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Designer's Touch Boutique opens on Main Street

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A new boutique in Sedalia offers a little something for everyone.

Designer's Touch Boutique opened on May 12 and is family owned. Co-owners Julie Moore and Shelly Kempton are sisters, and they own the shop with Shelly's daughter Ramey Kempton. The boutique is housed in the former Greg's Appliance building on West Main Street and offers home décor and many other gift items. The shop is also named in memory of Ramey's great-grandmother, the late Jane M. Dugan, who founded the first Designer's Touch on West 16th Street in the '80s.

Ramey noted her mother and aunt had always wanted to open a boutique, and she was going to school for design, so everything came together for the trio.

"Then we found this spot, and then we just went from there," she added. "We have a large variety of stuff and a range of prices."

Shelly added that home décor is their main selling point, but the shop also carries baby and children's gifts and gifts for Father's Day. Ramey noted the shop has

books, kitchenware, vintage finds from estate sales, and some clothing and jewelry geared toward college-age women.

"That was one of the things we tried to have something for everybody," Shelly said. "Regardless of the age."

"We have lots of furniture, and a lot of the furniture is for sale," she continued. "Julie paints all of this; she does a lot of signs."

Besides painting furniture, Moore also does custom sign painting.

"Something else that's been popular is we have a dog line," Shelly added. "And it is custom where you can put your dog's name on it (the collar). They can do bow-ties and bandanas — so it's totally custom."

Customers pick out the collar and design, and the boutique orders it for them.

Shelly noted that a boutique committee was formed since many boutiques are popping up in the Sedalia area. It met last week for the first time.

"So, we planned the year out with boutique crawls," she added. "Our first one is June 16 and 17, a Friday and Saturday with all the other (boutiques) in Sedalia."

"Most of those focus



Designer's Touch Boutique owners, from left, Julie Moore, Ramey Kempton and Shelly Kempton, opened the shop on May 12 at 2802 W. Main St. It features gifts and home decor items for all ages. Moore and Shelly Kempton are sisters, and Ramey is Shelly's daughter.

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on clothes," Moore added. "We're more the home décor side."

Shelly added home decor was their original focus from the beginning.

"We all go to the boutique crawls, and it's a lot of clothes," she noted. "And we just decided this was something different."

Items at Designer's Touch change frequently, and Shelly noted they receive new merchandise daily.

"It's always changing," Ramey added.

Designer's Touch Boutique, 2802 W. Main St., is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. For more information, visit Designer's Touch Boutique on Facebook and Instagram.

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One line of gift items at Designer's Touch includes one-of-a-kind refurbished candlesticks made from stair railings, flowers made from recycled metal, and decorative wooden trays made from vintage brick molds.

Healthy eggs, beef and lamb at the farmers market

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People generally attend farmer's markets to get the freshest produce available, and one vendor from Marshall is providing beef, lamb and eggs directly from his family farm.

"This is our second year at the Sedalia Farmers' Market," Tim Aulgur with Aulgur Livestock said. "We raise beef cattle and sheep, and we also have pastured laying hens that we use to sell eggs."

Aulgur told the Democrat his lambs and chickens are free to roam his pastures, and his beef is always grass-finished.

"We have a mobile chicken



Heidi and Tim Aulgur, owners of Aulgur Livestock, display their free-range eggs on Tuesday, May 23 at the Sedalia Area Farmers' Market. The Aulgurs sell beef, lamb and eggs raised on their Marshall farm at the Sedalia market.

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coop out in the pasture that we move around," Aulgur said. "Just so the chickens can kind of be a chicken instead of being stuck in the barn."

They dig through and peck around and eat bugs and do what chickens are meant to do."

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Khalil named publisher of Democrat, Star-Journal

By Democrat Staff

Jamila Khalil has been named publisher of the Sedalia Democrat and the Warrensburg Star-Journal, as announced this month by Phillips Media Group, the Democrat's parent company.

Khalil most recently served as the sales manager and general manager of The Las Cruces Bulletin in Las Cruces, New Mexico. However, moving to the Midwest marks a return home for Khalil. Originally from California, she grew up in Missouri and graduated from the University of Missouri-Columbia with a bachelor's in journalism.

"I am excited to join the team at the Sedalia Democrat and Warrensburg

Star-Journal," Khalil said. "This is a hard-working and highly experienced group, dedicated to providing the community with local news and information. They have created two quality publications and I am proud to work with them."

Khalil has worked for a number of news organizations, including newspapers in St. Louis, Anchorage, Alaska, Los Angeles, Fayetteville, North Carolina, Kingman, Arizona, and most recently, Las Cruces, New Mexico. Her roles ranged from account executive for national advertising customers to sales manager, advertising director, and publisher.

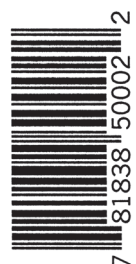
"I'm happy to have



Jamila Khalil

Jamila join our group of talented employees in Sedalia and Warrensburg," said Jim Holland, president of Phillips Media Group. "She is the right person to take the organization to the next level. Her extensive background in leading advertising sales and her passion for local newspapers are a great fit for the Democrat and Star-Journal."

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Tips for parents, teens on social media use — from surgeon general

By Barbara Ortutay
AP Technology Writer

The U.S. surgeon general is calling for tech companies and lawmakers to take “immediate action” to protect kids’ and adolescents’ mental health on social media. But after years of insufficient action by both social media platforms and policymakers, parents and young people still bear most of the burden in navigating the fast-changing, often harmful world of secretive algorithms, addictive apps and extreme and inappropriate content found on platforms such as Instagram, TikTok and Snapchat. So what can parents and young people do now? Surgeon General Vivek Murthy

has some tips. “Our children and adolescents don’t have the luxury of waiting years until we know the full extent of social media’s impact,” Murthy said in an advisory released Tuesday. “Their childhoods and development are happening now.”

TIPS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

- Reach out for help: If you or someone you know is being negatively affected by social media, reach out to a trusted friend or adult for help. Check the American Academy of Pediatrics’ guidance on social media.
- Create boundaries: Limit the use of phones, tablets, and computers for at least one hour before bedtime and through the

night to make sure you get enough sleep. Keep mealtimes and in-person gatherings device-free to help build social bonds and engage in two-way conversations with others. Connect with people in person and make unplugged interactions a daily priority.

- Be cautious about what you share: Personal information about you has value. Be selective with what you post and share online and with whom, as it is often public and can be stored permanently. If you aren’t sure if you should post something, it’s usually best if you don’t.
- Don’t keep harassment or abuse a secret: Reach out to at least one person you trust, such as a

close friend, family member, counselor, or teacher, who can give you the help and support you deserve. Visit stopbullying.gov for tips on how to report cyberbullying. If you have experienced online harassment and abuse by a dating partner, contact an expert at Love is Respect for support. If your private images have been taken and shared online without your permission, visit Take It Down to help get them removed.

TIPS FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

- Create a family media plan: Agreed-upon expectations can help establish healthy technology boundaries at home — including social media use. A family media plan can promote

open family discussion and rules about media use and include topics such as balancing screen/online time, content boundaries, and not disclosing personal information.

- Create tech-free zones: Restrict the use of electronics at least one hour before bedtime and through the night. Keep meal times and other in-person gatherings tech-free. Help children develop social skills and nurture their in-person relationships by encouraging unstructured and offline connections with others.
- Model responsible behavior: Parents can set a good example of what responsible and healthy social media use looks like by limiting their own use,

being mindful of social media habits (including when and how parents share information or content about their child), and modeling positive behavior on your social media accounts.

- Empower kids: Teach kids about technology and empower them to be responsible online participants at the appropriate age. Discuss with children the benefits and risks of social media as well as the importance of respecting privacy and protecting personal information in age-appropriate ways. Have conversations with children about who they are connecting with, their privacy settings, their online experiences, and how they are spending their time online.

State Tech Spring Dean’s List

State Technical College of Missouri announced the students who were named to the dean’s list during the 2023 spring semester.

To be placed on the dean’s list, a full-time student must earn a semester grade point average between 3.5 and 4.0 on a 4-point scale.

- Barnett:** Baylor Pearson
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- Syracuse:** Micaiah Garcia
- Tipton:** Ian Clifford, Elizabeth Johnson
- Versailles:** Logan Jacobs, Daniel Shewmaker, Ethan Siegel
- Warrensburg:** Glenn Montgomery, Reese Tayloe
- Windsor:** Colt Jeter

Khalil

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Her personal interests involve animal charities, travel, books, genealogy, music — everything from opera to Swedish pop — and people-watching. She is a self-proclaimed history buff, specifically the War of the Roses.

With a career in local newspapers, Khalil said she understands how vital a newspaper can be to communities like Sedalia and Warrensburg.

“Community newspapers provide news coverage that you often can’t find elsewhere,” Khalil said. “I enjoy working with newspapers like the Democrat and Star-Journal, and I look forward to getting to know both communities.”

Khalil replaces former Publisher Jim Perry, who left the Democrat in April to pursue other opportunities.

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Prizeweek Puzzle

This week’s puzzle is worth:

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Entries must be received by Noon on Wednesday
Puzzles in 2 pieces will be rejected

ACROSS:

- Wanting to keep well away from a _ is understandable if you happen to be an anxious type of person.
- Articulate detective is invited to reappear on crime show to discuss infamous case after favorable viewer response to his _ account.
- When neighbor asks woman secret to her English country garden, she replies it’s because she puts her _ to good use.
- “There’ll be some serious discussion about the cause of that _,” predicts friend.
- “Test it first to see if it’s _,” cautions wife to husband who’s anxious to walk on new cement path.
- In movie, female volunteer falls in love aiding soldier who’s struggling to _ bandage on his injured arm.
- Having just been fired, cartoonist vents his frustration by drawing unpleasant depiction of boss, negatively exaggerating his _ characteristics.
- Before interview, applicant tells partner she’s probably going to be _ because she’s not a good fit for the job.

DOWN:

- Although she’s seen _ multiple times, resident is amazed how different it looks from an aerial perspective.
- Golfing partner advises rookie player to _ the ball with his golf stroke whenever he’s near a hazard on the course.
- To _ a solid weight from under a thick patch of lake ice is a task search-and-rescue trainee really dislikes.
- “I didn’t know the _ was due now,” says new roommate when accused of not paying all her household bills.
- A strong food source _ to battle famine caused by climate change has kept some agronomists working intensely these days.
- Father confesses that as young man he was late in learning what a mistake it is to _ a lot due to peer pressure.
- Client tells real estate agent she dislikes bedroom wall color with its _ of red because she finds red too aggressive.
- Famous celebrity criticizes casting directors for offering actress, who originally _ in romantic roles, just character roles when middle-aged.
- Artisan is surprised by how the dye she’s using uniquely _ into the fabric.
- Noggins.
- A popular toy.

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- Solve the PRIZE WEEK PUZZLE (PWP) by filling in the missing letters to make the words that you think best fit the clues. Read the clue carefully, for you must think them out & give every word its true meaning.
- Check the word list given. It has all the contest answers, plus some that you will have to eliminate.
- You need not be a subscriber to the Sedalia Democrat in order to enter PWP, but you must be a resident of our circulation area. You may submit as many entries as you wish on the entry blank printed in the Sedalia Democrat. (MECHANICALLY PRODUCED OR CARBON DUPLICATED FACSIMILES OF ANY TYPE WILL BE REJECTED. PUZZLES IN 2 OR MORE PIECES WILL BE REJECTED.)
- Anyone is eligible to enter PWP meeting the above requirements except employees of the Sedalia Democrat and family members of their household.
- All entries must be received by mail at the Sedalia Democrat or deposited as instructed above by Noon Wednesday following the date of publication. The Sedalia Democrat will award prize money to the contestant who sends in an all-correct solution. In the event of more than one all-correct solution the prize will be divided equally among the winners. If no all-correct solution is received, the weekly grand prize will be increased by \$50.00 to Sedalia Democrat subscribers, \$25 to non-subscribers & added to the following week’s PWP.
- There is only one correct solution to each PWP & only the correct answer can win. The decision of the judges is final & all contestants agree to abide by the judges’ decision. All entries become the property of the Sedalia Democrat. Only one prize will be awarded to a family unit.
- The winner & answers will be published in the Following Friday’s

paper. Every entry will be checked. No claiming is necessary.

8. The Sedalia Democrat reserves the right to correct any typographical errors which may appear during the PWP game. ERRORS OR CROSS OUTS WILL VOID ANY ENTRY.

9. PWP clues may be abbreviated & such words as AN, THE & A omitted.

10. In fairness to all, the Sedalia Democrat cannot answer questions or respond to phone calls or letters regarding the Prizeweek puzzle.

11. When you’ve completed your PWP, CUT IT OUT & BRING IT OR MAIL IT TO THE ADDRESS LISTED BELOW.

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Kids these days (aren't much different than we were)

"There's a hundred and four days of summer vacation, then school comes along just to end it, but the annual problem of our generation is finding a good way to spend it ..."

Friday was the first day of summer break for my kids. They were under strict orders from their father to let me sleep in, and the blessed little sweethearts complied happily. When I finally got out of bed, they were lolling in their pajamas, watching a morning movie on Disney. What junk food they fed themselves for breakfast, I'm not sure and I don't want to know. I'll take my Mother of the Year award now.

Adults complain about the "kids these days," but vegging out in front of your favorite cartoons is an American summer tradition that's, shockingly, at least half a century old. My own Saturday morning lineup was "Garfield and Friends" followed by the original "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles." When I got a little older, I preferred "SpongeBob Squarepants." All of these shows would be old enough to drink legally, if they were people. Jon from "Garfield" would be an elderly man. April O'Neal would have gray hair.

Feel old yet?

We whine a lot about how much childhood has changed. Things were better in the good old days of 1972 or '85 or '93! That was back when you drank from the hose and stayed out until the streetlights came on, ramped your bike off dangerous things and ate nothing but bologna and Wonder Bread and KoolAid full of red dye #40.

I'll tell you all a secret.

It hasn't really changed that much. Not in at least 50 years. The cartoons are different, but so much more is the same. When I asked my children what their dreams were for Summer Vacation 2023, I felt like a kid again listening to their answers.

Like good little Missouri children, they want to go to the Lake of the Ozarks. We have a family reunion there every summer and they wait in anticipation all year for the boat rides and family pool time and late-night guitar picking. My daughter says it's her favorite part of summer.

They want to go swimming. Oh, how they want to go swimming. Not just at the Lake, but at Liberty Park pool and friends' houses and at the beach trip we're planning that will be our first-ever family vacation. But I'm sure they would be just as happy splashing around in a cattle stock tank, like I did when I was very small.



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They want to visit their grandparents. One set lives in a suburb of St. Louis. A trip to their house means visits to the children's museums and the zoo. The other set lives on a farm in Illinois. A trip to their house means four-wheeler rides and explorations in the woods. They also want to sleep over with their aunts and uncles, who are both younger and waaaaay cooler than boring old mom and dad.

Doesn't this all sound familiar?

The kids have goals. They both have book series they want to finish. They want to do the summer reading program at the Boonslick Library. My daughter wants to learn how to rollerblade. My son wants to learn how to fishtail his bike. I will be stocking up on Band-aids today, as soon as I finish writing this piece. We've already had a bicycle accident and a splinter the size of a small log in a small boy's bare foot. May isn't even over yet.

They want to stay up late. My daughter conservatively said 10 p.m., looking at me to make sure she had my approval. But my chaos muppet, I mean son, declared he would stay up until midnight and then "sleep in the whole day." He is lying to himself. He would stay up until midnight and still wake up to beg me for breakfast at 6:30 a.m.

They want to eat. Mostly pizza and ice cream and cheap popsicles from Aldi. But also things like steak kebabs on the grill. Fish and new potatoes and eggs roasted over a campfire. Cold pasta salad. Snap peas straight off the vine in my garden. Homemade pickles. Pie. My daughter, who just turned 9 and wants to feel like a young lady, begs me to let her drink coffee. They both want to learn how to cook.

There is nothing new under the sun, least of all the American summer vacation. There might be a video game here and there, or a summer camp, or a learning program, but those aren't new either.

The kids these days are all right. Ask yours how they'd spend their perfect summer, and you'll see how much you all have in common.

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Taking a closer look at national debt ceiling issue

"... Republican National Committee Chair Ronna McDaniel suggested Wednesday that while a default would likely be bad for the country, it would be good for her party politically ..." (<https://bit.ly/3oxmUUG>).

The way I read this, Republicans refusing to raise the debt ceiling is simply raw political calculation. That is unacceptable.

Here's what will happen, among other things, in case of default as soon as next week:

Social Security payments won't go out.

Veterans' benefits will cease.

Medicare or Medicaid payments will be suspended, which may affect medical care.

The United States' credit rating will bottom out.

The country's position as leader of the free world will be a big, fat joke. You think you can keep the world going forward? You can't even keep your country on track.

It's a sad day when the leader of a major political party dismisses the financial hardship of millions of people for political gain.

Today's sad day, though, goes back to the 1980s, when Ronald Reagan advocated for what he called "trick-



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Contributing Columnist

le-down economics" and what George H.W. Bush called "voodoo economics." I was with GHWB. This "trickle down" fallacy said that the more money wealthy people had, the more money everybody else would have, because money would "trickle down" from the top to the bottom. Baloney. But Congress went with it and passed a massive tax cut to give more wealth to the top, which was good – for some. But the rest of us? Not so much.

I had personal experience with that tax "cut:" Max and I made the same amount of money that year as we did the year before. We paid about one-third more in taxes. People we knew who made much more money than we, but relatively the same in both years, paid less in tax than they did the prior year. It was easy to see that those of us in the middle and under would

not benefit much, if any, from a phantom "trickle."

The divide between the "haves" and the "have nots" grew exponentially from then until now, as graphs illustrate clearly. One such graph shows a sharp increase in the number of families "at the top." It makes sense that the increase is at least somewhat related to the tax policies implemented at the time. (<https://pewrsr.ch/45xv8Nc>).

After the Reagan tax cuts, and adding to the mix, though, the George H.W. Bush administration raised taxes a few years later because the U.S. was running out of money. That seemed to be, well, the responsible thing to do. His reward? He wasn't re-elected. His son's administration, a few years later, cut taxes again. A confluence of factors, including that one, contributed to recessions in 2001 and the Great Recession in 2008 during his term. Eight long years later, when the economy was righting itself, the Trump administration enacted a huge tax cut that once again favored the wealthy. The Brookings Institution says that cut not only didn't pay for itself as advertised, but it also added billions to our deficit.

Part of raising the debt ceiling today is

not only to pay the debt Congress previously authorized but also to pay for a portion of that tax cut. Not one Democrat voted for the tax cut. Thirteen Republicans voted against it. The rest of the Republicans voted for it. Now, they refuse to raise the debt ceiling to pay what they voted for.

And this is their leader's take: The failure of the country to pay its bills – to senior citizens, veterans, the poor, children – will be a good thing for the GOP in 2024.

I remember the number of senior citizens I saw when I was municipal judge. Many were in court because they couldn't maintain their homes – where they lived free and clear because those homes were paid for. Many subsisted on Social Security payments of \$700 to \$800 per month. Some were women who had never worked outside their homes and were relying on Social Security their husbands had earned during their working years. And, according to the party leader, Republicans think that depriving them, and others, of that paltry income is a good thing.

I do not.

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Excited — and impatient — for summer growing season

The growing season is here again, and we see the fields and garden plots beginning to show lines of green as the seeds begin to grow. It is a natural and magical process at the same time, and it renews a sense of awe in me for the wonder that is nature.

Like a lot of other people, I started planting gardens when I was just a kid, and like those other kids probably did, I would check the garden frequently until that first plant broke the surface of the ground. I was not a patient gardener back then, and I would sit in my garden begging the little seeds to show themselves, but they still took their own sweet time.

I just planted my first garden since Marlene and I moved to our present address; it is a small garden with only a



Jack Miller
Guest Columnist

few rows, but I am still impatient to see something show up. When I was a kid, I would never have planted flowers (that macho thing, you know) but now I love to see the flowers around the yard burst into colorful blooms.

I must give my sons and daughters-in-law the credit for the flowers and shrubs around our house now because they planted most of them. The property my wife and I bought

around three years ago was nearly bare of flowers when we moved here, so there was a lot of room for improvement.

The vegetable plants I must have each year are tomatoes and squash. I love homegrown tomatoes, and my wife feels the same way about squash, so even though my garden is small, it includes those two vegetables that will provide us with both beauty and food.

To back up a little, when I said there were no flowers on this property when my wife and I moved here, I should have acknowledged that there were some volunteers like Bachelor Buttons and a few other wildflowers on the property. The wildflowers were at the edge of the property, however, and when I built a fence, they all wound up on the alley

side, out of our sight.

My many attempts to move the wildflowers did not end well and I felt the need to write the following poem because of my fruitless struggle to take the little flowers away from where they apparently wished to be.

Wildflowers

Wildflowers grow behind my fence

But die when I try to move them

As if the wildflowers take offense

At my efforts to improve them

I have stopped trying to impose my will on them now, preferring to be happy with seeing them as I drive past them as I leave the house. (I have a rear-drive.)

Jack Miller is a longtime Sedalia resident, former radio news reporter and former Democrat contributing columnist.

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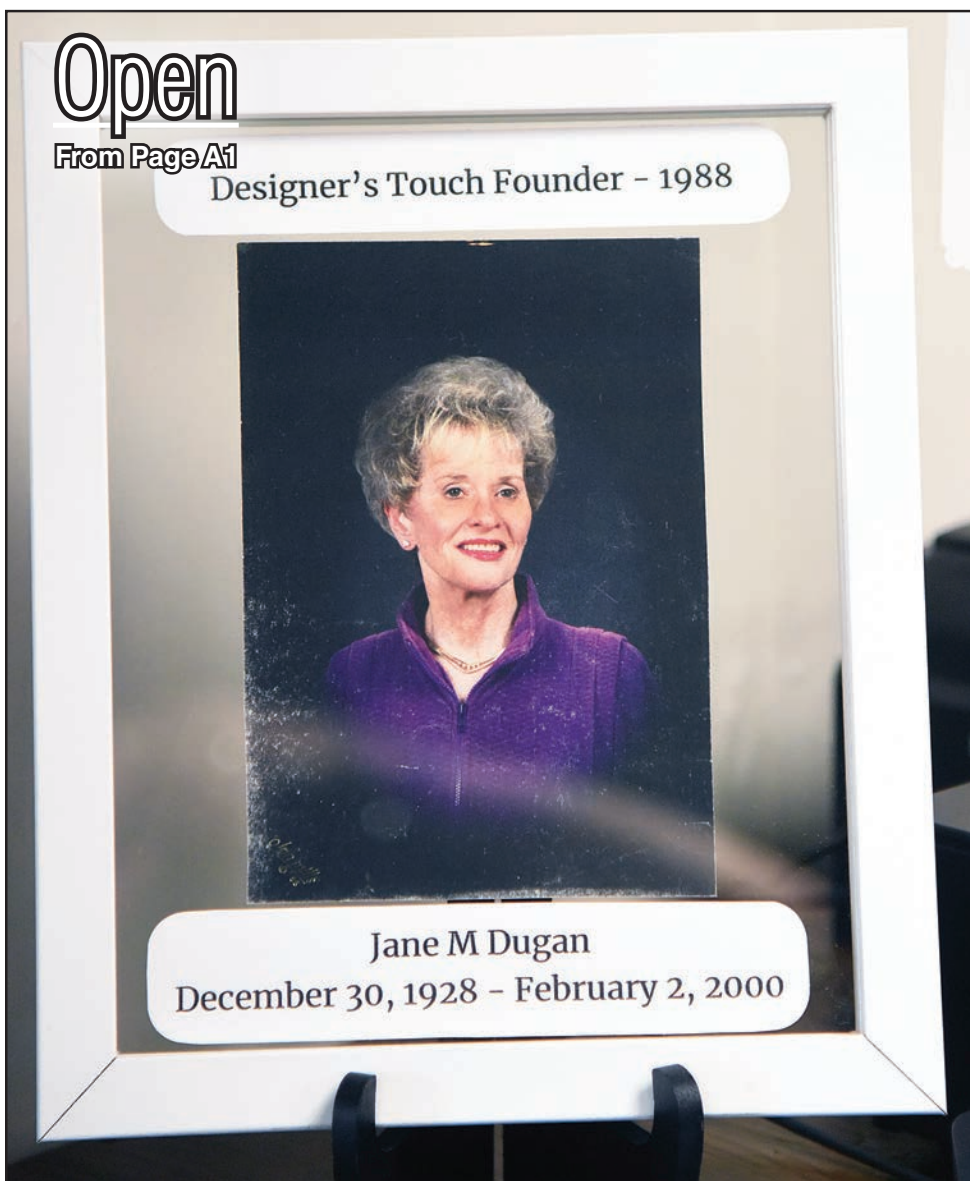


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The boutique was named in memory of Ramey Kempton's great-grandmother, the late Jane M. Dugan, who founded the first Designer's Touch on West 16th Street in 1988.

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Designer's Touch Boutique offers a wide assortment of items, such as repurposed furniture, books, and hand-painted signs created by co-owner Julie Moore.



Tim and Kody Aulgur stand in front of their mobile chicken coop on the family's farm in Marshall. The chickens are free to roam around the pastures, eating feed, bugs and seeds. The fresh eggs they produce are sold at the Sedalia Area Farmers' Market.

PHOTO BY CHRIS HOWELL | DEMOCRAT

Healthy

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Aulgur's farm is a long drive out through rural farmland on gravel roads. Atop a remote hill, the sweeping prairie vistas from Aulgur's farm show grasslands and content animals.

Aulgur and his son Kody, 12, have the lambs up to check them before they are released to free graze. Generally, the animals are free to roam the idyllic setting.

It's a bit of a walk up the hill to Aulgur's mobile chicken roost, a wagon that can be moved from place to place allowing the chickens a more natural, even heavenly, existence. He thinks the eggs are better when the chickens are allowed free-range.

"It's different, most of the time, they'll put them in a confined building or whatever, and it does help," Aulgur admitted. "They can control their egg production and some of those things, but we kind of just let them get out in nature and kind of do what a chicken is designed to do, I guess."

And chickens are robust

and happily clucking, laying dozens of healthy eggs Kody collects to sell at the farmers' market. But does free range make the eggs more nutritious?

"I 100% believe it does," Aulgur said. "The nutrient cycle and the soil, the bugs are in the soil breaking down the manure, and breaking down the biological activity, and then those chickens are eating those bugs and they're translating that into the eggs they're creating and when we eat them, I think it's a healthier option for us."

Aulgur is making repeat customers of the folks he sells eggs and meat to at the Sedalia Area Farmers' Market, people who are driven to more natural food.

"We have clientele, people here that are interested in humanely-raised chicken and also the eggs," Aulgur said. "We finish our beef on grass only. I rotate them each day as the grass is growing, just to give them a chance to find the highest amount of energy that's out there instead of just being closed off in a certain area."

It's a quality-of-life issue for the Aulgurs - healthy land, healthy bugs, healthy

chickens, healthy eggs and lots of happy, healthy customers.

"A chicken by nature will just go around and just travel around and peck and look for bugs," Aulgur said, "and just have the freedom to do that instead of being confined to a feeder with no sunlight. We believe the nutrient cycle, the sun cycle that goes on translates into a healthy soil and a healthy animal and then when we consume it makes us healthy."

Bringing the healthiest options they can produce to the farmers' market drives the Aulgurs to farm with respect for the land.

"It's just an opportunity for people to know exactly what they're getting," Aulgur said. "What they're eating, how it's been raised, how we're treating the soil and stewarding the land there and I think you know when you feel good about how something is done, then it does complete that cycle."

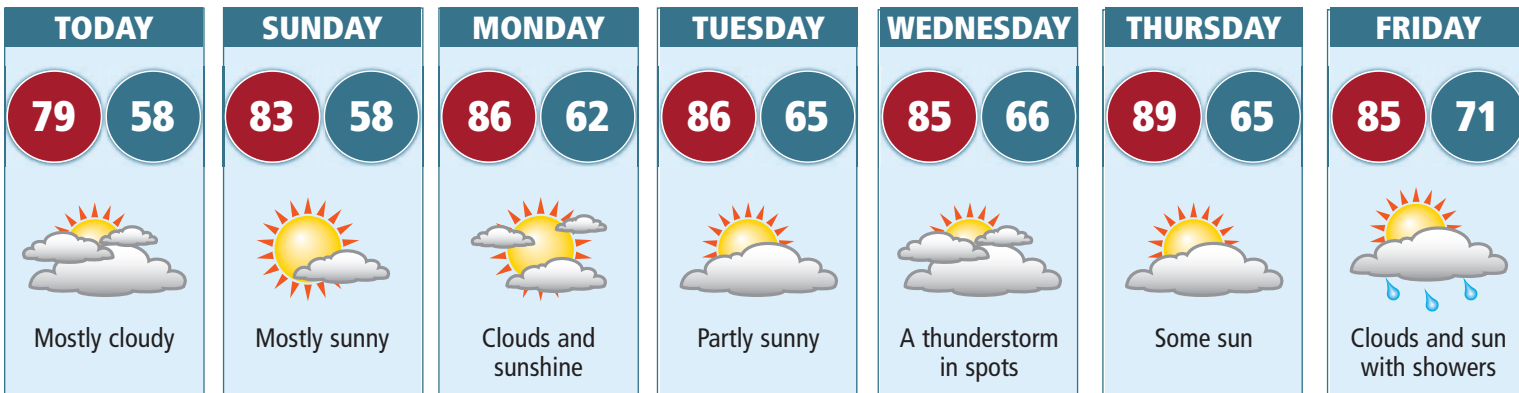
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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST



SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	5:53 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:28 p.m.
Moonrise today	12:54 p.m.
Moonsset today	2:07 a.m.



WEATHER HISTORY

A tornado struck the passenger train "Empire Builder" near Moorhead, Minn., on May 27, 1931. Of the 117 passengers, one died and 57 were injured. Five 70-ton coaches were lifted from the track.

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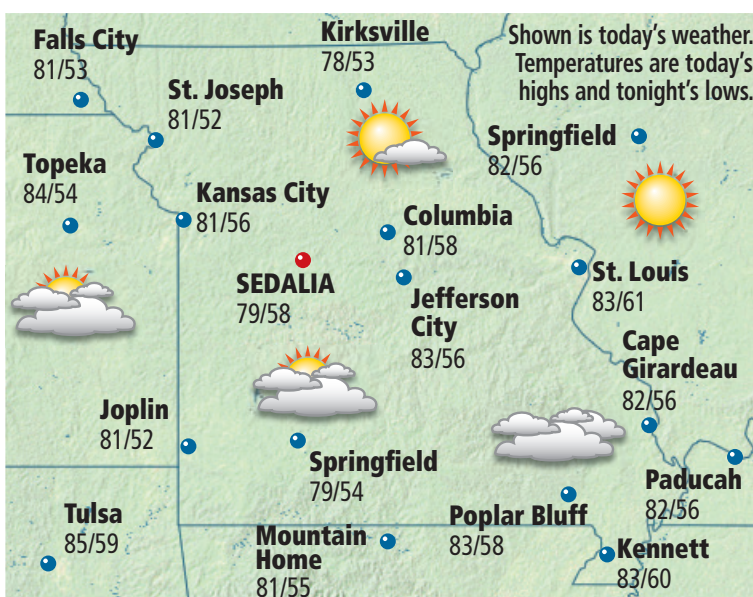
Sedalia Regional Airport Thursday

TEMPERATURES	
High	84
Low	60
Normal high	77
Normal low	56
Record high	91 in 2012
Record low	41 in 1979

PRECIPITATION	
Thursday	0.00"
Month to date	3.92"
Normal m-t-d	4.34"
Year to date	11.93"
Normal y-t-d	15.79"

COOLING DEGREE DAYS	
Thursday	7
Month to date	116
Year to date	134
Normal year to date	78
Last year to date	133

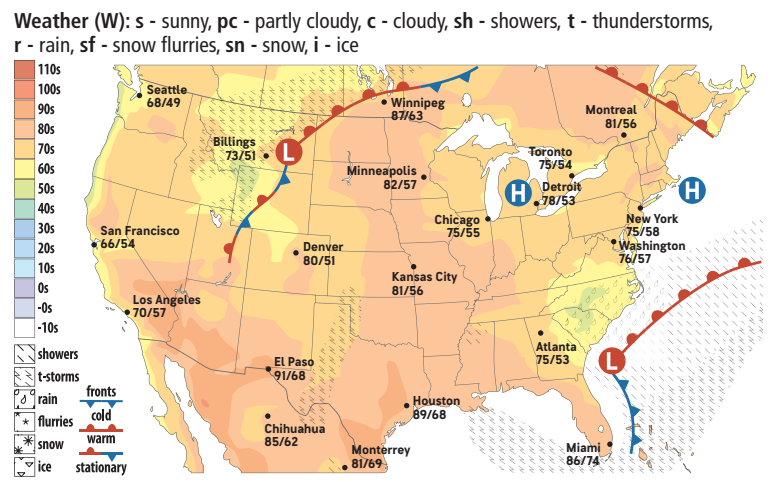
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Valley City	3.38	+0.72	22
Lamine			
Oterville	1.49	+0.73	15
Missouri			
Boonville	7.70	-0.36	21



CITY	High	Low	Forecast
BRANSON	82	53	Mostly cloudy today. Clear tonight. Clouds breaking at times for some sunshine tomorrow.
KANSAS CITY	81	56	Mostly cloudy today; dry and warm weather expected over the holiday weekend. Clear tonight. Mostly sunny tomorrow.
ST. LOUIS	83	61	Nice today with intervals of clouds and sunshine. Becoming partly cloudy tonight. Times of sun and clouds tomorrow.
NEW YORK CITY	75	58	Pleasant today with abundant sunshine; a comfortable start to the holiday weekend. Clear tonight. Partly sunny tomorrow.
LOS ANGELES	70	57	Low clouds followed by some sun today. Areas of low clouds tonight. Low clouds followed by sunshine tomorrow.

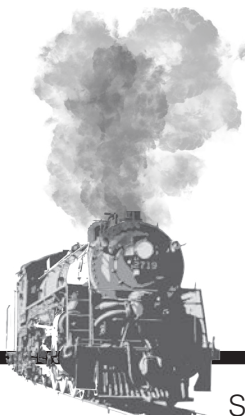
NATIONAL WEATHER

CITY	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sunday Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	75/53/pc	75/58/pc
Baltimore	78/54/pc	73/57/c
Billings	73/51/t	76/54/t
Boston	75/58/s	84/61/s
Buffalo	76/51/s	79/54/s
Charlotte	58/54/r	64/57/r
Chicago	75/55/s	78/58/pc
Cleveland	74/54/s	76/58/pc
Dallas	89/67/c	85/68/c
Denver	80/51/t	76/51/s
Detroit	78/53/s	81/56/pc
Honolulu	84/70/pc	83/74/pc
Los Angeles	89/68/pc	89/71/pc
Indianapolis	79/58/pc	76/59/c
Las Vegas	93/72/s	94/74/s
Milwaukee	70/53/s	72/53/pc
Nashville	81/57/pc	69/56/pc
New Orleans	86/69/t	87/71/pc
Norfolk	66/62/r	70/64/r
Oklahoma City	82/62/c	77/64/t
Orlando	83/64/pc	85/68/t
Phoenix	97/72/s	98/71/s
Pittsburgh	77/53/s	76/57/pc
Portland, ME	75/50/s	81/59/s
Portland, OR	74/53/c	75/53/c
Sacramento	77/53/pc	72/53/s
St. Louis	83/61/pc	82/63/pc
San Francisco	66/54/pc	62/55/pc
Seattle	68/49/c	71/50/pc
Washington, DC	76/57/pc	73/59/c



Summary: Drenching rain, gusty winds and coastal hazards are in store for the Carolinas today. Severe thunderstorms will erupt over the High Plains as a batch of rain and thunderstorms affects the interior Northwest.





The SEC logo is displayed on the field ahead of the Southeastern Conference championship football game between Alabama and Missouri on Dec. 5, 2014, in Atlanta. Southeastern Conference leaders will continue debating what to do with their football schedule when they meet in the Florida Panhandle starting Tuesday, May 30, 2023.

FILE PHOTO BY JOHN BAZEMORE | AP PHOTO

SEC heads to spring meetings still debating schedule formats

By Ralph D. Russo
AP College Football Writer

Southeastern Conference leaders have been debating what to do with their football schedule for more than a year.

Play eight conference games each season including one rival or go to nine league games with three?

Whether ESPN is willing to pay to broadcast more SEC games will factor into the decision, though it is unclear how much. As SEC officials head to the Florida Panhandle for spring meetings next week, there is still no deadline to make a call on a format that goes into effect next year.

"We have to make a decision and if we don't make a decision is that the be all, end all? No," Commissioner Greg Sankey said in an interview. "But at some point we have to land the proverbial airplane. I think we're ready to do that."

Among the other agenda items for the meetings in Destin, Florida: gambling, coming on the heels of Alabama firing its baseball coach amid an investigation of suspicious bets on a Crimson Tide game; how to better prevent — or at least discourage — field and court storming by fans after games; and, of course, name, image and likeness compensation for athletes.

The football schedule is the headliner.

The SEC currently plays an eight-game conference schedule with 14 members in two divisions. Each team has one annual cross-division rival. In 2024, Texas and Oklahoma arrive to make the SEC a 16-team conference, and there will be no more divisions.

Alabama, Georgia, LSU, Texas A&M and Florida, schools that expect to perennially contend for playoff spots and compete for national championships, prefer nine league games each season.

"We want nine for sure at A&M," Aggies athletic director Ross Bjork said. "We expanded for a reason. And people want more SEC content, right? Clearly, there's a demand for it, especially football."

For some schools with more modest goals, where national titles are aspirational but not expected, playing an extra game inside the nation's toughest football conference is not ideal.

Kentucky athletic director Mitch Barnhart has publicly supported eight. Auburn AD John Cohen signaled support for eight while he was at Mississippi State; it's unclear if switching jobs has changed his opinion.

There are concerns in the conference about playing five road league games every other season instead of the current four annually. Home games are worth millions in revenue.

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AREA ROUNDUP

S-C'S GRUBB TOPS HURDLES QUALIFYING

By Democrat staff

Smith-Cotton senior Derek Grubb appears set to make everyone forget about his performance in the finals of the 110-meter hurdles at last year's Class 5 State Championship.

As a junior, Grubb was leading the way in the finals of the event, but he was caught up on the seventh of the 10 hurdles and ended up leaving with an eighth-place medal and a time of 18.87

seconds.

In Friday's qualifying for the event, Grubb crossed the line in 14.28 seconds, a personal best by three-hundredths of a second. That time left him leading his heat and all of qualifying for the event. The next-best time came from Staley's Jeremiah Kelley, who clocked in six-hundredths of a second behind him.

"It's really exciting," Grubb said after both heats were completed. "I was in first, and I was like, 'You guys are all

quick, so I've got to be doing something right.'

"I can't wait to be in the finals. Last year I fell, and told you guys I would, that I'd come back for the gold medal. I'm gonna."

When asked if he was nervous after last year's unfortunate result, he said, "I was a little, but I have a lot of experience now, and confidence running. I don't let little hits and stuff mess with my head, I just power through it."

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Smith-Cotton senior Derek Grubb wins his Class 5 preliminary heat in the 110-meter hurdles Friday afternoon, setting a PR in the process. Grubb is ensured a medal in both the 110 and 300-meter finals, set for Saturday.

PHOTO BY BRYAN EVERSON | DEMOCRAT

Ganassi vs. McLaren headlines Indianapolis 500 title fight

By Jenna Fryer
AP Auto Racing Writer

INDIANAPOLIS — Four custom McLaren GTs lined the curb in front of St. Elmo's Steak House, the see-and-be-seen spot in downtown Indianapolis, in a massive flex by the race team trying to win the Indianapolis 500.

The rebuilt, rebranded and rebounded Arrow McLaren organization has turned the buildup to the Indianapolis 500 into a battle with Chip Ganassi Racing, the reigning winning team, which, like McLaren, has four strong chances to win on Sunday in front of some 300,000 spectators.

It has become the best rivalry in IndyCar, the one between Ganassi himself and Zak Brown, the head of McLaren Racing. Their long-running feud is just



Pato O'Ward, of Mexico, leads a pack as they head into the first turn during the final practice for the Indianapolis 500 auto race at Indianapolis Motor Speedway in Indianapolis, Friday, May 26, 2023.

PHOTO BY MICHAEL CONROY | AP PHOTO

one of many highlights from an emotional week ahead of the 107th running of "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing":

— The cars of 1986 winner Bobby Rahal have been slow and his son, Graham,

failed to make the race. But Graham Rahal received a reprieve when Katherine Legge, the only woman in the race and his teammate, ran into Stefan Wilson during practice, knocking him out of the race with a

fractured back. Dreyer & Reinbold needed a replacement for Wilson and a deal was struck to get Graham Rahal into the Chevrolet-powered car despite his long association with Honda.

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Heat still lead East finals, but Celtics roaring back with eye on history



Boston Celtics guard Marcus Smart (36) celebrates along with fans after scoring against Miami Heat head coach Erik Spoelstra, third from left, watches during the second half in Game 5 of the NBA basketball Eastern Conference finals Thursday, May 25, 2023, in Boston.

PHOTO BY MICHAEL DWYER | AP PHOTO

By Tim Reynolds
AP Basketball Writer

MIAMI — Maybe Kevin Garnett was right. Maybe, as he screamed in celebration of Boston's 2008 NBA championship, anything truly is possible.

Even the impossible. The Celtics are halfway to history, and that alone has gotten them entry into a very small club. Of the first 150 teams that trailed a best-of-seven series 3-0 in NBA history, just 14 — 9.3% — found a way to extend the matchup to Game 6. None of them have won the series, and most are usually eliminated by now.

Not the Celtics. They have

cut the deficit in the Eastern Conference finals against the Miami Heat to 3-2, simultaneously trailing the series yet seeming to have all the momentum going into Game 6 in Miami on Saturday night.

"Obviously, we didn't imagine being in this position, being down 3-0, but when adversity hits, you get to see like what a team is really made of," Celtics forward Jaylen Brown said. "I mean, it couldn't get no worse than being down 3-0, but we didn't look around, we didn't go in separate directions. We stayed together. We doubled down on what we're good at on defense, and now I think it's a series."

Only three teams have

gone from down 3-0 to tied 3-3; the Celtics could be the fourth with a win on Saturday. No NBA team has ever fully escaped the 3-0 hole, but a win on Saturday would give Boston a chance to change that in Game 7 — which would be Monday on its home floor.

"One of our assistants put it in great perspective: The seasons are like nine months long, and we just had a bad week," Celtics coach Joe Mazzulla said. "Sometimes you have a bad week at work. We obviously didn't pick the best time to have a bad week, but we did, and we're sticking together and fighting like hell to keep it alive."

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HOROSCOPES

By Georgia Nicols

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

Happy Birthday for Saturday, May 27, 2023:

You are perceptive and creative, and you like to share your ideas. The strength of your personality can lift any situation that you find yourself in. (You're that powerful.) This is a wonderful year to socialize and enjoy life! Your creativity, zest and desire for good times are sparked!

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)

★★★ Today is a productive and financially favorable day. Nevertheless, you might find yourself at odds with someone older or someone in authority. Cope as best you can. This can be a playful weekend for you, especially with sports and fun activities with kids. Enjoy! Tonight: You're productive.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Children might be an increased responsibility today. Nevertheless, you're in such a positive frame of mind, you'll enjoy talking to others. You will also appreciate the beauty of your daily surroundings. Challenges on the homefront continue, but you can handle this. Tonight: Creative ideas and sports.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Respect family members today, especially authority figures, because they might have advice for you. (If their dictates restrict you, you can't ignore this.) Meanwhile, enjoy the quiet of your home today, or instead choose to entertain. It's your call. Tonight: Family discussions.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ This is a good day to shop for wardrobe items for yourself. Hopefully, you will score a bargain, which is something that you appreciate! (You invented the garage sale.) Steer clear of controversial subjects, because someone older or more experienced might be difficult. Tonight: Learn something.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Don't be discouraged by critics who throw cold water on your financial ideas. You are successful right now, and you look favorable in the eyes of others, which means you can pull off deals that others might doubt. Trust in yourself. You've got this. Tonight: Money plans.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You are favored today because the Moon is in your sign, and the Sun at the top of your chart is thrusting you in a favorable spotlight. Therefore, ask for what you want! Demand the advantage; you might get it. Meanwhile, relations with friends and groups are warm and mutually supportive. Tonight: Travel ideas?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Although your urge to travel and explore is strong now, today you're happy to be low-key and take it easy. Relations with parents and authority figures continue to be excellent. In fact, they are so cozy that some of you might strike up a romantic relationship with a boss. Someone will ask you how to make something look better. Tonight: Research.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ This is an excellent day to socialize! You will enjoy interacting with groups and organizations. It's also a good day to share your ideas for future goals. Someone's feedback could be helpful. Children might be an increased responsibility today. Tonight: Schmoose.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ People admire you today. Quite likely, someone is saying good things about you. (Might as well milk this for all it's worth.) This is a good day to negotiate with others. You'll end up getting your fair share. Keep your pockets open, because gifts, goodies and favors will come your way. Tonight: Opportunities.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Today you have a strong urge to shake things up a little. You want a change of pace. You want adventure. You want to meet new people and see new things. Therefore, do something to satisfy this desire to explore more of your world! Go someplace you've never been before. Tonight: Others will listen.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Your playful nature is still energized, which means social occasions, sports events, fun activities with kids, the theater, the arts and romance are all excellent choices. Nevertheless, you might have to devote some time today to red-tape details about shared property and inheritances. Tonight: Explore!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Be cooperative with others. You might have to be giving and accommodating to make things work today. This is because today, the Moon is opposite your sign, which occurs for two and a half days every month. It is what it is. Tonight: Check your finances.

BORN TODAY

Celebrity chef Jamie Oliver (1975), actor Ben Feldman (1980), actor Louis Gossett Jr. (1936)



NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell addresses the media at the NFL Owners Meetings at the Omni Hotel, Tuesday, May 23, 2023 in Eagan, Minn. Two lawmakers have asked the Wisconsin Legislature's budget-writing committee to give tourism officials \$2 million to help stage the 2025 NFL draft in Green Bay. The league announced Monday, May 22, 2023, that the draft will take place in and around Lambeau Field, home to the Green Bay Packers.

FILE PHOTO BY ANDY CLAYTON-KING | AP PHOTO

Analysis: NFL can't shake perception it doesn't care what players and coaches think

By Rob Maaddi

AP Pro Football Writer

Even when the NFL institutes a rule designed to reduce concussions, it can't shake the perception that it doesn't care what players and coaches think.

The league took a step toward eliminating kickoffs this week by enhancing the touchback rule for a one-year trial with a priority on player safety. The receiving team will now get the ball at its own 25 with a fair catch of a kickoff anywhere behind that yard line.

Some of the league's most prominent coaches criticized the decision.

"My thing is, where does it stop? I mean, you start taking pieces and you know, we'll see how this goes but you don't want to take too many pieces away or you're going to be playing flag football," Kansas City Chiefs coach Andy Reid said.

Reid, a two-time Super Bowl champion, isn't known for stirring the pot. He's shied away from sharing controversial opinions throughout his career as he enters his 25th season as a head coach.

Clearly, he hates this rule change. He's not alone.

"We had a chance to weigh in on that with all the special teams coaches," Baltimore Ravens coach John Harbaugh

said. "We had a long talk and discussion about that. We weren't for it. We voted against it. We think it's going to create more high-speed head trauma than not having it in there. That's our position on it. But we'll see. They want to give it a shot and take a look at it. We'll give it a shot and take a look at it. So it's in and because it's in, we support it but we thought there were better ideas."

Detroit Lions coach Dan Campbell didn't hold back.

"I'm highly frustrated. It's very frustrating, but look, I don't make the rules," Campbell said. "That's the new rule and then we'll live by the new rule. We'll find a way to adjust, adapt, and still get what we want. That's what you've got to do. But I hate that we continue to take away from the game. That's what really worries me, that we just, we continue to bleed this League (dry). If we're not careful, it's not going to replenish at one point. But listen, it's the rules and we'll make do, and we'll adjust."

Chiefs All-Pro tight end Travis Kelce called it "absolutely stupid."

"I don't think this is making the game safer. I think it's making it more boring and taking a lot of excitement out of the game's opening play. This

is whack," Travis Kelce said on his Podcast with older brother, Jason.

Jason Kelce, an All-Pro center for the Philadelphia Eagles, wondered what's next.

"We're just getting closer and closer to getting rid of special teams," Jason Kelce said. "I mean, it's like the only thing left now is punt. When is somebody not gonna fair catch it and take the ball to 25? Unless it's just a really bad kick, right? I don't know."

NFL data says concussions on kickoffs occur more than twice as often as on plays from scrimmage, and that rate has risen significantly over the last two years. The league predicts the return rate for kickoffs in 2023 will drop from 38% to 31%, and the rate of concussions on the sport's most dangerous play will be reduced by 15%.

"I'm for whatever makes the game safer so if that's a play where more injuries are occurring, more head injuries are occurring, more head impact is occurring, I have no right to stand up here and say, 'we need to be doing more of it,' if that's what we're trying to avoid, because obviously player safety and health comes first," Las Vegas Raiders coach Josh McDaniels said.

Harbaugh indicated it'll lead to more head injuries,

though there's no data yet to prove it. Teams may attempt more squib kicks, which could potentially create more collisions. Only one of the 19 concussions that occurred on kickoffs last year happened to the returner.

One day before owners passed the new kickoff rule, they voted to allow flexible scheduling for Thursday night game on Amazon Prime Video, for Weeks 13-17 only and with at least 28 days' notice given to the affected teams. The motive is to try to ensure viewers will see a more interesting game.

Players and coaches have long argued against playing on short rest but Thursday night games won't go away because they're too profitable. The league has a \$113 billion deal with Amazon.

NFL data says fewer injuries occur during Thursday games than Sunday games. Still, players argue that playing on three days' rest takes a physical toll that may not be reflected in injury stats.

"To flex a game back to Thursday night, to me, is just abusive, and I am adamantly opposed to it," New York Giants co-owner John Mara said before 24 owners voted in the new rule.

Player safety matters when it doesn't impact the bottom line.

Yankees' Boone suspended 1 game for conduct toward umpires

By Ronald Blum

AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK — Yankees manager Aaron Boone was handed a one-game suspension following his latest ejection and admitted his arguments may have created an image in the minds of umpires.

"Well, I think I've earned that reputation," he said Friday before Major League Baseball suspended him for one game and fined him.

Michael Hill, MLB's senior vice president for on-field operations, made the announcement. MLB said the discipline was "for his recent conduct toward major league umpires, including the actions following his ejection from Thursday night's game against the Baltimore Orioles."

Boone sat out Friday night's series opener against San Diego, when

bench coach Carlos Mendoza took over as manager,

Boone was ejected for the major league-high fourth time this season, the most among big league managers, when he became angry with Edwin Moscoso's strike zone during a 3-1 loss. Boone held up four fingers while arguing in the middle of the third inning, signaling Boone thought the plate umpire missed four pitches.

Boone also was angry Moscoso walked away during the argument and first base umpire Chris Guccione, the crew chief, stood between the two when Boone tried to re-engage Moscoso. Boone may have gotten spit on an umpire while arguing.

"Do I think it's leading to a quick hook? Not necessarily," Boone said. "Maybe I'm delusional

and that I did more than I think. I don't think that's the case. But, no, I don't think I'm being targeted by umpires going in, like they're not going to tolerate certain things. I think I'm treated fairly."

Boone's four ejections this year are one more than David Bell of Cincinnati and Oliver Marmol of St. Louis. Boone led the majors with nine last season, when no other manager had more than five.

"I do think there is probably the occasional bias that exists," Boone said. "We're human beings. I'm sure certain people don't like hearing from me."

Boone was ejected against Cleveland on April 12, against Toronto on May 15 and against Cincinnati on Sunday

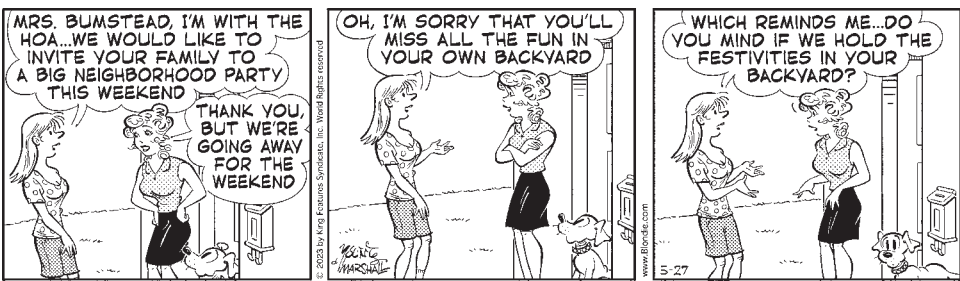
His 30 ejections are sixth among current

managers, even though his 720 games entering Friday were far fewer than those who have more ejections: Bruce Bochy (78 in 4,081 games), Bob Melvin (55 in 2,830), Terry Francona (47 in 3,509), Bud Black (35 in 2,283) and Buck Showalter (34 in 3,282).

Boone is averaging an ejection every 25 games, a far faster pace than Bochy and Melvin (52), Black (65), Francona (75) and Showalter (97).

Bell had 23 ejections in 596 games, an average of one per 26 games.

"I don't like that it's happened a few times this week, and I'd like to not get ejected and hopefully I can start a long streak of not getting ejected," Boone said. "I'm not necessarily afraid to, but no, it's not my intent to get ejected and I don't want to. And hopefully I won't for a while."



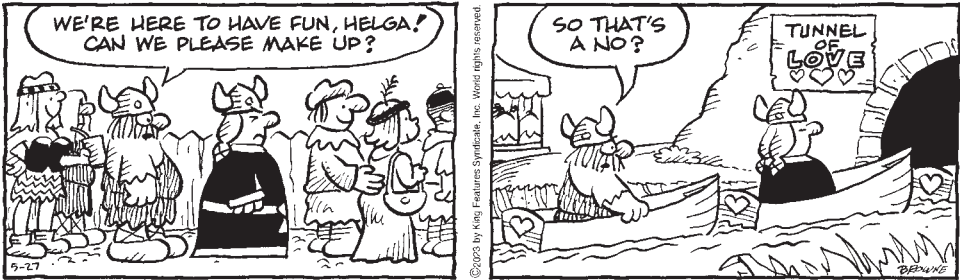
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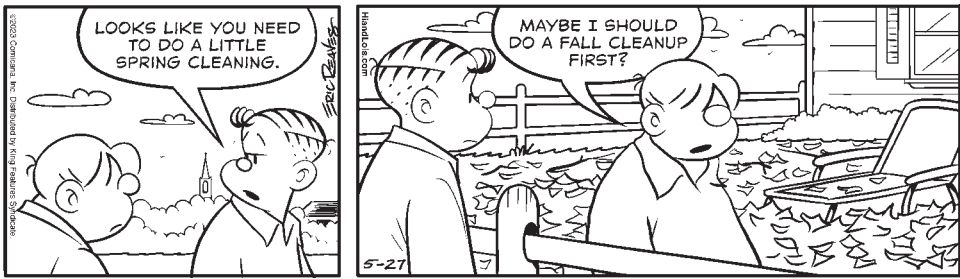
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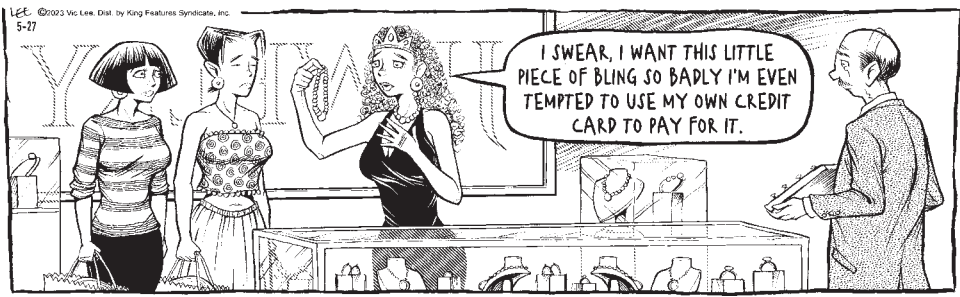
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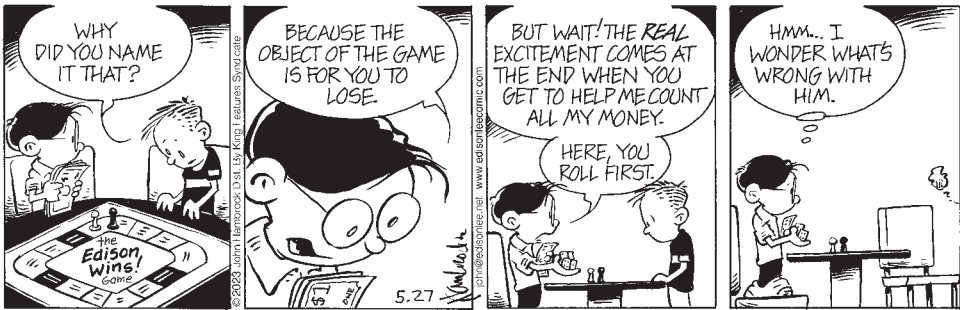
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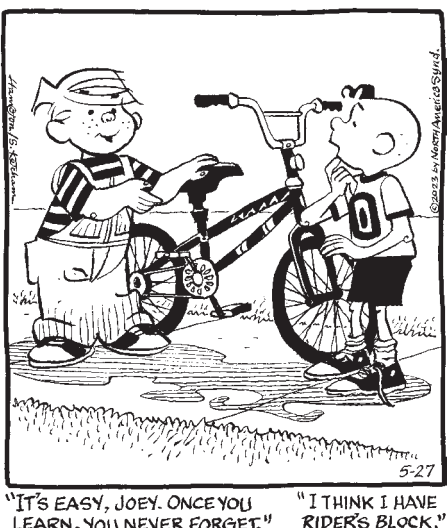
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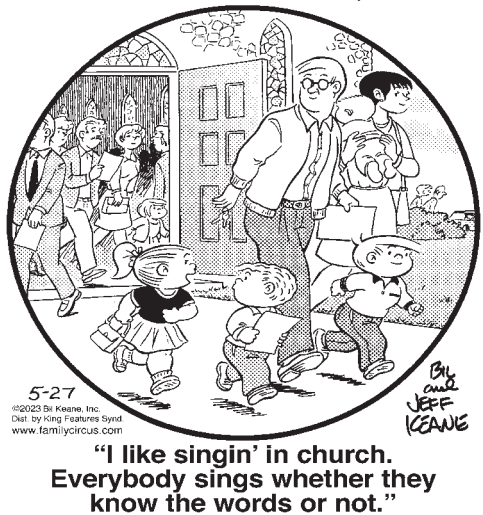
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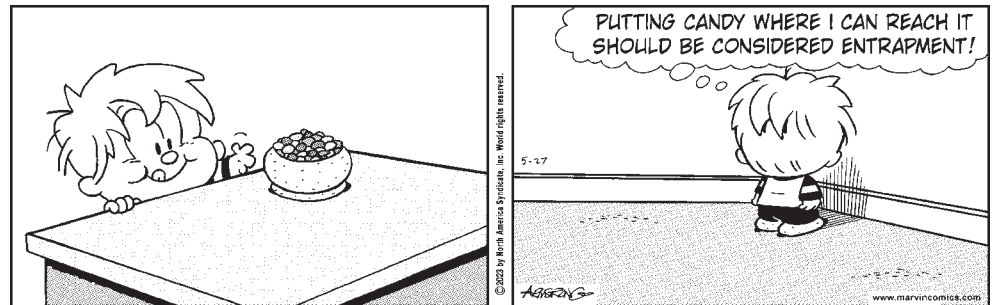
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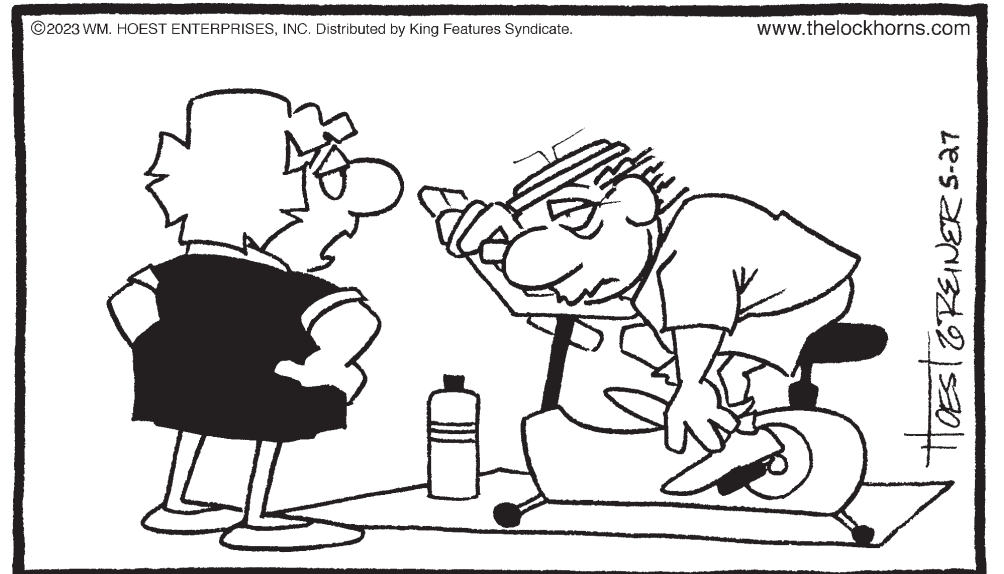
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Answer to previous puzzle

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Lead

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Meanwhile, the Denver Nuggets are waiting for an opponent. If Boston wins the series, the Nuggets will visit the Celtics for Game 1 of the NBA Finals. If Miami wins the East, the Heat are headed to Denver for Game 1. Either way, the title series starts June 1, somewhere.

“We have to shore up who we are and address the areas that we have not been maybe good enough or areas that we can clean up,” Nuggets coach Michael Malone said Friday, after the team’s first real practice since sweeping the Los Angeles Lakers for the Western Conference title. “But it’s really hard to keep your rhythm when you’re not playing NBA games.”

The Heat had a nine-point lead in the third quarter of Game 4, in position to perhaps win in a sweep. The lead was gone 2-1/2 minutes later and the Celtics haven’t trailed since. An 18-0 run in Game 4 put Boston on top of that game for good, a 12-0 run by the Celtics later in that game ended all doubt, and then they started Game 5 with a 20-5 burst.

Add that all up, and from the start of the third-quarter run in Game 4 to the end of the start-of-game spurt in Game 5, the Celtics outscored the Heat 84-43 in a span of 27 minutes.

“The last two games are not who we are. It just happened to be that way,” Heat forward Jimmy Butler said. “We stopped playing defense halfway because we didn’t make shots that we want to make. But that’s easily correctable. You just have to come out and play harder from the jump. Like I always say, it’s going to be all smiles

and we are going to keep it very, very, very consistent, knowing that we are going to win next game.”

At least the confidence isn’t ailing. Everything else is.

Heat coach Erik Spoelstra flatly shot down the notion that Miami has an excuse for the way it played in Game 5 — “there’s no excuses. Not at all,” he insisted — even though the training room is as crowded as a scrum for a loose ball under a basket right now. The Heat have been shorthanded in the backcourt for the entirety of the playoffs after injuries to shooting guards Tyler Herro and Victor Oladipo, plus they didn’t have starting guard Gabe Vincent for Game 5 and watched Kyle Lowry play through some sort of hand issue.

Miami’s starters were outscored 95-44 in Game 5, and since the start of Boston’s comeback-sparking burst in Game 4 the Heat have been outscored 75-33 from 3-point range, allowed the Celtics to shoot 54% from the field, 44% from 3-point range while committing 26 turnovers to Boston’s 12.

Pick a number. They’re all bad for the Heat, except the one that matters most — 3-2, the series score that means Miami is still only one win from capping its own improbable run of being a No. 8 seed that found its way into the NBA Finals.

“It’s a competitive series,” Spoelstra said. “You always expect things to be challenging in the conference finals. One game doesn’t lead to the next game. ... We beat them by whatever in Game 3. It just doesn’t matter. It’s about collectively preparing and putting together a great game. We’ll play much better on Saturday. That’s all we just have to focus on right now.”

Area

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In 2022, Grubb won both districts and sectionals in the 300-meter hurdles, but came just outside reaching the finals, finishing ninth after running a 40.48 in prelims. On Friday, he took first in qualifying by finishing in 38 seconds flat, roughly seven-tenths of a second better than the second-best time.

Grubb will run the 110m final Saturday at 11:20 a.m. He’ll have his chance to finish high atop the podium again in the 300m final later in the day at 2:25 p.m.

MINK League reveals 2023 slate

The Sedalia Bombers, 2022 MINK League

South Division Champion, will begin their march to repeat on Tuesday at 4 p.m. with a home opening day doubleheader with the Des Moines Peak Prospects.

Des Moines, now in its fourth year, kicks off league-wide play the day prior when it travels to Iowa to face the Carroll Merchants.

The Bombers will have a chance to enact revenge on the Renegades, who knocked them out of the playoffs last year in the opening round, when they travel to Jeff City on May 31.

This year’s MINK League All-Star game, which includes the Home Run Derby, will be held Sunday, July 9 in Chillicothe. Wild Card games are scheduled for July 24 and 25, with the MINK League Champi-

onship slated for July 27, 28, and 29, if the series necessitates a third game.

Summer baseball opens with Junior Legion tourney

As high school baseball wraps, the summer legion season bats will crack immediately, beginning in Sedalia with the Junior Legion team hosting a Memorial Day Tournament at Liberty Park Stadium.

Post 642 AUX kicks off its season and the tournament Saturday in a game against the newly formed Warrensburg Mules at 9 a.m. Those two teams are in Pool A, along with 643KC Blue, while Pool B is comprised of Oak Grove, 643 KC Gray, 643 KC White, and Jeff City AUX.

Sedalia also plays at 9 a.m. on Sunday when

it takes on 643 KC Blue, and again at the same time on Monday against a Pool B Consolation team.

The title game will be held following the aforementioned Monday game at 11 a.m., and two more consolation games will wrap up action afterward.

In Senior Legion action, the Sedalia Travelers will also begin the summer at home. They’ll kick it off May 31 with a doubleheader against St. Joseph, then will host Lee’s Summit in an afternoon double-billing on June 3. The six-game homestand continues the following day with another matinee doubleheader with Oak Grove.

Zone Tournaments this season will be held in Sedalia, including all games for Junior Legion.

SEC

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ESPN could conceivably help make up for that. The SEC’s latest media rights deal with ESPN/ABC starts in 2024 and makes the network the exclusive home of the conference. Replacing nonconference games with SEC vs. SEC games should provide the network more value.

Sankey said the decision doesn’t come down to how much the network might spend to make it worthwhile for SEC schools to play more game against one another: “That’s way, way oversimplifying the matter.”

One of Sankey’s bosses had a little different message this week.

“I may be saying more than Commissioner Sankey would want me to say, but obviously if you go to a nine-game schedule, you have to be compensated for going to a nine-game schedule,” Georgia President Jere Morehead told The Athletic this week. “There’s still some dynamics that have to play out with our media partners.”

The SEC does have more clarity on the schedule than it did a year ago, when it was operating under the assumption Texas and Oklahoma would be joining in 2025. Texas and Oklahoma officials will attend next week’s

meetings, but they do not yet have voting privileges.

College Football Playoff expansion was also up in the air a year ago. That’s now settled: The CFP will expand from four to 12 teams in 2024.

How to choose annual rivals won’t be an easy discussion with a nine-team format, either.

“I’ve always been an advocate for playing more (conference) games,” Alabama coach Nick Saban told Sports Illustrated earlier this year. “But if you play more games, I think you have to get the three fixed (opponents), right? They’re giving us Tennessee, Auburn and LSU. I don’t know how they come to that?”

There is no guarantee

a vote on a new schedule model will be taken in Destin, Sankey said. A majority vote is all that is needed to decide on a model, but, ideally, the SEC would like to have everybody on board with the final decision.

Sankey recalled former Tennessee AD Doug Dickey once telling Sankey’s predecessor, the late Mike Slive, that in the SEC even close votes needed to be unanimous after they left the room.

“People are going to air their perspective, share their points of difference and then we’re going to take a vote and life’s going to move on and we’re going to schedule football games and play them,” Sankey said.

Race

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— A.J. Foyt came to Indianapolis Motor Speedway as he grieves the April death of his wife of 68 years, Lucy. The four-time winner of the race was rewarded with two fast cars and Santino Ferrucci starting fourth on Sunday.

— Callum Iloft was near panic ahead of qualifying when he felt his car was too dangerous to drive. Juncos Hollinger Racing made an emergency change to a different car and the British driver made the field. Agustin Canapino, his rookie teammate from Argentina, has been shockingly fast.

Then there’s the lingering contract situation between reigning Indy 500 winner Marcus Ericsson and Ganassi. Ericsson wants to stay with the team and the Swede is not happy he hasn’t been re-signed yet.

That is where it gets good between Ganassi and Brown, who scheduled his Friday news conference to begin 15 minutes before Ganassi’s traditional availability on the Yard of Bricks. Brown, who poached 2013 Indy 500 winner Tony

Kanaan and a sponsor from Ganassi to run a fourth McLaren for him this Sunday, said his team has responded so well to four cars at Indianapolis that he’d consider running four full-time entries next year.

Who would he put in that fourth car? In Brown’s opinion, Ericsson is the top free agent on the market and is shocked he might be available. Brown, who only expanded McLaren to three cars this year, said he will decide by July if McLaren will run four cars next year; Ganassi holds the exclusive negotiating rights with Ericsson until August.

McLaren already is getting Alex Palou, who won the 2021 series title for Ganassi and starts on the pole Sunday, for next season. Brown also has signed NASCAR star Kyle Larson to race the 500 for him next year, and it was Ganassi who developed Larson in stock cars but had to fire him in 2020 when he was caught using the N-word in an online racing game.

Brown has now made it clear he’d like a shot at landing Ericsson, too. Ericsson actually entered IndyCar with the team that is now Arrow McLaren, but signed with Ganassi before Brown

took over.

“Personally, I don’t think people steal things. I think people lose things. And yes, Marcus has done an outstanding job,” Brown said. “I’m a little surprised, given how strong things are commercially, that his current team doesn’t have the commercial confidence that they can sell the Indy 500 championship contender and sign him up.”

“I understand they probably have a little bit of time, so I’m sure they’re working at it,” he said. “But I wouldn’t let him go if he was driving for me, and I would have the commercial confidence that I could get the sponsorship.”

Ganassi, who was clearly agitated last week by questions about Ericsson’s contract, wasn’t any more forthcoming following Brown’s remarks.

“I focus on results around here. I focus on our team. Contracts will take care of themselves. It’s not on my radar screen,” he said. “I want to focus on winning the race right now. Like, I can’t get that across to you guys. I don’t get the things you guys want to talk about, you know, whether gossip or contractually. It’s just not on my screen all the time.”

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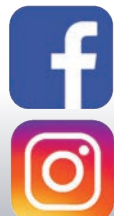
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Jasmine Cho works on a cookie portrait of Filipina mambabatok tattoo artist Apo Whang-Od in Pittsburgh, Pa., Wednesday, May 3, 2023. Cho, a Korean American self-described “cookie activist,” has gained fans over the last several years for her finely detailed cookie mugs of famous and forgotten figures. PHOTO BY MATT FREED | AP PHOTO

Artist uses cookies as her canvas

By Terry Tang
Associated Press

Artist Jasmine Cho makes exquisite portraits that champion famous and forgotten Asian Americans. Her canvases?

“Cookies, I’ve always said, are the perfect platform for education, activism and healing because they are one of the most disarming, inviting and surprising mediums,” said Cho, who is also a baker.

She believes her art comes in part from a sense of not belonging that she felt growing up. May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, but Cho’s cookies bring attention to AAPIs every month.

The Korean American self-described “cookie activist” has gained fans over the last several years for her finely detailed cookie faces. Actors Awkwafina, Daniel Dae Kim and Tamlyn Tomita are among those who’ve gushed about receiving the cookie treatment.

The city of Pittsburgh, where she has lived since 2009, even issued a “Jasmine Cho Day” proclamation in 2020.

In 2016, Cho was contentedly making cute character cookies for her online bakery, Yummyholic, when she turned flour, sugar, butter and other ingredients into cookie likenesses of a friend for a birthday party. The cookies quickly grabbed social media attention. Others wanted them done too.

“I suddenly have this platform or this medium that everyone is paying attention to,” Cho said. “It felt like a sort of superpower.”

She had an “aha moment” of how to use her great power with greater responsibility.

The 39-year-old, who grew up in Southern California and New Mexico, always took notice when Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders weren’t present in a movie, TV show or history book. It contributed to her questioning her own sense of belonging in America.

“That was always a pain point for me growing up,” said Cho, who recently completed a master’s degree in art therapy. “So, I kind of always had this question: ‘I wonder if I could use this point of joy for me to address this pain point?’ And cookies was the answer.”

A few months after making those first cookie

faces, Cho held her first portrait gallery show. She made cookies of Asian American Pittsburgh natives like actor Ming-Na Wen and Leah Lizarondo, the founder of 412 Food Rescue, which distributes unsold fresh food to people in need in the Pittsburgh area. Lizarondo also founded an app, Food Rescue Hero, that is active in over 25 cities in the U.S. and Canada.

Lizarondo remembers how surprised she was to find Cho had cookie-fied her. For the Filipino American, the tribute was definitely not a waste of food.

“I shared it as widely as I could as I was so proud to be among the people she did cookie portraits of,” Lizarondo said by email.

While cookies and cake tributes might come off as silly, Lizarondo saw something different in Cho’s art.

“It is such an accessible way to catalyze conversation,” said Lizarondo.

A one-woman crew, Cho needs between four and six hours for one portrait. She draws the cookie face by hand, fills it in with icing and then lets it dry.

Her “art-ivism” has taken her interesting places. In 2019, she wrote and illustrated a children’s book, “Role Models Who Look Like Me.” In the last few years, she has made over 20 virtual and in-person appearances at universities, elementary schools and conferences. If she isn’t giving a speech, she’s leading a cookie-decorating workshop.

The biggest thrill is when young Asian Americans, particularly females, feel inspired.

“They tell me things like, ‘I learned more in your 15-minute talk than I have in my whole class that’s about Asian American history,’ or something like that,” Cho said.

At a time when demanding to see Asian American history included in school curricula can get you branded as “woke,” even Cho’s seemingly innocuous cookies can be a target. Ahead of a university visit last February, someone Cho thought was a student journalist asked to talk to her. Cho later learned that person wasn’t a student but part of a far-right group. The school decided to increase security for the event — something that stunned her.

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Cos4Hope co-founder April Roller-Morris, left, poses with a Wolverine cosplayer at the nonprofit’s booth.

PHOTO COURTESY OF APRIL ROLLER-MORRIS

Cos4Hope: A new take on mental wellness and suicide prevention

By Meliyah Venerable

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WARRENSBURG — While working to break the stigma of suicide, April Roller-Morris and her friend Erica Williams found a unique way to become a local pillar in mental wellness as well as suicide prevention and advocacy.

Roller-Morris, of Warrensburg, and Williams are co-founders of Cos4Hope, a newly federally recognized tax-exempt nonprofit under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Cos4Hope is a nonprofit that offers “Hope for mental wellness and suicide prevention through support, education, research, and resource facilitation for geeks by geeks.”

After losing her husband to suicide, Roller-Morris began exploring suicide prevention and mental wellness to help those struggling with loss or personally struggling.

“We started that fairly early on in our loss,” Roller-Morris said. “We started with community walks to help people understand mental wellness and hopefully, you know, help shed a light on suicide prevention. We were able to raise a lot of funds. We had yearly community walks that were in the fall and then we expanded to campus walks.”

Roller-Morris noticed two cosplayers attended during a campus walk she hosted in Spring 2016 at the University of Central Missouri. After seeing these people’s positive impact on participants, she reached



April Roller-Morris, right, poses with participants at a cosplay event.

PHOTO COURTESY OF APRIL ROLLER-MORRIS

out to other cosplayers and invited them to upcoming events.

Cosplay describes dressing up as a character from a work of fiction, such as a comic book, video game, or television show.

“When the cosplayers showed up, the atmosphere started to change and it was a very positive response...” she recalled. “We decided to send a call out to cosplayers with #cosplayforacause and we had about 12 to 15 cosplayers respond, which shocked us both. We were just like, ‘Oh my goodness.’ We didn’t expect that type of response at all.

We were kind of blown away.”

Roller-Morris said “positivity was just radiating off of everyone,” compared to prior walks that had been more somber events. Instead of an event for remembrance, the events with cosplayers became a source of joy.

Roller-Morris and Williams also noticed the cosplayers chose beads to wear from the honor bead table at the event. The table had beads of different colors representing each personal experience or struggle.

This interaction stuck with Roller-Morris and Williams, and that is when they knew cosplay could play a big part in their mission.

“We’ve got increased morale, increased positivity from not just the cosplayers, but the participants,” Roller-Morris said. “And on top of that, we’ve got the cosplayers going over and picking up honor beads for themselves. We were like, ‘Oh wow, there’s something to this.’”

After researching and using personal experience, Roller-Morris and Williams found cosplay can positively affect mental health in various ways. So they combined their passion and hobby, which began Cos4Hope.

“When a person is part of a fandom, they’re part of something,” Roller-Morris said. “So being part of a fandom or a fandom family

decreases that social isolation. It decreases that suicidal ideation. And it helps a person feel that they’re not alone... But when they would go to a comic convention like a Comic Con and stuff like that, they would get a lot of positive reinforcement and all of these wonderful, amazing, positive affirmations. ... And it’s wonderful when you see it with the children as well, especially with the adult con-goers when it comes to the kids because it’s that ‘wow, you’re so cool’ type of reaction.”

Roller-Morris said those positive affirmations help build self-esteem and can offer a tool for people to utilize in challenging situations.

“These cosplayers are taking these wonderful, amazing, positive affirmations throughout this short chunk of time,” she explained. “And they’re going throughout their day, as you know, Jane Doe. And, you know, just functioning as normal. And then, bam, they come across the situation or an obstacle that they’re just like, ‘Oh crap, I don’t know what to do.’ And they don’t know how to respond. Well, what we found was that people are able to kind of relive or recall what they experienced when they were cosplaying as their favorite character and kind of bring that inner strength out and work on overcoming that obstacle.

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Participants cosplaying as Star Wars characters hold a Cos4Hope sign at a convention.

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GONZALES-STROUSE ENGAGEMENT

Col. Jose and Elina Gonzales announce the engagement of their daughter, Joseline Gonzales, of Columbia, to Matthew Strouse, also of Columbia. He is the son of Dr. Thomas and Kay Strouse, of Sedalia.

The future bride graduated in 2015 from LaCeiba Bilingual School in LaCeiba, Honduras. She received an Associate's degree in Nursing in 2019 from State Fair Community College. She works as a circulator nurse for Missouri Orthopaedic Institute in Columbia.

The future groom graduated in 2014 from Smith-Cotton High School in Sedalia. He attended State Fair Community College and received a Bachelor's degree in Biology in 2018 from the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg. He works as a plumbing technician for Mast Tech Plumbing, Heating & Cooling, in Columbia.

A June 24 wedding is planned at St. Vincent de Paul, Sacred Heart Church and Foundry 324 in Sedalia.



DEHAVEN ANNIVERSARY

Honce and Betty (Trout) DeHaven, of Smithton, celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on Sunday, May 21 at Flat Creek Baptist Church.

The couple were married on May 23, 1953.

They have three children, Mary DeHaven and Russell DeHaven Sr., both of Smithton, and Bob (Angela) DeHaven, of Sedalia; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Pettis County Recorder of Deeds Barbara Clevenger recently issued marriage licenses to:

- Alexy Leonidovich Bezinskiy and Darya Elizabeth Malikov;
- Isidoro Gutierrez Trevino and Rosalinda Gramajo Blandon;
- Dontale Antuan White and Christina Rena Powers;
- Edward Aloysius Thomas Winter Jr. and

- Brittany Michelle Keele; Katie Voilet Croswhite and Shane Joe Roberts;
- Jeffrey Goerge Mizanskey and Janet Leigh Uplinger;
- Russell Leon Tyler and Tia Kay Draeger;
- Bryce Taylor Wilson and Jessica Lee Smith;
- Matthew David Cook and Carrie Ann Painter;
- Tristen Matthew Ureese Smith and Skylar Dawn Blagden.

STROUSE-PRICE WEDDING

Erin Kay Strouse, of Sedalia, and Caleb Paul Price, of Independence, were married on Saturday, April 29 at Bethany Baptist Church in Sedalia. The bride is the daughter of Dr. Thomas and Kay Strouse, of Sedalia, and the groom is the son of Gilbert and Amy Price, of Aurora.

The Rev. Zach Ballah conducted the ceremony. The bride was given in marriage by her father. The musicians were Brett Strouse on piano and David DeMasters on guitar.

Kelly DeMasters, sister of the bride, was the Matron of Honor. Bridesmaids were Alexis Baker, cousin of the bride, Joseline Gonzales, future sister-in-law of the bride, Mercy Houch, and Kim Oesterle. The flower girl

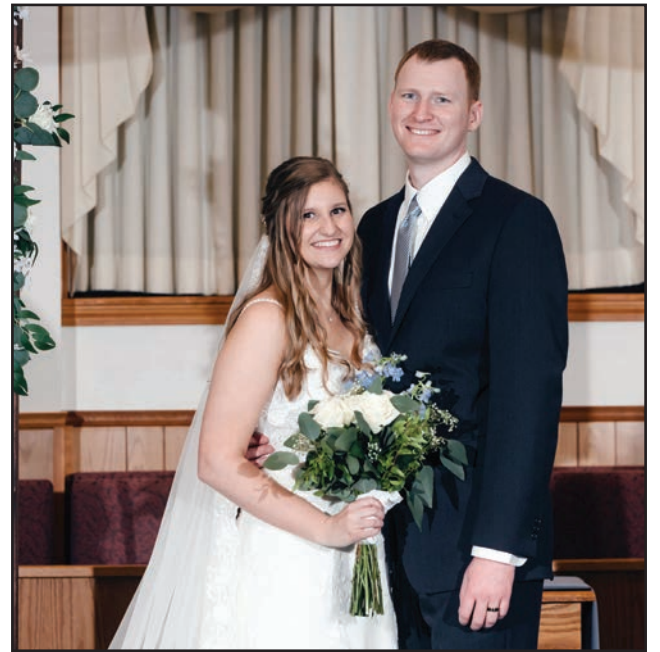
was Lillian Pritchard, niece of the groom.

The Best Man was Cory Halstead. Groomsman were Trystan Thompson, Jacob Hodge, Corey Morrison, and Jonathan Bellis. Ushers were Matt Strouse, brother of the bride, and Sean Stith, brother of the groom.

A rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents on April 28 at the Bethany Baptist Church fellowship hall.

A wedding reception was hosted at The Venue on April 29 in downtown Sedalia.

The bride graduated from Smith-Cotton High School in 2015, and from Missouri State University in Springfield in 2019 with a bachelor's degree in computer information systems. She is employed



as a technical solution analyst with Oracle Cerner in Kansas City.

The groom graduated from Aurora High School in 2013, and from Missouri State University. He served with the Army

National Guard for six years. He is employed as a mechanical engineer at Air Fixture in Kansas City.

The couple went on a Caribbean cruise for their honeymoon and will live in Independence.

BIRTHDAYS

Akers

Helen Akers will observe her 94th birthday on May 31.

She was born May 31, 1928, in Turney.

Before retiring, she was a teacher and her hobbies include playing cards and dominos, volunteering at the school cafeteria, cooking, word search books, sports (the Kansas City

Chiefs), and basketball.

Helen has two children, Debra Thomas, of Lee's Summit, and Randy Akers, of Sedalia.

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

Leonard

Joyce Leonard will observe her 75th birthday on

May 31.

She was born May 31, 1948, in Sedalia.

Joyce is married to Hans Leonard.

Before retiring, she worked at Inter-State Studio and Publishing and was also a homemaker. Her hobbies include crafting.

Joyce has eight children, Todd Leonard, of Knob

Noster, Ed Leonard and Jarrod Leonard, both of Green Ridge, Jason Leonard, of Greenwood, Nathan Leonard, of Holden, Jane Phillips and Rebecca Phillips, both of Texas, and Martin Leonard, of Knob Noster.

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

MEALS ON WHEELS

Meals on Wheels is a nonprofit organization that delivers meals to seniors, the homebound and handicapped citizens of Sedalia. The food is prepared by Superior Vendall and is delivered by volunteers.

Meals cost \$4. For more information on receiving meals or becoming a volunteer, call 660-826-5039.

Meals will be delivered by Christ and Trinity and Calvary Episcopal Churches.

Monday: Closed for Memorial Day.

Tuesday: Chili, pimento cheese sandwich, crackers, applesauce and milk.

Wednesday: Salisbury steak, potatoes and gravy,

broccoli, banana and milk.

Thursday: Chicken Alfredo, breadstick, corn, peaches and milk.

Friday: Pork chop, posh potatoes, green beans, cookie and milk.

POPULAR BOOKS

Boonslick Regional Library Fiction

- "Chain-Gang All Stars," by Nana Kwame Adjei-Brenyah.
- "The Poisoner's Ring," by Kelley Armstrong.
- "The Lie Maker," by Linwood Barclay.
- "No Two Persons," by Erica Bauermeister.

"Only the Dead," by Jack Carr.

"Central Park West," by James Comey.

"Meet Me at the Lake," by Carley Fortune.

"The Making of Another Major Motion Picture Masterpiece," by Tom Hanks.

"Quantum Solution," by Eric Lustbader.

"Goon Night, Irene," by Luis Alberto Urrea.

Nonfiction

"Fatherland: A Memoir of War, Conscience, and Family Secrets," by Burkhard Bilger.

"Banana Bell: The Unbelievably True Story of the Savannah Bananas," by Jesse Cole and Don Yaeger.

"Quantum Suprema-

cy: How the Quantum Computer Revolution Will Change Everything," by Micho Kaku.

"When the World Didn't End," by Guinevere Turner.

"The Summer of 1876: Outlaws, Lawmen, and Legends in the Season That Defined the American West," by Chris Wimmer.

DIVORCES

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

- Teodora E. Mendez and Alexander Mendez Lopez;
- Mikalía M. Matthews

- and Logan R. Matthews;
- Rachael L. Belzer and Aric S. Blezer;

- Stephanie Vansel and Michael Vansel;
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SUNDAY

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

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

Memorial Day Holiday

TUESDAY

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

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

8 a.m.: Courthouse Prayer Group meets on the lawn of the Pettis County Courthouse, Monday through Friday. During the winter months, the group meets at Panera.

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

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

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

6 p.m.: NarAnon meetings at LifePointe Church, 2921 W. Broad-

way Blvd.

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

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

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.

WEDNESDAY

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

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

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

Noon: Sedalia Lions

Club, Heckart Community Center, 1800 W. Third St.

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

THURSDAY

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

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

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

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

6 p.m.: Old Drum Open Mic at Java Junction, 112 N. Holden St., downtown Warrensburg.

6 p.m.: Sedalia Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group, First Christian Church Disciples of Christ, 200 S. Limit Ave. For more information, call 660-287-6930 or 660-851-0668.

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

6:30 p.m.: Sedalia Business Women, Sedalia Shrine Club, 1375 Elm Hills Blvd. For more information, visit www.sedaliabwm.org.

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

FRIDAY

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

11 a.m.: Stroke Survivors Support Group, Bothwell Education Center, 600 E. 14th St.

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

7 to 10 a.m.: Shrine Breakfast, Sedalia Shrine Club, 1615 Elm Hills Blvd. Cost is \$8.

8:30 a.m.: SPARK (Sedalia/Pettis Amateur Radio Club) Repeater Club at outside during warm weather or inside at EMA Building, 1511 N. Ohio Ave.

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.

5 to 8 p.m.: Family Night at the Cole Camp Library. Tabletop Gaming, VR games and experiences, family escape room games and full access to the library after hours. Light refreshments will be provided. Call 660-668-3887 for reservations.

CLUB NOTES

Martin Warren Chapter MOSSAR

At the May 20 meeting of the Martin Warren Chapter, Missouri Society, Sons of the American Revolution, the theme of the meeting was Armed Forces Day.

Guests of the Chapter included three members of the Smith-Cotton High School JROTC in Sedalia: Col. Joey Sullinger, the new JROTC Senior Instructor, 1st Sgt. Yale Barkefelt, and Cadet Lt. Col. Mia Estrada.

Estrada gave the program, which consisted of two parts. The first part was her award-winning essay regarding "Standards," and the second part was a description of the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corp unit at Smith-Cotton. Following her address, she was presented with the Outstanding Cadet Certificate and the lapel pin of crossed flags, the U.S. flag, and the SAR flag. Sullinger and Barkefelt were each given a certificate denoting their Outstanding Patriotism and the lapel pin of



Pictured are, from left, Missouri Society SAR Executive Vice President Gene Henry, Martin Warren Chapter Vice President Robert Wiley, Lt. Col. Mia Estrada, Col. Joey Sullinger, 1st Sgt. Yale Barkefelt, Martin Warren Chapter Honorary Officer Bruce McNeel, and Missouri Society Color Guard District Commander Mark E. Parks.

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crossed flags.

The Chapter also observed National Police Week with representation of law enforcement officers, including Martin Warren Chapter member Geoffrey Billings, a retired member of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. The meeting concluded with a traditional bell-tolling ceremony commemorating the five members of the Martin Warren Chapter who died in 2022. The deceased members included Ben Edmondson,

Homer Jarman, Ward Wollard, Jack Landers, and James Ellis.

The Martin Warren Chapter meets at 10:30 a.m. at the RISE Café in Warrensburg on the third Saturday of the month, except in December on the second Saturday. The Chapter does not meet in February, July, and August. Those interested in becoming a member of the NSSAR may contact the Chapter Genealogist at mark.e.parks@gmail.com.

ENTERTAINMENT BRIEF

Céline Dion cancels European concerts

Céline Dion has canceled all her scheduled tour dates through April 2024 as she continues treatment for a rare neurological disorder.

"I'm so sorry to disappoint all of you once again," the singer said in a statement on social media. "I'm working really hard to build back my strength, but touring can be very difficult even when you're 100%. It's not fair to you to keep postponing the shows, and even though it breaks my heart, it's best that we cancel everything now until I'm really ready to be back on

stage again.

A total of 42 European dates have been canceled, including stops in the Netherlands, France, Belgium, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Poland, Czech Republic, Switzerland, Croatia, Germany, Hungary, Austria, England, Scotland and Ireland.

Earlier this year, Dion said stiff person syndrome was causing spasms that affect her ability to walk and sing.

"Unfortunately, the spasms affect every aspect of my daily life, sometimes causing difficulties when I walk and not allowing me to use

my vocal cords to sing the way I'm used to," she said.

Stiff person syndrome causes rigid muscles and painful muscle spasms, which can be triggered by such things as loud noises or light touch. The cause isn't known, but it is thought to be an autoimmune disorder. Severe cases can cause difficulty walking and hunched posture.

Dion, who has five Grammy Awards and two Academy Awards, is the bestselling female artist of all time with hits like "I'm Alive" and "My Heart Will Go On."

NEW BOOKS

Sedalia Public Library Fiction

"The Golden Doves," by Martha Hall Kelly (historical fiction).

"All the Days of Summer," by Nancy Thayer (fiction).

"Fire with Fire," by Candice Fox (suspense).

"Fourth Wing," by Rebecca Yarros (science fiction).

"The Bird Hotel," by

Joyce Maynard (fiction)

"The Girl by the Bridge," by Arnaldur Indridason (mystery).

"The Ferryman," by Justin Cronin (suspense).

"Adelaide," by Genevieve Wheeler (romance).

Nonfiction

"Magnolia Table: A Collection of Recipes for

Gathering Volume 3," by Joanna Gaines.

"The Watchdog: How the Truman Committee Battled Corruption & Helped Win World War II," by Steve Drummond.

New Movies

"Ant-Man & the Wasp: Quantumania"

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Wellness

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“So, in essence, cosplay is becoming a coping mechanism for those people. And it’s absolutely wonderful and beautiful to see.”

Cos4Hope has continued to host events and provide advocacy for mental wellness and suicide prevention, with the addition of cosplay.

Roller-Morris said it’s “beautiful and wonderful” to see the growth of Cos4Hope, the increased mental wellness in the community, and the acceptance of being part of a fandom. She encourages anyone

to check in on their loved ones, especially if there are mental health concerns. Even giving someone just five minutes can make a difference, she added.

All that helps foster a sense of belonging and reminds people they’re not alone in the world.

“At the end of the day, that’s what matters. That’s the wonderful, beautiful privilege we have,” Roller-Morris said. “(Founding member) Megan (Deaver), Erica and I strongly believe that what we’re doing is a very special, wonderful blessing. We know people don’t get an opportunity like this. And it really is an honor to be able to sit with

people who have lost loved ones to suicide, sit with people who are struggling and you know, just give them that little glimmer of hope and let them know that there’s another day, that they’re going to be OK and it’s just wonderful.”

For more information, visit www.cos4hope.org.

The national suicide and crisis lifeline is available by calling or texting 988. There is also an online chat at 988lifeline.org. Both are available 24 hours a day and offer English and Spanish services.

Meliyah Venerable can be reached at 660-747-8123.

Artist

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“It’s just cookies,” Cho said. “But, not to diminish the intent of what I’m actually using the cookies to do... Unfortunately, even something like cookies could be seen as a threat because of what they symbolize.”

They’re definitely not just cookies. They can evoke poignant moments.

Cho made a cookie portrait of Betty Ong, an American Airlines flight attendant who died on 9/11. Ong was credited as the first person to raise the alarm about the terrorists’ hijacking, passing along crucial information from a phone on the ill-fated plane. One of her nieces

spotted Cho’s creation on Instagram and contacted her.

“For a family member to reach out and just thank me for sharing her story in the way that I did ... reminding me of the tenderness that comes with this work, the importance of it,” Cho said. “I don’t ever want to upset a family member in any way. I’ve been very grateful that those who I have heard from understand my intention.”

Cho estimates she has between 50 and 70 of the cookie portraits now boxed up in storage. Some she dreams of giving to the subject (Michelle Yeoh, if you’re reading this.). Others she would love to display, as well as publish a picture book of them.

Even with praise from

families, celebrities and Instagram, Cho still has moments when she can be dismissive of her own work. “I’ll be like, ‘I’m just making cookies. What am I really doing?’”

But then she feels re-energized when encountering audiences who have never heard of figures like civil rights activist Grace Lee Boggs or diver Sammy Lee, the first Asian American man to earn Olympic gold.

“Part of what keeps me going is one day, I do hope that my work maybe becomes irrelevant because everyone has access to this history and awareness of it.”

Tang, who reported from Phoenix, is a member of The Associated Press’ Race and Ethnicity team. Follow her on Twitter at @ttangAP.

Long awaited adaptation of ‘American Born Chinese’ book hits Disney+

By Terry Tang
Associated Press

Gene Luen Yang remembers feeling pumped in 2007 when Hollywood came calling about his trailblazing graphic novel “American Born Chinese.” But that excitement turned into exasperation when it became clear the interested party completely missed the point of the book.

“It came out that the reason why they were interested is because the Beijing Olympics were coming up in 2008. And they wanted some property that had the word China or Chinese in it,” Yang said in a recent interview. “Every now and then there would be an inquiry. But I really think the world needed to change in order for there to be an appetite for a story about an Asian American protagonist.”

Change has finally come. After 17 years, the cartoonist is seeing his American dream play out.

“American Born Chinese” debuts on Disney+ on Wednesday with a mostly Asian cast that now includes two new Oscar winners — Michelle Yeoh and Ke Huy Quan. The show, which also boasts Asian American showrunners, centers on high school soccer player Jin Wang (Ben Wang) growing up amid pressure to reconcile his American and Chinese sides. Mixing elements of teen drama, fantasy and fight sequences, the show, like the book, jumps between Jin’s storyline and one involving the Monkey King, an iconic character in Chinese folklore. The story threads eventually intertwine.

“It feels like a very surreal moment to have this book that I did as Xerox copies that I would put together at my local Kinko’s eventually become a show on Disney+,” Yang said.

The first two episodes have been screened around the country from San Francisco to New York City to the White House, partly to celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. The predominantly Asian American audiences have praised the show’s heartfelt and at times humorous portrayal of an Asian American family.

“American Born Chinese,’ you can’t do it

in one long movie,” said Yeoh, who’s proud of how the series turned out. “There’s so many different aspects of it that need to be shown, it needs that space and time on screen.”

Yeoh, who made history as the first Asian to win her Oscar category for “Everything Everywhere All at Once,” plays Guanyin, the goddess of mercy. She was invited to the project by her “Shang-Chi and the Legends of the Ten Rings” director, Destin Daniel Cretton, an executive producer.

In the show, Yeoh gets to don a sweeping gown and headdress as well as sweats and a baseball cap. Being a revered Chinese folklore figure, many people already have an image of Guanyin. The Malaysia-born Yeoh didn’t dwell on the pressure of playing someone larger than life.

“What I do think about is how we have to be very respectful of this goddess of mercy because she represents so many things to so many followers all around the world,” Yeoh said. “We gave her the gravitas she deserved and the respect to show you what we love about her.”

Yeoh and Quan had already wrapped up “Everything Everywhere All At Once,” when they started filming “American Born Chinese.” Castmates Stephanie Hsu and James Hong also guest-star in an episode. The best picture winner premiered in the middle of production and then “we watched the whole world change,” executive producer Kelvin Yu said.

On the opposite end of the spectrum, Wang is the star after doing mostly one-episode guest spots. He still isn’t quite used to seeing himself on posters. Having grown up seeing little on-screen Asian representation, it’s a novel concept that he could be an example for a teenage Asian American boy today.

“It’s very surreal and strange,” Wang said. “I still can’t believe that it’s me. I just feel like it’s someone who looks like me, which is double weird. It’s like seeing your doppelgänger.”

The television adaptation comes in the wake of other teen shows with an Asian American lens. Disney+ also has “Ms. Marvel” featuring a Muslim American female

superhero. Jenny Han’s two book series, “To All the Boys I’ve Loved Before” and “The Summer I Turned Pretty,” have been hits for Netflix and Amazon Prime, respectively. The fourth and final season of “Never Have I Ever,” about an Indian American high schooler, drops in June.

“We’re standing on the shoulders of those kinds of things, going back to ‘Joy Luck Club’ ... all the way up to ‘Fresh Off the Boat’ and shows like ‘Never Have I Ever,’” Yu said. “We’ll take all that momentum. We’ll take all that sort of education for an audience to get used to faces like ours and we’ll embrace it and move forward.”

The graphic novel was landmark literature for Asian American millennials. Reviews lauded it as a fresh take on adolescence, bi-cultural identity and racism. It won several accolades and was a National Book Awards finalist.

For many young Chinese American readers, it was the first time they had seen themselves and the Monkey King — a legend they likely heard about from their parents — in that genre. The character first appeared in the epic 16th century Chinese novel, “Journey to the West.” The tome has been adapted several times including a memorable 1980s TV series created by China Central Television (CCTV). The super-powered simian is well-known across Asia like Batman or Spider-Man, according to Yu.

Daniel Wu, who grew up in California but began his acting career in Hong Kong, plays the Monkey King. This project brings him full circle from when he dealt with his own “American-born Chinese” issues.

“Even though I was warmly accepted by the audiences there, I always felt like slightly being an outsider because I was American,” Wu said. “Because we knew we were trying to tell Gene’s story of what it’s like to be of both sides, there was this kind of special energy that was on set. We knew that we were trying to tell authentically what our story was.”

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Tina Turner, 'Queen of Rock 'n' Roll,' dies at 83

By Hillel Italie

AP National Writer

NEW YORK — Tina Turner, the unstoppable singer and stage performer who teamed with husband Ike Turner for a dynamic run of hit records and live shows in the 1960s and '70s and survived her horrifying marriage to triumph in middle age with the chart-topping "What's Love Got to Do With It," has died at 83.

Turner died Wednesday, after a long illness in her home in Küsnacht near Zurich, according to her manager. She became a Swiss citizen a decade ago.

Few stars traveled so far — she was born Anna Mae Bullock in a segregated Tennessee hospital and spent her latter years on a 260,000 square foot estate on Lake Zurich — and overcame so much. Physically battered, emotionally devastated and financially ruined by her 20-year relationship with Ike Turner, she became a superstar on her own in her 40s, at a time when most of her peers were on their way down, and remained a top concert draw for years after.

"How do we say farewell to a woman who owned her pain and trauma and used it as a means to help change the world?" Angela Bassett, who played Turner in the 1993 biopic "What's Love Got to Do With It," said in a statement.

"Through her courage in telling her story, her commitment to stay the course in her life, no matter the sacrifice, and her determination to carve out a space in rock and roll for herself and for others who look like her, Tina Turner showed others who lived in fear what a beautiful future filled with love, compassion, and freedom should look like.

With admirers ranging from Mick Jagger to Beyoncé to Mariah Carey, the "Queen of Rock 'n' Roll" was one of the world's most popular entertainers, known for a core of pop, rock and rhythm and blues favorites: "Proud Mary," "Nutbush City Limits," "River Deep, Mountain High," and the hits she had in the '80s, among them "What's Love Got to Do With It," "We Don't Need Another Hero" and a cover of Al Green's "Let's Stay Together."

Her trademarks included a growling contralto that might smolder or explode, her bold smile and strong cheekbones, her palette of wigs and the muscular, quick-stepping legs she did not shy from showing off. She sold more than 150 million records worldwide, won 12 Grammys, was vot-

ed along with Ike into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1991 (and on her own in 2021) and was honored at the Kennedy Center in 2005, with Beyoncé and Oprah Winfrey among those praising her. Her life became the basis for a film, a Broadway musical and an HBO documentary in 2021 that she called her public farewell.

Until she left her husband and revealed their back story, she was known as the voracious on-stage foil of the steady-going Ike, the leading lady of the "Ike and Tina Turner Revue." Ike was billed first and ran the show, choosing the material, the arrangements, the backing singers. They toured constantly for years, in part because Ike was often short on money and unwilling to miss a concert. Tina Turner was forced to go on with bronchitis, with pneumonia, with a collapsed right lung.

Other times, the cause of her misfortunes was Ike himself.

As she recounted in her memoir, "I, Tina," Ike began hitting her not long after they met, in the mid-1950s, and only grew more vicious. Provoked by anything and anyone, he would throw hot coffee in her face, choke her, or beat her until her eyes were swollen shut, then rape her. Before one show, he broke her jaw and she went on stage with her mouth full of blood.

Terrified both of being with Ike and of lasting without him, she credited her emerging Buddhist faith in the mid-1970s with giving her a sense of strength and self-worth and she finally left in early July 1976. The Ike and Tina Turner Revue was scheduled to open a tour marking the country's bicentennial when Tina snuck out of their Dallas hotel room, with just a Mobil credit card and 36 cents, while Ike slept. She hurried across a nearby highway, narrowly avoiding a speeding truck, and found another hotel.

"I looked at him (Ike) and thought, 'You just beat me for the last time, you sucker,'" she recalled in her memoir.

Turner was among the first celebrities to speak candidly about domestic abuse, becoming a heroine to battered women and a symbol of resilience to all. Ike Turner did not deny mistreating her, although he tried to blame Tina for their troubles. When he died, in 2007, a representative for his ex-wife said simply: "Tina is aware that Ike passed away."

Ike and Tina fans knew little of this during the



Tina Turner performs in a concert in Cologne, Germany on Jan. 14, 2009. Turner, the unstoppable singer and stage performer, died Wednesday, after a long illness at her home in Küsnacht near Zurich, Switzerland, according to her manager. She was 83.
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couple's prime. The Turners were a hot act for much of the 1960s and into the '70s, evolving from bluesy ballads such as "A Fool in Love" and "It's Going to Work Out Fine" to flashy covers of "Proud Mary" and "Come Together" and other rock songs that brought them crossover success.

They opened for the Rolling Stones in 1966 and 1969, and were seen performing a lustful version of Otis Redding's "I've Been Loving You Too Long" in the 1970 Stones documentary "Gimme Shelter." Bassett and Laurence Fishburne gave Oscar-nominated performances in "What's Love Got to Do with It," based on "I, Tina," but she would say that reliving her years with Ike was so painful she couldn't bring herself to watch the movie.

Ike and Tina's reworking of "Proud Mary," originally a tight, mid-tempo hit for Creedence Clearwater Revival, helped define their sexual aura. Against a background of funky guitar and Ike's crooning baritone, Tina began with a few spoken words about how some people wanted to hear songs that were "nice and easy."

"But there's this one thing," she warned, "you see, we never ever do nothing nice and easy."

"We always do it nice — and rough."

But by the end of the 1970s, Turner's career seemed finished. She was 40 years old, her first solo album had flopped and her live shows were mostly confined to the cabaret circuit. Desperate for work, and money, she even agreed to tour in South Africa when the country was widely boycotted because of its racist apartheid regime.

Rock stars helped bring

her back. Rod Stewart convinced her to sing "Hot Legs" with him on "Saturday Night Live" and Jagger, who had openly borrowed some of Turner's on-stage moves, sang "Honky Tonk Women" with her during the Stones' 1981-82 tour. At a listening party for his 1983 album "Let's Dance," David Bowie told guests that Turner was his favorite singer.

"She was inspiring, warm, funny and generous," Jagger tweeted Wednesday. "She helped me so much when I was young and I will never forget her."

More popular in England at the time than in the U.S., she recorded a raspy version of "Let's Stay Together" at EMI's Abbey Road studios in London. By the end of 1983, "Let's Stay Together" was a hit throughout Europe and on the verge of breaking in the states. An A&R man at Capitol Records, John Carter, urged the label to sign her up and make an album. Among the material presented was a reflective pop-reggae ballad co-written by Terry Britten and Graham Lyle and initially dismissed by Tina as "wimpy."

"I just thought it was some old pop song, and I didn't like it," she later said of "What's Love Got To Do With It."

Turner's "Private Dancer" album came out in May 1984, sold more than eight million copies and featured several hit singles, including the title song and "Better Be Good To Me." It won four Grammys, among them record of the year for "What's Love Got to Do With It," the song that came to define the clear-eyed image of her post-Ike years.

"People look at me now and think what a hot life I

must have lived — ha!" she wrote in her memoir.

Even with Ike, it was hard to mistake her for a romantic. Her voice was never "pretty," and love songs were never her specialty, in part because she had little experience to draw from. She was born in Nutbush, Tennessee in 1939 and would say she received "no love" from either her mother or father. After her parents separated, she moved often around Tennessee and Missouri, living with various relatives. She was outgoing, loved to sing and as a teenager would check out the blues clubs in St. Louis, where one of the top draws was Ike Turner and his Kings of Rhythm. Tina didn't care much for his looks the first time she saw him, at the Club Manhattan.

"Then he got up onstage and picked up his guitar," she wrote in her memoir. "He hit one note, and I thought, 'Jesus, listen to this guy play.'"

Tina soon made her move. During intermission at an Ike Turner show at the nearby Club D'Lisa, Ike was alone on stage, playing a blues melody on the keyboards. Tina recognized the song, B.B. King's "You Know I Love You," grabbed a microphone and sang along. As Tina remembered, a stunned Ike called out "Giirrrllll!" and demanded to know what else she could perform. Over her mother's objections, she agreed to join his group. He changed her first name to Tina, inspired by the comic book heroine Sheena, Queen of the Jungle, and changed her last name by marrying her, in 1962.

In rare moments of leniency from Ike, Tina did enjoy success on her own. She

added a roaring lead vocal to Phil Spector's titanic production of "River Deep, Mountain High," a flop in the U.S. when released in 1966, but a hit overseas and eventually a standard. She was also featured as the Acid Queen in the 1975 film version of the Who's rock opera "Tommy." More recent film work included "Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome" and a cameo in "What's Love Got to Do with It."

Turner had two sons: Craig, with saxophonist Raymond Hill; and Ronald, with Ike Turner. (Craig Turner was found dead in 2018 of an apparent suicide). In a memoir published later in 2018, "Tina Turner: My Love Story," she revealed that she had received a kidney transplant from her second husband, former EMI record executive Erwin Bach.

Turner's life seemed an argument against marriage, but her life with Bach was a love story the younger Tina would not have believed possible. They met in the mid-1980s, when she flew to Germany for record promotion and he picked her up at the airport. He was more than a decade younger than her — "the prettiest face," she said of him in the HBO documentary — and the attraction was mutual. She wed Bach in 2013, exchanging vows at a civil ceremony in Switzerland.

"It's that happiness that people talk about," Turner told the press at the time, "when you wish for nothing, when you can finally take a deep breath and say, 'Everything is good.'"

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Netflix to charge for viewers living outside US subscribers' households

By Michael Liedtke

AP Technology Writer

Netflix on Tuesday outlined how it intends to crack down on the rampant sharing of account passwords in the U.S., its latest bid to reel in more subscribers to its video streaming service as its growth slows.

To combat password sharing, Netflix said it will limit U.S. viewership of its programming to people living in the same household. Those who subscribe to Netflix's standard or premium plans — which cost \$15.50 to \$20 per month — will be able to allow another person living outside their household to use their password

for an additional \$8 per month, a \$2 discount from the company's basic plan.

Without providing details how it authenticates subscriber identities or accounts, Netflix assured that everyone living in the same household of a U.S. customer will still be able to stream TV series and movies "wherever they are — at home, on the go, on holiday." The company based in Los Gatos, California has roughly 70 million U.S. account holders.

The long-anticipated move, telegraphed by Netflix a year ago, seeks to end a practice that the company allowed to go unchecked for years while its streaming service was

attracting subscribers in droves. At that time, management had little incentive to risk riling customers by reining in password sharing.

While Netflix looked the other way, an estimated 100 million people worldwide were getting passwords from family and friends to freeload on Netflix TV series such as "The Crown" and films such as "All Quiet On The Western Front." Those passwords were funneled through Netflix's 232.5 million worldwide paying subscribers, who generated the bulk of the company's \$32 billion in revenue last year.

But after a year of lackluster subscriber growth that included its largest

customer losses in more than a decade, Netflix is putting its foot down.

In February, it began blocking freeloading viewers in Canada, New Zealand, Portugal and Spain, following similar moves in Latin America.

Before the crackdown on password sharing, Netflix began introducing features, such as the ability to transfer the profiles set up on subscriber accounts to make it easier for people to retain their viewing histories after they are no longer able to watch shows for free.

Netflix's effort to force more of its viewers to pay for access to its programming follows the launch of a \$7 monthly plan that inserted commercials into

its service for the first time. Netflix has picked up an additional 9 million worldwide subscribers since the ad-supported option debuted, although not all of those signed up for the low-priced plan.

Although the new U.S. surcharge for viewers living outside subscribers' households is less than Netflix's basic streaming plan, it comes at a time that Americans have been paring their discretionary spending because of high inflation. That inflationary squeeze, combined with more competition from other streaming services, is one of the main reasons Netflix has suffered a slowdown in growth.

Netflix co-CEO Greg

Peters acknowledged last month that the crackdown on password sharing is likely to trigger an uptick subscriber cancellations, but expressed confidence the company will be better off in the long run after people adjust to the clampdown.

"We see an initial cancel reaction, and then we build out of that both in terms of membership and revenue as borrowers sign-up for their own Netflix accounts," Peters assured analysts, citing how the crackdown has unfolded in Canada since February.

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