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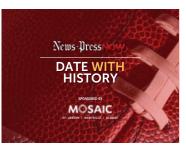
Kansas City Chiefs head coach Andy Reid is doused after their win against the Philadelphia Eagles at Super Bowl 57 in 2023 in Glen-

'Andy Reid effect' proves to be a winner in Kansas City

By JACOB MEIKEL News-Press NOW

Mahomes and Kelce may be the names most seen on the back of Chiefs fans' jerseys, but there's one man who may be more popular than either of them: Coach Andy Reid.

The early days of Chiefs football, led by Hall of Fame head coach Hank Stram, fans at the time didn't know the good times wouldn't last. Bowl win, but it would take 50 to the franchise. years for Kansas City to reach the mountaintop of the NFL January of 2013 after being



nization cycled through five coaches, none of whom could were filled with winning, but muster a playoff win for the franchise. Then, following the firing of Romeo Crennel in Stram left the Chiefs following 2012, a candidate emerged to the 1974 season with a Super bring stability and vision back

The Chiefs hired Reid in fired by the Eagles despite From 1999 to 2012, the orgahaving led Philadelphia to five

NFC Championship games and a Super Bowl appearance. Even though Reid had no Super Bowl championships on his resume like he does now, the Chiefs knew what they were getting.

"Clearly, when you're not successful in the National Football League, it's a certainty that change is coming," Chairman and CEO Clark Hunt said during Reid's introductory press conference in 2013. "In Andy, we've already got our first victory.'

It wasn't necessarily championships in the early years of Reid, but consistent trips to the postseason became the foundation for what was to

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From left, Sgt. Josh Rockhold (flight engineer), Maj. Shawn Lesny (pilot), Capt. Dave Reinert (combat systems operator) and Sgt. David Lacore (flight engineer evaluator), all members of the 139th Airlift Wing, stand in front of a C-130 Hercules inside a hanger at Rosecrans Air National Guard base in St. Joseph, Missouri. The men flew the same type of aircraft on Dec. 31, 2023, as part of a flyover at Arrowhead Stadium.

Above a sea of red

139th Airmen relish role in Chiefs flyover experience

By CAMERON MONTEMAYOR News-Press NOW

cockpit of a C-130 Hercules roughly 1000 feet above Arrowhead Stadium, 139th Airlift Wing Maj. Shawn Lesny couldn't help but marvel at the sight of a red sea of 76,000 fans below.

"I had the front seat view of the entire thing and it was an incredible view," said Lesny, a pilot with 14-years of experilower, to make it more exciting for the fans."

more satisfying that ingit from above." Lesny, along with most of the flyover crew that Chiefs fans sharing in Airlift Wing, which has the same excitement.

alongside Working

Lesny was an aircrew that had participated in countless flyovers for big sporting events such As he sat inside the as NASCAR, Kansas State football and Sporting KC over the years.

But for many aboard the C-130, the flyover for the Chiefs Week 17 showdown with the Cincinnati Bengals in 2023 was a first-time experience.

"I've been a season ticket holder for a while, so I always get to see the fireworks from inside the stadium," St. Joseph ence. "We work hard native and Airlift Wing with the FAA to try to get Capt. Dave Reinert said. "As we were flying in, going into those fireworks. A lifelong Chiefs fan It was actually pretty himself, it was all the awesome. And then see-

The 2023 flight was one of just a handful conduct-December day, were all ed since 2016 by the 139th

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ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL DISTRICT

SJSD breaks down costs of Proposition Two

By LEAH RAINWATER News-Press NOW

A bond proposal showing up on the April 8 municipal election ballots would allow voters to deny or approve a 60 cent tax increase.

The increase would be part of a potential 20 year bond to pay for the construction of two new high schools for the St. Joseph School District.

One thing SJSD is trying to explain to taxpayers, is how that 60 cent increase would affect the taxes they are currently paying.

"So if you have a \$200,000 home...You do not pay the taxes on the \$200,000," said Dr. Gabe Edgar, SJSD superintendent. "You pay taxes on the residential cost and what that is, which is

The monthly expense for the levy increase on a \$200,000 home would equate to \$19. The formula also does the same

for personal, commercial and differ-



A bond proposal showing up on the April 8 municipal election ballots would allow voters

to deny or approve a 60 cent tax increase.

ent types of agricultural property. If approved, SJSD's debt ser-

vice would also raise from 50 cents to \$1.11. Although the tax levy is calcu-

lated for 20 years to support the bond, Edgar believes it won't last that long.

Right now, ballot language for the April election suggests the levy is for one high school.

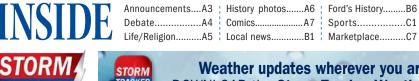
Edgar said, having the specific ballot language is just one-step in the different elements that play into the implementation of the two high school plan.

"The cost and the reason why we can't put two on the ballot at same time, is because our bonding capacity is not large enough,"

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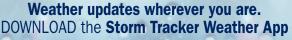












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ALWAYS LOOKING UP!



The crowd watches the festivities while waiting for Punxsutawney Phil, the weather prognosticating groundhog, to come out and make his prediction during the 139th celebration of Groundhog Day on Feb. 2 on Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania.

Post-Groundhog Day outlook: Phil got it right

By JARED SHELTON News-Press NOW meteorologist

eb. 2, was Groundhog Day, a tradition many look forward to after enduring the harsh cold of winter. For more than a century, Punxsutawney Phil has been making his famous "weather predictions" from a small town in eastern Pennsylvania, adding a touch of fun and folklore to the winter

Punxsutawney Phil is not the only prognosticating groundhog on Feb. 2. In January, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration released a list of the 20 most "accurate" groundhogs, based on data collected since 2005. The top three have an accuracy rate of 75% or higher. First is Staten Island Chuck, who lives in New York and has an 85% accuracy rate. Second is General Beauregard Lee in Georgia, who is said to be 80%

accurate. In third place is actually a statue that resides in Lander, Wyoming, with a reported accuracy rate of 75%.

Indeed, Groundhog Day is simply a fun tradition that keeps our hopes up for warmer weather. No matter the prediction, there are always six weeks until spring on the astronomical calendar. As Midwesterners know. winter weather is not dictated by calendar dates, occasionally showing up as late as April and even early May.

Last Sunday's official prediction from Punxsutawney Phil did call for six more weeks of winter, and it looks to pan out that way over the next 6 to 10 days for much of the lower 48 states.

After a late-January thaw that melted snowpack and even brought a few small buds to certain deciduous trees, arctic air is forecast to return to America's heartland next week. Several spells of below-average

temperatures are likely through mid-February, as the upper-level pattern pushes the polar jet further south.

Less certain is the potential for accumulating snow over the coming weeks. The general pattern suggests waves of low pressure will spread wintry precipitation for parts of the Plains and Midwest starting next week. The exact track of next week's low-pressure systems could leave the Mid-Missouri River Valley with a stretch of cold days and a few snow showers or another significant snowfall event. About 16 to 17 inches of snow have accumulated so far this winter in St. Joseph, almost 100% of our seasonal average of 18 inches. When the last flake falls, the 2024-2025 winter snowfall tally will likely be above average across Northwest Missouri and Northeast Kansas.

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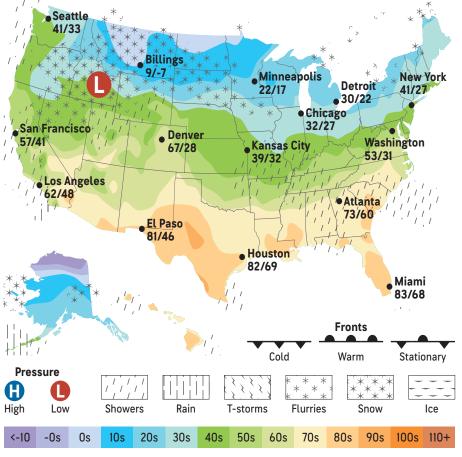


National weather



Forecast for Friday, February 7, 2025

Bands separate high temperature zones for the day.



NATIONAL SUMMARY: A storm in the West can bring some showers to the Central Valley and Southern California today. Snow can extend from the Sierra to Oregon, northern Nevada, Idaho, Wyoming and Montana and into the northern Plains by the end of the day. The Northeast is expected to be windy and cold with widespread wind gusts of 40-50 mph.

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Members of the 139th Airlift Wing post for a photo on the drum deck at Arrowhead Stadium on Dec. 31, 2023 in Kansas City, Missouri after completing a flyover.

Airmen

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to go through a competitive bidding process to get the opportunity that doesn't come around too often.

A combat systems operator with more than 1,000 hours of flight time. Reinert was tasked with helping time and coordinate the flyover for the December game, which ended up being a critical victory for Kansas City.

The win pushed Mahomes and Co. to their eighth consecutive AFC West title, a key stepping stone en route to backto-back Super Bowls and now a coveted three-peat.

The aircrew were later honored by the team at the stadium, making their deck for a group photo to cap the experience.

Super Bowl showdown the team's incredible run. this Sunday in New Orleans, guard members a historic era for us as throughout the base are showing their fandom a chance to be a part of



Cameron Montemayor | News-Press NOW

An Air National Guard member dawns a Chiefs morale patch on Tuesday featuring Patrick Mahomes riding a horse, a connection to the Pony Express.

playing superstar quarterback Patrick Mahomes.

Sgt. Josh Rockhold, one of two flight engineers for the flyover who was inside the stadium coordinating via radio, called Mahomes the Michael Jordan of this era.

With the Chiefs now on the cusp of an unprecedented third straight Suway to the iconic drum per Bowl championship, Rockhold and many others will always look fondly on In honor of the Chiefs the small place they had in

"This is definitely like Chiefs fans. So getting with morale badges dis- history and a part of this a P-51 Mustang.

Chiefs run is definitely a great opportunity for us and we take advantage of it for sure," Rockhold said.

Flight engineer evaluator and systems expert Master Sergeant David Lacore said the flyovers are a highlycoordinated effort.

This year's Super Bowl flyover will be conducted by the USAF's Heritage Flight, the first in Super Bowl history, and will include several classic aircraft models taking to the skies. The arrangement will include an F-16 Fighting Falcon, two A-10C Thunderbolt IIs and

Happy 90th Birthday Melvin Miles!

Melvin Miles is celebrating his 90th birthday on Feb. 18, 2025. He Feb. 18, 1935.

was born in rural Holt County, Missouri, on

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Reid

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come for Kansas City. In his introductory press conference, Reid said he needed to find his Len Dawson, a quarter-

back who complimented

the vision of the Super

Bowl-winning Stram. In 2017, the team found a quarterback to compliment the prowess of Reid, and the rest is history that is continuing to be

written. The 2017 NFL Draft was a draft that wasn't considered to have a class of top-tier quarterback talent, but within it was a signal caller from Texas Tech with the talent and leadership the Chiefs and Reid felt could be the answer to its years of playoff shortcomings. The team traded up with the Buffalo Bills from pick 26 to pick 10 to select quarterback Patrick Ma-

Mahomes knew from ing camp at Missouri

homes.

the day he was drafted. the impact a coach like Reid would have on his professional success.

"It's awesome. Just to get a guy that's going to develop you, that's all I've ever wanted was a coach that's going to coach me hard and just get the best out of me. And that's what I'm going to get in Kansas City and I'm excited about it," Mahomes said back in 2017 the night he was drafted by the Chiefs.

Together, Mahomes and Reid have become the gold standard of success for today's NFL. The two have captured three Super Bowl titles in five years, with a chance at a fourth Super Bowl on Feb. 9.

Part of the formula for the Chiefs' consecutive trips to the Super Bowl has been the routine stops in St. Joseph in the summer months leading up to the regular season when the Chiefs host their train-

Western State University. St. Joseph Sports Commission chairman Brett Esely, who was a member of Missouri Western brass prior to Reid's first training camp as head coach of the Chiefs, had the privilege of showing Reid and then-general manager John Dorsey around the campus of Missouri Western. Since then, Esely has admired the work as head coach of the franchise.

"The Chiefs weren't really taking a risk. They were bringing in a culture builder, somebody that the players like to play for," Esely said. It's highly important to have great players as well, but it is truly that combination of great coach, great players and it starts with Andy Reid."

Currently, the Chiefs are not under contract with Missouri Western State University to return in the coming summers to continue their training camps in St. Jo-

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said Edgar. "Right now, you see the cost of what we're putting on the ballot is \$157 million. And, I would anticipate the next time around. You know, six years down the road, you're looking at \$180 million, \$190 million."

Some contributing factors for the specifics of and then two to three the tax, has to do with the economy.

"We looked at this back than \$100 million," said ties reservations when Election Day.

Edgar. "It's not going to get it comes to paying more any cheaper, and you know, the students at the St. Joe School District deserve it."

A proposition for a second high school wouldn't be added to ballots until after the construction is finished for the first high school.

"Now, if they are progressive and make prepayments, I would anyou're looking at five, ticipate you could look at something in 2031," said Edgar. "So vou're going to have one built on the ground in the fall of 2028 vears later, vou'll be talking about the next."

Edgar said he underin 2019, we're talking less stands the communi-

taxes, however, notes that the increase will benefit students in many ways.

"There's a lot of give and take," said Edgar. "But I think just bringing the learning to the 21st century, we're behind in a lot of areas. This will allow us to kind of, pole vault into the future, so to speak."

If the proposition is approved, Edgar said ground would be broken for construction this next summer.

News-Press NOW will continue to provide more in-depth reports about Proposition Two ahead of





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OUR VIEW

STILL CHASING THE DEI WINDMILL

First of all, let's hear it for the men and women who decided to run for the St. Joseph Board of Education.

Board members have the immense challenge of improving the quality of public education in St. Joseph. They face thorny issues of funding, test scores and teacher retention. There's the question of gaining voter approval for building two new high schools. Sometimes it's hard to get kids to walk through the door every morning.

With so much to consider, it's surprising to hear what organizers of a recent candidate forum chose as a key school board issue heading into the April election: DEI initiatives.

School board candidates were asked for their position on diversity, equity and inclusion programs within the district. In questionnaires, a majority of the six candidates took the bait and decided to bow to the altar of political correctness.

For the candidates and the organization putting on the board forum (the Persisterhood and a collection of Democratic groups), it seemed like a tone-deaf reading of the political climate, recent court rulings and the electorate at large.

The first chink in DEI's virtue-signaling armor came in 2023 when the U.S. Supreme Court struck down race-based college admissions in Students for Fair Admissions v. President & Fellows of

Harvard College. The ruling illustrated the legally dubious grounds for carving out special privileges to right historic wrongs.

The second indication of DEI's demise came in November when voters sent Donald Trump to the White House. The outcome reflected the public weariness of DEI programs that prioritized equity over equality and gave the impression that institutions and individuals could never be anti-racist enough to not be racist.

If it sounds confusing and muddled, it's because that's one of the pillars of DEI. It became a bogeyman to the right, so much so that our new secretary of defense seems more concerned with rooting out wokeness than worrying about China's stunning advances in artificial intelligence.

Maybe it's not the country's biggest challenge, but DEI was unfair, divisive and demeaning for those who just wanted a fair chance. In the end, the main beneficiaries of DEI seemed to be all the liberal elites who ran the programs and enriched themselves. (The Defense Department spent \$114 million on DEI programs last year.)

Yet in St. Joseph, school board candidates continue to walk down the DEI path, blissfully unaware that voters rejected it and the new administration is going after it with a vengeance.

They risk losing local support and federal dollars if they keep chasing this windmill.

BIBLE VERSE | No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money. | Matthew 6:24

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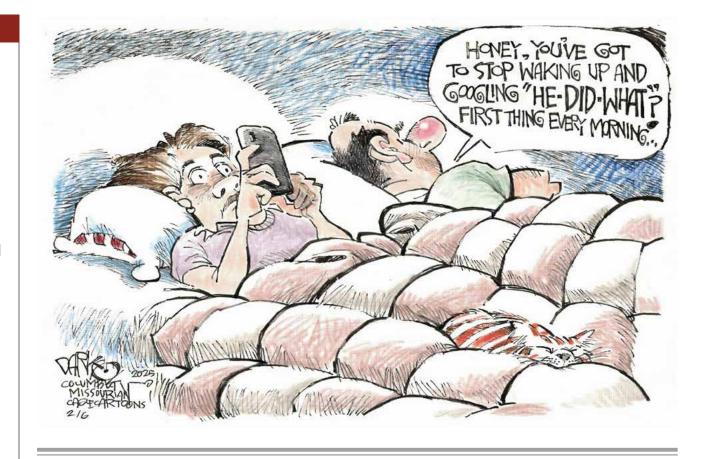
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Missouri Western has responded to challenges

By DR. ELIZABETH KENNEDY Missouri Western State University Submitted to News-Press NOW

n editorial in the St. Joseph News-Press Weekender on Dec. 20 chronicles the enrollment challenges faced by higher education in general and Missouri Western State University in particular. As the editorial noted, Missouri Western's enrollment declined by 31.2% from fall 2019 to fall 2024, or 1,687 students. We are not alone. Other public, four-year Missouri universities have also experienced double-digit enrollment decreases including Truman State (-29.8%, 1,558 students), Missouri Southern State University (-25.8%, 1,440 students), Southeast Missouri State University (-10.5%, 1,116 students), and UMKC (-10.1%, 1,606

It's sad but true that the last fall-to-fall increase in student enrollment at MWSU occurred from fall of 2017 to fall of 2018. In reality, of the past 15 academic years, only four fall-to-fall semesters saw enrollment increases. From fall 2011



Jazmine Knight | News-Press NOW n president Elizabeth Ken-

Missouri Western president Elizabeth Kennedy announces the discontinuation of Gold Fridays starting in August 2025.

to fall 2019 – pre-pandemic, preprogram elimination – enrollment dropped -13.3% or 827 students.

How has the University responded? Since becoming President in 2021, the Board of Governors and I have boldly faced this challenge by eliminating underperforming majors, reducing costs, and reimagining what our university could be

MWSU has pivoted to provide technology-based and professional degree programs that meet both student demand and our region's workforce needs. We've doubleddown on our nursing and education programs and created new programs in cybersecurity, respiratory therapy, and a master's in social work, growing enrollments while aligning student interest with career opportunities. And we're seeing results. Fall 2023 to fall 2024 enrollment decreased by only 89 students, representing 5% of the total decline over the past five years.

Today, Missouri Western is a thriving partner with the city, the County, the State, the business and healthcare communities, partnerships intentionally designed to create a highly skilled, well-educated, in-demand workforce.

Is Missouri Western the same as it was five years ago? Not at all. As a valuable community asset, Missouri Western had to change, because living in the past never has a future

Your letters to the editor

Return to sender

The postal service continues to surprise me. The organization delivers millions of pieces of mail daily, at a reasonable cost. But then there are incidents such as these: My son and daughter-in-law and I last week each received back a piece of mail, each marked "Return to Sender. Not deliverable as addressed. Unable to forward."

This apparently was simply a generic label, as both pieces of mail were

addressed to a couple using a Kansas City post office box at the time. That should not have been difficult to locate. (They have since moved and now have a residential address.)

As noted, the mail was returned a week ago. Mine was a Christmas card, postmarked 16 December — 2020. Yes, four years-plus from the date it was mailed.

The mail returned to my son and his wife was an invitation to my 90th birthday party, two-plus years ago. It was postmarked 9 August — 2022.

I'm curious as to where the pieces of mail have spent the last few years. Adding to the intrigue, both were returned the same day, to addresses several miles apart. The intended recipients are still alive, and I telephoned them to wish a belated Merry Christmas 2020. I also told them that if I were around for a 95th birthday party, I would either email or telephone them.

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Donald Trump for the shortage in

his escrow, he can blame his home-

owner's insurance company and the

school district for the shortage, not

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Parking situation

If they put a pickleball court where the Corby Tennis Courts were, where would you park? There's only street parking there in a neighborhood. On-street parking only. Just a question before they build it.

Don't blame Trump

To the person who thanked

Donald Trump. **Give it time**

When Biden was president, gas prices were up, prices were up, housing was up, energy was up. It cost the average American about \$30,000 a year. I didn't hear the Democrats griping about that the way they're griping about Trump. Give it time. He'll fix it.

Naive voters

To all you naive people that voted for Trump, I hope you have family members and friends that work government jobs.

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Life and eisure

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Mans delusions put brother in a difficult spot

DEAR ABBY,

My younger brother. "Paul," is 40 and in a rut. He became friends with a friend of mine, "Mitch," whom I met in college. Paul also became good friends with Mitch's wife, "Iris." After a year of close friendship, my brother made a pass at Mitch's wife during a BBQ. He was promptly asked to leave, and they have

contact

It has

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Mitch

spoke

Mitch

to Paul.



has no interest in rekindling the relationship. My brother is convinced that Mitch's wife will leave her husband for him, despite the fact that there has been no communication and she never expressed an interest.

Paul has a longtime therapist who is aware of the issue. I'm concerned that my brother is wasting his life pining after someone who is not an option for him. He has never been married, doesn't have children and lives in an isolated mountain area. He is also jobless and mostly living off an inheritance. I know all of this because it's all Paul ever talks about.

Today, I told him I'm done entertaining this delusion and won't talk to him until he makes some changes. I know I'm venting, but I need to know if I made the right move. Did I?

- WITNESS TO A DISASTER

DEAR WITNESS,

I don't think you should completely cease contact with your very mixed-up brother. I do think that if Paul turns a conversation to the subject of Iris, you would be doing him a favor to point out that a relationship with her isn't going to happen. Then turn the conversation toward things that might help him, including finding a job that will make him less isolated and booking more sessions with his therapist.

DEAR ABBY,

I have known my best friend, "Carl," and his wife for 30 years. We do everything together cruises, holidays, birthdays, etc. They allow (and enable) their boxer dog to go after innocent cats and squirrels. It's like it's a game. The dog does not know any dif-

I recently adopted two indoor cats. I live in the country, and I also have a 5-year-old Lab that would not hurt a bunny. I can no longer allow Carl and his wife to visit because they (mainly she) have allowed their dog to terrorize the kittens and squirrels in their neighborhood. I know she will make me out to be a villain and refuse to come if the dog cannot. Carl and I keep avoiding the conversation. Any advice?

- APPALLED IN OKLAHOMA DEAR APPALLED,

As I see it you have two choices. Either HAVE the conversation you have been avoiding or visit your friend only at their home or on neutral territory. Frankly, I'm surprised the owners of some of those innocent cats haven't informed the authorities that a vicious dog harmed or killed their pet. If you witnessed such a thing, recognizing Carl's wife is sadistic, you should have made the call.

P.S. Why are you still friends with creeps like

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FAITH AND RELIGION | Christian Reflections

Our differences give us strength

From the very beginning of time, humans have wrestled with the fact that we are all created with differences.

In fact, there are entire groups of people who differ from other groups. We humans tend to flock toward those most like us in appearance and preferences. Sometimes we do this in a way that places us in a sort of "protective bubble." That bubble can become so strong it can actually cause us to either forget or ignore the fact that other well-meaning and even good people share different cultures, habits and beliefs about all sorts of things than we do.

When we live in that bubble long enough, we can grow to believe that our group is superior and has nothing to learn from those in other groups. We can grow to believe there is only one way to "be" and that one type of people is superior to other kinds. We often call this kind of belief "bias" or (at its worst)

The truth is that those who

are unlike us are not so differ- for humanity's future (see 1 ent in ways that really count. Furthermore, history has taught us that when diverse groups come together and bring their experiences, skills and creativity to the table, entire nations can benefit.

The Bible recognizes the struggle that people have with accepting and embracing those who are different. Jesus's teachings in the Gospels see the beauty in diversity, comparing God's

new kingdom to a net with all kinds of fish and a tree with all kinds of birds.

More specifically, Jesus reminds his followers that there is a place for all ethnic groups and gifts in the dynamic tapestry that comprises God's vision for the world (see Matthew 28, for instance). The Apostle Paul often reminds the early church that it takes all kinds of gifts and backgrounds to fulfill God's vision

Corinthians 12).

The bottom line is this: Trying to live as if only one group or one approach is more valuable does a dis-

> service to God's own stated plans. It also can deprive all of us of untapped creativity, resources and gifts that are found in other individuals and groups.

Intentionally seeking out the By Charles Christian history and culture of those different

from us is a good way to start valuing the gift of diversity God has given us. Opposing the exclusion of other groups and gifts is another way we can move the purposes of God forward in the world, for the betterment of us

Charles Christian anchors the evening news for News-Press NOW and also serves as an ordained minister at United Methodist Churches in Union Star and Helena, Missouri.

ARIES

A good first impression is really important right now, Aries. Be sure to wear your best clothes and check out your appearance before you meet up with anyone this week.

TAURUS

Taurus, you are bound to have a lot of fun this week, and you will spread cheerfulness to others. You might host a party or plan some sort of night out with friends.

GEMINI

None of the usual strategies to confront family issues are working right now, Gemini. You may need to take a step away and give others distance for the time being until things cool off.

CANCER

Cancer, some tech upgrades

can help ensure an exciting new project starts off on the right foot. Enlist others to help and welcome any insight.

LEO

This week is your chance to take a break and let someone else take center stage for a bit while you enjoy time out of the spotlight, Leo. Right now you may need a little alone time.

VIRGO

Virgo, you know what you have to get done, so it is well past time to put one foot in front of the other and get moving. Others have helped, but you have to see it to completion.

LIBRA

Focus all of your energy on the important people in your life right now, Libra. Other things can wait for the time being. Don't be too hard on yourself for not getting everything done.

SCORPIO

Scorpio, as things in your life continue to evolve, you may be tempted to jump into something new. You might want to slow the pace and exercise due diligence first.

SAGITTARIUS

Sagittarius, have you bitten off more than you can chew this week? If so, you probably have to ask for some helpers to step up and pitch in. Teamwork is a good thing.

CAPRICORN

Some tough decisions are ahead of you, Capricorn. It might be best to think things through logically and leave

emotion out of the equation for the time being.

AQUARIUS

Aquarius, it can be dangerous to think you know everything. This week, listen to what others have to say before deciding if their ideas have merit. This approach can benefit all involved.

PISCES

Step up this week with confidence, Pisces. Now is not the time to be inflexible or shy. Go with the flow as much as possible, and learn and listen along the way.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

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FEB. 14: Freddie Highmore FEB. 15: Matt Groening

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Get ready for game day with Texas chili

Metro Creative

January marks dawn of a new year, but for football fans, the first month of the calendar year also means the playoffs are about to begin. Football gatherings can be fun for ardent and novice fans alike. One of the reasons such get-togethers appeal to so many people is food, which typically plays a big role on game days. Hosts who want to wow their guests with homemade chili can try their hands at the following recipe for "Texas Chili With Chipotle Cream" from Neal Corman's "Virgil's Barbecue Road Trip Cookbook" (St. Martin's Press).

Texas Chili With Chipotle Cream

Serves 4 to 6

Chipotle Cream

- **>** 10½ ounces goat cheese
- > 2 tablespoons pureed chipotle in adobo sauce
- ➤ 1 cup plus 2 tablespoons heavy whipping cream
- > Juice of 1/2 lemon
- > Juice of 2 limes
- > Zest of 1/2 lime
- **▶** 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt

- ➤ 2 tablespoons Texas Chili Spice Mix (see below)
- > 1/4 cup canola oil
- > 2 pounds skirt steak > 2 teaspoons kosher salt



Texas chili with chipotle cream with chopped cilantro served with tortilla chips in bowl.

> 5 cups beef broth

beans

▶ 2 16-ounce cans black

chopped, divided

chips, crushed

corporated.

➤ 113-ounce bag tortilla

➤ 1/2 bunch cilantro, coarsely

1. Combine all the in-

gredients for the chipo-

tle cream — except for the

zest — in a food processor.

Process until evenly in-

bowl and fold in the zest.

Refrigerate for at least 2

Spice Mix with the oil to

make a paste. Dust the

skirt steak with salt, then

hours before serving.

baste with the paste.

aside and allow to rest.

Answers: A. cards B. roses C. romance

2. Remove to a medium

- ➤ 1/3 pound sliced bacon, diced
- > 4 cups finely diced yellow
- > 2 cups finely diced green
- **→** 1/2 cup chopped garlic
- ▶ 128-ounce can crushed tomatoes, drained
- ▶ 2 tablespoons dark brown sugar
- > 2 tablespoons dried Mexican oregano
- **▶** 2 tablespoons Texas-style chili powder (use 3 to 4 tablespoons for a thicker
- > 3 tomatillos, rinsed and diced
- > 3 tablespoons corn masa flour (recommended: Masaca)
- **>** 2 tablespoons pureed chipotle in adobo sauce

tom pot, render the diced bacon until it is crispy. Add the onions, green peppers and garlic, and sauté until slightly brown.

- 6. Add the tomatoes, brown sugar, oregano, chili powder, tomatillos, flour, and chipotle. Heat for 3 minutes, or until the mixture begins to thicken.
- 7. Add the beef broth, bring to a boil, and reduce to a simmer. Simmer uncovered for 1 hour.
- 8. Cut the steak against the grain into small cubes. Add the steak and beans to the chili, and simmer for an additional 20 minutes.

9. Add most of the chopped cilantro and serve over crushed tortilla chips with a dollop of chipotle cream and a sprinkling of fresh cilantro on

Texas Chili Spice Mix

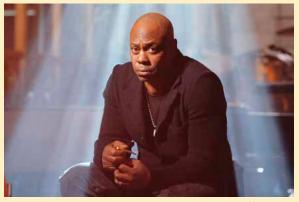
Makes 1 cup

- ➤ 2 tablespoons guajillo chili powder
- > 2 tablespoons chipotle powder
- > 6 tablespoons ground cumin
- 3. Mix the Texas Chili > 4 tablespoons dry Mexican oregano
 - > 4 tablespoons sweet paprika

4. Marinate for 1 hour Combine all the ingredients in a medium mixing and then grill over high heat to medium rare. Set bowl. Transfer to a covered container and store 5. In a large, heavy-botin a cool, dry place.

Guilty PLEASURES

The Associated Press



Rosalind O'Connor | NBC via AP

This image released by NBC shows host Dave Chappelle taping promos for his upcoming appearance on 'Saturday Night Live,' on Jan. 14 in New York.

'SNL50' anniversary special will feature Dave Chappelle, Steve Martin, Bad Bunny and more

NEW YORK | The "Saturday Night Live" 50th anniversary special will include guest appearances by **Steve Martin, Sabrina** Carpenter, Bad Bunny, John Mulaney, Dave Chappelle and numerous other stars who've been associated with the show over the years.

Scarlett Johansson, who is married to Weekend Update co-host Colin **Jost,** will appear on the "SNL50: The Anniversary Special" that will air Feb. 16. It's a three-hour live telecast honoring "SNL's" 50th anniversary.

Other guests announced by NBC on Thursday include Adam Driver, Ayo **Edebiri, Paul McCartney,** Tom Hanks, Miley Cyrus, Robert De Niro, Martin Short and Kim Kardashian.

The special will air two days after the "SNL50: The Homecoming Concert" livestreams on Peacock. Bad Bunny and Cyrus are scheduled to perform during that show. The show will be hosted by Jimmy Fallon, and other performers include Lady Gaga, Post Malone, Chris Martin, David Byrne, Eddie Vedder and more.

Man charged in 2020 killing of rapper Pop Smoke pleads guilty to manslaughter to avoid trial

LOS ANGELES | A man charged in the 2020 killing of rapper Pop Smoke during a robbery at a Hollywood Hills mansion accepted a plea deal, averting a trial on a murder charge that was to have started Thursday.

Corey Walker, 24, pleaded guilty Wednesday to voluntary manslaughter and two counts of robbery in exchange for a sentence of 29 years in prison, which he will receive at a later hearing.

He was the only adult charged in the case along with three who were juveniles at the time of the crime, including a then-15-year-old gunman. All have already reached separate deals.

An email sent to Walker's lawyers seeking comment was not immediately answered.

He was accused of leading the group to the rented mansion where the 20-year-old New York rapper Pop Smoke, whose legal name was Bashar Barakah Jackson, was

killed on Feb. 19, 2020, during what was to be a four-day trip to Los Angeles. A 911 call from a friend of someone in the house reported armed intruders inside, police said.

Conductor Daniel Barenboim says he's been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease

Conductor **Daniel** Barenboim says he has been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease.

The 82-year-old issued a statement Thursday on Instagram.

He has appeared more frail since 2022, canceling scheduled performances that included a new production of Wagner's Ring Cycle in Berlin.

"I am planning to maintain as many of my professional commitments as my health permits," he wrote. "As ever, I consider the West-Eastern Divan Orchestra my most important responsibility. It is essential for me to ensure the orchestra's long-term stability and development. I will continue to conduct the Divan whenever my health allows me to. At the same time, I will take an active role in ensuring that the Divan has the opportunity of working with excellent conductors going forward. I have been navigating this new reality of mine and my focus is on receiving the best available

Irv Gotti, music executive who created Murder Inc. Records, dies at 54

NEW YORK | Irv Gotti, a music mogul who founded Murder Inc. Records and was behind major hip-hop and R&B artists such as Ashanti and Ja Rule, has died. He was 54.

Def Jam Recordings, which was the parent company of Murder Inc., announced Gotti's death in a statement late Wednesday night. It did not give a cause of death.

Gotti, whose real name is Irving Lorenzo, founded Murder Inc. with his brother in the late 1990s, with the label gaining worldwide prominence through platinum-selling artists Ashanti and Ja Rule.

Gotti had also worked with artists DMX, Fat Joe and Jay-Z, among other huge names in the genre.

"His creative genius and unwavering dedication to the culture birthed countless hits, defining an era of music that continues to resonate with fans worldwide," the statement from Def Jam read.

METRO CREATIVE BONUS FEATURES



Solve the code to discover words related to Valentine's Day Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 3 = R)

14 3 18 16 A. Clue: Greetings

C.

9 16 20 В. Clue: Popular flowers

9 19 14 24 23

Clue: Strong feeling of attraction

D. **17 20 10 3** 3

Clue: Second month

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to Valentine's Day.

I am singer born in England on February 13, 1974. I liked performing while I was in primary school. I went on to join a popular boy band in 1990 that had many hits. My friend Elton John helped me face by substance abuse problems, and I've turned my life around.

Answer: Robbie Williams

Answer: Love

VALENTINE'S DAY WORD SEARCH

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

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AFFECTION

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VALENTINE

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NEW THIS WEEK

Amy Schumer, Kevin Costner and Pharrell

Associated Press

Amy Schumer leading the R-rated comedy "Kinda Pregnant" and "Yellowstone" star Kevin Costner narrating a docuseries about Yosemite National Park are some of the new television, films, music and games headed to a device near you.

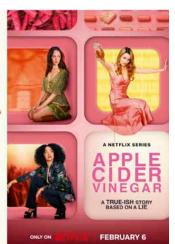
Also among the streaming offerings worth your time as selected by The Associated Press' entertainment journalists: The estate of saxophonist John Coltrane offers an anniversary edition of his album "A Love Supreme," Pharrell Williams' life story is told using Lego pieces in the unconventional documentary "Piece by Piece" and Andrew Garfield and Florence Pugh star in the romantic drama "We Live In Time,"

Movies

> Amy Schumer leads the R-rated comedy "Kinda Pregnant" which premieres on Netflix on Wednesday.







Focus Features/Netflix/Netflix via AP

This combination of images shows promotional art for the film 'Piece By Piece,' from left, the film 'Kinda Pregnant,' and the series 'Apple Cider Vinegar.'

Andrew Garfield, Florence

Pugh, demon carousel

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In the film, her character Lainy starts wearing a fake "bump" and telling everyone she's pregnant, jealous of her best friend who is actually gestating a human. Naturally, she meets the man of her dreams in this state. Will Forte, Jillian Bell, Damon Wayans Jr. and "Ginny and Georgia's" Brianne Howey also star.

> It's hard to believe that the

horse meme only happened last year. This is not the meditation on time that John Crowley was going for with his romantic drama "We Live In Time," about new love, family, cancer and ambition, but with subjects as heavy as those it's also OK to have a bit of fun with it. The movie makes its Max debut on Friday, Feb.

7. I found myself mostly dry-eyed when I reviewed it last year, hung up on some of the more unbelievable story points, writing "The main reason to see 'We Live In Time' is not the promise of crying or the realities of having a young kid, though, but the quietly affecting performances from Pugh and Garfield... It is charming and silly and sometimes cringey — other people's

> Pharrell Williams' life story is told using Lego in Morgan Neville's unconventional documentary "Piece by Piece," which begins streaming on Peacock on Friday, Feb. 7. In his review for the Associated Press,

relationships always are."

Mark Kennedy wrote that it, "is a bright, clever songfilled biopic that pretends it's a behind-the-scenes documentary using small plastic bricks, angles and curves to celebrate an artist known for his quirky soul. It is deep and surreal and often adorable. Is it high

- AP Film Writer Lindsey Bahr

concept or low? Like Wil-

liams, it's a bit of both."

Music

> Six decades ago, the singular saxophonist John Coltrane released "A Love Supreme," a revelatory work of modal and spiritual jazz largely considered to be Coltrane's greatest collection and certainly his

most popular. On Friday, Feb. 7, listeners can reexperience the album with "A Love Supreme: 60th Anniversary Edition," out via Impulse! Records. And if streaming isn't enough they're released a limitededition vinyl version, too.

> The Dominican singersongwriter Natti Natasha is tomorrow's talent today, effortlessly marrying reggaeton, bachata and pop. That's evidenced by her forthcoming project produced by Romeo Santos, "Natti Natasha en Amargue." "Tu Loca" is modern Música tropicale balladry; the slow and sexy "Quiéreme Menos" deserves a place on your playlist - she even performed that one live at the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade last year. If it is great enough for the most delicious holiday, it is great enough for all.

> AP Music Writer Maria Sherman

SUPER BOWL LIX

Super Bowl ads offer laughs, celebs and surprises to win over viewers

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Eugene Levy's trademark eyebrows fly off for Little Caesars. A tongue dances to Shania Twain to promote Nestle's Coffee Mate Cold Foam. And Meg Ryan and Billy Crystal reunite at Katz's Deli in an ad for Hellmann's.

A frenzied mix of silliness and celebrities is hitting the airwaves and the internet, and that means one thing: it is Super Bowl ad time again.

Veteran advertisers are using tried-and-true tactics like celebrity cameos, humor and cute animals to win over watchers. Meanwhile, first-time and newer advertisers are courting outrageousness and using stunts to try to stand out in the battle to capture the attention of the more than 120 million viewers expected to tune into Sunday's game between the Philadelphia Eagles and Kansas City Chiefs on Fox.

Super Bowl viewers are a unique audience because they're as primed to watch the ads as they are the game.

"This is a societal mo-



This image provided by Pringles shows the Pringles 2025 Super Bowl NFL football spot.

Kimberly Whitler, marketing professor at the University of Virginia's Darden School of Business. "We may be on different sides, you know, of the gridiron or the field. But we come together."

With 80-plus ad spots divvied up among the 50-something advertisers during the game, it's tough to make sure viewers remember your brand message. And with a few ad spots going for a record \$8 million for 30 seconds this year, the stakes have never been higher.

But the price tag is worth it, advertisers say. ment where we come to- Rachel Jaiven, head of gether as a country," said Häagen-Dazs marketing,

said the brand decided publicity, many advertisto make its first-ever appearance in the game due to the size of the viewership and its association with snacking.

"We know at the Super Bowl these days that everyone watches, it's a wide audience," Jaiven said. The brand's ad shows stars from the **Hellmann's** "Fast & Furious" franchise enjoying an ice cream bar. "We thought it was time for us to tell our story, remind people what they love about Häagen-Dazs and of course, have them stock up on Häagen-Dazs in

their freezer." In order to garner more she's having."

ers release their ads ahead of the game. Of the ads that have already been released, here's a sampling of the approaches advertisers are taking during the big game this year.

CELEBRITY-PALOOZA

Hellmann's ad made a splash ahead of the game by reuniting Meg Ryan and Billy Crystal's "When Harry Met Sally" characters at Katz's Deli enjoying a sandwich with Hellmann's. Sydney Sweeney joins to utter the famous line "I'll have what

BOOK ANNOUNCEMENT

Brinkley has a memoir out in April. Yes, it's called 'Uptown Girl'

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Christie Brinkley will have a memoir out this spring, tracing "every adventure and twist of fate" from her rise to becoming a supermodel to her acting career to her marriage to Billy Joel.

And, yes, she's calling the book "Uptown Girl."

"I wrote 'Uptown Girl' to inspire readers to create the life they want which is what I've always tried to do, not through fortune or fame, but by saying yes to adventure and trying to find the magic in every moment, no matter how big or how small." Brinkley said in a statement Tuesday released through Harper Influence, which will publish her book on April

Brinkley, who turned 71 this week, has been a celebrity for half a century, since she was discovered in Paris by photographer Errol Sawyer. Her image has appeared on hundreds of magazine covers, from Sports Illustrated to Vogue. She's also known for such films as "National Lampoon's Vacation," her turn on Broadway as Roxie Hart into the spotlight on Broadin "Chicago," and her cam-

eo in the 1983 video of Joel's "Uptown Girl," a top 10 hit widely associated with her. (Joel has cited Brinkley and fellow supermodel Elle McPherson as inspirations.)

Brinkley has been married four times, most recently to Peter Cook, whom she divorced in 2008. According to Harper Influence, an imprint of Harper-Collins Publishers, she will reflect on "her whirlwind career, her four tumultuous marriages — including her heartbreaking divorce from Billy Joel — and the harrowing experiences (a 1994 helicopter crash) that almost cut her life short."

"In 'Uptown Girl,' she chronicles the unexpected, unexplainable ways her life has unfolded," Tuesday's announcement continues, "embracing every adventure and twist of fate along the way: traveling the world as a supermodel at the height of the model wars, living life on the road with her rock star husband and their baby, starring in blockbuster movies, riding horses with cowboys, training with world-champion boxers, and even stepping

BOOK REVIEW

Chris Hayes' 'Sirens' Call' is a thorough look at the fight for attention in modern age

Associated Press

that we're living in an era of distraction. States schools, social media has been called a health risk for kids and some are trying undergo varitices.

"The Sirens' With Call: How Attention Became the World's Most Endangered Resource" MSNBC host Chris

join an already crowded all for attention," Hayes It's no new big news shelf of books warning of the ills of being online 24/7. Instead he's explorare trying to clamp ing how we got to this down on cell phones in point, and the result is a fascinating history of what he calls the attention age.

ous "digital detox" prac- how attention has become a commodity, with social media, websites and news outlets all competing for a limited number of eye-

balls.

Hayes isn't trying to now a war of all against themselves, and how a retread of already writes.

Given the debate over the future of TikTok and the role Elon Musk and other tech figures are playing in the Trump administration, Hayes' book is a timely guide Hayes' book describes that's not just about the social media is consum-

He also explains the for attention is hav-"Public discourse is ing on the consumers

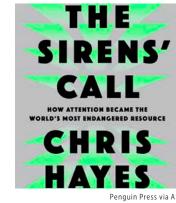
volved from the hourslong Lincoln-Douglas debates to personal attacks on X.

Hayes notes how fitfor exploring this topic, given his role working for a cable news network attention industry that that's also competing for the finite amount of attention.

"Sirens" is a unique impact that the fight approach to a topic that is on everyone's minds, but avoids feeling like

public discourse has de- mined material on the

Probably the only weak portion is when Hayes explores potential solutions that felt ting of a messenger he is incomplete like "attentional farmers' markets" for people who are tired of their attention being treated by companies like a commodity. Those proposals, however, at least offer hope that the existing attention economy isn't our



This cover image released by Penguin Press shows 'The Sirens' Call: How Attention Became the World's Most Endangered Resource' by Chris Hayes.

Health and Wellbeing

Direct primary care cuts out insurance companies. Could it gain traction under Trump?

Associated Press

Andrea Meneses stumbled on a direct primary care clinic because of a

Her grandmother, visiting Wisconsin from Bolivia, did not have insurance but needed to see a doctor fast. One of the grandchildren accidentally put her insulin in the freezer instead of the refrigerator.

Meneses reached out to friends in a panic, and one recommended Dr. Wendy Molaska, who runs a direct primary care clinic in nearby Madison. Patients at these clinics pay a fee of roughly \$50 to \$100 month and get easier, direct access to their doctor — as often as they want for no extra cost.

Direct primary care is an increasingly popular health care option, and experts say it may become more common under health policy changes that President Donald Trump's administration is expected to pursue. Robert F. Kennedy Jr., Trump's nominee to lead the Department of Health Human Services, mentioned direct primary care during his recent experts caution not to confirmation hearings.

mistic I've ever been about insurance, because the it," said Gayle Brekke, a monthly fee covers nothhealth services research- ing beyond visits.



Associated Press

Dr. Lee Gross examines patient Annie Geisel at the Epiphany Health Direct Primary Care Tuesday in Port Charlotte, Florida.

er based in Kansas City, Affordable and Missouri, who has been studying direct primary care for more than a decade. "We're at a threshold where it really could take

Some doctors and patients say they love how much simpler it is to get routine medical care and how some services can be cheaper. But public health think of direct primary "This is the most opticare as a replacement for

quick care

Direct primary patients sav it's helped them save a significant amount of money on health care, particularly those who don't have health insurance and would otherwise pay out of pocket.

Molaska didn't have insulin in her office, so she referred the prescription to a community pharmacy she works with, and the pharmacist helped Meneses secure it at a discount.

Brekke said direct primary care doctors also

work with labs and imaging centers to order tests and X-rays for patients at discounted prices. In most states, these doctors can dispense medications in their practices with little to no markup; if not, the doctors, like Molaska, often have relationships with local pharmacists and can help patients get medications at more affordable rates.

Molaska charges between \$70 and \$85 for individuals and caps her monthly fee at \$200 for families. In central Wisconsin, she sees patients warn of overstating direct of dollars.

English and has a bilingual staff. Molaska has a 125-person waiting list.

After seeing how well the model worked for her grandmother's needs, everyone in Meneses' family are now patients of Molaska. Her kids' medications are cheaper, Meneses said, and they don't have to wait three months for an appointment.

In turn, direct primary care physicians say they can spend more time with patients, and it reduces burnout because they don't have to deal with insurance companies.

"I wish more people knew about it," Meneses said. "I'm an accountant, and my clients are mostly Hispanic. Most of them don't qualify for any kind of help and cannot afford health care, so I send them to Dr. Molaska. Sometimes they ask me, 'Are you sure this isn't a scam?"

It's not for everyone

Critics believe direct primary care is a solution for a limited group of people: the relatively healthy able-bodied ones, those who can't afqualify for Medicaid or too busy for new patients.

Health researchers also

who speak Spanish and primary care's affordabil-

"Having worked in safety-net health systems for most of my career, I have found that many patients struggle to pay for bus fare or \$5 copayments," said Dr. Stephanie Woolhandler, a primary care doctor and researcher at Hunter College in New York.

While direct primary care is "better than nothing," said Dr. Kevin Schulman at Stanford's Clinical Excellence Research Center, it's hugely limited. Direct primary care is not health insurance, so nothing — aside from what the doctor can do in office — is covered.

Dr. John Vanderloo says for that reason, direct primary care is best suited for catching people who fall "through the cracks."

Vanderloo practices a few miles north of Jackson, Mississippi — one of the poorest states in the U.S. and a place where lawmakers haven't expanded Medicaid. So, no matter the income, an Mississippi resident who doesn't have ford insurance and don't kids doesn't qualify for the federal insurance pro-Medicare, and folks who gram for low-income peolive in areas where comple, and high-deductible munity health centers are insurance plans on the federal marketplace for one person run hundreds



A U.S. Food and Drug Administration building is seen behind FDA logos at a bus stop on the agency's campus in 2018 in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Patients using diabetes apps can miss critical alerts

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Patients if they miss notifications sugar, U.S. health officials are accustomed to hearing. warned.

not hearing important medieven death.

The agency's warning applies to a growing field of cans have diabetes. People wearable devices that track with the disease either don't patients' sugar levels or au- make enough insulin or they tomatically deliver insulin, the hormone that helps manbreak it down into energy.

pausing notifications, may cause patients to miss critiwho use smartphone apps to cal updates. In other cases, manage their diabetes could connecting the phone to a face serious health problems new audio source, such as a car stereo, could change the needed to control their blood volume of the alerts users

"Even if configured cor-The Food and Drug Ad-rectly, certain hardware or ministration said Wednes- software changes can interday it has received multiple rupt the expected operation reports of users missing or of these critical devices, which can lead to patient cal alerts from their phones, harm if undetected," said leading to cases of danger- Courtney Lias, a division ously low blood sugar and director in the FDA's device center, in a release.

Roughly 37 million Amerihave become resistant to it.

Continuous glucose moniage glucose in the blood and tors are small devices that use a sensor under the skin These days, many devices to measure blood sugar, are programmed through sending regular readings apps on patients' phones. to a smartphone or smart-But the FDA warns that cer- watch. Automated insulin

tain phone settings, such as pumps deliver the hormone through a catheter attached to the abdomen and can be programmed to deliver extra insulin before meals.

How to make sure glucose monitoring apps are working properly FDA regulators recom-

- > Turn off automatic updates on your smartphone until you've confirmed the new operating system is compatible with your diabetes app.
- > After connecting your smartphone to a new accessory, such as Bluetooth headphones, confirm that app alerts are still being delivered and can be heard clearly.
- > Once a month, double check that your smartphone's notification settings haven't changed.

A spine-zapping implant helped three people with a musclewasting disease walk better

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Three people with a muscle-destroying disease er patients. destined to worsen got a little stronger – able to stand and walk more low levels of electricity has long easily – when an implanted device zapped their spinal cord.

On Wednesday, researchers reported what they called the first evidence that a spine-stimulating implant already being tested for paralysis might also aid neurodegenerative diseases like spinal muscle atrophy - by restoring some muscle function, at least temporarily.

"These people were definitely not expecting an improvement," said Marco Capogrosso, an assistant professor at the University of Pittsburgh who led the research. Yet over the month-long pilot study, "they were getting better and bet-

Spinal muscle atrophy or SMA is a genetic disease that gradually destroys motor neurons, nerve cells in the spinal cord that control muscles. That leads muscles to waste away, especially in the legs, hips and shoulders and sometimes those involved with breathing and swallowing. There is no cure. A gene therapy can save the lives of very

young children with a severe form of the disease, and there are some medicines to slow worsening in old-

Stimulating the spinal cord with been used to treat chronic pain but Capogrosso's team also has tested it to help people paralyzed from strokes or spinal cord injury move their limbs unaided. While turned on, it zaps circuits of dormant nerves downstream of the injury to activate muscles.

Then Capogrosso wondered if that same technology might help SMA in a similar way — by revving up related sensory nerves so they wake up damaged muscle cells, helping them move to combat wasting.

The Pitt researchers implanted electrodes over the lower spinal cord of three adults with SMA and tested their muscle strength, fatigue, range of motion and changes in gait and walking distance when the device was firing and when it was turned off.

It didn't restore normal movement but with just a few hours of spinal stimulation a week, all quickly saw improvements in muscle strength and function, researchers reported in the journal Nature Medicine.



This image from video provided by UPMC and University of Pittsburgh Health Sciences shows Doug McCullough, who has spinal muscular atrophy, during tests of experimental spinal cord stimulation to improve muscle function in 2023 in Pittsburgh.

LOOKING BACK IN HISTORY

CALIFORNIA, FEB. 6, 1969



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WASHINGTON D.C., FEB. 9, 1965



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. talks to newsmen in the White House lobby on Feb. 9, 1965, after conferences with President Lyndon B. Johnson, Vice President Hubert Humphrey, and Acting Attorney General Nicholas Katzenbach. King quoted President Johnson as saying the Justice Department is working on a bill to secure voting rights for African Americans.

JAPAN, FEB. 6, 1972

State forestry conservation crews made up of prison convicts clean up oil-soaked straw on the beach in Santa Barbara, Feb. 6, 1969.



NORWAY'S INGOLF MORK (44) CARRIES YUKIO KASAYA (45), JAPAN'S 7U-METEL jump Olympic gold medalist, on his shoulders after Japan clinched its first ever winter Olympic gold medal at the Sapporo Winter Olympic Games in Sapporo, Japan, Feb. 6, 1972. At left is bronze winner Seiji Aochi (20) and next to Mork is silver winner Akitsugu Konno. Mork finished fourth.

ANTARCTIC, FEB. 8, 1957



The Duke of Edinburgh feeds a flock of penguins during a visit to the Antarctic, Feb. 8, 1957.

OREGON, FEB. 6, 1994



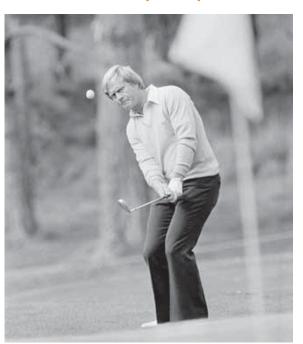
U.S. figure skating champion Tonya Harding is followed by media as she walks from an apartment in Beaverton, near Portland, Oregon, to her truck on Feb. 6, 1994. The U.S. Figure Skating Association has announced Harding must face disciplinary proceedings for her alleged role in the attack on rival skater Nancy Kerrigan.

ENGLAND, FEB. 6, 1951



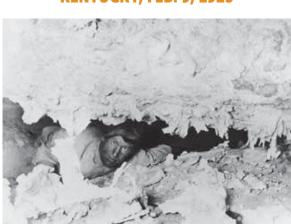
British housewives toss pancakes in skillets as they run through the streets of Olney, England, in the community's annual race which follows a 500-year-old tradition, Feb. 6, 1951. Mrs. Isabel Dix, 22, extreme right, won the race covering the 415 yards from the Parish pump to the door of Sts. Peter and Paul church in one minute, 12.1

CALIFORNIA, FEB. 3, 1983



Pro golfer Jack Nicklaus during opening round of the 42nd Crosby Pro-Am in Pebble Beach, California, Feb. 3, 1983.

KENTUCKY, FEB. 9, 1925



Floyd Collins, cave explorer, peers through a break in one of the interior partitions of a cavern at Sand Cave, Kentucky, Feb. 9, 1925.

TODAY IN HISTORY

FEB. 7

- > In 1904, the Great Baltimore Fire began; one of the worst city fires in American history, it destroyed over 1,500 buildings in central Baltimore.
- > In **1943**, the government abruptly announced that wartime rationing of shoes made of leather would go into effect in two days, limiting consumers to buying three pairs per person per year. (This was reduced to two pairs per year in 1944; rationing was lifted in
- October 1945.)
- > In 1971, women in Switzerland gained the right to vote through a national referendum, 12 years after a previous attempt failed.
- In **1984**, space shuttle Challenger astronauts Bruce McCandless II and Robert L. Stewart went on the first untethered spacewalk.
- In 1991, Jean-Bertrand Aristide was inaugurated as the first democratically elected president of Haiti. (He was overthrown by the military
- the following Septem-
- > In 1999, Jordan's King Hussein died of cancer at age 63; he was succeeded by his eldest son, Abdullah.
- > In 2013, Mississippi certified its ratification of the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, making it the last state to officially abolish slavery.
- > In 2021, after moving south to a new team and conference, Tom Brady led the Tampa Bay Buccaneers to a 31-9 Super Bowl victory over !> the Kansas City Chiefs on the
- Buccaneers' home field.
- In 2023, Lebron James passed Kareem Abdul-Jabbar to become the NBA's all-time career scoring leader.

FEB. 8

- > In 1587, Mary, Queen of Scots was beheaded at Fotheringhay Castle in England after she was implicated in a plot to murder her cousin, Queen Elizabeth I.
- In 1693, a charter was granted for the College of

- William and Mary in Williamsburg in the Virginia Colony.
- > In **1904,** Japan launched a surprise attack on the Russian Navy at Port Arthur (now Dalian, China), marking the beginning of the Russo-Japanese War.
- > In 1910, the Boy Scouts of America was incorporated by William D. Boyce.
- > In 1915, D.W. Griffith's controversial epic film "The > In 1971, NASDAQ, the Birth of a Nation" pre-
- miered in Los Angeles. > In 1924, the first execution by gas in the United States
- took place at the Nevada State Prison in Carson City as Gee Jon, a Chinese immigrant convicted of murder, was put to death.
- In 1936, the first NFL draft was held at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Philadelphia.
- In 1960, work began on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, located on Hollywood **Boulevard and Vine Street** in Los Angeles.
- world's first electronic stock exchange, held its first trading day.
 - -From AP reports

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JAPAN, FEB. 3, 1972



Izumi Tsujimura, 16-year-old Sapporo High school Girl, glides gracefully over the Ice to carry the Olympic flame into the Makomanai stadium during opening ceremonies of the XIth Winter Olympic Games in Sapporo on Feb. 3, 1972.

FRANCE, FEB. 4, 1946



Gardeners work near the Eiffel Tower in Paris on Feb. 4, 1946, taking advantage of Paris' first spring weather.

RUSSIA, FEB. 6, 2004



Ambulance cars wait for wounded outside Paveletskaya metro station Feb. 6, 2004. An explosion hit the Moscow metro during Friday morning rush hour, killing at least 30 people, wounding dozens of others and sending clouds of smoke through the tunnel.

NEW YORK, FEB. 7, 1961



New Yorkers will no doubt envy these lucky souls pictured here in idlewild airport, New York on Feb. 7, 1961, as they walk towards plane for flight to Florida. Mounds of snow in foreground tell the story of the bad weather conditions that inflicted the metropolitan area this winter.

JAPAN, FEB. 8, 1995



File photos | Associated Pro

Waving British and Japanese flags, local residents in downtown Tokyo try to reach Princess Diana, the Princess of Wales as the Princess makes a short walk between two facilities she was visiting on Feb. 8, 1995. Princess Diana is greeted by crowds of well-wishers at every place she goes.

ITALY, FEB. 6, 1974



Italian university student Alessandro Antoniani, 26, lives by himself in a farmhouse in the countryside North of Rome, Italy and shares his home with animal friends. In this image he poses with one of his two wolves, the she-wolf 'Mara' on Feb. 6, 1974. He has collected most of these animals in the Lazio countryside over the past few years and founded a center for the preservation of animals facing extinction.

NORTH CAROLINA, FEB. 8, 1970



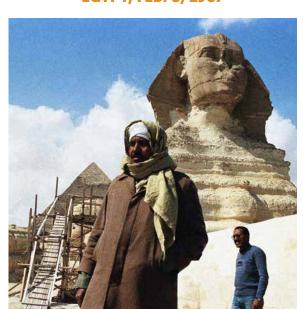
Some 1,700 whites stage a protest rally in downtown Charlotte, North Carolina, against the court-ordered desegregation plan which calls for the busing of up to 10,000 students by spring, Feb. 8, 1970.

JAPAN, FEB. 7, 1972



Cees Verkerk of the Netherlands, right, laps Colin Coates of Australia during the Olympic 10,000-meter race, Feb. 7, 1972 in Sapporo, Japan, in which Verkerk set a new Olympic record time of 15:04.70.

EGYPT, FEB. 8, 1987



An Egyptian worker stands in front of the Sphinx in Giza, Egypt on Feb. 8, 1987. The Sphinx with the great pyramids in background.

FLORIDA, FEB. 9, 1989



Eastern Airlines machinists trooped to the local's union hall for a strike authorization vote, Feb. 9, 1989 in Miami. There are only 22 days left before the deadline in their contract dispute with the company.

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Answers to Thursday's puzzle: YOGURT BUTTER CHEESE CREAM MILK / PEACH LEMON MANGO GUAVA / GOLD IRON LEAD ZINC / OCEAN CANOE / MEXICO BELIZE

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Mind the Gap by Zhouqin Burnikel **ACROSS**

- 1. Ready for the pitch 6. Number associated with luck and prosperity in China
- 11. UV-blocking letters 14. Windfalls 15. "Don't Know Why" singer
- Jones 16. ___ _ close for comfort
- 17. S A G E
- 19. Material in a mine cart
- 20. Casual get-together 21. Currency in China
- 22. Fiona and Shrek's triplets, e.g.
- 24. All finished 26. City fooled by a wooden horse
- 27. DEVOTION
- 33. "South Pacific" won 17 of them
- 34. B-ball official 35. Deep anger
- 36. Castaway's shelter 37. Savor the flattery
- 41. "The Marvels" director DaCosta
- 42. "That's disgusting" 43. Bathroom, informally
- 44. Cookies with a Java

- Chip variety
- 46. TUMBLER 51. New Mexico town that rhymes with "house"
- 52. Send forth
- 53. Birthplace of Muhammad
- 55. "Such bad news!"
- 57. "Bye for now!" 61. Geological time span
- 62. PARTITION 65. Halle, to Chloe Bailey,
- for short
- 66. "That's the spot!" 67. Jewelry store unit
- 68. "What did I say?!"
- 69. Allied (with)
- 70. Gave an address DOWN
- 1. Kindergarten basics
- 2. Opened without scissors 3. Drag race wraps
- 4. Fish commonly used to
- make Korean broth 5. "For shame!"
- 6. Tough it out
- 7. State with many effigy mounds
- 8. Toothy smile
- 11. Narrative arcs
- 9. "That ship ___ sailed"
- 10. It's more than a hypothesis
- Hole in a sponge

45. Dilapidated digs 47. Tic-___-toe 48. Wedding speeches 49. Dinged, as a fender

39. Hot roofing goop

13. Enemies

and water

festival

18 Examined

its sandy beaches

28. "Well, then ..."

29. Take to the road

30. "___ that sink in"

31. Small jazz bands

38. Bitter drinks at a beer

__ sci (govt. major)

32. Votes in favor

33. Consequently

25. Workbench clamp

23. Indian state known for

26. Protein in Buddha's delight

27. Mixture made with flour

- 50. Crops created by biotech 53. Private dining area?
- 54. Pelee Island's Great Lake
- 55. Type of handheld gam-
- ing display
- 56. Put on the payroll 58. Prefix with "space"
- 59. Hardwood for deck chairs 60. First chip in the pot, say
- 63. Greek letter before chi 64. Loops in on an email



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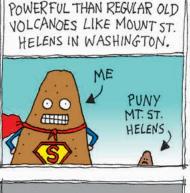
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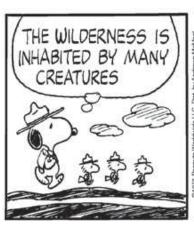
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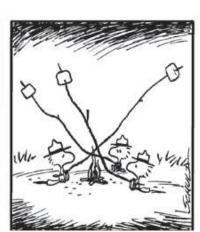
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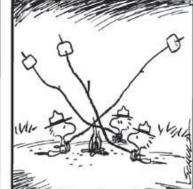


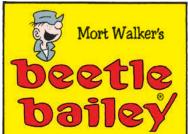
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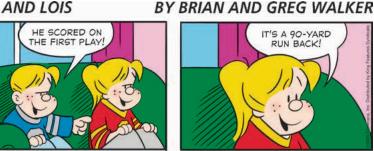


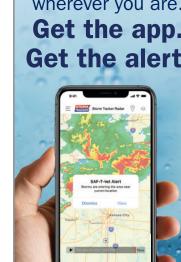
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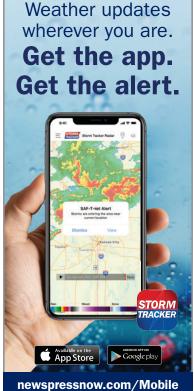
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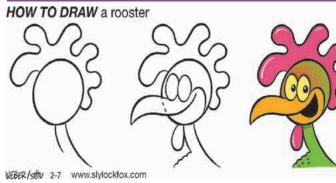




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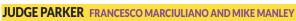


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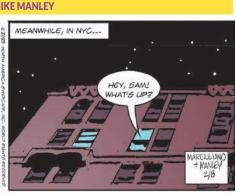






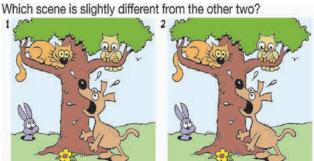
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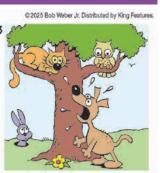




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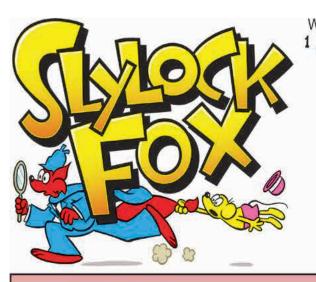




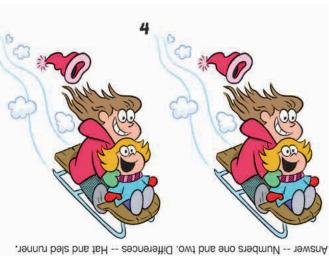




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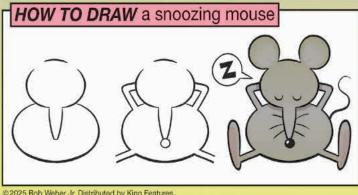


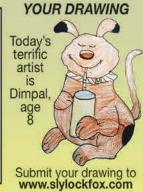
The hotel detective received a tip about a skunk suspected of planning a robbery in this hotel. The caller described the skunk and warned he might target guest rooms. Slylock Fox noticed something curious as he handled the skunk's suitcase. What did Slylock discover that made him suspect the tip might be accurate?

Answer -- The suitcase felt empty. Slylock believes the skunk might be planning to fill it with stolen items from hotel guests.







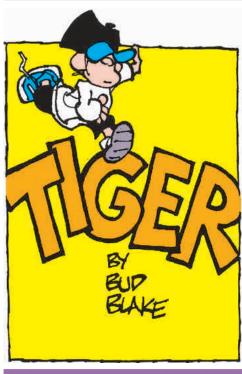


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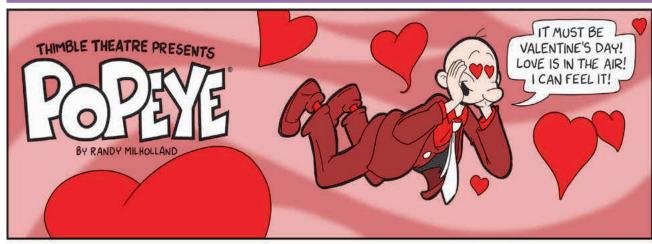


























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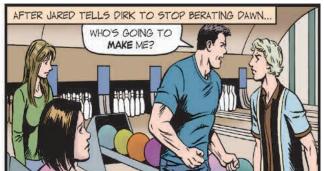


















































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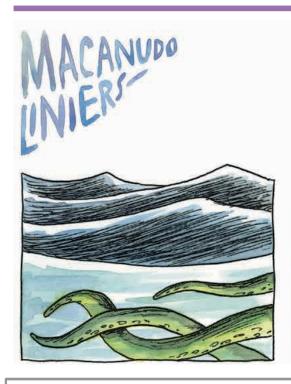














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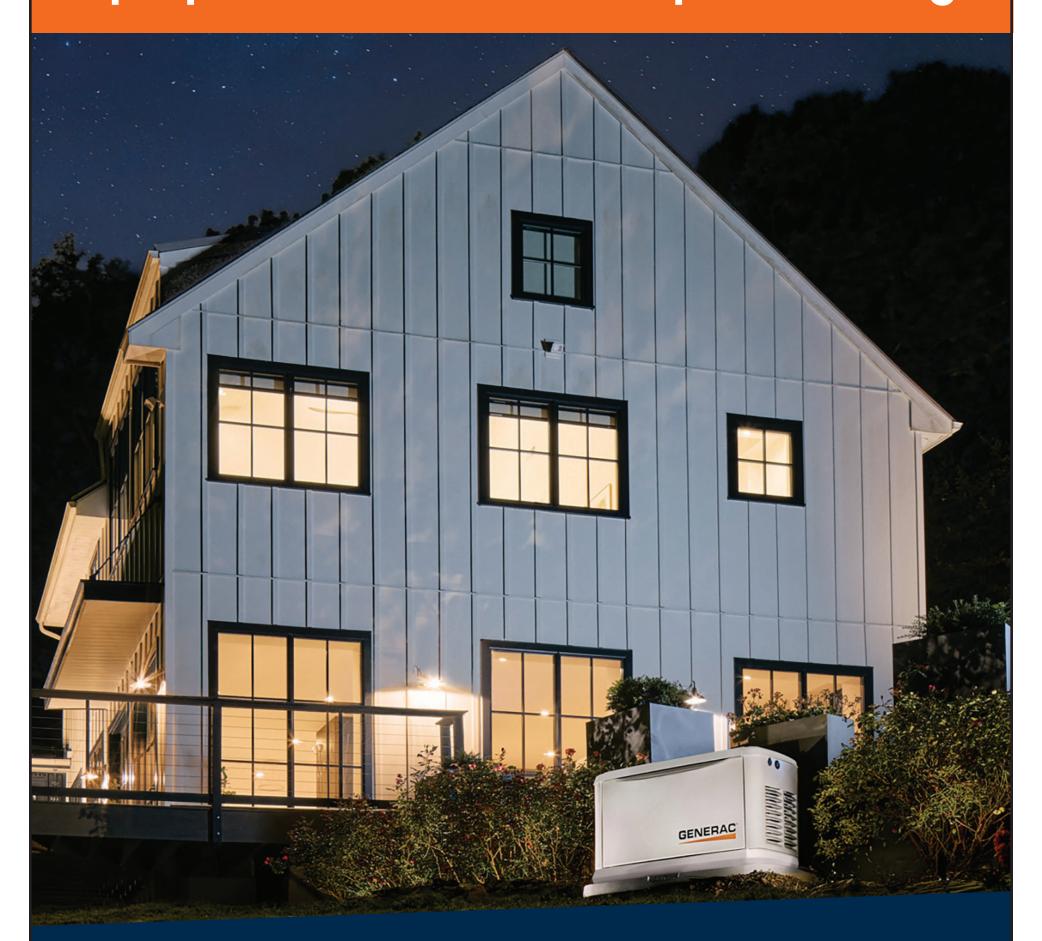
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Maka Indigenous people march to protest for the recovery of ancestral lands in 2024 in Asuncion, Paraguay.

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Their sacred land was a gift for their courage. Yet Maká people in Paraguay fight for its ownership

ASUNCIÓN, Paraguay Many Maká traditions have slowly faded. Yet a few elders among these Paraguayan Indigenous people recall how their songs imitated birds.

"Men used to say that, as they sang, they travelled to Iguazu Falls or to the mountains," said Gustavo Torres, a Maká teacher based near Paraguay's capital, Asunción.

"Their songs imitated nature." Next to him smiled Elodia Servín, who only speaks the Maká language but had Torres help as a translator. Her skin is covered in wrinkles and she has forgotten her age, but a memory sticks: A long time ago, when she was healthy and strong, she loved dancing in Fray Bartolomé de las Casas, a territory her people are now fighting to get back.

The land in dispute is an 828-acre (335 hectare) terrain that the Maká claim ownership over. Paraguay's government has rejected most of their arguments, designating part of it to build a bridge connecting two cities across the Paraguay River.

Fray Bartolomé, as the Maká call it, was offered to them through a decree issued in 1944 by strongman Higinio Morínigo, then Paraguay's president. It was meant as a present, the Maká have said, to acknowledge their courage and the role they played during the Chaco War against Bolivia in the 1930s.

"That place is sacred for us," said Maká leader Mateo Martínez, 65. "It was a gift we thanked God for because it was given through people that loved us."

His ancestors, Martínez said, guided soldiers through the mountains and guenched their hunger and thirst during the war.

"Only the Indigenous people knew where to find water," he said. "If a Paraguayan soldier had gotten lost there alone, he would have died."

Aside from the decree, details of the gift were never put on paper. The ownership titles were issued in the 2000s, and once they were, less than half of the promised acres were granted to the Maká.

Officials have said that a piece of land was indeed given to the community by Morínigo, but its size was never determined nor were its coordinates precise. Both sides meet on a regular basis to discuss a potential new agreement, though no consensus has been reached yet.

"We are open to talking," Martinez said. "But the government won't listen to us or tries to deceive us."

The Maká are one of the 19 Indigenous communities of Paraguay. In the South American country of 6.8 million, more than 140,000 are Indigenous people. The latest census from 2022 estimates that around 2,600 Maká are distributed in both urban and rural areas.

Earthquakes keep rattling Greece's volcanic island of Santorini every few minutes

SANTORINI, GREECE | Earthquakes rattled Greece's volcanic island of Santorini every few minutes overnight and into Wednesday as authorities bolstered emergency plans in case the hundreds of temblors over the past few days are a harbinger of a larger quake to come.

A coast guard vessel and a military landing craft were in the wider area in case an evacuation is required, Civil Protection Minister Vassilis Kikilias told an emergency meeting with security officials, scientists and the prime minister in

'We are obliged to draw up scenarios for better and for worse," Kikilias said during the meeting, which was televised

Greece lies in a highly seismically active area and earthquakes are frequent. But it is extremely rare for any part of the country to experience such an intense barrage of frequent earthquakes.

Cats won't be banned in Scotland, the government confirms

LONDON | The Scottish government wants everyone to know it does not plan to ban cats.

First Minister John Swinney was forced to issue the statement after a report by independent experts branded felines a threat to Scotland's wildlife and suggested "containment" measures be considered to reduce the damage.

The Scottish Animal Welfare Commission said cats kill at least 700 million birds and other animals each year in the U.K. It advised the government to consider a range of measures, including keeping domestic cats indoors or on leashes, to protect endangered species such as Scottish

The report said "cat containment" measures could also include "restrictions on introducing cats to households in vulnerable areas" -- interpreted by some as effectively a

Uganda begins Ebola vaccine trial after new outbreak kills a nurse and infects two other people

KAMPALA, UGANDA | Ugandan authorities on Monday began a clinical trial of a vaccine against the Sudan strain of Ebola that has killed one person in the outbreak declared last week.

Health workers and others exposed to the Ebola strain are being targeted in the study, which began four days after Uganda announced the death of a nurse in the capital, Kampala. Two more cases were confirmed on Monday in relatives of the first victim.

Officials are investigating the source of the outbreak. Ebola is spread by contact with bodily fluids of an infected person or contaminated materials. Symptoms include fever, vomiting, diarrhea, muscle pain and at times internal and external bleeding.

Responding to this outbreak could prove difficult because Kampala has a highly mobile population of about 4 million. The nurse who died had sought treatment at a hospital just outside the capital and later traveled to Mbale in the country's east, where he was admitted to a public hospital. Health authorities said he also sought the services of a traditional

Parts of northern Japan have 4 feet of snow and more is falling

TOKYO | Record-breaking snowfall fell on Japan 's northern main island of Hokkaido, disrupting traffic, causing airport closures and delaying deliveries on Tuesday.

The Hokkaido prefectural government said record-breaking snowfall has been observed especially in the eastern regions of the island, including Obihiro and Kushiro, whose city offices received dozens of calls for help from drivers whose vehicles had stalled in the snow.

The heavy snow and traffic disruptions came just as a popular snow festival began in Sapporo in southern Hokkaido, although the city did not face major disruptions.

Television footage showed residents shoveling snow and passengers pushing vehicles that got stuck. So far, no injuries or major damage have been reported.

-From AP reports

KATHMANDU, NEPAL

Associated Press Young children perform a traditional dance for Britain's Sophie, Duchess of Edinburgh duirng a visit to Maiti Nepal, a nonprofit organization in Nepal dedicated to helping the victims of human trafficking Wednesday in Kathmandu, Nepal.

RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL



Transgender dancers take part in a Paraiso de Tuiuti samba school rehearsal for the upcoming carnival Monday in Rio de

COLOMBO, SRI LANKA



Sri Lankan traditional dancers perform during the country's Independence Day ceremony on Tuesday in Colombo, Sri

See St. Joseph | What's happening across the area this weekend

Puppies, parties and pretty cool science

By KENDRA SIMPSON News-Press NOW

Whether you're looking to get pampered, learn some cool science or play with puppies, St. Joseph residents don't have to travel far to have fun this weekend. Check out what's happening with this week's edition of See St. Joseph.

For more than two decades, Missouri Western State University and the St. Joseph Museums have highlighted the magic of science for St. Joseph's youth through their annual Super Science Saturday.

Every year, Missouri Western hosts Super Science Saturday to of-

fer hands-on learning activities in subjects like biology, natural history, chemistry and more. It's a great way to introduce kids to the wonders of science while having fun.

Super Science Saturday goes from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, in Remington and Agenstein Hall at Missouri Western State University. Tickets can be purchased online at www. stjosephmuseum.org.

Next Friday, romance will be in the air for Valentine's Day, but this weekend is for the girls with Galentines Day celebrations, including KD's Beauty Bar's Sip

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Parents and children gather on Saturday at Agenstein Hall on the campus of Missouri Western State University for the 23rd Annual Super Science Saturday.

THE UNITED WAY OF GREATER ST. JOSEPH



File photo | News-Press NOW

United Way of Greater St. Joseph is holding its annual meeting on Thursday, Feb. 6.

United Way discusses accomplishments of 2024, looks to 2025

By ASHLEY LUTHANS News-Press NOW

on Thursday to discuss the accomplishments of the organization from 2024, as well as looking to what they want to achieve in 2025.

retiring Board Chair, the community. Phil Gould, spoke at The United Way of the event, as well as the Greater St. Joseph met new Board Chair, Michelle Clark.

Way of Greater St. Jo-

organization's Way Campaign to aid

Gould shared his experience of being Chair this past year.

Way "United Gould explained that vests in their people in 2024, The United and this community," Gould said. "And it's seph raised \$2.5 mil- just been an honor to be lion through the United the Chair of this Board. The Board members are excellent and we're just so happy to just be a part of this community."

Three awards were given out by United Way to recognize the accomplishments

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Emergency management invites community to weather spotting training

By CHRIS FORTUNE News-Press NOW

Emergency management leaders are offering weather spotter training to help people protect themselves from severe weather.

The National Weather Service for Kansas City and Pleasant Hill, Missouri, the Buchanan County Emergency Management Department and the St. Joseph Emergency Management Department are hosting the weather spotting training at 7 p.m. on Feb. 13 at Grace Calvary Chapel, located at 5103 S. 50th St.

It will be the first time



A storm siren is shown. Local emergency management leaders are offering weather spotter training to help people protect themselves from severe weather.

the public has been invited for our 2025 (weather to weather spotter training since before the COVID-19 pandemic.

"As we were planning

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spotter training), the Na-

tional Weather Service



Chris Fortune | News-Press NOW

Downtown St. Joseph is seen from King Hill. When a severe storm approaches, first responders go to Wyeth Hill and King Hill to monitor it.

Subject arrested overnight

The St. Joseph Police Department received a Special Response Team callout for N. 12th St. and E. Highland Ave. following an early morning incident.

According to a statement sent to News-Press NOW at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 6 from SJPD, the incident happened shortly after midnight and lead to a standoff with of-

After the brief standoff, the subject was taken into custody on investigation charges.

The investigation is ongoing. News-Press Now will provide updates as they become available.



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A SJPD SRT made an arrest overnight.

Pony Express Museum to host annual Family Day

By ASHLEY LUTHANS News-Press NOW

The Pony Express Museum is gearing up for an annual free event for families.

Pony Express Family Day will take place on Monday, Feb. 17, at the Pony Express Museum, 914 Penn St., and will provide a fun day of exploring history. There will be activities from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., including crafts, games, demonstrations more. Breakfast and lunch will be available.

Events will take place at the 914 Penn St. loca-



Kids participate in an activity at the 2024 Pony Express Museum Family Day. This year's event will be held on Monday, Feb. 17.

tion as well as the Event to visit the Pony School Center at 1220 S. 10th St. location will receive a and the Pony School at free book.

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Meet Loki!

Loki and brother Winston were relinquished to the shelter when their owner was moving and couldn't take them. Loki has been very quiet and reserved at the shelter, wondering what has happened. He is a calm and beautiful black shorthair with adorable white mittens and white on his chin. Loki loves to

be petted and is so ready to start his next chapter in a loving home. His slow eye blinks and gentle "biscuit making" show a cat who will appreciate even the smallest bit of attention. Loki

is a healthy 6-year-old ready to meet you!

Meet Drama!

Meet Drama! This 1.5-year-old, 60-pound black lab is a bundle

of energy and fun. Drama loves playing with other dogs and is always ready for an adventure. She's a Puppies for Parole graduate, which means she's house-trained, crate-trained, and leash-trained. Drama

> knows all her basic commands and is currently working on perfecting her manners. A foodmotivated learner, Drama is eager to pick up new tricks and will be a great addition to an ac-

tive family. If you're looking for a loyal companion to join you on your outdoor escapades, Drama is the girl for you! She's ready to bring lots of love and energy into her new forever home.

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COMMUNITY

Accident on icecovered bridge leaves man with serious injuries

News-Press NOW

An 18-year-old Trenton, Missouri, man is being treated for serious injuries following an early morning crash on Thursday in Grundy County.

just after 5 a.m. when the man lost control of his truck on an ice-covered bridge on Route A about in Kansas City.

three miles northwest of Trenton, according to a Missouri State Highway Patrol crash report. The truck went off the road and hit a tree.

The man, who the report said was not wear-The accident happened ing a seat belt, was taken first to Wright Memorial Hospital in Trenton and later moved to St. Luke's

Driver examination stations across the state to close for holidays

By NICOLE SCOTT News-Press NOW

SPECIAL

A few upcoming holidays will impact driver examination stations across the state.

In observance of President Abraham Lincoln's birthday on Wednesday, Feb. 12, driver examination stations around the state will be closed. Normal operations will resume on Thursday, Feb.

In observance of President George Washington's birthday on Monday, Feb. 17, driver examination stations again will be closed. Normal operations will resume on Tuesday, Feb. 18.

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suggested, 'We want to open it up to the general public," Buchanan County Emergency Management Director Bill Brinton said.

Brinton said the goal behind the weather spotter training is to teach people about weather patterns and how to protect themselves.

"We're not necessarily looking for storm spotters, but we want to be able to have the public come to a place where they can sit and they can learn from experts about what to look for, about cloud formations, about what different things happen,"

Brinton said. "Our goal is for you to learn how to keep your family safe."

When a severe storm is approaching in St. Joseph, the Police Department and Fire Department go to the area of Wyeth Hill and King Hill to monitor it.

Brinton discourages residents from chasing storms because there are 200 volunteers between each of the departments who can monitor severe weather and share updates.

"We have trained volunteers and trained professionals watch out for us and the people in St. Joe and Buchanan County, and we feel confident about our ability," Brinton said.

Discuss

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the community.

Outstanding The Partner award went to the St. Joseph School District and the Spirit of Community award to Commerce Bank.

The Outstanding Volunteer award was given in remembrance of Terri Modlin.

Mayor John Josendale also took the stage to present two awards, with one honor going to Gould and the other to Doug and Carol Walter.

Clark, the new Chair of the United Way Board, said that the organization has big plans for the upcoming year.

"We're going to bring back 'Taste of United Way,'" Clark said. "It's a great way for the community to get to know us while eating food. It's perfect. And then we're also going to pilot a program called 'The Caring Power of Community.' Working title, but basically it's another opportunity for our community to get involved in United Way with other items besides the usual volunteer opportunities."

Clark expressed excitement to work with the community in St. Joseph.

"We have a lot going on in St. Joe and I'm really excited for United Way to be a part of it," Clark said.

United Way is a nonprofit organization that strives to help the community. The group also helps connect St. Joseph residents to volunteer opportunities.

information More about United Way can be found at stjosephunit-





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Late Notices

Arthur P. Halsor KANSAS CITY, Mo. —

Arthur Phillip Halsor, 83, Kansas City, Missouri,

tion under the direction of Missouri Cremation Services.

Kelly R. Bender 1970-2025

Kelli R. Bender, 54, of St. Joseph, formerly of Oregon, Missouri, passed away Jan. 27, 2025.

She worked as a desk clerk at the former Ramada Inn in St. Joseph and later for American Family Insurance.

Services were Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2025, 10:30 a.m., Point Christian Church. Family visitation was Monday, Feb. 3, 2025, 6 to 8 p.m. Chamberlain Funeral Home, Oregon, Missouri. Laid to rest at Cowan Cemetery in New Point, Missouri. In honor of Kelli's memory, contributions may be made to the New Point Christian Church or Cowan Cemetery.

A full obituary may be found and condolences left at www.chamberlainfuneral.com.



FAREWELLS

JOSEPHINE "JO" SEGATTO CHYATTE

Celebration of her life Services 1 p.m. Friday, Meierhoffer Funeral Home & Crematory. David H. Mejia officiating.

The family will gather with friends 12:30 to 1 p.m.

GLENDA E. ROBERTS

Farewell Services and Public Livestream 3 p.m. Friday, Meierhoffer Funeral Home & Crematory. Dr. W.A. Hedge officiating.

BARRY J. **GREENWALD**

Farewell Services 1 p.m. Saturday, Wyatt Park Christian Church. Pastor Ben Hitzfeld officiating. Private Interment Evergreen Cemetery, Osborn, Missouri.

JOHN RANDOLPH **BLAKLEY**

Farewell Services and Public Livestream 1 p.m. Saturday, Meierhoffer Funeral Home & Crematory. Pastor Earnestine Blakley officiating. Interment Ashland Cemetery.

The family will gather with friends one hour prior to the service.

CHARLES A. **KEPHART**

Farewell Services and Public Livestream 1 p.m. Monday, Frederick Boulevard Baptist Church. Pastor Paul Damery officiating. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery. The family will gather with friends one hour prior to the service.

MARY ANN (HULL) NEWGARD

Farewell Services and Public Livestream 1 p.m. Tuesday, Meierhoffer Funeral Home & Crematory. David H. Mejia officiating. Interment Faucett Cemetery. The family will gather with friends

5 to 7 p.m. Monday, Meierhoffer Funeral Home & Crematory.

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Margaret Hager Washington, D.C.

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Jonathan Boller Sr. 1943-2025

Jonathan Boller Sr., 81, of St. Joseph, passed away Monday, Feb. 3, 2025, at Mosaic Life Care. He was born Nov. 16, 1943, in St. Joseph, to the late Effie and Ralph

Jon attended Benton High School. He married Wanda Butterfield on Feb. 3, 1961, sharing exactly 64 vears together. He worked at the Lake Road Warehouse, retiring after 40 years. Jon loved racing, especially dirt track racing. He also loved the KC Chiefs, and most of all, his

Jon was preceded in death by his parents; broth-Henry, Frank, ers, Lawrence, and Clarence Boller; sisters, Harriet Stagner, Bertha Free, Sarah Wampler, Bonnie Ziberski, and Betty Her-

Survivors include wife, Wanda Boller, of the home; sons, Jon Jr. (Beth) Boller, of St Joseph, Ronnie Sr. (April) Boller, of St. Joseph, and Lonnie (Rita) Boller, of Horton, Kansas; daughter, Sherri Boller, of St. Joseph; 15 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family received friends from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 6, 2025, at the Rupp Funeral Home. Private family services will be held at a later date with Interment in Memorial Park Cemetery. Memorials are requested to the American Kidney Foundation.

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1950-2025

PLATTSBURG, Mo. — Clifford Ray Farris, 74, Plattsburg, Missouri, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2025, at his home. He was born on Nov. 28, 1950, in Paradise, Missouri, to Raymond Lee and Genevieve (Benner) Farris.

Clifford graduated from Smithville, Missouri, High School, then proudly served his country in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a member of American Legion Post 97.

Clifford married Emma Blackford on July 8, 1989. She survives of the home.

He was a long-haul truck driver for many years. The last 20+ years he worked at the JCPenney Distribution Center, in Lenexa, Kansas, for MO-KAN Distribution Company where he retired.

Clifford loved camping, fishing. woodworking, watching John Wayne movies, sitting on the porch, singing, and playing his guitar. He also was a NASCAR fan and loved classic cars.

Known as a jack-of-alltrades and master of none. Clifford also thoroughly enjoyed his role as the big prankster in the family.

Clifford leaves many treasured memories for his family and friends as a loving husband, father, grandfather and greatgrandfather.

He was preceded in death by his parents; grandson, Marshall Eugene Sprague III; and brother, Jack Farris.

Survivors include his wife of 35 years, Emma; children, Ginger Crow (Mark), of Parkville,

JON BOLLER SR.

Graveside Memorial Service and Interment 10 a.m. Friday, Memorial Park Cemetery. Officiant: JoAnn Springs

LILA DEITER

Family will receive friends 1 to 2 p.m. with a Memorial Service 2 p.m. Friday, Rupp Funeral Home. Officiant: Scott Jensen. Interment: 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11. Memorials to Patee Park Baptist.

LINDA MCCOY

Family will receive friends 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Rupp Funeral Home.

SAMUEL HOLMES

Family will receive friends 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Rupp Funeral Home. Memorials to Sam Holmes Memorial Fund in c/o Rupp Funeral

KYLE HORNSBY

Family will receive friends noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, Rupp Funeral

SEAN FISK

Sean has been cremated under the care of Rupp Funeral Home.

> **SERVICES HELD** THIS WEEK:

MARLENE CANTERBURY

Saturday, Feb. 2, 2025, Rupp Funeral Home.

SCOTT WINEINGER Saturday, Feb. 2, 2025, Rupp Funeral Home.

SONDRA AND DONALD HELTON Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2025, Mt. Auburn

LARRY POTTS Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2025, Rupp Funeral Home.

MARK WHITLOCK

Thursday, Feb. 6, 2025, Leavenworth National Cemetery.

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Missouri, Nicole Cox (Charley), of San Tan Valley, Arizona, Rachael Reyes (Tony), of Kansas City, Kansas, and Clinton Farris (Meagan), of Oak Grove, Missouri; 17 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; sister, Barbara Thomas (James), Smithville; brother, James Wade (Julie), of San Antonio, Texas; and stepmother, Kathryn Buckley, Faucett, Missouri.

Farewell Services 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12, Bailey and Cox Family Funeral Service. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service. In the Lieu of flowers/ plants the family suggests memorial gifts to Toys for

Online guest book and obituary at www.bailevcox.com.

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Barry J. Greenwald 1944-2025

Barry J. Greenwald, 80, St. Joseph, passed away Monday, Feb. 3, 2025.

Farewell Services 1 p.m. Saturday, Wyatt Park Christian Church. Private Interment Evergreen Cemetery, Osborn, Missouri.

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Margaret Hager 1944-2025

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Margaret "Margy" Hager passed away peacefully in Washington, D.C., after a prolonged illness. Her loving husband, Bob, sat with her for the last leg of her journey, just as he had for every step along the way.

Margy was born in St. Joseph on Feb. 22, 1944, and lived there most of her life. She graduated from Convent of the Sacred Heart/ Bishop LeBlond High School in 1962. Although she had many jobs in her varied career, she always spoke warmly of her first job at Anchor Serum. Later, she found her greatest fulfillment as an educatouching countless



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lives teaching religion at LeBlond and working with special needs students at Central High School. She helped her students seek the truth while always feeling they were valued as individuals. After retirement, she and Bob moved to Washington, D.C. to be closer to their son and his family.

Margy is remembered as a loving wife and mother, a fierce competitor in family trivia and bridge games, and a force of nature who wrapped all around her with her warmth. Although Alzheimer's robbed so much from her, it never took her smile, which is now making heaven just a bit brighter.

Margy is survived by her husband, Bob; her brothers, Mike and Ted; her sister, Marilyn; her son, Matt; and her two granddaughters, Clare and Elizabeth; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her brother, Tom.

The family would like to acknowledge the staff and residents at Carroll Manor Senior Living, in Washington, D.C., who cared for her with great compassion during her final years.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association via Page, Memorial http://act.alz.org/goto/ma rgy_hager

Margy will be remembered at a funeral at Holy Trinity Church, in Washington, D.C., on Feb. 7 at 10:30 a.m. The family invites those who wish to honor Margy's memory to join us for a memorial Mass at St. Francis Xavier Church, in St. Joseph, at 11 a.m. on Feb. 22. A luncheon will follow at the Parish Center.



Kyle C. Hornsby

1954-2025 Kyle "Kip" Cameron Hornsby, 70, of St. Joseph, passed away Sunday, Feb. 2, 2025, surrounded by his loving family. He was born Nov. 9, 1954, in Trenton, Missouri, son of the late

Ruth and Ralph Hornsby. He graduated from Winston High School and went on to work and retire from BNSF Railroad as an engineer. Kip was an avid collector of guns and knives, enjoyed hunting, watching sports. Above all, he cherished time with his grandchildren. He was a member of the St. Joe Gun Club, the International Society of Arboriculture, and enjoyed attending the Retired Railroad Workers Breakfasts

on occasion. Kip was preceded in death by his parents and wife, Kim Hornsby.

Survivors include daugh-

ter, Audrey Hornsby; and grandchildren, Trey, Abby, Luke, Emmi, Oliver and Wyatt, of St. Joseph; stepson, Nick (Jessi) Taul; step-son, Zach (Theresa) Taul; brother, Lonnie Hornsby, of Cameron, Missouri; sister, Creeth Hawks, of Shelbina, Mis-

souri: and numerous other family members.

The family will receive friends from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, 2025, at Rupp Funeral Home. Mr. Hornsby has been cremated under the care of Rupp Funeral Home. Memorials are requested to the Donor's Choice in Kip Hornsby's name.





Charles A. Kephart 1936-2025

Charles A. Kephart, 88, St. Joseph, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2025. He was born Aug. 17, 1936, in Cosby, Missouri, to George and Ida (Gnuschke) Kephart. Charles was a 1954 graduate of Lafayette High School.

Charles married Ava Maxine Anderson on Nov. 10, 1956. They shared 64 years together, including the years he cared for Ava during her battle with Alzheimer's before she preceded him in death on Aug. 3, 2021.

He was a mechanic for the Air National Guard at Rosecrans for 38 years until his retirement in 1991.

Charles loved the Lord and served Him faithfully as a longtime member of Frederick Boulevard Baptist Church where he held many roles, including deacon and custodian.

He enjoyed woodworking and carving, and was a member of the Woodworkers Guild in St. Joseph.

Most known for his kindness, humor and bright smile, Charles was a terrific dad and granddad who will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

He was preceded in death by wife, Ava; his parents; twin infant daughters, Marcia Mae and Alicia Grace; brother, John Kephart; sister-in-law, Kephart; and Shirley brother-in-law, John "Bill" Creamer.

Survivors include his children, David Kephart, Laura Mather (Jeff), and Heather Sykes (Martin); grandchildren, Mather (Breanna), Caleb Mather (Baylee), Isaac Sykes and Allison Sykes; one great-grandchild on the way; sister-in-law, Iona Creamer; numerous nieces, nephews, other extended family members

and friends. Farewell Services and Public Livestream 1 p.m. Monday, Frederick Boulevard Baptist Church. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery. The family will gather with friends one hour prior to the service. The family suggests memorial contributions to Frederick Boulevard Baptist

Church. Online guest book and obituary at www.meierhoffer.com.





"Memories Carved in

Sammy L. Nuckols 1945-2025

Sammy Leon Nuckols entered eternal rest on Jan. 27, 2025, surrounded by his children. He was born on Aug. 11, 1945, in St. Joseph, to his loving parents, Samuel Squire Nuckols Helen Gertrude (Robertson) Nuckols.

Sammy never met a stranger, he had a kind and generous spirit, always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone in need, no matter the time or day. He had a heart of gold, giving selflessly and never asking for anything in return.

Sammy was born and raised in St. Joseph. After graduating from Easton, Missouri, High School, Sammy enlisted in the Army, serving his country with dedication. Following his time in the Army, Sammy worked for a short stint at Armour Packing and finally went on to have a fulfilling 30+ year career with St. Joseph Light & Power Company. Shortly after retirement, he pursued his love of nature, with the Missouri Wildlife Conservation Department while also pursuing his passion for working with his hands and helping others through his small engine repair shop, where his craftsmanship and determination were highlighted. If Sammy set his mind to something, he did it with excellence.

An avid outdoorsman, Sammy loved hunting and spending time in nature. He also enjoyed visiting his favorite ball fields. Sammy was dedicated to starting each day with a close-knit group of friends, better known to his kids as the "Liars Club," sharing laughter and stories. Sammy was a proud member of the St. Joseph Moila Shriner & Free Mason organization, giving back to his community in meaningful ways.

While Sammy found joy in many things, nothing compared to the love he had for his family and friends. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend whose presence brought warmth and joy to those around him.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 40 years, Carolyn; his children, Rodney Nuckols and wife Jennifer, Denese Campbell and husband Troy, and Jesse Nuckols; his sister, Charlotte Dreher and husband Franklin; his stepchildren, Tim Frazee and spouse Tonya, and Jeanne Walker and husband Ryan; 15 grandchildren; four greatgrandchildren, with one more on the way. There wasn't a prouder PaPa and he was so excited with anticipation for the arrival of baby Jack.

Sammy is preceded in death by his parents, Samuel Squire Nuckols and Helen Gertrude Nuckols, as well as three brothers and one sister.

Sammy was a man who gave so much and asked for so little. His kindness, generosity, and unwavering love will be deeply missed but never forgotten.

A Memorial Service will be held at 11 a.m. on Feb. 2025, at Frederick Boulevard Baptist Church. The family will greet guests starting at 10 a.m. with the service to follow. Services are being coordinated by Meierhoffer Fu-Home neral Crematory.



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Jack L. Richardson 1939-2025

UNION STAR, Mo. — Jack Richardson, 85, peacefully passed away on Jan. 31, 2025, at his home. He was born in Osborn, Missouri, on May 22, 1939, to George and Jessie Richard-

Jack graduated from Plattsburg High School and received an associate's degree from Missouri Western State College. He was an engineer for the Burlington Northern Railroad for over 40 years before retiring.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Jessie (Caldwell) Richardson and brothers, Jim and Charlie Richardson.

He is survived by his son. Cornel (Retha) Richardson, Azle, Texas; and daughter, Marcia (Kelly) Lykins, St. Joseph; two grandchildren, Chasidy Richardson, Fort Worth, Texas; and Ali Hughes (Shelby), Platte City, Missouri; three greatgrandchildren, Logan, Derrick, and Adalyn; one nephew, Jimmy Richardson; and several cousins.

Jack loved living and working on the farm. He loved animals, especially his cat, Candy.

After retirement, he loved going to his grandbasketball daughter's games at Benedictine College, where he was affectionately known "Grandpa everyone as Jack."

Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2025 Poland-Thompson Chapel, 222 W. Third Street Cameron, Missouri. Visitation: 1 to 2 p.m. Services: 2 p.m. Burial in Osborn Evergreen Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be given to St. Joseph Ani-

mal Rescue. condolences: Online www.polandthompson.com

Arrangements Poland-Thompson Funeral Home, Cameron.



Glenda E. Roberts 1950-2025

Glenda E. Roberts, 74, St. Joseph, passed away Sunday, Feb. 2, 2025. She was born Dec. 26, 1950, in Pennsylvania.

On April 30, 1976, Glenda married the love of her life, Edward Eugene Roberts, and together they built a family full of love and laughter. She was a cherished mother to Rachel Eckart (Gene) and Christopher Roberts. Glenda's role as a grandmother was one she enjoyed with all her heart, leaving behind treasured memories with grandchildren Jordan, Kailyn, and Jasper Roberts, Joslin Carpenter, and Samantha Stapleton, as well as greatgrandchildren Theo and Archie Richey.

Glenda is lovingly remembered by her husband, her children, and their families, as well as her siblings, Evonda Weinmann, Tony Knowles, Mickie Holman, and Chuck Hord.

Frances Hill.

Glenda's passion for stained glass and the precious moments spent with her grandchildren will be held close to the hearts of her family and friends for-

Farewell Services and Public Livestream 3 p.m. Friday, Meierhoffer Funeral Home & Crematory. The family gathered with friends 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Meierhoffer Funeral Home & Crematory.

Online guest book and obituary at www.meierhoffer.com.



Maurice C. Wheeler 1933-2025

MOUND CITY, Mo. — Maurice C. Wheeler, 91, passed away Jan. 24, 2025, at his Mound City, Missouri, home.

Celebration of Life service: Saturday, Feb. 8, 2025, 10:30 a.m., Mound City United Methodist Church. Family will greet friends at the church beginning at 9 a.m. Private family inurnment: High Prairie Cemetery, Elmo, Missouri. Memorials: Mound City United Methodist Church.

A full obituary may be found and condolences left at www.chamberlainfuneral.com.



Merlin R. Yeager 1941-2025

ALBANY, Mo. — Merlin "Merle" Ross Yeager, 83, of Albany, Missouri, passed away Feb. 3, 2025, in Savannah, Missouri.

Survivors: son, Brian (Jan) Yeager; daughter, Diana Lane; grandchildren, Maisie (Melissa) Yeager, Bobby Jr. (Christy) Goble and Adrienne (Levi) Teel; six great-grandchildren; brother, Dean (Sveta) Yeager; aunt, Bonnie Brooks; nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Graveside Service and Burial: noon Friday, Feb. 7, at Oak Grove Cemetery, Oak Grove, Missouri.

Online Condolences: www.robersonpolleychapel.com.



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Kobach seeks to profoundly limit filing of ineffective counsel motions

By KANSAS REFLECTOR via TN Content Exchange

TOPEKA — Kansas Attorney General Kris Kobach is the driving force behind a Kansas Senate bill placing stringent limits on the ability of people convicted of a crime to file multiple petitions claiming ineffective legal representation.

If the bill introduced by the Republican attorney general and considered Wednesday by a GOP-led Senate committee had been part of state law in 2017, Lamonte McIntrye would have remained incarcerated for a double homicide he didn't commit. It wasn't until filing a third petition on McIntrye's behalf that evidence was presented proving he was innocent in the Wyandotte County murders. After serving 23 years in prison, he was exonerated and released.

Under the proposed changes in Senate Bill 60, the evidence that established the truth about Lamonte's innocence could not have been presented," said Jean Phillips, who testified against the bill on behalf of the Kansas Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. "SB 60 jeopardizes the continued work to correct injustices and free the wrongfully incarcerated."

She said 20 people, including McIntrye, had been exonerated in Kansas since 2004.

Kris Ailslieger, deputy solicitor general in the attorney general's office, told the Senate Judiciary Committee that Kobach was in favor of the bill because it would curb the filing of "repetitive, meritless post-conviction motions."

Ailslieger said implementation of reform would relieve "unnecessary strain on the courts and prosecutors" who were compelled to respond to a backlog of "frivolous filings."

The Kobach bill Under the bill. Kansas



File photo | Associated Press

ence 2024 at the Statehouse in Topeka, Kansas.

courts "shall not consider" a second or subsequent motion claiming ineffective counsel. The legislation would establish two exceptions. First, the bill says a successive motion could be evaluated by the court if the claim relied on a new rule of constitutional law that was applied retroactively and relevant to the prisoner's case. The other would allow a court review if the factual basis of the claim couldn't have been discovered at trial and was sufficient to establish by clear and convincing evidence no reasonable person would have found the defendant guilty.

The measure also would prohibit a second or subsequent motion regarding flawed or negligent legal counsel from being considered while an appeal was pending on a previously filed motion.

Existing Kansas statute says judges weren't required to entertain more than one similar motion on behalf of a prisoner, but judges possessed independent authority to examine an individual's multiple claims for ineffective counsel.

Ailslieger said a 2004 decision by the Kansas Supreme Court contributed to the problem by permitting the cycle of filings. The outcome of Brown v. State improperly created a right to effective assistance in post-conviction proceedings despite lack of an explicit state statute forming that right or a state constitutional foundation for that right, he

month by the attorney general's office would restore the pre-Brown approach to motions on ineffective assistance of counsel. Ailslieger said. Adoption of the change would slow the state's appellate perpetualmotion machine and more efficiently bring finality to criminal cases, he said.

"The purpose of this bill is to stop or stem kind of the tidal wave," Ailslieger said. "These motions bog down the court system. They take up judicial resources. They take up prosecutorial resources. They take up defense resources. They almost never have any kind of merit, but we still have to have hearings on them. We still have to write answers to them."

The Senate Judiciary Committee took no action on the bill. The concept of the bill was endorsed by a prosecutor working for **Sedgwick County District** Attorney Marc Bennett, who suggested an amendment outlining an alternative procedure for the courts to work on one motion per case at a time.

Aaron Breitenbach, deputy district attorney in Sedgwick County, also raised a concern about reference in Kobach's bill to "expedited" hearings in death-penalty appeals. He said that provision could cause "grievous harm" to the ability of prosecutors to deal with complex appeals by defendants in capital cases.

Puppies

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and Paint Party: Valentine's edition.

KD's Beauty Bar is celebrating special bonds between gal pals. Grab your best friend, mom, sister or grandma for a night of creativity, laughter and moments you'll remember for years to come.

There will be taco and bottomless mimosa bars, Bestie and facials, karaoke and more. Treat yourself and the important even meet their new

5:45 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 8, at 501 Francis St. Tickets for the event

can be purchased online at kdsbeautybar. glossgenius.com. River Bluff Brew-

ing will host its third annual Puppy Bowl to celebrate the big game and support Friends of the Animal Shelter. "Tail-gate" before

the Super Bowl with raffles, face painting, craft beers, hot dogs and regular dogs, too. proceeds from the event will benefit Friends of the Animal Press NOW Shelter and some might

women in your life at best furry friend.

The puppy bowl goes from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 9, at River Bluff Brewing, located at 1224 Frederick Ave. While there, be sure to stick around to watch Super Bowl LIX and News Press NOW's coverage of the big game.

Whether raising a little scientist, celebrating girls' night or cheering on KC's favorite team, there's never a lack of weekend fun right here at home.

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ACROSS THE REGION

The GOP keeps failing to make Nebraska a winner-take-all state. Now it might ask voters to do it

Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — For decades Republicans in GOPdominated Nebraska have tried and failed to upend the state's unusual method of splitting its presidential electoral votes by congressional district. Now, with yet another winner-take-all bill likely to fail, they are proposing to put it to a vote of the people.

The proposed referendum is billed as a backup plan to the winner-take-all measure, introduced at the request of Republican Gov. Jim Pillen, which appears to have little chance of surviving a promised filibuster. If it fails, Sen. Myron Dorn says he'll seek to pull the referendum measure from committee in the hopes that voters will approve the change in the 2026 general election.

Republicans have tried to reverse the split vote system since the Legislature adopted it nearly 35 years ago, with most saying Nebraska should mirror the 48 states that use a winner-take-all system under which all electoral votes go to a single candidate. Maine is the only other state that splits its electoral votes.

Nebraska divides its five electoral votes with the three



Sen. Mery Riepe, a Republican in Nebraska's unique one-house, officially nonpartisan Legislature, stands at his desk on the legislative floor on Jan. 14 in Lincoln,

tied to its three congressional Vice President Kamala Harris, districts going to the top votegetters in those districts.

The state, where registered Republicans outnumber Democrats nearly 2-to-1, has not fort reached a crescendo last voted statewide for a Democratic presidential candidate since 1964.

In 2008, Barack Obama becandidate to capture the electoral vote tied to the Omahacentered 2nd Congressional District. It happened a second time in 2020, when Joe Biden won it, and again last year for

even though Republican President Donald Trump handily won the rest of the state.

The winner-take-all push efyear when both Republicans and Democrats envisioned a scenario in which a single electoral vote from Nebraska could detercame the first Democratic mine the outcome of the election. Right-wing conservative activists began calling for the state's Electoral College system to be changed, through a special election if necessary, only months ahead of the general election.

Building permits

Tara Metcalf, 4504 Stonebridge Dr. W., plumbing, Hamilton Plumbing Heating AC Rooter, \$2,311.

Tara Metcalf, 2409 Mitchell Ave., plumbing, Hamilton Plumbing Heating AC Rooter, \$3,317.

Tara Metcalf, 4504 Stonebridge Dr. W., plumbing, Hamilton Plumbing Heating AC Rooter, \$2,823.

Myrons Dental Labs Inc., 3837 Faraon St., roof, Interurban Restoration & Construction Inc., \$7,000.

Mei Fen Huang, 918 S. Belt Highway, roof, Pact Construction Services LLC, \$53,574

Nestle Purina Petcare Company C/O Ernst Young LLP, 4503 Packers Ave., walk through, no

contractor listed. **Heritage Home Investments** LLC, 1522 Sacramento St., electri-

cal, JD Electric, \$1,500. **Caseys Marketing Co Store**

4337 C/O Douglas M Beech, 4101 N. Belt Highway, mechanical permit, Ross Mechanical Inc., \$62,350.

Caseys Marketing Co Store 4337 C/O Douglas M Beech, 4101 N. Belt Highway, plumbing, Ross Mechanical Inc., \$69,800.

Creek Woods LLC, 4907 Creek Woods Dr., mechanical permit, Chip Harris Heating and Cooling LLC, \$12,500.

Creek Woods LLC, 4909 S. Creek Woods Dr., mechanical permit, Chip Harris Heating and Cooling LLC, \$12,500.

Northside Remolding LLC, 722 Mount Mora Rd., electrical, Action Electric Corporation, \$1,000.

Dennis Smith, 5202 King Hill Ave., alteration, no contractor listed, \$3,000.

Anita Lehr, 2818 Mulberry St., electrical, Woods & Bruce Electric,

Michael & Diane Hofmeister, 3515 Penn St., alteration, Blackstone

BrotherHood Masonic Temple Association Inc., 2602 1/2 St. Ave., plumbing, Kanaan Contracting LLC,

Derek & Dominica Uzzle, 3408 Stanford Ct., plumbing, Kanaan

Gregory Lee & Shirley McNew, 500 Allen St., plumbing, Kanaan

Scott & Ammie Sigars, 1037 N. Noyes Blvd., addition, no contractor

listed, \$25,000.

Contracting LLC. **Buchanan County Missouri,** N.

Pointe Dr., land disturbance, Legacy

Robert & Jaine Findley, 701 E. Highland Ave., alteration, El Leon

Gary & Sandra Burg, 606 Woodcrest Dr., fence, Gary &

lawn Dr., roof, Get Contracting LLC, \$7,000.

Arrowhead Dr., solar, Kansas Solar Systems Incorporated, \$24,500.

Montelongo, 111 N. 18th St., street closure, Sprague Excavating Co.

NB Properties LLC, 3101 Frederick Ave., alteration, Al J Mueller Construction Co., \$59,000.

Construction, \$5,000.

\$4,500.

Contracting LLC, \$300

Contracting LLC, \$300.

Donald & Catherine Hammond, 3806 Taggart Ct., plumbing, Kanaan

Underground Construction.

Remolding LLC, \$5,300.

John Ludwig Jr., 3819 E. Ayr-

Wigton Family Trust, 4517

Hernandez Guadalupe Maribel

Gaddy Trust, 3331 Mueller Ln.,

roof, Erie Construction, \$46,526.

Harbor Homes Partners II LLC, 3120 Karnes Rd., walk through, no contractor listed.

Ty Binder, 617 S. 14th St., electrical, R&L Electric.

Community Action Partnership of Greater St. Joseph, S. 8th St., plumbing, Archdekin & Jones

Plumbing and Heating, \$3,000. Karl Ambrozi II, 4208 Miller Rd., alteration, Van Cleave Construction

LLC, \$196,978. **TMJ Enterprises LLC,** 3601 Faraon St., electrical, Bartlow Elec-

trical Services, \$13,500. Pro Property 2 LLC, 2818 N. Belt

Highway, walk through, no contrac-

Jose Zamora & Lorena Perez, 2310 Park Ave., Mechanical Permit, H K Quality Sheet Metal, \$1,607.

Vernacular Estates LLC, 2301 Frederick Ave., walk through, commercial, no contractor listed.

Kathy & Kelly Crawford, 300 W. Louis St., mechanical permit, Four

Seasons Heating & Cooling, \$9,511. **TMJ Enterprises LLC,** 3601 Faraon St., plumbing, Archdekin

& Jones Plumbing and Heating, Sherri Perks, 2312 Hillside Ln., mechanical permit, H K Quality

Sheet Metal, \$3,877. Wahlgren Family LLC, 502

Edmond St., pluming, Citywide Plumbing, \$3,000. Harold II & Marsha McGloth-

lin Trust, 3013 Morningside Dr., plumbing, Roto Rooter Services Co., \$5,000.

Nebraska government system shutdown disrupts the Legislature, DMV and other offices

Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — A systemwide outage of state government computers shut down everything from the work of the Legislature to driver's licensing offices for several hours Thursday.

The state Office of the Chief Information Officer confirmed that the outage affected all state connections and shut down most state office websites, including the Health and Human Services and Transportation departments. It even shut down the lighted board in the legislative chamber that shows how lawmakers voted.

The outage was disruptive enough that the Legislature ad-

journed less than an hour after convening without debating a slate of bills that had been set for consideration. Lawmakers were later able to hold afternoon committee hearings on proposed legislation.

State websites and communications were back online before 1 p.m., but the reason for the shutdown was not immediately disclosed.

"We are currently investigating a root cause," said Ezra Effrein, spokesman for the chief information officer. Asked if a malicious act was behind the outage, Effrein said it was too early to say.

Gov. Jim Pillen's office, which also saw its website shut down, said it did not have more information on what might have caused the outage.



Nebraska Gov. Jim Pillen speaks during the Republican election night watch party 2024 at the Beardmore Event Center in Bellevue, Nebraska.

Deeds of trust

Deeds of trust reported from Jan. 30 to Feb. 5

James Maleta, Gloria Maleta to Postal & Community Credit Union, Ridgewood Station Amnd 1st Extn LT 8 Blk 3 \$30,000.

Derrick Jones, Ronda Jones to Spring EQ LLC, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., Kerns Krest LT 19 \$50,000.

Jeremy Overby, Kerry Overby to US Bank National Assoc., 22 57 35 PT NW Quarter

Brady Miller, Lindsey Miller to Bank of Atchison, Union State Bank of Everest, 155 37 PT NW Quarter LT 1 **\$748,800.**

Build it Back Joetown LLC to Nodaway Valley Bank, Hendrix Subdiv LT 15 \$144,000. HouStoneStateProperties LLC to Rain City Captial LLC, Ashland Heights 2nd Extn LT 41 PT LT 42 **\$465,000**.

Craig Houston to Rain City Capital LLC, 34 58 35 PT SW Quarter **\$140,000**.

Taylor Ellis to Crosscountry Mortgage LLC, Stonecrest East 8th Plat LT 1 Blk 2 \$350,000. Dailys Premium Meats LLC to CoBank ACB, Kathleen Roberts, South Walk Adj LT 3 \$750,000.

Julia Elder to Navy Federal Credit Union, S H Sommers Grand Heights PT LT 21 LT 22 Blk 7

Tracy Cameron, Diane Cameron to HNB National Bank, Fountain Creek Plat 2 LT 29 \$224,000.

Elite Estate LLC to Nodaway Valley Bank, Ferndale PT LT 11 **\$70,400.** Marissa Schwalbe, Kaleb Schwalbe

to US Bank NA, Saxton Heights LT 39 PT LT 38 Blk 2 **\$147.925.** Marissa Schwalbe, Kaleb Schwalbe

to Missouri Housing Development Commission, Saxton Heights PT LT 38 LT 39 Blk 2 \$5,917. Kristopher Owens, Gabrielle Owens

Laderoute Estates Plat 2 LT 2 \$408,600.

Janet Slater Co Trustee, Richard Slater Co Trustee, Richard Slater & Janet Slater Trust to Rocket Mortgage

to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc...

LLC, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., Northridge Place LT 3 Blk 3 \$132,000.

Kade Stowell, Briana Randolph to Community America Credit Union, Deer Park LT 15 Blk 3 \$174,552. Taylor Baur to Truity Federal Credit Union,

Owen Tract PT LT 2 Blk 3 \$171,830. Robert Walter, Jane Walter to Nodaway Valley Bank, Lake at Twelve Oaks Plat 3 LT

36 \$100,000. David Gawatz, Kelly Gawatz to Nodaway Valley Bank, Morgan Add Tract A LT 1

Haylee Jolly to Fairway Independent

Mortgage Corp., Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., Clinton Heights LT 14 Blk 2 \$147,283.

Haylee Jolly to Missouri Housing Development Commission, Clinton Heights LT 14 Blk 2

Natalie Sisk to United Fidelity Funding Corp., Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., Meadow Lane Acres LT 7 Blk 2 \$75,000.

Aaron Babcok to Flat Branch Mortgage Inc.. Hesse Rix Add PT LTS 14 15 Blk 2 \$152,193. Hannah Logston, Michael Logston to Primelending, Mortgage Electronic Registra-

tion Systems Inc., Russells Add Lts 17 18 Blk 3

\$69,190. Joseph Stagg, Melissa Stagg to Farmers State Bank, 29 57 34 PT SW Quarter \$130,000.

Ashley Dye to Leaderone Financial Corp., Home Wood Terrace PT LT 13 LT 14 Blk 5 \$206,196.

Jeff Gaskill, Patricia Gaskill to FCS Financial FLCA, 3 56 36 PT NE Quarter \$1,000,000.

Jennifer Snyder, Kaitlynn Snyder to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., Primelending, Cobbs Add LT 11 Blk 2 \$171,142.

Jennifer Snyder, Kaitlynn Snyder to Missouri Housing Development Commission Cobbs Add LT 11 Blk 2 \$6,845.68.

Heather Summy to US Bank NA, Thousand Oaks Plat 2 LT 106 **\$247,920.**

Arrests

Arrests reported Jan. 29 to Feb. 4 Jessica Lynn Noland, 32, 1410 Sacramento St., warrant for failure to appear in

vided, city charges for obstruction by police Jordan Mae Clark, 26, no address provided, warrant for failure to appear in court. Monterrius Lajuan Carter, 26, 5519 E. 30th Ter., warrant for failure to appear in court.

Colton Phillip Watt, 18, no address pro-

Shaun Alan Hawkins, 48, 3016 Locust St., warrant for failure to appear in court. Amy Marie Sadler, 34, 902 S. 17th St., warrant for failure to appear in court. Lyndsay Michelle Arnold, 41, 605 Blake

St., warrant for failure to appear in court. Michael Daniel Hinton Jr., 69, no address provided, warrant for failure to appear in court.

Brian D. Duquette, 40, 3401 Faraon St., warrant for failure to appear in court. Jermaine Martize Brown, 35, 1202

Angelique St., warrant for failure to appear in

Jacqueline Doris Fane, 40, 1912 Faraon St., warrant for failure to appear in court. Scott Douglas Fane, 40, 1912 Faraon St., warrant for failure to appear in court.

Dustin Michael Farr, 29, 2905 Kim-

brough Ln., warrant for failure to appear in

Jerry Dean Grippando Jr., 41, 4302 N. Hillview Circle, city charge for DWI/DUI.

Cody Miles Grove, 34, no address provided, city charge for stealing Jahon Alyn Williams, 42, 2414 Jules St.,

warrant for failure to appear in court. Brent Alan Lewis, 37, no address provided, warrant for failure to appear in court. Torrie Renee Schneider, 25, 217 W. West Hyde Park St., warrant for failure to ap-

pear in court.

Shawna Rene Sandberg-Gonzalez, 38, 606 Kentucky St., warrant for failure to appear in court.

Luis Antonio Gonzalez, 53, no address provided, warrant for failure to appear in court. Richard Paul Warner Jr., 51, 1334 Frederick Ave., warrant for failure to appear in

Shane Christopher Lewin, 33, no address provided, warrant for failure to appear Mour Matson, 33, 811 Trevillian Dr., city

charge for DWI/DUI. Nellie A. Trigg, 42, 3524 Lafayette St., city

Marie Lachelle Yoakum, 53, 2419 Patee

St., warrant for failure to appear in court. Joshua Nathan Cole Miller, 40, no address provided, warrants for failure to appear in court and non-support-family offense.

Jeffrey Dean Strong, 58, 10908 SW V Highway, warrant for failure to appear in court. Joshua Nathaniel Radmer, 45, 2610 S. 17th St., warrant for failure to appear in court. Hilery Ne'Cole Coon, 18, no address provided, city charge for trespass

Brandon Isaih Reed, 34, 907 S. 22nd St., city charge for trespass.

William Ryan Richardson, 33, no address provided, warrant for failure to appear

William Jesse Downs, 32, 1104 Northwood Dr., warrant for failure to appear in court. **Freddy Tume**, 32, 728 N. 23rd St., city charge for assault.

Jennifer D. Dowell, 46, no address provided, warrant for failure to appear in court. **Anthony Antonie Wilson**, 38, no address provided, warrant for failure to appear

Dewayne Phillip Cannon, 51, 2015 Jones St., warrant for failure to appear in court. Joseph Perry Wittler, 26, 7905 E. 92 ND St., warrant for failure to appear in court

Chad Edward Webber, 40, no address provided, warrants for other agency-felony and failure to appear in court.

Leila Christina Thornton, 39, 2121 S. Riverside Rd., warrant for failure to appear in

Solange A. Deligiannis, 32, no address provided, city charge for trespass.

Ashton Leigh Tyler Mennenga, 27, no address provided, city charge for trespass Dallas Ryan Stanton, 24, 3008 N. 10th

Lacy J. Noble, 40, 6710 Mack St., warrant for failure to appear in court. Shirley Richardson, 39, no address pro-

St., warrant for failure to appear in court.

vided, warrant for failure to appear in court. Shaina Marie Larivier, 31, no address provided, city charges for fail to obey order to disperse by police and resisting arrest.

Kayla Lynn Vandever, 28, 3307 St. Joseph Ave., warrant for failure to appear in

Michael A. Wilson, 60, 3006 Sylvanie St., warrant for failure to appear in court Johnny Robert Christofferson, 26, 216 N. 4th St., warrant for failure to appear in

Kimberly Darcy McClure, 54, 3006 Syl-

vanie St., warrant for failure to appear in court.

BOB FORD'S HISTORY

For everything America stands for, we must attack!

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he Dec. 7, 1941, surprise dawn attack by the Japanese Air Force on Pearl Harbor left the United States reeling. We weren't ready for

My mother remembered sitting around the family radio in shock listening to news briefs, not sure how to act or what it all meant. Feeling like she had never felt before, vulnerable.

country was about By Bob Ford to change drasti-

There was disbelief in Washington D.C. too, as President Franklin Roosevelt proclaimed war on Japan the day after the attack and on Germany three days later.

An all-out World War on two fronts was at hand. We were not prepared, but the country was galvanized by the sheer audacity of the Japanese. Before Dec. 7, the U.S. had a standing army of 200,000 soldiers, smaller than Portugal's.

Within a month, five million men volunteered, including my father. Our nation had never experienced anything so deceitful and destructive, America was on its heels.

On Dec. 21, Roosevelt gathered his top military brass.

"For the morale of the nation, we need to answer the attack on Pearl Harbor with a strike of our own on Japan itseii.

The President didn't know when or how, but, "get it done!"

The Navy was fortunate that our aircraft carriers were out to sea on Dec. 7 but battleship row, with moorings on Ford Island in the middle of Pearl

Harbor, was decimated. Eighteen ships sunk or run aground, including five battleships with thousands of casualties, it would take months and months to heal, repair and replace.

Navy Capt. Francis Low was stationed at Norfolk Chambers Field in Virginia where fighters practiced landing on a silhouette of an aircraft carrier's landing platform painted on the runway. He watched as mid-sized bombers landed then took off, bingo! Could a midsize bomber take off from a carrier and deliver America's answer to mainland Japan as Roo-

> answer was yes! Lt. Colonel James Doolittle was picked to command the brash mission. The only midsized bomber that could fit on the flat top and

sevelt ordered, the

take off from a short platform was the B-25 Mitchell, named after famed

World War I aviator Gen. Billy Mitchell. The plane was newly designed and manufactured primarily in Kansas City Kansas. The bomber had to

be retrofitted, stripped down to carry just bombs, five crew members and an internal fuel bladder doubled the plane's range.

After months of tests and careful calculations, the "in all haste" mission was a go!

Pilots and crew members were recruited for this "extremely hazardous," and top secret operation.

The USS Hornet was chosen as the carrier to transport 16 B-25s within 600 miles of the Japan mainland. If discovered, there were no fighters in position to defend the ship, it was incredibly risky.

If the enemy was to get a visual of the Hornet with bombers on her deck, they would quickly know something ominous was atoot.

Luckily, no reconnaissance aircraft or Japanese subs caught sight of the intruding carrier.

The B-25s ability to take off on the short platform made the bombers unique, but returning was another issue. It was logistically impossible to fly over Japan, deliver the load and return to the Hornet.

After dropping the bombs, the planes would have to fly over the Sea of



Photo courtesy of U.S. Naval History and Heritage Command

USAAF B-25B bombers tied down on the flight deck of USS Hornet (CV-8), while the carrier was en route to the mission's launching point as part of the Doolittle Raid on Japan in April 1942. These B-25s attacked targets in the Tokyo area.

Japan to friendly China or ditch. China and Japan had been at war for years and much of Eastern China was occupied by Japanese forces, but it was the only way the operation could succeed.

Vladivostok, Russia, was closer, but the Russians had a non-aggression treaty with Japan in place.

They had their hands full fighting the Nazis on their western front, not wanting a simultaneous war with Japan. Landing permission secretly requested by Roosevelt was therefore denied.

As the aircraft carrier came within range, all were notified about the mission. It must have been a frightening but proud moment for everyone on board.

Doolittle would pilot the first plane off the deck, followed by 15 others each carrying a crew of five. That meant 80 courageous men, risking life and limb for their country ... were answering the call.

Only a few in Washington and throughout the

As the Hornet got closer to the take off point, they had not been detected, but

At 8:24 a.m. on April 18, 1942, just four months after Pearl Harbor, Lt. Colonel James Doolittle's B-24 lifted off the Hornet's liver Roosevelt's response bolster America.

The sea was violent, 30 foot waves crashed into into position for take off had to be held stable with ropes gripped by flight deck members so as not to slide off the platform into the ocean. It would take almost an hour to get all the planes into the air.

"TNT" took off, the final bomber "Bat Out of Hell" was moving into position, piloted by Lt. Bill Farrow.

from Onaga, Kansas, was the tail gunner on the 16th.

The sea was so rough during the final takeoff

the seas were rough.

flight deck on its way to deto Japan's dastardly attack ... it was a reply that would

tossing the ship around as the bow. Planes that rolled

As the 15th plane, called

Harrod "Skinny" Spatz

that the men holding the Navy knew of the mission. plane in position couldn't



An Army Air Force B-25B bomber takes off from USS Hornet (CV-8) at the start of the Doolittle Raid on Japan in April 1942. Note the men watching from the signal lamp platform at rigI

hold on any longer.

An enormous wave crashed into the carrier. A B-24 lurched forward, causing deck crewman and rope tender seaman Robert Wall to be pulled into the propeller.

His left arm was severed, Spatz went to help but heard Wall yell in agony, "Go Give Them Hell!"

With that, Spatz climbed back in, Farrow saluted Wall from the

cockpit and the "Bat Out of Hell" lifted off.

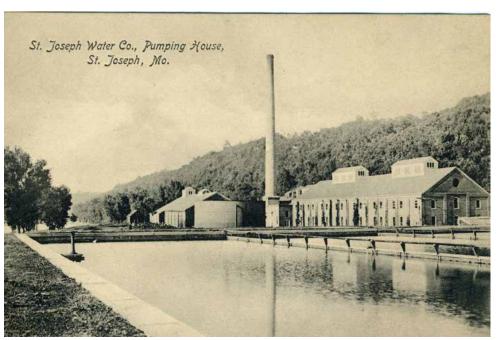
These 80 men held the courage and integrity of the county in their hands.

As the planes gathered in formation to head West and out of sight, all hands on the Hornet cheered. Many wondered if any of the men would make it back home ... God bless America and those brave

souls! To be continued ...

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LEFT: A black-and-white photo postcard shows the city's water company facility. The city owned its own water plant built north of town on Waterworks Road. For nine decades in the 20th century, this was where St. Joseph got its water, but flooding on the Missouri River put an end to the city's water supply. The facility was sold shortly after a new plant was built just south of K Highway in north St. Joseph. This postcard was created and sold by the Schroder company, a St. Joseph business, around 1920. RIGHT: A very early full color postcard features Swift and Company's prize-winning team of six draft horses. The team and wagon were to be on display at the Interstate Live Stock and Horse Show being held in St. Joseph during Sept. 25 through 30, 1911.

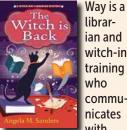
HIT THE BOOKS | Recommendations from our local libraries

Cozy up with a 'cozy mystery' this month

News-Press NOW

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> "The Witch is Back" by Angela M. Sanders. Book six in the Witch Way Librarian Mysteries, "The Witch is Back" is set in a small Oregon town. Josie



librarian and witch-intraining who communicates

books. A series of blackmailing poison-pen letters start the ball rolling in this cozy mystery. Josie receives a letter saying, "I know your secret." It's a secret she has not shared with her boyfriend Sheriff Sam. Murder presents the situation with a more serious side.

> "The Little Lost Library" by Ellery Adams. This is the seventh book in the "Secret Book and Scone Society" series, but it stands alone. It's a

well-written book with great professional reviews. Beginning with a helpful list of characters. Nora Pennington, proprietor of



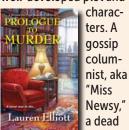
a bag of used books to an elderly client living in a crumbling mansion only

Miracle

to find her murdered. The Secret Book and Scone Society members seek to unravel two mysteries: who killed Lucille and what was the valuable item in the overflowing house?

> "Prologue to Murder" by Lauren Elliot. Book two in the "Beyond the Page

is a cozy mystery with a well-developed plot and



librarian, a good-looking police chief and a book of pirate legends all conspire to point the finger at Addie Greyborne, owner of Beyond the Page, a book and curio shop. Addie must solve the murder before she becomes the next victim. The book is set in the seaside New England town of Greyborne Harbor founded by Addie's ances-

Bookstore Mystery" series > "Murder Lo Mein" by Vivien Chien. This is the third book in the "Noodle Shop Mysteries" series. Set in Cleveland in the Asia Village, Lana Lee's family

owns a

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Best Noodle Contest. On the first day of the contest, one of the judges is murdered. Strange messages from Sun Tzu's "The Art of War" delivered in fortune cookies and past histories of the characters both figure in solving the

> "Sticks and Scones" by

mystery.

Ellie Alexander. Book 19 in the "Bakeshop Mystery" series is written by an author who also teaches and coaches other writers.



Oregon, the main character, Juliet Capshaw, is a baker whose shop is

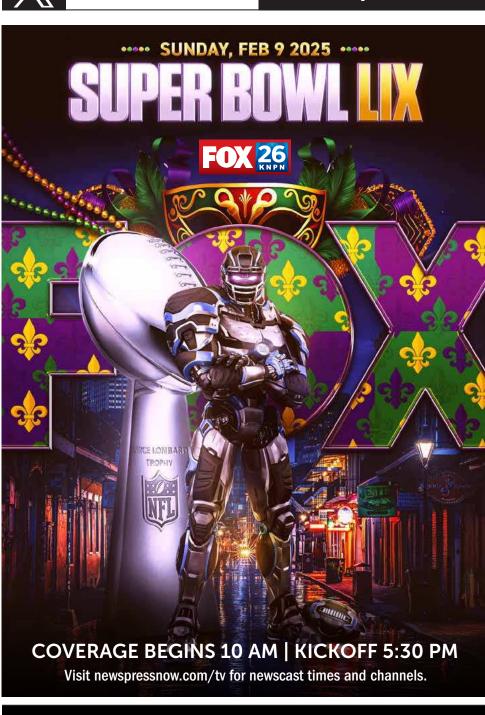
partnering with the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. Presenting a version of The "Taming of the Shrew" with a modern twist proves problematic with strange occurrences during the production capped off with the murder of the leading actor. Welldeveloped characters will keep you guessing.

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1617 Cross St., vehicle theft at other/unknown.

3702 Frederick Ave., items stolen at shopping mall.

2722 Mary St., items stolen at highway/road/alley. 2901 Frederick Ave., vehicle

theft at parking lot/garage. 1214 S. 9th St., vehicle theft at other/unknown

5107 N. Belt Highway, items stolen at specialty store

412 E. Highland Ave., items stolen at school-elementary/secondary. 1323 Safari Dr., items stolen at residence/home

2219 N. Belt Highway, items stolen at grocery/super market. 4101 N. Belt Highway, items stolen at parking lot/garage.

2918 Faraon St., vehicle theft at residence/home **3507 Pear St.**, burglary at rental

storage facility 3901 N. Belt Highway, items

stolen at residence/home

1109 Alabama St., vehicle theft at other/unknown **7014 King Hill Ave.**, items stolen

at grocery/super market. 5201 N. Belt Highway, items

201 N. Belt Highway, items

stolen at grocery/super market. 1300 S. 11th St., vehicle theft at residence/home

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Invitation to Comment Grain Belt Express Draft EIS



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Public Meeting Dates and Locations

To gather public feedback on the Draft EIS, open house public meetings will be held both in-person and virtually. Two meetings will be held in Kansas and two meetings will be held in Missouri. Two virtual meetings will also be hosted.



Virtual Public Meetings

Wednesday, February 19, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. CST Thursday, February 20, 2025, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. CST

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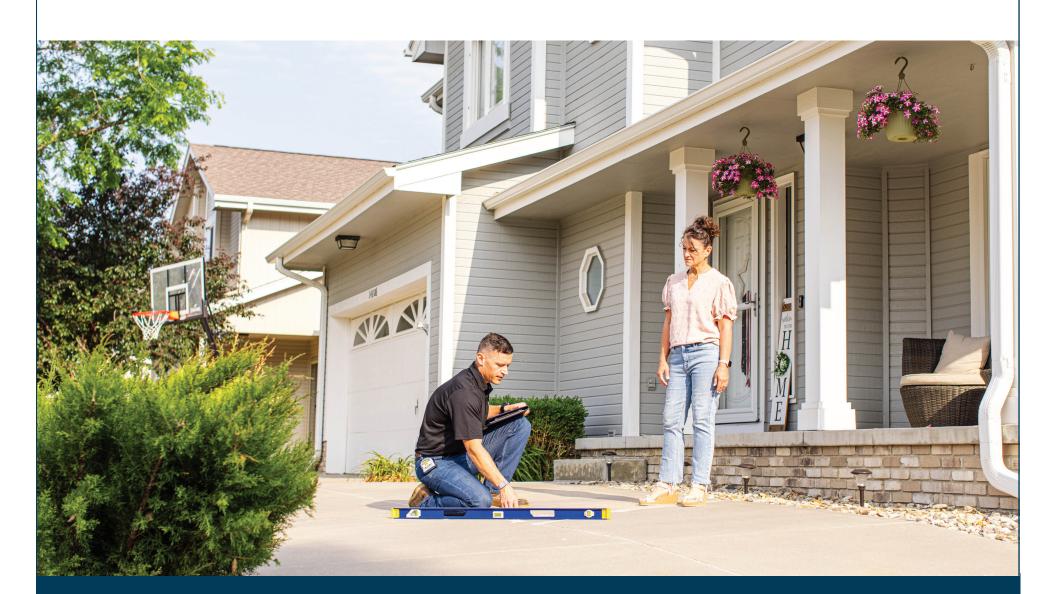
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NOW and then

News-Press NOW looks back to sports past On Feb. 7, 2021, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers defeat the Kansas City Chiefs 31-9 in Super Bowl LV, earning Tom Brady his seventh Super Bowl win.

NFL

New kickoff rule gets chance on Super Bowl stage

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Last season's Super Bowl featured just about everything.

There were trick plays, clutch performances and plenty of high drama as Kansas City rallied for a 25-22 overtime win against San Francisco.

The one thing missing — a single kickoff return.

All 13 kickoffs went for touchbacks, marking the first Super Bowl ever without a kickoff return and providing the final impetus for the NFL to approve one of its most significant rules changes in years by completely overhauling the kickoff.

The new kickoff rule that did lead to a reduction in the rate of injuries and an increase in returns gets the opportunity to appear on the highest-profile stage on Sunday when the Chiefs take on the Philadelphia Eagles in the Super Bowl.

"It's kind of brought a new life to it," Eagles special teams coordinator Michael Clay said. "Gives

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Kansas City Chiefs' Nikko Remigio, left, runs the opening kickoff past Houston Texans' Ka'imi Fairbairn during the first half an AFC divisional game on Jan. 18 in Kansas City, Missouri.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

SUPER BOWL 59 | **Kansas City** vs. **Philadelphia**, 5:30 p.m. Sunday; **TV** — FOX

ONE WIN AWAY



Associated Press

Kansas City Chiefs tight end Travis Kelce and quarterback Patrick Mahomes arrive for Super Bowl 59 Opening Night on Monday in New Orleans.

The Chiefs' quest for a three-peat faces its toughest challenge

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Patrick Mahomes, Travis Kelce and the Kansas City Chiefs are pursuing history and a few of Taylor Swift's records.

Saquon Barkley, Jalen Hurts and the Philadelphia Eagles stand in their way.

The Chiefs (17-2) will try to become the first team to win three straight Super Bowls when they face the Eagles (17-3) on Sunday in the Superdome.

It's a rematch from two years ago when Hurts nearly led the Eagles to a champi-

onship only to watch Mahomes snatch it that's just the stuff that Coach Reid foaway by rallying Kansas City to a 38-35 cuses on." win on Harrison Butker's 27-yard field goal with 8 seconds left.

Mahomes lifted the Chiefs to an overtime win against San Francisco in another Super Bowl rematch last year. Now, they're poised for a three-peat, a word coach Andy Reid doesn't use much.

"I think the only time I've heard him say it is to the media whenever y'all ask him about it." Mahomes said. "He's very locked in on just, 'How can we be great with our cadence today at practice?' so

Reid won more games than any coach in franchise history during his 14 seasons in Philadelphia but couldn't win the big one, going 1-4 in NFC championship games and losing a Super Bowl to the Patriots. He went right to Kansas City after the Eagles fired him following the 2012 season and has built a dynasty thanks to Mahomes, Kelce, Chris Jones and others.

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NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Brady reflects on 'learning curve' of first season with FOX

Associated Press

the FOX Sports booth during Sunday's Super Bowl, he is trying to take the in his previous 10 appearances in the big game as a player.

tions about his move to quently appeared during Even though the score- broadcasting as well as the season on Colin Cowboard won't measure Tom other issues on Wednes-Brady's performance in day during a conference call previewing Sunday's for us. Did we feel we apmatchup in New Orleans between the Kansas City right way, and were we same approach that he did Chiefs and Philadelphia prepared? Ultimately, it Eagles.

Brady was made available said, and did I enjoy my- Super Bowls.

herd's show on FS1.

"There's no scoreboard proached the game the comes down to two things:

Brady addressed ques- for interviews. He has fre- self? I think if those are yes, then we did a good job," Brady said. "I'm very excited for what's ahead."

Brady has received as much scrutiny as an analyst as he did during his 23 seasons quarterbacking the New England Patriots and Tampa Bay Bucca-It was the first time Was I confident in what I neers, where he won seven

sensus is that his first year in the booth has not been as good as Tony Romo's with CBS in 2017, Brady hasn't struggled as other former players and coaches who have attempted broadcasting.

Kevin Burkhardt, who is calling his second Super Bowl, said he has noticed

While the general con- Brady's comfort level improve as the season progresses.

"I think there's a reason that not everybody dives into this end of the pool because it's hard to be on TV for 3 1/2 hours every week and not have an edit button and go back and hit

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Ohtani's ex-interpreter is sentenced to four years and nine months

SANTA ANA, CALIF. | The former interpreter for baseball star Shohei Ohtani was sentenced Thursday to four years and nine months in prison and three years' supervised release for bank and tax fraud after he stole nearly \$17 million from the Los Angeles Dodgers player's bank account.

Ippei Mizuhara, who was supposed to bridge the gap between the Japanese athlete and his English-speaking teammates and fans, was sentenced in federal court in Santa Ana, California, after pleading guilty last year.

He was ordered Thursday to pay \$18 million in restitution, with nearly \$17 million going to Ohtani and the remainder to the IRS. He was ordered to surrender to authorities to begin serving his sentence by March 24.

"The magnitude of the theft - \$17 million — in my view, is shockingly high," U.S. District Judge John W. Holcomb said upon issuing the sentence.

Holcomb said most people don't make that much money in their lifetime.

NCAA committee to consider coaches' proposal to combat fake injuries

A proposed rule change intended to discourage players from faking injuries that prompt unwarranted timeouts will be considered when the NCAA Football Rules Committee meets this month.

Feigning injuries, sometimes at the coach's instruction, has become a tactic defenses use to slow down tempo offenses or as a way for an offense to avoid a delay of game penalty or get an extra timeout.

The American Football Coaches Association submitted a proposal that would require a player who goes down on the field and receives medical attention to sit out the rest of that possession. Currently, the player must go out for one play before re-entering.

'The American Football Coaches Association is acutely concerned about this," AFCA executive director Craig Bohl said. "It goes against the grain of the betterment of our game and the ethics. We crafted this, we floated this, and it's been received well. I'm sure there'll be some pushback. Our point (to detractors) is give us something better if you don't like it."

Kendrick Lamar vows to keep his passion for storytelling at Super Bowl

NEW ORLEANS | Kendrick Lamar aims to infuse his Los Angeles hip-hop flavor into New Orleans while staying true to his storytelling roots during Sunday's Super Bowl halftime performance.

Being in the now and being just locked-in to how I feel and the energy I have now, that's the L.A. energy for me," he said Thursday at a press conference hosted by Apple Music. "That's something I wanted to carry over to New Orleans and for the world to see. This is me. This is Kendrick Lamar, 37 years old, and I still feel like I'm elevating, I'm still on a journey."

The rap megastar will take the Super Bowl stage fresh off a Grammy triumph, where he claimed two of the night's biggest awards - song and record of the year - for his diss track "Not Like Us."

Du Plessis puts middleweight title on the line in UFC 312

Dricus Du Plessis disagrees that his previous fight with Sean Strickland should have been a split decision, but acknowledged he had to earn the victory that night just more than a year ago for the middleweight belt.

Now they meet again in UFC 312 on Sunday in Sydney, and Du Plessis doesn't want to leave the outcome in the judges' hands, comparing a split decision to a coin flip that could easily go the other

"We got lucky with the split decision," the champion said. "Otherwise, we wouldn't be here now. I am very happy that they made this fight. I was asking for this fight."

-From AP reports

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

FOX officiating analyst Mike Pereira dismisses 'myth' of pro-Chiefs favoritism

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Mike Pereira walked out to his spot during FOX's media day and was greeted by a larger contingent of reporters than usual for an officiating expert when there were Super Bowlwinning coaches and players around the room.

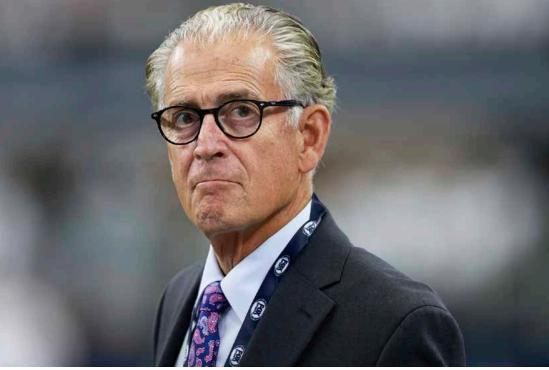
You know there's something wrong," he said.

For the past few weeks, the officials have been nearly as big of a story as the players on the field thanks to mostly online conspiracy theories that NFL officials are biased in favor of Patrick Mahomes and the Kansas City Chiefs.

It's an allegation that Pereira called a misguided "myth," that Commissioner Roger Goodell called "ridiculous" and the head of the officiating union called "insulting."

But the feeling still persists among some headed into the Super Bowl matchup on Sunday between the Chiefs and the Philadelphia Eagles.

"I'm sad that it's the story," said Pereira, who has worked as an on-field official, the head of the NFL officiating department and now serves as the officiating expert in FOX's broadcast booth. "I think it puts more pressure on the of-



FOX Sports rules analyst Mike Pereira is shown on the sideline before warm ups prior to a NFL game in 2024 in Arlington,

going to officiate the game any differently, but they know they're going into the game as part of the story, which doesn't usually happen. ... I feel badly for the officials. I feel badly for the game, because from our standpoint, (favoritism) just doesn't happen."

A handful of high-profile calls in the playoffs that have gone in Kansas City's favor

favoritism, with Houston getting penalized for two illegal hits on Mahomes in the divisional round and Josh Allen being ruled just short of converting a fourth-and-1 sneak in Kansas City's 32-29 victory over Buffalo in the AFC championship game.

But a deeper look at all penalties shows no signs of systematic bias. The Chiefs have

ficials on Sunday. They're not have fueled the theories of been penalized for 120 more yards than their opponents in the regular season and playoffs since the start of the 2022 playoffs.

> Kansas City has also benefited from 10 fewer first downs by penalty on third or fourth down in that span and has had only a small edge in penaltyyard differential in the fourth quarter or overtime of close games.

NASCAR



NASCAR driver Ricky Rudd pushes his car with members of his crew into the garage during practice for the Autism Speaks 400 in 2007 at Dover Speedway in Dover, Delaware.

Edwards and Rudd to reunite in NASCAR HOF

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Carl Edwards and Ricky Rudd had very little overlap in their respective NASCAR careers.

Edwards only entered the elite Cup Series in 2004 — a mere 67 races before Rudd ended his 32year career — so the two never got a chance to know one another.

But two things tie Edwards and Rudd together — when each decided to retire, both essentially vanished from the NASCAR scene, and, on Friday night they will return to their old racing community as inductees of the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

Edwards and Rudd are among five being celebrated Friday night as the newest members of the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

Rudd made his first re-appearance in 2024 when Roger Penske tried to wrangle all living Indianapolis Motor Speedway winners for a photo at the track to celebrate the 30th anniversary of The Brickyard. Many of his former competitors were shocked to see him on the Yard of Bricks; it was the first time most had seen Rudd since his final Cup Series race in 2007.

Rudd, who doesn't go to the race track because he doesn't feel Press he was surprised by the years.

warm reception he received at Indianapolis that day.

"Think about it, we went to 30 some races, went to the same towns, stayed in the same — we called it the 'trailer park' — so it's like moving out of a neighborhood," said Rudd, whose 1997 Brickyard victory was one of 23 career Cup wins.

"And you come back to that neighborhood and there are a lot of familiarities. Walking through the garage at Indy, it was really neat reconnecting again with

many of those guys," Rudd said. Edwards abruptly retired after the 2016 season, at the age of 36, after losing out on a second opportunity to win a Cup championship with a controversial title-deciding season finale. He told the AP he didn't call it a retirement at the time because he left himself room to possibly just take a one-year break.

But just like Rudd, Edwards left NASCAR in his rearview mirror. He was in the wind until he was named one of NASCAR's 75 Greatest drivers, an event that was celebrated at Darlington Raceway in 2023. Edwards joined the Fox Sports television booth for part of that day's race

where he turned out to be a spectacular broadcaster — and there's any role or reason for him caught the audience up on what to be there, told The Associated he'd been doing the past seven

NCAA changes transgender policy to limit women's competition

Associated Press

sports to athletes who were assigned female at

The move came one day after President Donald Trump signed an executive order intended to ban girls' and women's sports. The order gives federal agencies latitude to withentities that do not abide by Title IX in alignment with the Trump administration's view, which interprets "sex" as the gender someone was assigned at birth.

NCAA policy change is effective immeathletes regardless of previous eligibility reviews. The NCAA has some 1,100 member schools with more feels knowing no girl will than 500,000 athletes, easily the largest governing body for college athletics in the U.S.

that clear, consistent, and change.

uniform eligibility standards would best serve The NCAA changed today's student-athletes its participation policy instead of a patchwork of for transgender athletes conflicting state laws and on Thursday, limiting court decisions," NCAA competition in women's President Charlie Baker said. "To that end, President Trump's order provides a clear, national standard."

The NCAA's decision was hailed by former Kentucky swimmer Riley transgender athletes from Gaines, a vocal advocate of banning transgender athletes from women's sports. Gaines, who was at hold federal funding from the White House signing ceremony with Trump, was among more than a dozen college athletes who filed a lawsuit against the NCAA last year, accusing it of violating their Title IX rights by allowing transgender woman Lia Thomas to compete at the diately and applies to all national championships in 2022.

"I can't even begin to tell you how vindicating it ever have to experience what my teammates and I did," Gaines posted on X shortly after the NCAA "We strongly believe announced the policy



President Donald Trump signs an executive order barring transgender female athletes from competing in women's or girls' sporting events Wednesday in the East Room of the White House in Washington.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Nnadi becomes a coach to a mutt named Parsnip for the 'Puppy Bowl'

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Kan. - Before the Kansas City Chiefs made it to their third-straight Super Bowl berth, one player took to coaching a puppy for a different big game.

Chiefs defensive tackle Derrick Nnadi and his girlfriend, Nani Hinton, visited The Humane Society of Greater Kansas City in October to coach Parsnip, a 4-month-old mutt, to make his debut at Puppy Bowl XXI.

"I'm his coach. I am putting him through rigorous training," Nnadi said at the time. "It's a process, it's a young kid, a lot of raw potential, but he's going to be a star."

"Puppy Bowl" debuted in 2005 as counterprogramming to the Super Bowl and also promotes pet adoption. The show features more than 100 canine entries from shelters and rescue groups across the U.S. Dogs score touchdowns on a



Kansas City Chiefs defensive tackle Derrick Nnadi, right, and his girlfriend Nani Hinton, left, pets Parsnip, a puppy from The Humane Society of Greater Kansas City that was featured in the Puppy Bowl XXI in 2024 in Kansas City, Kansas

by crossing a goal line with a toy.

When Parsnip came to the The Humane Society in August, he had a bro-

"Parsnip is a sweet lit-

makeshift football field tle pup," Sydney Mollen- as you can tell, he has Greater Kansas City said that leg." in October. "He's been in our foster care for about eight weeks to get that broken leg healed. And

tine, president and CEO no problems running of The Humane Society of around and working on Nnadi said.

Nnadi said Parsnip just needed to focus.

"You will see one little squirrel, he gone. He sees

likes to refer to Parsnip focus, he's gonna be phenomenal.'

"Puppy Bowl" is recordadopted, Mollentine said. survive.' The pup is now 7 months

Nnadi has been working for a few years to help get dogs into loving homes in the area by paying fees for more than 500 successful adoptions so far. He has partnered with organizations including The Humane Society and KC Pet Project.

"I think it's very important for a lot of these dogs that don't really see or have an opportunity to have a forever home,"

Nnadi said his work with animal shelters befirst dog, Rocky.

"He was a very timid for Super Bowl LIX.

a little toy, he gone. He dog. A lot of things I was sees multiple people, he's not really fond of how his gone," said Nnadi, who living arrangements was were. He wasn't around as Parsnickety. "But the that many people with second we get that laser dark lighting and everything," Nnadi said. "It's just made me really kind of empathize how kind of ed in advance. Since its a lot of dogs go through filming, Parsnip has been it and their life trying to

> He said he helped Rocky build confidence to become the "happy-go-lucky dog" he is today.

> 'I feel like everybody needs at least one furry friend in their life," Nnadi

Mollentine said her organization, which has a shelter in Kansas City, Kansas, is grateful for Nnadi's help prompting adoptions. The Humane Society of Greater Kansas City has been in operation since 1912.

Puppy Bowl XXI premieres Sunday at 2 p.m. EST on Animal Planet gan when he adopted his shortly before Nnadi takes the field with the Chiefs



Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Jalen Hurts and Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes pose with the trophy during Super Bowl 59 Opening Night on Monday in New Orleans.

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"You don't have time to think about all that," Reid said of the three-peat. "You're focused in on the job at hand here and that's playing against a great Eagles team."

Jones, the three-time All-Pro defensive tackle, echoed his coach's viewpoint.

"We don't talk about no three-peat," Jones said. "I think that's what we're here for. We understand that. We understand there's one more game until the offseason and we can do whatever we want to do. Our main focus is making sure we're prepared for the Eagles."

No matter what the Chiefs say, everyone else is talking about it. No team has done it in the Super Bowl era, though the Green Bay Packers won an NFL championship in 1965 and followed by winning the first two Super Bowls. Kelce even started all the three-peat talk on stage last year when he said the team's goal

"This is gonna be our biggest test yet," Kelce said. "They got a lot of great players but the biggest thing is they play great together. You could see their communication. You could see the accountability they have, especially in the secondary. It's not gonna make my job any easier."

These Eagles are different from the group that fell just short against Kansas City in Arizona two years ago.

They have the NFL's most dynamic player in the backfield. Barkley rushed for 2,447 yards with seven touchdowns of 60-plus yards in the regular season and playoffs.

"The goal has always been to win it, not just to get here," Barkley said.

Losing to the Chiefs two years ago only motivated Hurts even more. He's determined to hoist a Lombardi trophy and even had a photo of him walking off the field with Kansas City's red and yellow confetti falling around him as the background on his phone.

"It's had a great driving force," Hurts said of that loss. "It lit a flame, lit a fire in me, and to have this opportunity again is exactly what you work for."

Kickoff

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us something to coach off of, kind of go back to the drawing board and kind of get creative with our ideas."

The new rule — called the "dynamic kickoff" — was implemented with the hopes of decreasing injuries by limiting the high-speed collisions and incentivizing returns after the rate of returns fell to an all-time low of 21.8% last season.

For the uninitiated, the new setup looks odd at first with the kicker alone at his 35 and his 10 coverage players lined up at the opposing 40. The return team has at least nine blockers lined up in the "setup zone" between the 30- and 35-yard line with at least seven of those players touching the 35. Up to two returners are allowed inside the 20.

Only the kicker and two returners hits the ground or is touched by a returner inside the 20.

Any kick that reaches the end zone in the air can be returned, or the receiving that can possibly happen," Clay said. team can opt for a touchback and possession at the 30. Any kick that reaches ed variables that get us in trouble.'

the end zone in the air and goes out of bounds or out of the end zone also will result in a touchback at the 30.

According to the NFL, the change led to 332 more returns in 2024 with the return rate increasing to 32.8%. There were also 59 returns of at least 40 yards, the most in the league since 2016, and seven TD returns. The concussion rate fell 43% from the previous three years and there were the fewest lower-extremity strains on kick return plays since

The return rate has increased to 45.1% in the postseason, but that might be based more on the difficulty of kicking deep in cold weather, which won't be an issue with the Super Bowl set to be played in a dome.

For the regular season, both teams had about one-sixth of their kicks reach the landing zone requiring a return with the Chiefs at 17.2% and the Eagles at 16.5%. Philadelphia's rate increased to 43.5% in the playoffs which was a will be allowed to move until the ball function of weather more than strategy of trying to stop the opposition before

> "We want to minimize any of the risk "We're just trying to eliminate any add-



Philadelphia Eagles running back Kenneth Gainwell celebrates after a fumble recovery against the Washington Commanders during the first half of the NFC Championship on Jan. 26 in Philadelphia.



Tom Brady, left, talks with Detroit Lions defensive end Aidan Hutchinson before a divisional playoff game against the Washington Commanders on Jan. 18 in Detroit.

Brady

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the delete button," Burkhardt said.

"I think the goal the whole way along was for us as a team to grow and get better as the year goes on. I think with anybody new, and I've worked with enough new partners over the years, it takes time to build chemistry, whether they're a TV veteran or not, and I think with this, it's no different. It just takes time on task. So I'm just proud of where we are."

\$375 million contract with FOX in May 2022 while still playing for Tampa Bay. He retired after that season and decided in February 2023 to take a year off before moving into the booth.

Burkhardt and Brady had plenty of practice games during the season, but those took place mostly on the FOX Sports lot in Los Angeles and not viewed by millions. Brady, though, knew that the learning curve was going to be steep, but he was ready for the challenge.

vision for a live television the way that I see things. audience, there's a lot of In some ways, it's very

was very different from very complicated. I feel as when I played. I would a crew, we're all hitting probably see all these our stride. We know each things, I didn't have to verbalize them," he said.

"I knew subconsciously what to do, and my body just took over because that's how I trained it. When you embrace the uncertainty, you work as linsworth and Amazon hard as you can to prepare yourself, knowing that you're going to wish over. I've enjoyed the learning curve.

"I love the ability to take

Brady signed a 10-year, adrenaline in that, but it simple. In some ways, it's other better every week. Hopefully, this is our best game yet."

Brady noted that along with feedback he has received from FOX Sports, Romo, NBC's Cris Col-Prime Video's Al Michaels have reached out.

Along with Brady's apyou had done some things proach to games as an analyst, there have also been questions about his dual roles in calling games and "To use your voice and the viewer inside of just having a 5% stake as a limited owner in the Las Vegas Raiders.

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BIRD WATCHERS WELCOME



Bird watchers look for birds in a forest.

Join MDC for free online birding webinar

Missouri Department of Conservation

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS),the Missouri River Bird Observatory (MRBO), and the Missouri Conservation Heritage Foundation (MCHF) invite both new and experienced birders to join in a special series of free birding webinars in preparation for the first ever Missouri Birding Challenge — May 1-15! The free webinars will introduce participants to birding and educate them on key issues around birds and bird conservation in Missouri.

Register in advance for each webinar and then join the webinar live. Registered attendees will receive a reminder email before the wehinar

> eBird and Citizen Science with USFWS Ornithologist Sarah Kendrick - Thursday, Feb 13, 6-7 p.m. Join Sarah to learn about eBird, a massive online database that logs birders' sightings and is now a

major contributor to bird conservation science. Learn how to use eBird to log bird sightings and how this data source is revolutionizing how we see the magic of migration and tracking bird population trends over time. Register in advance at mdc.webex.com/ weblink/register/r1cfd388dfa07ae-9c2a2a2a2e17783cc9

- > Missouri Birds and Habitats with **USFWS Ornithologist Sarah Kendrick** - Thursday, March 6, 6-7 p.m. Does birdwatching seem overwhelming? Too many species and habitats? Join Sarah for a primer on bird identification by sight and sound using clues about the bird and its habitat. Whether new to birding or experienced, there are always tips and tricks to learn in the world of birds. Register in advance at mdc. webex.com/weblink/register/ r8e00480b27a066090d833f-
- > The Full Annual Cycle of Bird Conservation with MDC Ornitholo-

gist Kristen Heath-Acre — Thursday, April 3, 6-7 p.m. Join Kristen to learn about the incredible journeys that Missouri's migratory birds make every year. Learn where these birds go, why, and how researchers are investigating the full annual cycle of migratory birds to better understand, and hopefully reverse, troubling declines in bird populations. Register in advance at mdc.webex. com/weblink/register/rbef953b-3747d347adfd98137ee461694

> Seven Simple Actions to Help Birds at Home with Dana Ripper of the Missouri River Bird Observatory, Thursday, May 1, 6-7 p.m. Birds are in trouble. Research shows a loss of nearly a third of North American birds over that past 50 years. Don't lose hope! Learn how to help bird populations at home and how to make a big impact with just seven simple actions. Register in advance at mdc.webex.com/ weblink/register/r1d047279e-4ce9428de97c3c38ded815a

STRATEGIC LEARNING

Feb. 22 MDC virtual program to focus on small game hunting

Missouri Department of Conservation

ASH GROVE, Mo. - Hunting for rabbits, squirrels and other small game animals can provide enjoyable outdoor experiences and also put tasty game meat on

People who would like to learn more about small game hunting can sign up for the Missouri Department of Conservation's (MDC) virtual program "Small Game Hunting." This online program will be Feb. 22 from 9-11 a.m. It is being put on by the staff at MDC's Andy Dalton Shooting Range and Outdoor Education Center. This class is for all ages. People can register at: https://mdc-event-web.s3licensing.com/Event/ EventDetails/204160

At the Feb. 22 program, MDC Assistant Outdoor Education Center Manager Steve Govero will discuss seasons, regulations, safety, equipment, and hunting strategies for small game. Rabbit and squirrel hunting will be the main focus of the program, but other small game species will be discussed, too.

Though this program is free, registration is required to participate. Use the link above.

MDC's Andy Dalton Range is located at in Greene County at 4897 N. Greene County Farm Road 61. People can stay informed about upcoming programs at the Dalton Range by signing up for text alerts and email bulletins. People who have questions about upcoming events or how to sign up for text alerts can call 417-742-4361.

Staff at MDC facilities across the state are holding in-person and virtual programs. A listing of these programs can be found at mdc.mo.gov/events.



The MDC will host a virtual program about small game hunting.

On the schedule

For more information and to register for events, visit mdc.mo.gov/events/virtual

Habitats: Past & Present of Swampeast Missouri

Register by Feb. 13 Date: Thursday, Feb. 13 Time: Noon to 1:00 p.m. **Location:** Virtual

Celebrate a belated World Wetland Day and learn all about past and present southeast Missouri as well as the unique wetlands found there. Two million acres of swampy and oversaturated soil. When southeast Missouri's settlers first arrived, this is what greeted them. They deemed it as land unfit for cultivation and habitation and moved on. It wasn't until years later that citizens began to realize the potential agricultural powerhouse that this land could provide as well as the unique habitat and species that are found only in the Bootheel.

The MDC is holding a virtual event where you can learn about hunting methods and equipment.

ESSENTIAL HUNTING TIPS

Learn about hunting methods and equipment at a virtual MDC event

Missouri Department of Conservation

COLUMBIA, Mo. Learn about the various hunting methods and equipment during a Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) virtual event Feb. 13 from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. This free event is open to participants of all ages and experience levels.

Learn from MDC staff about firearm and archery

hunting methods and the different equipment used for hunting. The link to join this class will be sent the morning of the class. Be sure to check your spam or junk box for the email. If an email is not received, please send an email to the instructor to let them know. Register at http://short.

mdc.mo.gov/4Vo. Questions about this event can be sent to Ashley Edwards at Ashley.edwards@mdc.mo.gov.



SUPER BOWL LIX | DATE WITH HISTORY

DID YOU KNOW?

New Orleans will host their 11th Super Bowl, tying the Miami Metro area for most times hosting the Super Bowl.

2 Last year, remain accounted for a Last year, females record 47.5% of the total Super Bowl audience. Females ages 18-24 had a year-over-year growth in viewing of +24%

The 10 most watched TV programs and 19 of the top 20 are Super Bowls. The M*A*S*H finale ranks eleventh.

Quarterbacks most commonly win Super Bowl MVP; 33 have been honored.

The warmest Super Bowl was VII at 84 degrees. The coldest was LII at 2 degrees.

Super Bowl LV had the smallest attendance on record at 25,000 due to COVID-19 restrictions.

One inch of rain fell on gameday for Super Bowl XLI, making it the wettest on record.

The Pittsburgh Steelers and New **England Patriots are** tied for the most Super Bowl wins with 6 each.

A survey found 43% of viewers think the game is the most important part of the Super Bowl. Another 19% said the halftime show was most important, followed by 17% for TV ads.

The American 10 Gaming Association estimated 68 million Americans wagered over \$23 billion on last year's Super Bowl.

Laid-Back Pat



Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes holds the Vince Lombardi Trophy while talking to Terry Bradshaw following Super Bowl 57 against the Philadelphia Eagles in 2023 in Glendale, Arizona.

As the Chiefs chase Super Bowl history, Patrick Mahomes exudes a steadying calm

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Patrick Mahomes felt as though he needed to apologize after he helped the Kansas City Chiefs beat the Buffalo Bills in the AFC championship game, punching their ticket to the Super Bowl for the third consecutive season.

Not for the outcome, but for quite possibly the worst spike in NFL history.

In a back-and-forth tussle between two of the NFL's top teams, the Chiefs were driving early in the fourth quarter last weekend for the go-ahead score. Mahomes took off to the right and powered into the end zone and, with his adrenaline amped to the max, scrambled to his feet and attempted to spike the ball — only for it to squib out of his hand and into the sideline.

"That," Mahomes said, "is why I don't try to spike the ball."

unbridled joy, though, from a along with an unprecedented quarterback whose fiery will third in a row. He's a two-time to win has become almost legendary. But on the entire drive leading up to the score, Mahomes had been the complete opposite: calm, poised and under control.

a matchup with the Philadelphia Eagles in New Orleans next weekend, Mahomes was what those in the Kansas City locker room — players and coaches alike — have come to appreciate as "Laid-Back Pat."

"The pressure part of it, when things can dilate you a little bit — when things are tight — don't do that to him," Chiefs coach Andy Reid explained. "He kind of flourishes in those moments when they're the toughest. He's just wired that way."

The best in sports usually are. And make no mistake, Mahomes is among the best. He already has three Super Bowl ning percentage of just 38.6.

It was a natural outburst of rings and is chasing a fourth, league MVP who is shattering records with every season that goes by, and the face of a franchise that has reached the level of bonafide dynasty.

"He's the best player I ever In leading the Chiefs into played with," Chiefs wide receiver DeAndre Hopkins admitted. "I played with J.J. Watt, and J.J. Watt is definitely a Hall of Famer. But Pat is definitely the best player I ever played with."

And he's at his best when the pressure is at its most.

Need proof? How about the fact that the Chiefs have won an NFL-record 17 consecutive games decided by one possession. Or that Mahomes has a winning record — 27 wins, 26 losses — in games in which his team trailed in the fourth quarter; the next-best quarterback with at least 25 starts in league history has a win-

Role players often have major impacts on Super Bowl winners

NEW ORLEANS — The Super Bowl matchup between Philadelphia and Kansas City isn't lacking for star power.

Patrick Mahomes and Travis Kelce are among the most recognized players in the NFL thanks to their stellar play, numerous commercials and Kelce's pop star girlfriend, and the Chiefs have become perhaps the league's most visible franchise thanks to their recent dynastic run.

The Eagles also have been mainstays near the top of the NFL these past few seasons, with big-name players like Saquon Barkley, Jalen Hurts and A.J. Brown generating plenty of headlines.

But if history is any indication, some lesser-known players could have a big impact on the Super Bowl on Sunday. Mecole Hardman caught the winning TD pass for Kansas City in overtime in last year's win over San Francisco, and it was Kadarius Toney who had a TD catch and long punt return that proved crucial in beating the Eagles two years ago.

That's been the case over the history of the Super Bowl, whether it was unheralded MVPs like Larry Brown, Dexter Jackson or Malcolm Smith; Jack Squirek's pick-6 for the Raiders in Super Bowl 18 against Washington; Timmy Smith's 204 yards rushing in his first career start for Washington against Denver in Super Bowl 22; or David Tyree's helmet catch that helped the Giants spoil New England's bid for a perfect season in Super Bowl 42.



Kansas City Chiefs quar-

Kansas City Chiefs tight end Noah Gray makes a catch during warmups before a game against the Houston Texans in Dec. 2024 in Kansas City, Missouri. The Chiefs defeated the Texans 27-19.

Bettors are split on Eagles and Chiefs at the Super Bowl

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Bettors ther team get past 60%." are split in the early wagering on the Super Bowl.

Those who believe in the Eagles are mostly taking them on the money line at a more favorable price than the point spread. Chiefs backers are mostly taking what is generally a 1 1/2-point line, believing Kansas cover.

"I think we'll get a little more Eagles bets (overall), but probably close to 50-50," said BetMGM

a Philadelphia fan. "I is irrelevant when put-

Kansas City will go for an unprecedented third consecutive Super Bowl title when it faces Philadelphia on Feb. 9 in New Orleans.

This is the first time, though, during that three-year run that the Chiefs are favored. They were favored, however, City will not only win but in Super Bowl appearances in the 2019 and 2020 seasons and split those games.

DraftKings race and sports operations direc-Sportsbook trading man- tor Johnny Avello said ager Christian Cipollini, the Chiefs' recent history

don't think we'll see ei- ting together the point spread.

> "It's more about the power rating," Avello said. "The Chiefs have just a slight advantage over the Eagles on that rating.'

Another tight Chiefs win?

The Chiefs had a stretch this season when they failed to cover seven consecutive games, but they won six of them.

It's a reason why at least some professional bettors who usually focus solely on the numbers are paying attention to more than just the data.



Philadelphia Eagles center Jason Kelce prepares to snap the ball during the first half of Super Bowl 57 against the Kansas City Chiefs in 2023 in Glendale, Arizona



rick Mahomes participates in Super Bowl 59 Opening Night on Monday in New Orleans, ahead of the game between the Philadelphia Eagles and the Kansas City Chiefs on Sunday. Associated Press

The Chiefs show a knack for turning coin-flip games into wins

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS Close games in the NFL are typically like coin flips with one or two key plays often the difference between a win or a loss.

been in those tight games of late, the coin always seems to end up Chiefs.

Kansas City heads into the Super Bowl on Sunday against Philadelphia having won an NFL-record 17 straight games decided by one possession, with four of those wins coming in the postseason, including last season's overtime win in the Super Bowl in those tight, late-game against San Francisco.

other team has

straight one-possession games — with New England setting the previous mark in 2003-04 — and NFL NextGen's stats estimated that Kansas City's chances of being perfect When Patrick Mahomes in those games was about and Kansas City have 1 out of 4,480 based on the win probability entering the fourth quarter.

The Chiefs' last loss in a close game came on Christmas Day in the 2023 season when they were upset 20-14 at home by the Raiders in a game when they never had the ball in the second half with a chance to tie or take the lead.

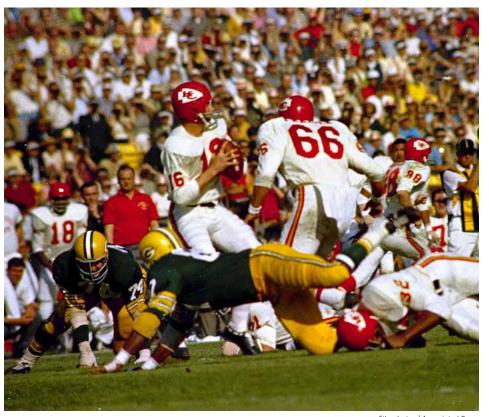
No one has been better moments than Mahomes — especially in the post-

ever won more than 13 season. Kansas City has won nine of its last 10 onepossession playoff games starting with the run to a Super Bowl title in 2019 with Mahomes leading comebacks in the fourth quarter or overtime in six of those. Only Tom Brady has more for a career with nine fourth-quarter comeback wins in the playoffs.

Over his career, Mahomes has trailed in a playoff game in the fourth quarter nine times and has six comeback wins and two other games that went to overtime. The only time Kansas City didn't at least tie the game came in the Super Bowl loss to Tampa Bay following the 2020 season, when the Bucs led 31-9 headed into the fourth quarter.

Snapshot of Chiefs Kingdom

A LOOK BACK AT PAST SUPER BOWLS -



Kansas City Chiefs' quarterback Len Dawson gets ready to release the ball during the first Super Bowl, Jan. 15, 1967, against the Green Bay Packers at the Los Angeles Coliseum in Los Angeles, California. The Green Bay Packers won the game.



Kansas City Chiefs guard Trey Smith cries after winning Super Bowl 58 against the San Francisco 49ers in 2024 in Las Vegas. The Chiefs won 25-22.



Chiefs guard Nick Allegretti celebrate after defeating the San Francisco 49ers in overtime during Super Bowl 58 in 2024 in Las Vegas.



In this Jan. 11, 1970, photo, Kansas City Chiefs running back Mike Garrett, right, celebrates with Otis Taylor after scoring a touchdown on a 5-yard run in the second quarter of the Super Bowl IV football game against the Minnesota Vikings, in New Orleans.



Philadelphia Eagles wide receiver DeVonta Smith is tackled by Kansas City Chiefs safety Justin Reid and cornerback Trent McDuffie during the first half of the Super Bowl 57 between the Kansas City Chiefs and the Philadelphia Eagles in 2023 in Glendale, Arizona.



Kansas City Chiefs tight end Travis Kelce gets set before the start of a play during the first half of Super Bowl 55 football game against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in 2021 in Tampa, Florida.



Kansas City Chiefs defensive end George Karlaftis celebrates his fumble recovery against the San Francisco 49ers during the first half Super Bowl 58 in 2024 in Las Vegas.



Kansas City Chiefs running back Jerick McKinnon, foreground, stops short of the goal line on a run against the Philadelphia Eagles during the second half of Super Bowl 57 Sunday in Glendale, Arizona.



Kansas City Chiefs linebacker Nick Bolton runs his fumble recovery in for a touchdown as teammates safety Bryan Cook, center, and defensive end George Karlaftis celebrate during the first half of Super Bowl 57 against the Philadelphia Eagles in 2023 in Glendale, Arizona.



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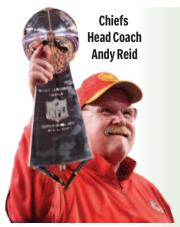


In a rematch of Super Bowl 57, the Kansas City Chiefs led by quarterback Patrick Mahomes **KANSAS CITY** will take on the NFL's top running back Saquon Barkley and the Philadelphia Eagles. **CHIEFS**

Caesars Superdome - New Orleans - Feb. 9 - 6:30 p.m. EST- Halftime performer: Kendrick Lamar

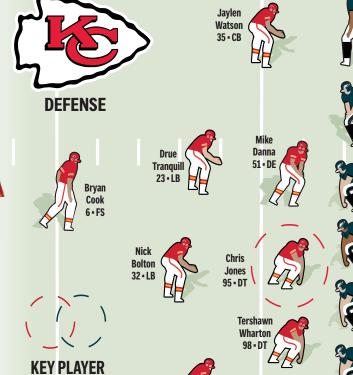
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Reid has a chance to become one of the NFL's most accomplished coaches. A win on Sunday would make him the third coach with at least four Super Bowl titles. This is his fifth Super Bowl appearance in six seasons.



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All the controversial Sirianni does is win. His .706 winning percentage is fifth highest in NFL history. He's made the playoffs in all of his four seasons and nearly beat the Chiefs in the Super Bowl two years ago.



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WHEN THE EAGLES HAVE THE BALL

AP MVP finalist **Saquon Barkley** has seven TD runs of 60-plus yards this season and is one of only two players in NFL history with at least 400 yards rushing and five scores in a single postseason. On the other side, Chris Jones – the star of a daunting Chiefs defense – was the highest graded interior defender in 2024.

CHIEFS OFFENSE | EAGLES DEFENSE

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Baby Rhino rising

Chief bull rush

A first team All-Pro for three years in a row, DT Chris Jones ranked as the best pass rusher at his position in PFF's independent analysis. Jones also has a knack for making the biggest plays in the biggest moments.

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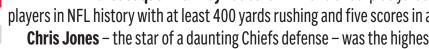
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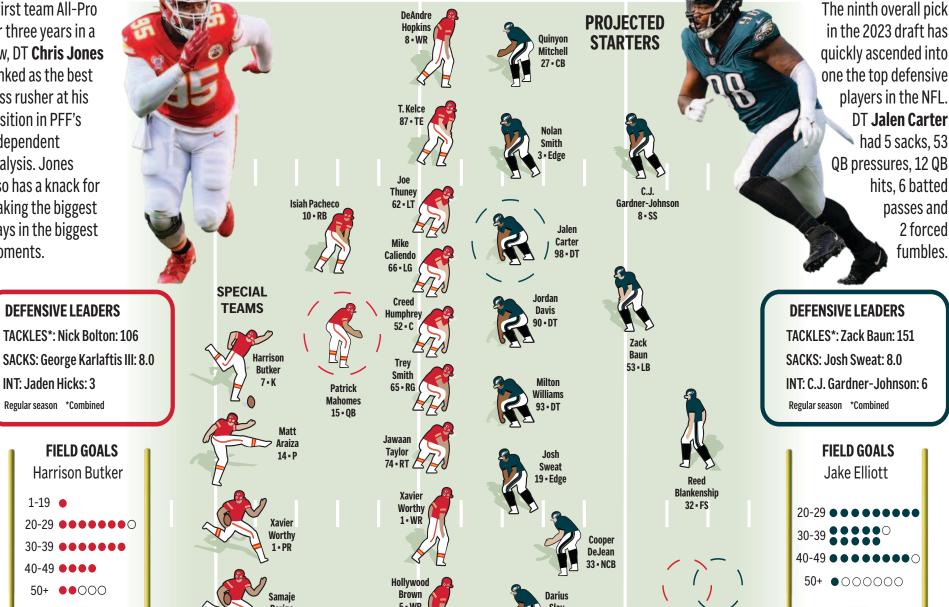
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In his postseason career in one possession games in the 4th quarter or OT, **Patrick Mahomes** has led the Chiefs to points on 13 of 14 drives going 40 of 56 for 552 yards, five TD passes, no INTs and a run TD. The Eagles, led by Pro Bowler

Sources: NFL, Pro-Football-Reference, **Jalen Carter**, have three of the top eight and four of the top 22 interior pass rushers in the NFL this season. **Pro Football Focus**

WHEN THE CHIEFS HAVE THE BALL

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CRUDE OIL: 70.58 (-0.04%)

Business BRIEFS

Trump's U.S. trade negotiator choice vows hardline policies

WASHINGTON | Jamieson Greer, President Donald Trump's choice to be the top U.S. trade negotiator, promised to pursue the president's hardline trade policies in testimony Wednesday before the Senate Finance Committee. But he faced pushback from senators unsettled by Trump's unpredictable actions on trade.

Trump's protectionist approach — involving the heavy use of taxes on foreign goods - will give Americans "the opportunity to work in good-paying jobs producing goods and services they can sell in this market and abroad to earn an honest living," Greer said in remarks prepared ahead of his confirmation hearing Thursday before the Senate Finance Committee.

As U.S. trade representative, Greer would have responsibility — along with Commerce secretary nominee Howard Lutnick — for one of Trump's top policy priorities: waging or at least threatening trade war with countries around the world, America's friends and foes alike.

Some IRS workers can't take buyout until after deadline

WASHINGTON | IRS employees involved in the 2025 tax season will not be allowed to accept a buyout offer from the Trump administration until after the taxpayer filing deadline, according to a letter sent Wednesday to IRS employees.

The letter says that "critical filing season positions in Taxpayer Services, Information Technology and the Taxpayer Advocate Service are exempt" from the administration's buyout plan until May 15. Taxpayers have until April 15 to file their taxes unless they are granted an extension.

Union leaders and worker advocates have criticized the proposal and question whether the government will honor any buyout contract.

Average U.S. rate on a 30-year mortgage **falls to 6.89%**

The average rate on a 30-year mortgage in the U.S. eased for the third week in a row, a smidgen of relief for prospective home shoppers getting into the market before the busy spring homebuying season starts.

The average rate fell to 6.89% from 6.95% last week, mortgage buyer Freddie Mac said Thursday. A year ago, it averaged 6.64%.

Borrowing costs on 15-year fixed-rate mortgages, popular with homeowners seeking to refinance their home loan to a lower rate, also retreated this week. The average rate fell to 6.05% from 6.12% last week. A year ago, it averaged 5.9%, Freddie Mac said.

U.S. applications for jobless benefits rose to 219,000 last week

More Americans filed unemployment claims last week, but the labor market remains healthy and there are still relatively few layoffs.

U.S. applications for jobless benefits rose by 11,000 to 219,000 for the week ending February 1, the Labor Department said Thursday. Analysts were projecting only 213,000 new applications.

-From AP reports

13 states to sue over DOGE access to government payment systems

Associated Press

Democratic attorneys general in several states vowed Thursday to file a lawsuit to stop Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency from accessing federal payment systems containing Americans' sensitive personal information.

Thirteen attorneys general, including New York's Letitia James, said in a statement that they were taking action "in defense of our Constitution, our right to privacy, and the essential funding that individuals and communities nationwide are counting on."

"As the richest man in the world, Elon Musk is not used to being told 'no,' but in our country, no one is above the law," the statement said. "The President does not have the power to give away our private information to anyone he chooses, and he cannot cut federal payments approved by Congress.'

The White House did not immediately respond to a request for comment Thursday after-

Government officials and labor unions have been among those raising concerns about DOGE's involvement with the payment system for the federal government, saying it could lead to security risks or missed payments for programs such as



File photo | Associated Press Elon Musk speaks at an indoor Presidential Inauguration parade event on Jan. 20 in

Social Security and Medicare.

Also Thursday, a federal iudge ordered that two Musk allies have "read only" access to Treasury Department payment systems, but no one else will get access for now, including Musk himself. The ruling came in a lawsuit filed by federal workers unions trying to stop DOGE from following through on what they call a massive privacy in-

It was not immediately clear when the Democratic attorneys general will file their lawsuit.

vasion.

Joining James in the statement were the attorneys general of Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware,

Maine, Maryland, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, Rhode Island and Vermont.

President Donald tapped Musk, the world's richest man, to shrink the size of the U.S. government.

Democrats have criticized the tech billionaire's maneuvers, which include the hostile seizure of taxpayer data and the apparent closure of the government's leading international humanitarian aid agency.

DOGE recently gained access to sensitive payment data within the Treasury Department after Treasury's acting Deputy Secretary David Lebryk resigned under pressure.

House lawmakers push to ban AI app DeepSeek from government devices

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A bipartisan duo in the the U.S. House is proposing legislation to ban the Chinese artificial intelligence app DeepSeek from federal devices, similar to the policy already in place for the popular social media platform TikTok.

Reps. Josh Gottheimer, D-N.J.. and Darin LaHood, R-Ill., on Thursday introduced the "No DeepSeek on Government Devices Act," which would ban federal employees from using the Chinese AI app on government-owned electronics. They cited the Chinese government's ability to use the app for surveillance and misinformation as reasons to keep it away from federal networks.

"The Chinese Communist Party has made it abundantly clear that it will exploit any tool at its dismation, and collect data on Americans," Gottheimer said in a statement. "We simply can't risk the CCP infiltrating the devices of our government officials and jeopardizing our national security."

The proposal comes after the Chinese software company in December published an AI model that performed at a competitive level with models developed by American firms like OpenAI. Meta. Alphabet and others. DeepSeek purported to develop the model at a fraction of the cost of its American counterparts. A January research paper about DeepSeek's capabilities raised alarm bells and prompted debates among policymakers and leading Silicon Valley financiers

and technologists. The Associated Press previ-

posal to undermine our national ously reported that DeepSeek has security, spew harmful disinfor- computer code that could send some user login information to a Chinese state-owned telecommunications company that has been barred from operating in the United States, according to the security research firm Feroot.

Gottheimer cited security concerns as the main reason for introducing the bill.

"It was enough of an alarm that I thought we should immediately ban it on all government devices and make it clear to the public of the risks. I think that's a critical first step," Gottheimer told The Associated Press. "Americans should know the impact on their personal privacy and data, especially because we know that Americans are sharing proprietary information on AI chatbots, highly sensitive information, documents, contracts, and the like."

Wall Street finishes mixed

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wall Street drifted through mixed trading Thursday as rising fashion and cigarette stocks worked against drops for Ford Motor and Qualcomm.

The S&P 500 rose 0.4% following healthy gains for stock markets across much of Europe and Asia. The Dow Jones Industrial Average dipped 125 points, or 0.3%, and the Nasdaq composite gained 0.5%.

Tapestry, the company behind the Coach and Kate Spade brands, helped lead the market and jumped 12%. It reported stronger profit for the latest quarter than analysts expected after attracting new, younger customers. Tapestry also raised its forecast for revenue and profit growth this fiscal year.

Philip Morris International, which sells Marlboro cigarettes and smokeless tobacco products around the world, was one of the strongest forces pushing upward on the S&P 500 and rallied 10.9% after reporting a better profit than expected. It also gave financial forecasts that topped expectations, and analysts pointed in particular to strength for its Zyn nicotine pouches.

They helped offset a 7.5% drop for Ford Motor, which fell even though the automaker delivered a stronger profit and revenue for the latest quarter than analysts expected. Investors focused instead on Ford's financial forecasts for 2025, which the company said incorporates "headwinds related to market factors."

The company gave a forecasted range for how much cash it will generate this year whose midpoint fell below analysts' expectations, for example.

Qualcomm also kept indexes in check after falling 3.7%. The company, whose products help power smartphones and other devices, reported profit for the latest quarter that topped analysts' forecasts, and analysts called the performance solid. But they also said expectations were high, and worries are rising about the wireless chip industry broadly.



Trader Jonathan Mueller works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on Tuesday.

OpenAI looks across U.S. for sites to build Stargate AI data centers

Associated Press

OpenAI is scouring the U.S. for sites to build a network of huge data centers to power its artificial intelligence technology, expanding beyond a flagship Texas location and looking across 16 states to accelerate the Stargate project championed by President Donald Trump.

The maker of ChatGPT put out a request for proposals for land, electricity, engineers and architects and began visiting locations in Oregon, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin this week.

Trump touted Stargate, a newly formed joint venture between OpenAI, Oracle and Softbank, shortly after returning to the White House last month.

The partnership said it is investing \$100 billion — and eventually up to \$500 billion — to build largescale data centers and the energy generation needed to further AI development. Trump called the project a "resounding declaration of confidence in America's potential" under his new administration, though the first project in Abilene, Texas, has been under construction for months.

Elon Musk, a Trump adviser and fierce rival of OpenAI who is in a legal fight with the company and its CEO Sam Altman, has publicly questioned the value of Stargate's investments.

After Trump's announcement, a number of states reached out to OpenAI about welcoming additional data centers, Chris Lehane, OpenAI's vice president of global affairs, told reporters Thursday.

The company's request for proposals calls for sites with "proximity to necessary infrastructure including power and water."

AI uses vast amounts of energy, much of which comes from burning fossil fuels, which causes climate change. Data centers also typically draw in large amounts of water for cooling. Some tech giants have started financing nuclear power to plug into their data centers.

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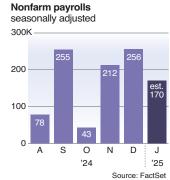
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All about jobs

The Labor Department releases its latest monthly jobs report today.

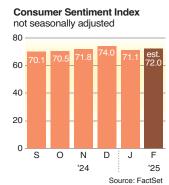
Economists predict hiring in the U.S. slipped in January after jumping in December. They expect that nonfarm employers added 170,000 jobs last month. The job market has been generally cooling, though it still remains strong. It has been a key factor, along with consumer spending, in driving economic growth.



Eye on consumers

The University of Michigan delivers today its preliminary consumer sentiment reading

Analysts expect the index, which measures how Americans are feeling about the economy and their personal finances, ticked up to 72 after sliding down to 71.1 in January. The index is closely watched because consumer spending accounts for about 70% of U.S. economic activity.



Deeper in debt?

The Federal Reserve issues its latest monthly

snapshot of U.S. consumer borrowing today. The tally, which excludes mortgages and other loans secured by real estate, is expected to show consumer

borrowing rose by \$14 billion in December. That would follow a decline of \$7.5 billion the previous month. That drop in November pulled total consumer credit to \$5.1 trillion



StoryStocks

Wall Street drifted to a mixed close as drops for Ford Motor and Qualcomm worked against buoyant fashion and cigarette stocks. The S&P 500 rose 0.4% Thursday. The Dow fell 125 points, or 0.3%, and the Nasdaq rose 0.5%.



Honeywell International HON Close: \$209.82 V-12.53 or -5.6% The industrial conglomerate will split into three independent companies.





Symbotic Close: \$25.99 V-4.93 or -15.9% The automation technology company gave investors a quarterly revenue forecast that fell short of Wall



Skyworks Solutions **SWKS** Close: \$65.60 V-21.48 or -24.7% The chipmaker warned investors about weaker revenue ahead for its mobile business



Coherent Close: \$100.46 \$\textstyle 10.36 or 11.5% The laser and optics manufacturer beat analysts' fiscal second-quarter



Tuning into the big game?

The biggest night in American football is right around the corner. And millions of viewers are set to tune in.

Super Bowl audience numbers have recently climbed to new heights across TV and streaming platforms. Last year, an estimated 123.7 million

people nationwide tuned into the game, according to Nielsen. That included about 120.3 million viewers on CBS alone, the analytics firm said, breaking a record for the largest U.S. audience on a single-network telecast.

Last year's viewership was up 7.3% from the nearly 115.1 million who tuned into the 2023 Super Bowl, per

Viewership spike:

audience numbers

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Source: Nielsen

Nielsen. In 2022 and 2021, the game garnered about 101.5 million and 95.9 viewers, respectively.

Super Bowl viewership has oscillated some over the past decade. Prior to 2024 and 2023, totals previously peaked in 2015 at 114.8 million, per Nielsen. But after several years of decline, numbers

> have since rebounded. This vear, experts expect to see more than 120 million viewers again.

This year's matchup between the Kansas City Chiefs and the Philadelphia Eagles will air Sunday on Fox. Viewers can also stream the game on platforms like Fubo, NFL+ and Tubi.



Super Bowl TV audience estimates



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Foreign Exchange

The U.S. dollar fell against the Japanese yen and the Mexican peso, but rose against the euro, the Canadian dollar and the British pound.

Commodities

U.S. crude oil slipped while wholesale gaso-



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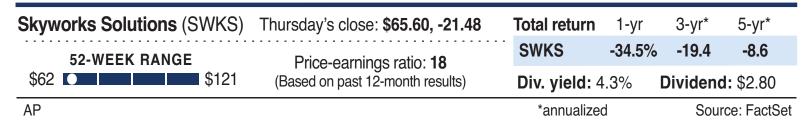
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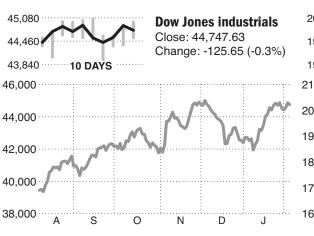
Skyworks Solutions tumbled to its biggest decline in four decades after the Apple supplier said tougher competition for the iPhone maker's semiconductor business would cut into sales.

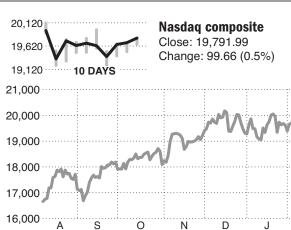
Without naming Apple, Skyworks executives warned that they expect their company's share of the business supplying its "largest customer" with radio-frequency components to fall as much as 25%. Apple has been previously referred to as the company's biggest client. For the current quarter, Skyworks forecast revenue between \$935 million and \$965 million, a decline of more than 9% from

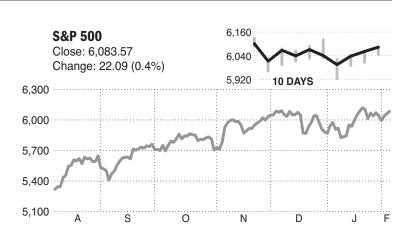
> the same period a year ago. California-based Skyworks also announced the appointment of Philip Brace as CEO, effective Feb. 17.

Brace replaces Liam Griffin, who will remain as an advisor to the company for three months to aid with the transition.





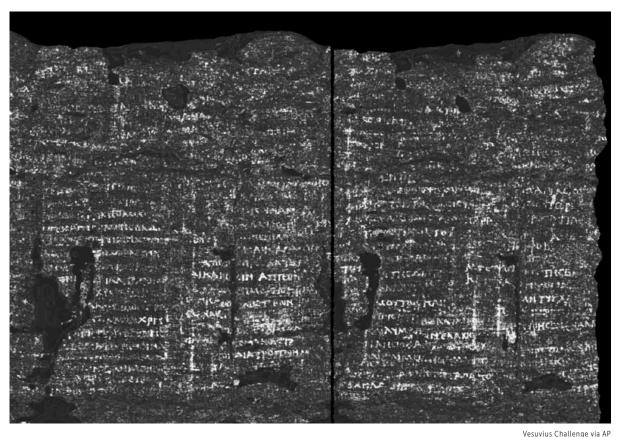




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DECIPHERING THE PAST



This undated image made available by Vesuvius Challenge shows an X-ray scan of part of papyrus scroll PHerc.172, showing the word 'disgust', one of hundreds of papyrus scrolls found amid the remains of a lavish villa at the Roman town of Herculaneum, which along with neighboring Pompeii was destroyed when Mt. Vesuvius erupted in A.D. 79.

Al and scientists unite to decipher old scrolls charred by volcano

Associated Press

LONDON — Scientists hope a mix of artificial intelligence and human expertise will help decipher ancient scrolls carbonized by a volcanic eruption 2,000 years ago.

Hundreds of papyrus scrolls were found in the 1750s in the remains of a lavish villa at the Roman town of Herculaneum, which was destroyed when Mount Vesuvius eruptea in A.D. 79.

The library of what's called potential to add immeasurably to knowledge of ancient thought if the scrolls, which have been rolled up into the size of a candy bar, could be read.

The heat and volcanic ash from Vesuvius destroyed the town and preserved the scrolls, but in an unreadable state, turning them into charred fragile blocks that

disintegrate if unrolled physi- imaging of this scroll." He said

worked for more than 250 years on ways to decipher the scrolls, the vast majority of which are held in the National Library of Naples.

In 2023, several tech executives sponsored the "Vesuvius Challenge" competition, offering cash rewards for efforts to decipher etrv.

On Wednesday, the challenge the Villa of the Papyri has the announced a "historic breakhad managed to generate the first image of the inside of one of the versity's Bodleian Library.

University of Kentucky computer scientist Brent Seales, cofounder of the Vesuvius Chal-"thrilled with the successful the text.

it "contains more recoverable Scholars and scientists have text than we have ever seen in a scanned Herculaneum scroll."

> The scroll was scanned by Diamond Light Source, a lab at Harwell, near Oxford, that uses a particle accelerator known as a synchrotron to create an intensely powerful X-ray.

Scientists then used AI to piece together the images, search for along with neighboring Pompeii the scrolls with machine learn- ink that reveals where there is ing, computer vision and geom- writing, and enhance the clarity of the text. The process led to a 3D image of the scroll that allowed experts to unroll it virtuthrough," saying researchers ally, using a process called segmentation.

AI, as it stands, has its limits. three scrolls held at Oxford Uni- Little of the text has been deciphered so far. One of the few words that has been made out is the ancient Greek for "disgust."

Scholars are being encouraged lenge, said the organizers were to join in the effort to complete

How an ancient asteroid strike carved out two grand canyons on the moon

Associated Press

shows that when an asteroid slammed into the moon billions of years ago, it carved out a pair of grand canyons on the lunar far side.

That's good news for scientists and NASA, which is looking to land astronauts at the south pole on the near, Earthfacing side untouched by that impact and containing older rocks in original condition.

U.S. and British scientists used photos and data from NASA's Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter to map the area and calculate the path of debris that produced these canyons about 3.8 billion years ago. They reported their findings Tuesday in the journal Nature Communications.

The incoming space rock passed over the lunar south pole before hitting, creating a huge basin and sending streams of boulders hurtling at a speed of nearly 1 mile a second. The debris landed like missiles, digging out two canyons comparable in size to Arizona's Grand Canyon in barely 10 minutes. The latter, by comparison, took millions of years to form.

"This was a very violent, a very dramatic geologic process," said lead author David Kring of the Lunar and Planetary Institute in Houston.

Kring and his team es- Apollo.

timate the asteroid was 15 miles across and that the CAPE CANAVERAL, energy needed to create Fla. — New research these two canyons would have been more than 130 times that in the world's current inventory of nuclear weapons.

> Most of the ejected debris was thrown in a direction away from the south pole, Kring said.

That means NASA's targeted exploration zone around the pole mostly on the moon's near side won't be buried under debris, keeping older rocks from 4 billion plus years ago exposed for collection by moonwalkers. These older rocks can help shed light not only on the moon's origins, but also Earth's.

Kring said it's unclear whether these two canyons are permanently shadowed like some of the craters at the moon's south pole. "That is something that we're clearly going to be reexamining, he said.

Permanently shadowed areas at the bottom of the moon are thought to hold considerable ice, which could be turned into rocket fuel and drinking water by future moonwalkers.

NASA's Artemis program, the successor to Apollo, aims to return astronauts to the moon this decade. The plan is to send astronauts around the moon next year, followed a year or so later by the first lunar touchdown by astronauts since



This image provided by NASA shows a view from orbit looking obliquely across the surface of the moon, where an ancient asteroid strike carved out a pair of grand canyons on the moon's far side.

Scientists solve the mystery of sea turtles' 'lost years'

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Using satellite trackers, scientists have discovered the whereabouts of young sea turtles during a key part of their lives.

"We've had massive data gaps about the early baby to toddler life stages of sea turtles," said Kate Mansfield, a marine scientist at the University of Central Florida. "This part of their long lives has been largely a mystery."

For decades, scientists have wondered about what happens during the so-called lost years between when tiny hatchlings leave the beach and when they return to coastlines nearly grown — a span of about one to 10 years.

New research published Tuesday begins to fill in that gap.

For over a decade, Mansfield and colleagues attached GPS tags to the fast-growing shells of young wild turtles. Steering small boats, they looked for young turtles drifting among



This photo provided by researchers shows a young green sea turtle released with a satellite tag swimming in sargassum seaweed in 2015 offshore of Venice, Louisiana. The photo was made with protected species permit NMFS 19508.

eventually tagging 114 animals including endangered green turtles, loggerheads, hawksbills and Kemp's ridleys.

GPS tags Eventually the

algae in the Gulf of Mexico, slough off because "the outside of a young turtle's shell sheds as they grow very quickly," said Katrina Phillips, a marine ecologist at the University of Central

Florida and co-author of the new

study published in Proceedings of the Royal Society B.

But each tag stayed on long enough to transmit a few weeks to a few months of location data. What the researchers found challenged many old ideas.

Scientists long thought that tiny turtles drifted passively with ocean currents, literally going with the flow.

'What we've uncovered is that the turtles are actually swimming," said co-author Nathan Putman, an ecologist at LGL **Ecological Research Associates** in Texas.

The scientists confirmed this by comparing location data of young turtles with the routes of drifting buoys set in the water at the same time. More than half of the buoys washed ashore while

the turtles did not. "This tiny little hatchling is actually making its own decisions about where it wants to go in the ocean and what it wants to avoid," said Bryan Wallace, a

in Colorado.

The tracking data also showed more variability in locations than scientists expected, as the little turtles moved between continental shelf waters and open ocean.

Besides the painstaking work of finding turtles, the trick was developing flexible solar-powered tags that could hang onto shells long enough to send back

"For years, the technology couldn't match the dream," said Jeffrey Seminoff, a marine biologist at NOAA who was not involved in the study.

The findings give biologists a better idea of how young turtles use the Gulf of Mexico, a critical region for four species of endangered sea turtles.

"It's not that the sea turtles were ever lost, but that we had lost track of them," said Jeanette Wyneken at Florida Atlanwildlife ecologist at Ecolibrium tic University, who had no role in the research.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Wedding necklace, Polish dumplings will be part of mission to ISS

Associated Press

WARSAW, Poland — What do a wedding necklace, Polish savory dumplings and a photo of Hungary's first astronaut have in common?

They will all be among personal items taken by astronauts journeying to the International Space Station in the spring. The date has not yet been set.

The four members of the Axiom mission hail from the U.S., India, Hungary and Poland and will travel on the Space X Crew Dragon

At a news conference Wednesday, three of the astronauts said they were having the time of their lives, training hard for their travel as well as preparing for the medical and technological experiments they will conduct during the nearly two weeks they will spend in space.

"We have to remind ourselves that space flight is a risky and serious business but it's also fun and, next to space flight, the training for a space flight is the next best thing, so we are having a time of our lives," mission pilot Tibor Kapu said in English.

Sławosz Uzna⊠ski-Wi⊠niewski said the hardest parts of the training were the "waiting and the uncertainty" as well as being away from home and not having "too much family time."

The head of the European Space Agency, Josef Aschbacher, stressed that space research was "strategic" for many reasons, including security.

Crew members will take with them items of national and personal significance.

Retired U.S. astronaut Peggy Whitson, the mission commander, who has a doctorate in biochemistry, is taking the necklace that she wore at her wedding, along with



U.S. astronaut Peggy Whitson, left, commander of the Ax-4 scientific space mission, poses with crew members Slawosz Uznanski-Wisniewski of Poland, center, and Tibor Kapu of Hungary during a media event Wednesday where they talked about their preparations at the Copernicus Science Center in Warsaw, Poland.

photos of the crew and her family.

Uzna⊠ski-Wi⊠niewski is taking freeze-dried Polish traditional pierogi, or dumplings, along with poems by Wisława Szymborska, a Nobel literature laureate; music by Frédéric Chopin; a piece of amber: and some salt from the historic Wieliczka salt mine. He will also have a small national white-andred flag that Poland's first man in outer space, Mirosław Hermaszewski, wore on his suit in 1978.

Tibor Kapu, of Hungary, said he will take a photo of his country's first astronaut, Bertalan Farkas, who traveled into space in 1980, as well as family photos and the Hungarian flag.

He said his fascination with space came from the Star Wars movies. For Whitson it was the "real-life lunar landing" in 1969 by

by the coincidence of his birthdate, April 12, the day Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin made the first crewed flight into space in 1961.

The mission pilot, Shubhanshu Shukla of India, could not attend the media event, held at the popular Copernicus Science Center in Warsaw, with the participation of Poland's Prime Minister Donald Tusk.

The unique experience of being in space forms a bond for crews, said Whitson, who has spent 675 days in space, more than any other American, and has also served as space station commander.

"I find that space is very much a place where you get a different perspective" in which you see Earth "in this vastness of space and you appreciate this perspective of the fact that our planet is basically like spaceship the U.S. Apollo 11 mission, while Earth and we need to take care of it. It Uzna\ski-Wi\newski felt drawn is very precious to us," Whitson said.



In this undated photo released by Zoological Society of London on Feb. 3, Darwin's frog is seen at London Zoo.

Scientists hope these tiny froglets can save their species

Associated Press

LONDON — It was quite the journey for such tiny froglets: traveling thousands of miles from a unique reproductive the forests of southern Chile to London, carried and brooded inside their fathers' vocal sacs for safety.

London Zoo said Monday that 33 endangered Darwin's frogs, named after scientist Charles Darwin who discovered the species, were born in their new home as part of a rescue mission to save the species from extinction.

Known populations of Darwin's frogs have suffered a 90% decline new home in London. within a year since a Parque Tantauco forests born at the zoo.

in southern Chile. The fungus has affected hundreds of amphibian species around the world.

The creatures have strategy: after the females lay eggs, the male frogs protect and rear the tiny tadpoles inside their distensible vocal sacs for them to develop in safety.

A team of conservationists traveled to Chile's forests in October in search of healthy Darwin's frogs free of the infectious disease. They collected 52 frogs, which were then placed in climate-controlled boxes for a 7,000-mile ride by boat, car and plane to their

Of the group, 11 male deadly disease known as frogs — each measuring chytrid fungus arrived in under 1.2 inches — car-2023 in their habitat, the ried 33 tadpoles that were



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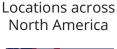


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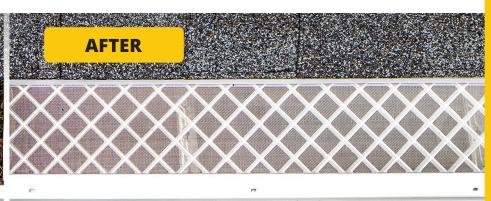
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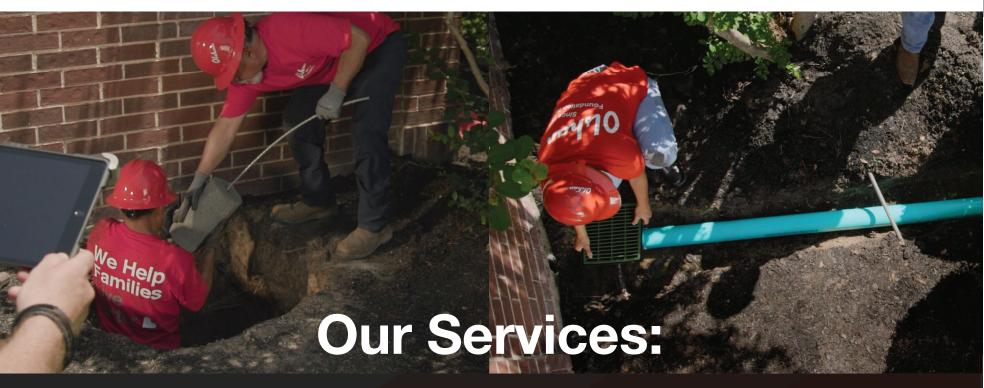


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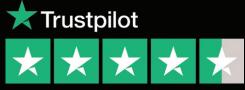


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