy said. "We were ready to go from the first tee shot, obviously, as you can see in how everyone played."

Johnson also had a plan for the five sessions, only this beating was so bad it brought to mind what heavyweight Mike Tyson once said of Evander Holyfield: "Everyone has a plan until they get punched in the mouth."

The Americans were bloodied, all right.

It took six hours and 25 minutes after the Ryder Cup began for the Americans to lead in any match.

Even so, the Americans were poised to keep the deficit at 5-3, which would salvage the day and perhaps swing momentum in their favor. And then Europe delivered in the clutch by flipping three matches late.

"It's not the start we wanted, but fortunately for us we've got a lot of golf left," Thomas said. "But tomorrow is important. We've put ourselves in a spot where every session is extremely important."

# Tigers

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"On the mound, Nations is really good at just putting the ball where we need it to," S-C head coach Amy Miller said. "She doesn't strike out a ton of people, but she puts it where it needs to be, and tonight she did that well enough for us to play decent defense. She doesn't walk people, and that helps. And she hit it well, too."

"Tonight, that bottom-half of the order produced runs for us, and I'm glad, because it was trouble for us. We're kind of in a little low spot right now. We're usually at 15, 16

hits a game, and we've kind of dropped off the last week. So that's something we're going to have to get to work on. I want to say it's the competition, but we're kind of going through that spell you're going to have when you get to this point in the season when you play this many games."

"I'm not ready to go through it now when we're getting ready for districts, but I'm hoping with a big tournament this weekend, practicing [Friday] can kind of [go] back to basics to where we were at the beginning of the season."

The Lady Tigers are now 13-9, matching that aforementioned win total from 2010. It's their

first time hitting double-digit wins since then as well.

"I think they've heard [the coaching staff] talk about it, so I haven't really told them 'this is it,' but I've told them how much I want to win, and how good they are," said Miller. "Some people don't think we're very good and just haven't seen us as a threat. These girls are good ball players."

S-C will have the chance to find win No. 14 or possibly more this weekend at the Centralia Tournament. They play Saturday beginning at 10:45 a.m. against Macon, and could face either the hosts or Marshall if victorious in the opener.

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## Three decades of burgers & nostalgia

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For three decades, Goody's Steakburgers has offered good-quality burgers that draw people from the U.S. and abroad to come back time and time again for a visit.

Owned by Terry Goodman and his wife, Dana, Goody's is known for its tasty hamburgers, tenderloins, Reuben sandwiches, a multitude of shakes, and more than 30 sides. Goody's also received the Sedalia Democrat Best of Sedalia award this week for its hamburgers.

Goodman, who used to work for the popular Eddie's Drive-In, once known as Garst's Drive-In, said his food reminds people of Eddie's.

"It was 30 years ago Sept. 18, that we took over," Goodman said. "It was the Burger Station."

The building was tiny when they first moved into the current location at 901 S. Limit Ave.. Goodman constructed an addition for more dining room space. Presently, the interior is decorated with nostalgic photos of Elvis, Marilyn Monroe, and other stars and many photos taken of staff over the years. On the outside, the bright-colored building's windows are painted with various superheroes and Goody's trademark hamburger and fries.

Goodman said he began his career at age 14, working for \$1 an hour, plus tips, at Eddie's for 16 years.

"I started in May when we had that bad tornado," he noted. "We came from school, and we didn't have electricity, but it came on before we left. And everybody was torn up so bad we sold out in two days."

Goodman added his years at Goody's have been great.

"You know hindsight is 20/20," he said. "We had one

(Goody's) in Columbia, and my wife was on board with that. We had it five years and made a little money on that."

While they had the Columbia site, a man ran a Continental Bus station from their building, which helped with sales.

"We had three buses in Columbia going to Kansas City and St. Louis each day," Goodman said. "So, six buses, some of them would be full, and some had only three or four people."

He eventually sold the building and made money from it. He added they opened a Goody's in Warrensburg for two years, but it closed when the economy tanked.

"We found out one's enough, and we've been blessed with it," he said of the Sedalia Goody's. "We were kind of like when the Israelites went through the desert, (for) about six or seven years we were just kind of spinning, but my wife had a good job."

"The last two years under Obama was good, and under Trump were good," he continued. "But we've been blessed. Every year since the pandemic has been our best years."

Goodman said although they were closed to indoor dining during the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, they kept the drive-thru open and survived.

"The pandemic actually, I hate it happened, but actually helped our business," he noted. "It flipped the script on the drive-thru. It used to be about 35% of the business; now it's about 55% to 60%."

"We remodeled during that time because I knew that people would eventually come back and eat inside," he continued. "And they did."

And people keep coming to Goody's. Prices have increased moderately, but Goodman is known for serving quality food.

"We use a good grade of

### Goody's Steakburgers celebrates 30 years in Sedalia



From left, Terry Goodman, owner of Goody's Steakburgers, Sarah King, manager, and employee Chelsea Rozier, and son Cade Johnson, 5, pose for a photo inside Goody's on Wednesday, Sept. 27. As of Sept. 18, the business has been open for 30 years. PHOTO BY FAITH BEMISS-MCKINNEY | DEMOCRAT

meat; I'll put it up against anybody," he added. "We use U.S. Hereford and CBA Hereford. We never use cheap meat — we'd go out of business before we did that."

"People don't mind paying for quality," he continued. "They can come in and eat for 9 or 10 bucks, or if they come in and get doubles, they can spend 30 bucks if they get side orders, but we give them big portions."

Customer favorites are, of course, the steakburgers but also tenderloins, patty melts, Reuben sandwiches, and beef and chicken Philly's. Besides fries, side orders include deep-fried cauliflower, corn nuggets, breaded green beans, crab Rangoon, and egg rolls.

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In a photo on display at Goody's Steakburgers, owner Terry Goodman stands with his twin sister, Janice Bennett, and his wife, Dana Goodman, on right. The family-owned business is well known for its quality hamburgers, shakes, and more than 30 sides. PHOTO COURTESY OF TERRY GOODMAN

## Netflix's DVD-by-mail service bows out as its envelopes make final trip

**By Michael Liedtke**  
AP Technology Writer

The curtain is finally coming down on Netflix's once-iconic DVD-by-mail service, a quarter century after two Silicon Valley entrepreneurs came up with a concept that obliterated Blockbuster video stores while providing a springboard into video streaming that has transformed entertainment.

The DVD service that has been steadily shrinking in the shadow of Netflix's video streaming service will shut down after its five remaining distribution centers in California, Texas, Georgia and New Jersey mail out their final discs Friday.

The fewer than 1 million recipients who still subscribe to the DVD service will be able to keep the final discs that land in their mailboxes.

"It's sad," longtime Netflix DVD subscriber Amanda Konkle said Thursday as she waited the arrival for her final disc, "The Nightcomers," a 1971 British horror film featuring Marlon Brando. "It's makes me feel nostalgic. Getting these DVDs has been part of my routine for decades."

Some of the remaining DVD diehards will get up to 10 discs as a going away present to loyal

customers such as Konkle, 41, who has watched more than 900 titles since signing up for the service in 2006. In hopes of being picked for the 10 DVD giveaway, Konkle set up her queue to highlight for more movies starring Brando and older films that are difficult to find on streaming.

At its peak, the DVD boasted more than 20 million subscribers who could choose from more than 100,000 titles stocked in the Netflix library. But in 2011, Netflix made the pivotal decision to separate the DVD side business from a streaming business that now boasts 238 million worldwide subscribers and generated \$31.5 billion in revenue year.

The DVD service, in contrast, brought in just \$146 million in revenue last year, making its eventual closure inevitable against a backdrop of stiffening competition in video streaming that has forced Netflix to whittle expenses to boost its profits.

"It is very bittersweet," said Marc Randolph, Netflix's CEO when the company shipped its first DVD, "Beetlejuice," in April 1998. "We knew this day was coming, but the miraculous thing is that it didn't come 15 years ago."

Although he hasn't been involved in Netflix's day-to-day

operations for 20 years, Randolph came up with the idea for a DVD-by-service in 1997 with his friend and fellow entrepreneur, Reed Hastings, who eventually succeeded him as CEO — a job Hastings held until stepping aside earlier this year.

Back when Randolph and Hastings were mulling the concept, the DVD format was such a nascent technology that there were only about 300 titles available at the time.

In 1997, DVDs were so hard to find that when they decided to test whether a disc could make it thorough the U.S. Postal Service that Randolph wound up slipping a CD containing Patsy Cline's greatest hits into a pink envelope and dropping it in the mail to Hastings from the Santa Cruz, California, post office.

Randolph paid just 32 cents for the stamp to mail that CD, less than half the current cost of 66 cents for a first-class stamp.

Netflix quickly built a base of loyal movie fans while relying on a then-novel monthly subscription model that allowed customers to keep discs for as long as they wanted without facing the late fees that Blockbuster imposed for tardy returns. Renting DVDs through the mail became so popular

that Netflix once ranked as the U.S. Postal Service's fifth largest customer while mailing millions of discs each week from nearly 60 U.S. distribution centers at its peak.

Along the way, the red-and-white envelopes that delivered the DVDs to subscribers' homes became an eagerly anticipated piece of mail that turned enjoying a "Netflix night" into a cultural phenomenon. The DVD service also spelled the end of Blockbuster, which went bankrupt in 2010 after its management turned down an opportunity to buy Netflix instead of trying to compete against it.

Even as video streaming boomed, movie lovers like Michael Fusco stuck with the DVD service because it still offered films that were no longer shown in theaters and couldn't easily be found in stores. When Netflix announced its intention to close the DVD service five months ago, Fusco expanded his subscription plan so he could rent as many as eight discs at a time at a cost of \$56 a month.

Fusco, 36, got his money's worth, especially in August when he watched 32 DVDs sent to him by Netflix.

"I was very strategic," said Fusco, who also thought carefully about what films to pick as his final selections after watching more

than 2,400 titles during his 18 years as subscriber. The Southern California resident is now awaiting a Spanish comedy, "Solo Con Tu Pareja," as his final disc and also set up his queue to highlight films by Harrison Ford ("Mosquito Coast"), Tom Hanks ("Joe Versus The Volcano") and Arnold Schwarzenegger ("Twins") should he be among those picked for the final 10-disc giveaway.

Randolph and Hastings always planned on video streaming rendering the DVD-by-mail service obsolete once technology advanced to the point that watching movies and TV shows through internet connections became viable. That expectation is one of the reasons they settled on Netflix as the service's name instead of other monikers that were considered, such as CinemaCenter, Fastforward, NowShowing and DirectPix (the DVD service was dubbed "Kibble," during a six-month testing period).

"From Day One, we knew that DVDs would go away, that this was transitory step," Randolph said. "And the DVD service did that job miraculously well. It was like an unsung booster rocket that got Netflix into orbit and then dropped back to earth after 25 years. That's pretty impressive."



# ONLINE AUCTION

## 23576 CEDAR DR., SEDALIA, MO 65301 • RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY



**Information:**

Charming 2 bedroom, 1 bath ranch style home on 1+/- acre lot only steps outside the city limits. Oversized 2-car garage attached to the home by a breezeway. A nice detached 30'x32' shop/garage was built in 2005 and situated in a beautiful country near Hwy 65.

**Open House:**

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**Legal:**

NW COR 45.75A S SI N 1/2 SW 26 46 21

**Location:**

Address: 23576 Cedar Dr., Sedalia, MO 65301

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**Seller:** County of Pettis

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**Location:**

Address: 8828 Harlean Loop, Pilot Grove, MO 65276  
 From Clifton City, MO head north on MO-135 N for approximately 3 miles, then head left on Highway N for approximately 1.5 miles, property will be on the left side of Harlean Loop.

**Legal:**

SP NW COR., E 2640', S 650', POB, E 273', SE 414', SW 300', NW 290', N 328', POB 28-47-19, Pilot Grove, Cooper County, MO.

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**Seller:** James & Angelia Gill

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**Property Viewing**

October 7, 2023: The agent will be on-site from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Additional views will need to be scheduled by appointment with the Listing Agent.

**Information**

**TRACT 1:** Cute one-bedroom cabin with three-sided screened porch with entrance from kitchen. Full bath and kitchen. Dining area with large plate-glass windows with spectacular views of the lake. Window AC/Heat units. Hardwood floors. Includes nice sized swimming dock, large enough to tie up your fishing boat. Deep water. Walking distance to bar/grill, with another bar/grill in the neighborhood at the top of the hill. Register to bid at [www.bigiron.com](http://www.bigiron.com).  
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 By Water: 76.5 mile marker Brushy Creek Cove  
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**TRACT 1:** From 136 and South State Hwy EE junction, travel north on Hwy EE for approximately 5.5 miles until MO F, then head west on F continuing onto MO Y for approximately 2.3 miles until Sneed Ridge. Head north on Sneed Ridge 1 mile. The property will be on the north side of the road. Watch for BigIron Realty signs.  
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**TRACT 2:** SW1/4 OF SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 64 NORTH, 30 WEST, Gentry County, MO, containing 157+/- acres.

**Attend the Auction**  
**Tuesday, November 14, 2023**  
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**Albany Community Center**  
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# Community Calendar OCTOBER

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

## SUNDAY

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

8:30 to 10:30 a.m.: Breakfast for everyone at Christ and Trinity Lutheran Church, 2101 W. 32nd St.

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

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

7 p.m.: Narcotics Anonymous Because We Care and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday; First Christian Church, 200 S. Limit Ave.

## MONDAY

8 a.m.: Courthouse Prayer Group meets on the lawn of the Pettis County Courthouse, Monday through Friday.

10 a.m.: Show-Me Mad Tatters, University Extension Office Conference Room, 1012A Thompson Blvd.

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

Noon: Sedalia Rotary Club, Best Western State Fair Inn, 3120 S. Limit Ave.

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

6 p.m.: Cornerstone Celebrate Recovery. A Bible-based 12-step program for Hurts, Habits and Hangups; Cornerstone Baptist Church,

660-827-4833.

6 p.m.: DeFeet.org has a general meeting open to the public at First Christian Church, located at 200 S. Limit Ave., in Sedalia (across from the new community center on Hwy 65). For more information, contact info@defeet.org, visit www.defeet.org, or message via our Facebook page.

6 p.m.: Smithton Senior Citizens Group Pitch and Pool, Smithton Senior Center on Washington Street.

6:30 p.m.: Mid-Missouri Photo Club for all photo enthusiasts, St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Cole Camp

6:30 p.m.: Show Me Sound, Sweet Adelines International, in-person rehearsals at Wesley United Methodist Church basement, 1322 W. Broadway Blvd. All women who like to sing are welcome. For more information, call 660-851-2205.

7 p.m.: Al Anon, at 417 W. Pettis. For more information, call 660-473-0855

7 p.m.: Father Tony Kraff Assembly of Knights of Columbus, Knights Hall, 1708 Elm Hills Blvd.

7 p.m.: Pettis County Historical Society, 228 Dundee Ave.

7 p.m.: Sedalia Choral Rehearsal, rehearsal room 67 in the Stauffacher Center at State Fair Community College.

7 p.m.: West Central Missouri Genealogical Society, Culp Building at the Johnson County His-

torical Society on Main Street, in Warrensburg.

## TUESDAY

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

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

Noon: Flat Creek Family and Community Club, for luncheon. Call 660-827-0591 for location information.

Noon: Sedalia Optimist Club, in Room C at the Heckart Community Center, 1800 W. Third St.

12:30 to 4:30 p.m.: Birthright Pregnancy Center, 1810 W. 11th St., Tuesday through Friday; and other hours by appointment. The office number is 660-826-9060.

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

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

7 p.m.: Co-Dependents Anonymous (CoDA) is a 12-step fellowship of men and at the First United Methodist Church Celebration Center, 1701 W. 32nd St.; for more information, call Barbara at 660-827-6522.

7 p.m.: Mozarkite Society of Lincoln Inc., Rock, Gem and Mineral Club, First Christian Church, 200 S. Limit Ave. Use southeast entrance; visitors are welcome.

7 p.m.: OIC Studios will present the SpoFest writing prompt/open mic event streaming live

via Zoom, Facebook and OIC Radio. Signup and event guidelines at www.oicstudios.com/spofest-online.

7 p.m.: Women of the Moose, at the lodge, 119 Winchester Drive.

7:30 p.m.: Sedalia Chapter 57, Order of the Eastern Star, Masonic Temple, 601 W. Broadway Blvd.

## WEDNESDAY

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

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

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

1 p.m.: Helen G. Steele Music Club meets with a program second and fourth Wednesdays at the Heard Memorial Club House, 200 W. Broadway Blvd. Visitors are always welcome. Sorosis. TheHeardHouse@gmail.com.

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

## THURSDAY

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

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

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

Limit Ave.

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

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

6:30 p.m.: Sedalia Landlords Inc., Community of Christ Church, 2000 S. Ingram Ave.

7 p.m.: Fraternal Order of Eagles No. 4286, Lincoln.

7 p.m.: Sedalia Bible Academy, Boonslick Regional Library, 219 W. Third St., Sedalia. For more information, call 660-826-9988. It is free and open to the public.

## FRIDAY

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

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

3 to 6 p.m.: Sedalia Area Farmers' Market, in Nucor Pavilion on Missouri State Fairgrounds by Centennial Gate along South Limit Avenue.

## SATURDAY

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

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

1 to 4 p.m.: The Pettis County Museum and Historical Society is free and open for guests, 228 Dundee.

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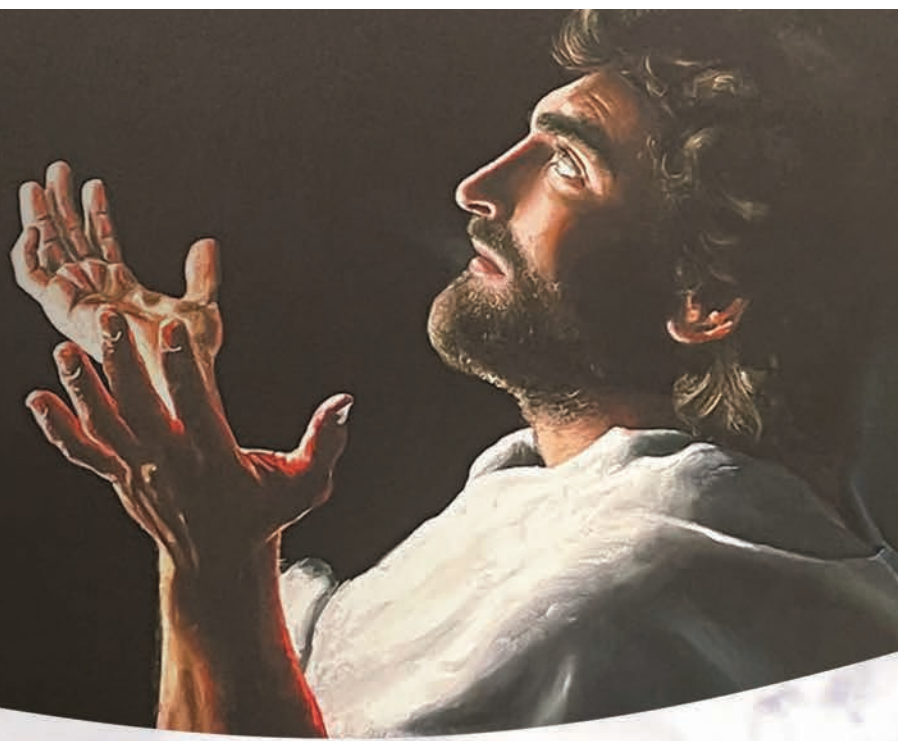
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# Explore the **WAY.**

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## Welcome, Christmas morning!

You happily open a gift from a friend, and although it is nice, it's just not you. The thoughtfulness of the gift is well-appreciated, but it isn't quite right because this friend doesn't actually know you that well. The next gift you open is so perfect, so you, so exactly right! Your emotions overwhelm you because **this** gift-giver knows you very well; in fact, this gift-giver knows you far better than you even know yourself. This gift is the Church, and this Gift-Giver is Christ himself. He knows us and has given us exactly what we need:

*"The Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God that He purchased with His own blood."*  
(Acts 20:28)

**What is the church?** We may understand it in two ways:

**Universal church:** composed of all the followers of Christ worldwide and not bound by an organization or building.

**Individual church:** local assemblies of followers of Christ who gather for sacred purposes, typically within a building.

Much of the New Testament consists of letters to fledgling churches. The Bible calls the church the Body of Christ, Bride of Christ, Temple of God, Communion of Believers, and Divine Family. What a tremendous gift, indeed!

**Why is the church so important?** Christ's church remains an institution in which his followers can thrive and make known the gospel - an organization for all time meant to teach and live out the example of Jesus Christ. The church offers worship, a place of group and individual prayer, it teaches and preaches the great truths of the Bible, and it offers the comfort of traditions and ritual that connect to thousands of years of an unbroken line of inspired believers. The church was never meant to simply reflect the temperature of the culture around it, like a thermometer. Instead, the church should represent a thermostat, helping to set the temperature of culture and society through love, kindness, wisdom, and knowledge as expressed by Christ in the Bible.

Some prefer to say, "I'm spiritual, but not religious." Sadly, people with an honest desire for spiritual nourishment too often reject the very gift of the church given by Christ. The Bible, tradition, and experience makes it clear that there are no Christian islands. Believers are meant to be together in the church, we need to be together, supporting each other, encouraging each other, serving the needs of others, and holding each other to high standards in Christianity.

*"Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another."*  
(Hebrews 10:24-25).

In this age of individualism and relativism (all is relative to personal preference), a strictly personal spiritualism inevitably leads to "the Church of Me" – my preference, my wants, my standards. Christ's gift to us offers a better way.

**Nevertheless, some churches and some church people have acted hurtfully.** According to the Word of God (and our own practical experience), all human beings are sinful, imperfect, and struggle with right and wrong. As such, individual churches, members, and even pastors can sometimes cause hurt, wrongly condemn, and constrain honest questions or doubts. Such hurts must always be acknowledged and corrected. Jesus even recognized this reality:

*"I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the teachings you have learned; avoid them."*  
(Romans 16:17).

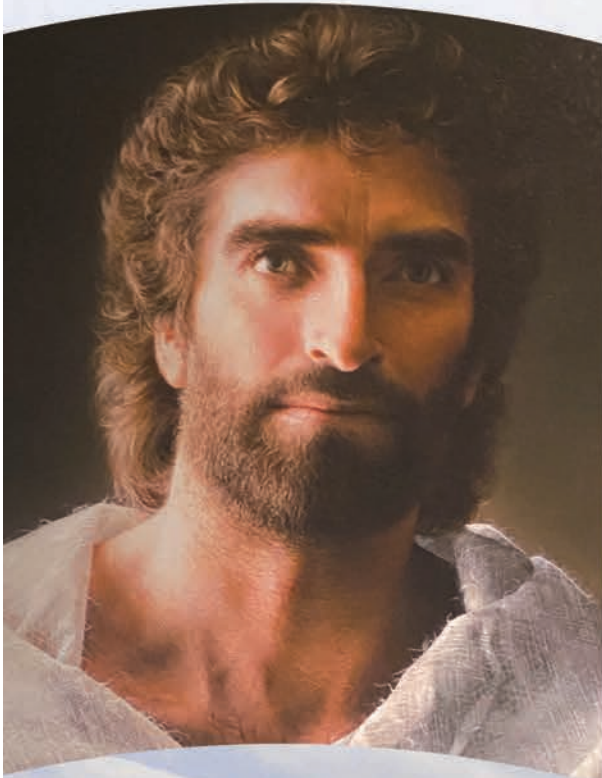
Still, when we encounter a bad doctor, we don't reject the medical establishment altogether. We find a better doctor. If we encounter a hurt from within a church, we need not reject all churches; we find a better one.

G.K. Chesterton once noted, *"When people stop believing in God, they don't believe in nothing; they will believe in anything."* Non-believer David Foster Wallace added, *"There is no such thing as not worshipping. Everybody worships."* The question then remains, *what* will we worship and *how*? Do we worship sports, money, power, social media, lust, politics? How do we order our time, money, and priorities? Do we choose to worship what we want, how we want, and when we want? The history, tradition, rituals, and truth of faith calls us to something higher than our particular preferences, desires, and preferred standards of behavior. The church, in all its glory and admitted imperfection, calls us to gather together for support, encouragement, knowledge, accountability, and wisdom so that we can receive, proclaim, and demonstrate the good news of life in Christ.

The mission of Jesus as God/Man/Savior established an unstoppable movement reflected by the church - a living example of the love and expectations of God. Jesus Christ knows us – he knows us far better than we know ourselves. He knows what gift we need - more than we even realize – and the great benefits of embracing this gift.

*"On this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven."*  
(Matthew 16:18-19)

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Visitors to Goody's Steakhburgers will find memorabilia featuring famous movie stars and singers hanging on the walls and an assortment of family and staff photos. This photo was taken when Goody's first opened 30 years ago; from left are owner Terry Goodman, his father and stepmother Don and Lois Goodman, and twin sister Janice Bennett. PHOTO COURTESY OF TERRY GOODMAN

## Burgers

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Shakes come in a multitude of flavors. Happy hour is from 3 to 6 p.m. each day, and for \$1.25, one can buy a shake, a hot dog, or a corn dog.

Goodman said he's also brought back the guber burger and always has \$800 to \$1,000 worth of peanut butter.

Manager Sarah King added she enjoys seeing the regulars come into Goody's.

"I have regulars that come in every single day to get a guber burger," she added. "Dale Reed comes in once a week, and he sits down and

eats a tenderloin. He likes to sit and visit.

"We have a lot of customers that are like that," she continued. "I have a lot of the factories; when they go to lunch, the (bosses) come in here and eat for their lunch break. It gets to the point that I know exactly what they want."

The Smith-Cotton Class of 1958, led by Emma Curry, enjoys going to Goody's during their annual reunions.

"This is the second or third year they've done this," King said. "This is their 65th class reunion, and they brought all of them in here. It was full; there were at least 30 to 40 people. They always enjoy it."

Goodman added Goody's also hosts Cruise Night every fourth Saturday of the month. Cruise Night collaborates with 310 Street Cars and the West Central Vintage Auto Club.

Interestingly, Goodman's mother-in-law, Lillian King, 88, still does the payroll, making Goody's a true family-owned business.

Goody's Steakhburgers, 901 S. Limit Ave., is open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

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



This photo of Goody's Steakhburgers staff was taken in 2010. On the left is manager Sarah King and second from right is owner Terry Goodman. PHOTO COURTESY OF TERRY GOODMAN

## Olivia Rodrigo, SZA, Usher, Jelly Roll to hit iHeartRadio Jingle Ball stage

By Maria Sherman  
AP Music Writer

LOS ANGELES — iHeartRadio has unveiled its star-studded 2023 Jingle Ball lineup, including performances by Olivia Rodrigo, Usher, Nicki Minaj, SZA, Niall Horan, and Jelly Roll.

The 11-city tour will hit New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Detroit, Boston, Washington, Philadelphia, Atlanta, the Dallas-Fort Worth area and, in Florida, Tampa and the Fort Lauderdale-Miami area.

"Our annual iHeartRadio Jingle Ball lineup is one of our most anticipated of the year, and we're excited to finally share who will be joining us on the road this season," said Tom Poleman, chief programming officer for iHeartMedia, in a statement.

The tour will kick off

in Tampa, Florida, at the Amalie Arena on Sunday, Nov. 26, with Niall Horan, Teddy Swims, Zara Larsson, Doechii, Paul Russell, Kaliiii and Lawrence.

The Jingle Ball concert was first introduced in 1996 at Madison Square Garden by New York radio station Z100 and has since become a multi-city tour and an annual tradition. This year, the Madison Square Garden concert on Dec. 8 will feature Olivia Rodrigo, SZA, OneRepublic, Sabrina Carpenter, Jelly Roll, Big Time Rush, Doechii, Pentatonix, David Kushner and Melanie Martinez.

The Los Angeles concert on Dec. 1 at the Kia Forum will feature a somewhat similar lineup: Olivia Rodrigo, Niall Horan, AJR, Sabrina Carpenter, Miguel, Doechii, Flo Rida, (G)I-DLE and

P1Harmony will perform.

New to 2023 is a multi-year agreement with ABC, Jingle Ball's exclusive television broadcast partner; previously, they had been on the CW network. The iHeartRadio Jingle Ball tour stops will be part a nationwide television special, airing on ABC the night of Dec. 21. It will be available on Hulu the next day.

A presale for Capitol One cardholders will begin Oct. 3 at 10 a.m. Tickets for the general public will go on sale Oct. 6.

"This event always showcases the best in pop music and gives our listeners the chance to celebrate the holiday season alongside their favorite artists," Poleman said. "We're thrilled with this year's artists and we can't wait to see them put on a great show."

## Ringo Starr on 'Rewind Forward,' writing country music, and more

By Maria Sherman  
AP Music Writer

LOS ANGELES — There are rock stars, and then there is Ringo Starr — drummer for the Beatles, award-winning soloist, photographer, narrator, actor, activist. To call him prolific would almost shortchange his accomplishments. But it also feels right.

"Rewind Forward," out October 13, is his fourth extended play release in three years.

"I've loved EPs since they first came out in the '60s," he says of the format. "And then I heard the kids are making EPs and thought, 'That's good!'"

The title is a classic "Ringoism," as John Lennon used to refer to his malapropisms, an unusual phrase ripped from the same mind that came up with "A Hard Day's Night" and "Tomorrow Never Knows."

Assigning profundity to it came later. "I think it means that, you know, you're sitting still for a while. You rewind and you find out 'I was a much better person then,' or 'this was working for me better then,' he says. You don't have to ever live in the past, but just check it occasionally."

"Of course, I'm making all this up," he jokes.

Starr got a little help from his friends on the four track EP, a collection of life-affirming songs co-penned by Starr's engineer frequent co-writer Bruce Sugar, Steve Lukather of the All Starr Band, Toto's Joe Williams, Benmont Tench and Mike Campbell of Tom Petty's Heartbreakers, and many more.

"Feeling the Sunlight" was written by Beatle Paul McCartney, who Starr says he "FaceTimes twice a month" and hangs out with

whenever he is in London, or McCartney is in L.A.

"When he sent the track, he'd actually done the drums, so we had to take them off," he says, laughing.

If there is a thematic throughline to "Rewind Forward," or any of Starr's solo work, it's a kind of unrelenting optimism — that even in the most troubling circumstances, peace and love will see you through.

It's that spirit that has kept him moving forward. He's currently embarked on a fall tour, which began September 17th in Ontario, California, and ends next month in Thackerville, Oklahoma. It's a feat for a veteran performer when so many bands are embarking on farewell tours.

"A lot of people have said 'That's the last gig!' And I say it after every tour and our children and my wife are fed up with me. 'Oh, you said that last time,'" he jokes. And yet, he continues to hit the road because he simply loves it: "I get everything I need."

More short collections are on the horizon, too. ("Right now, I'm EP crazy," he says.) The next one is founded in country music. While attending a poetry reading by Olivia Harrison, late Beatle George Harrison's widow, Starr ran into "T-Bone" Burnett. They decided to work together. Starr thought he'd get a pop number, but Burnett instead sent him a country song. "He actually opened the door," he says. "So, I thought, 'Why don't we do that, too? A country one.'"

Recently, Starr collaborated with McCartney on Dolly Parton's cover of the Beatles' "Let It Be." ("It's good to be a part of it," he says, adding that it required no convincing. "I'm easy.")

In June, news broke that a final Beatles recording

would soon become available, created using artificial intelligence technology to recreate John Lennon's voice from a piano demo — the same method used to separate the Beatles' voices from background sounds during the making of director Peter Jackson's 2021 documentary series, "The Beatles: Get Back."

There was some confusion — and potentially fear — around the use of AI. "The rumors were that we just made it up," he says of Lennon's contributions to the forthcoming track. "Like we would do that anyway."

"This is the last track, ever, that you'll get the four Beatles on the track. John, Paul, George, and Ringo," he says.

When asked when it will be released, he says, "It should've been out already."

And if it's the Beatles you're hungry for, there's always their immense discography to dive into. Or all eight hours of "Get Back," which its ineffable access the biggest band in history, and its most intimate moments: like the scene that shows Starr beginning to write "Octopus's Garden," and Harrison coming in to assist.

Harrison had left the band; Starr was in Sardinia on Peter Sellers' yacht when the captain told him octopuses have gardens — they collect stones and shiny objects. He had his guitar — "I play three chords, that's about it," he says — and starting writing.

In his view, the documentary allows viewers to see exactly what came next — and the magic of being a Beatle.

"It was a great time of my life. Being a Beatle was great," he says. "I had three brothers, I'm an only child, and that's life."

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Rev. McCully also attended Hannibal-LaGrange College, and Luther Rice Seminary, while graduating from Southwest Baptist College.

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BIG EWES	1.50 - 2.30			Emu	\$300
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**YARD SALE  
714 N. GRAND  
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Lot's of clothing - all sizes, decor, dishes, portable air conditioner, lot's of miscellaneous. Too Much to list! Half price on Saturday!

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Toddler boy's and girl's clothes, women's S-M-L-XL, men and women's shoes up to size 10, kids shoes up to size 10, furniture, tools, hardware, household, 16 in truck tires, ATV tires, radiator for 1997 Chevrolet, Industrial meat saw, vhs movies, etc.

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**Notice to Bidders:**

The Pettis County Health Center will be taking sealed bids for:  
Brokerage Services for Health, Dental and Vision Insurance - 3 years  
Life Insurance years 2024, 2025, 2026  
Errors & Omissions, General Liability, Building & Contents & Workers Compensation Insurance for the 2024, 2025, 2026 calendar years.  
Annual audit for years 2023, 2024, 2025  
Computer Consulting and services for 2024, 2025, 2026  
Copier rental for 2024, 2025, 2026  
Bookkeeping services for 2024, 2025, 2026  
Snow Removal for 2024, 2025, 2026  
Lawn Care for 2024, 2025, 2026  
Custodial Services for 2024, 2025, 2026  
HVAC and Generator Maintenance and Service agreement for 2024, 2025, 2026  
Bid specifications may be picked up at 911 E 16th St, Sedalia, MO 65301 from 8AM-5PM Monday through Thursday and 10 AM-12 PM Fridays, except holidays. Submit bids in a sealed envelope to the attention of Robin Bartlett. Bids will close on October 26, 2023 at 5PM. Pettis County Health Center reserves the right to reject any and all bids.  
3x-9/23, 30, 10/7, 2023

**Notice to Bidders**

Pettis County Road and Bridge is accepting bids for a (2) 2023 Ford F-150, 302A package, center console, and black exterior. Detailed specifications are available at Pettis County Road

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and Bridge, 1511 N. Ohio, Monday through Friday 8 am to 5 pm.  
Bids should be clearly marked as "2023 Ford". All bids are due Friday, October 6, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Bids can be turned in to the Pettis County Clerk's Office, located at 215 E 5th, Sedalia, Missouri.  
Pettis County Commission reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Bids deemed most advantageous to Pettis County will be accepted based on available funds.  
6x-9/27, 30, 10/4, 2023

**Notice to Bidders**

The Sedalia Country Club, INC is seeking proposals for Roof and Gutter Replacement and Repairs at 5074 Hwy Y, Sedalia, MO 65301. To pick up a scope of work packet and have a walk through with a detailed punch list please schedule an appointment with General Manager, Wayne Ogle. He can be reached via email wogle@sedaliacountryclub.com or telephone (660)826-2044. Bids due by Wednesday, October 11th at 4:30 pm.  
4x-9/27, 30, 10/4, 7, 2023

**Concordia R-II School District  
Request for Proposal for  
Bank Depository Services  
Public Notice**

September 22, 2023  
The Concordia R-2 School District (DISTRICT) is seeking proposals from banking institutions (PROVIDER) in Lafayette, Jackson, Johnson, Ray, Carroll, Saline, and Pettis counties to furnish depository services beginning on or before January 1, 2024.  
Please contact Dr. Theresa Christian at tchristian@concordia.k12.mo.us for a complete copy of the Request for Proposal.  
Proposals will be received by the Superintendent at the District Office located at 204 SW 11th Street, Concordia, MO 64020 or via email at tchristian@concordia.k12.mo.us. Proposals mailed must be received by the closing date and time.  
**RFP SCHEDULE**  
October 1, 2023  
RFP specifications available for distribution  
November 1, 2023  
Proposal due by 4:00 pm CST  
November 2, 2023  
Proposals publicly opened and read at 8:00 am CST in Concordia R-2 District Office  
November 6, 2023  
Committee meeting to review proposals  
November 8, 2023  
Recommend PROVIDER(S) to Board of Education for approval  
Proposals will be evaluated by

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a selection committee of the DISTRICT on November 6, 2023. A copy of the initial selection criteria is included in this RFP. Once the evaluation process is complete, the information will be available to all who responded.  
Said proposals must conform to the specifications and instructions. Proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope or via email with "Depository Services Proposal" clearly on the label or in the subject header. A proposal must consist of all required materials and the signature page of the proposal, signed by an authorized representative of the PROVIDER. Non conformance with these instructions may be grounds for rejection of the proposal. Late proposals will not be considered.  
The DISTRICT reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive informalities or irregularities in any proposal.  
**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS, Concordia R-II SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Bank Depository Services  
Dr. Theresa Christian, Superintendent of Schools  
Concordia R-II School District  
204 SW 11th Street, PO Box 879  
Concordia, MO 64020  
20x-9/30, 10/3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27, 2023

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4x-9/27, 30, 10/4, 7, 2023

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4x-9/27, 30, 10/4, 7, 2023

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PETTIS COUNTY, MISSOURI  
In the Estate of:  
ROBERT MILNER,  
Deceased.  
Case No.: 23PT-PR00173  
**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
You are hereby notified that LaTonya J. Marshall, Attorney for Petitioner, intends to call up for hearing Petitioner's Petition for Determination of Heirship in front of the Honorable Judge R. Paul Beard on October 31, 2023, at 3:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard.  
Susan Sadler,  
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**Guinness World Records celebrates the 'crazy, fun, inspiring'**

**By Mark Kennedy**  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Do you know the highest average grossing movie franchise in history? That's easy, "Avatar." What about the record for the most balloons popped in one minute by a pogostick? Or the longest journey in a pumpkin boat?

These and many more superlatives are in the latest edition of the Guinness World Records, which for 2024's edition has taken our watery world as its theme. That means there's extra entries for aquatic record-breakers, the largest octopuses, largest hot spring and deepest shark among the 2,638 achievements.

"To me the best records are the ones that you tell your friends in the playground or your mates down the bar, or wherever it is, in the gym. You just say 'Look I saw this amazing thing today.' That to me, is the sign of a good record," says Editor-in-Chief Craig Glenday.

He estimates that 75% to 80% of the entries are new and updated, reflecting a huge oversupply of content. The Guinness World Record researchers get many more records approved than they can fit in a single book.

This year's book is balanced between zany items — most hula hoops spun simultaneously on stilts — to serious science, like heaviest starfish. There are visits to history — pirate ships and shipwrecks — and pages devoted to record-breakers, like musician Elton John and tennis player Shingo Kunieda.  
There's a whole series of records just for kids and a new impairment initiative, which gives people with physical and mental challenges the chance to break records within their communities. It is all cleverly packed with facts, drawings and images and puzzles.

Glenday sees the annual book — initially conceived to settle bar arguments — as a fundamentally optimistic collection, one that celebrates ambition and record-breaking as very human things.

"We're all striving to be a bit better at what we do and we enjoy the bit between life and death. So

let's just make the most of it. And I think that's why it's maintained its position over the last 70 years — it continues to just amuse and educate and inform and celebrate all these crazy, fun, inspiring things and people."

The team at Guinness World Records get about 100 applicants a day and reject some 95%. Submissions, on the whole, must be measurable, breakable and provable. They may not impinge on someone else's human rights or hurt an animal. And each book is curated annually, so twerking records, a thing just a few years ago, get replaced by TikTok records.

"We want things to be officially amazing. So is it amazing? Everything is a record. I could say I had couscous for lunch and I could document it, but no one cares. Where's the superlative in it?"

Rejections are done diplomatically. If, for instance, an applicant hopes to land the record for most pretzels stuffed in their nose, researchers might gently say no, but prod the applicant to the grape-stuffing section. "If stuffing is your thing, we might have a category already created for you."

First published in 1955, the book has developed into an international phenomenon published in more than 100 countries and 37 languages. The publication itself is listed as the world's best-selling copyrighted book.

"It's really aimed at reluctant readers. It's lots of little chunks and trivia and nuggets. The designers agonize over every spread and they start from scratch every year. We throw the whole thing away in terms of the design," says Glenday.

It started when Sir Hugh Beaver, then managing director of the Guinness Brewery, was invited to go game bird hunting in Ireland. He and his companions soon began to squabble over which was Europe's fastest game bird. There was no quick way to solve the dispute.

"He said, 'There must be in pubs all around the country people fighting and arguing over things that are simple and yet they can't find an answer,'" Glenday says. Beaver dreamed up a pamphlet

that could be sold to pubs alongside barrels of Guinness Stout.

He asked twins Norris and Ross McWhirter, who were fact-finding researchers, to compile something that would be different from the day's encyclopedias, which were dry and very highly academic.

"What these guys did was create a book that says, 'We're going to reflect back what people are actually doing in the world.' And so what they inadvertently created was an annual snapshot of the world."

"It found this momentum, this life of its own, and took off and became much more than Sir Hugh ever imagined it could be because it was a unique way of thinking about the world."

Glenday himself has been inspired to create categories. A few years ago, he was attending the X Games and saw a bulldog zip past him on a skateboard in the parking lot.

He found the owner of the dog, asked if he could chalk off 100 meters and invited the dog to skate. "We created a brand new record that became a thing, skateboarding dogs."

"I'm fascinated just by the quirky and unusual and the slightly skewed view that Guinness World Records has on the world so it's been a perfect fit."

He believes everyone has a record in them, whether it's most sweaters worn, the loudest burp or baking the largest cake pop. And just striving for the record is rewarding, too.

"It's very difficult to climb K2 in the fastest time. It's very difficult and it will cost a fortune and you need years probably of training and acclimatization for weeks," he says.

"But if you're stuck at home with your kids and you think, 'Let's see how fast we can solve Mr. Potato Head,' then you've got some bonding time with your child just trying to do Mr. Potato Head at the fastest time."

One record is always up for the taking no matter who you are: oldest human. "Anyone can attempt the oldest age. I mean, that's what we're all attempting," he says, laughing.

**ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS**

**Sophia Loren grateful for affection after leg-fracture surgery**

ROME — Sophia Loren is expressing gratitude for all the affection she received following surgery needed after the film star fractured a hip and thigh bone in a bathroom fall, her agent said Tuesday.

Andrea Giusti quoted the actress, who is 89, as saying: "I thank everyone for the closeness and affection that they are showing me. I am better, just have to do rehabilitation and give myself a period of rest."

Loren had the surgery for the fractures on Sunday, the same day she fell in her villa near Lake Geneva.

The movie legend has lived in Switzerland for decades. Earlier this month, she appeared, looking radiant, with Italian designer Giorgio Armani in Venice at a fashion show.

**Rock & Roll Hall of Fame ceremony live this year**

NEW YORK — Elton John, Brandi Carlile, Dave Matthews, H.E.R., Chris Stapleton, St. Vincent and New Edition will perform at this fall's Rock & Roll Hall of Fame induction ceremony, which will

be broadcast live for the first time.

The ceremony will be live on Disney+ on Nov. 3 and streamable afterward. ABC will air a special featuring performance highlights and standout moments on Jan. 1.

"The Rock & Roll Hall of Fame induction ceremony has been the home to some of the most memorable moments in music history and celebrates the immeasurable impact these artists have had on the industry and culture," said Rob Mills, an executive vice president for Walt Disney Television, in a statement. "We are so excited to offer audiences a front-row seat."

The inductees this year include Missy Elliott, Willie Nelson, Sheryl Crow, Chaka Khan, "Soul Train" creator Don Cornelius, Kate Bush and the late George Michael.

The Cleveland-based institution also included The Spinners, Rage Against the Machine, DJ Kool Herc, Link Wray, Al Kooper and Elton John's longtime co-songwriter Bernie Taupin.

The induction ceremony will take place at the Barclays Center in New York City.

Nominees were voted on by more than 1,000 artists, historians and music industry professionals. Fans could vote online or in person at the museum, with the top five artists picked by the public making up a "fans' ballot" that was tallied with the other professional ballots.

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