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Pitt State hosts virtual Memorial Day ceremony



April Hodges plays Taps. COURTESY PHOTO

By **Dustin R. Strong**
Morning Sun Staff

PITTSBURG, Kan. — Pittsburg State University featured guest speaker Kirby Brown as part of its virtual Memorial Day ceremony, hosted by Dr. John Barlow, PSU director of Alumni and Constituent Relations. All pre-recorded, the ceremony included the presentation of colors by the PSU ROTC Color Guard as well as the singing of the national anthem by PSU music student Addy Campbell, dedica-

tion of new paver stones, and a rendition of Taps by music student April Hodges.

Brown's accomplishments include 21 years of active-duty service in the US Army, from 1977 to 1998, and another 30 years working with the Army as a civilian. His assignments include the US Army Training and Doctrine Command, the Army Space and Missile Defense Command and Deputy to the Commanding General Combined Arms Center at Fort Leavenworth, Kan-

sas, where he oversaw 21 schools and training programs across the United States.

A 1975 graduate of Pittsburg State, Brown holds a bachelor's degree in manufacturing technology and a master's in education from PSU. He also holds a second master's in logistics management from the Florida Institute of Technology. Brown is also the 2015 recipient of the Meritorious Achievement Award from the PSU Alumni Association.

Currently, Brown serves

as the Dean of the College of Management at Park University in Parkville, Missouri.

"I have spent most of my working life in or around the military," Brown said. "I have had the privilege, for almost 50 years, to get to know these amazing and wonderful people."

Brown stressed how Memorial Day differs from Veterans Day in its solemnity. "Memorial Day is to honor the over 1 million citizens who gave their lives in service to our country," he said. "Our citizenry that volunteer are truly heroes in every sense of the name, but those who have lost their lives in service to our country are beyond what we could describe as heroes."

To emphasize his point, Brown shared two stories about Memorial Day, saying, "As we think about that ultimate sacrifice, I have found Memorial Day to be a very personal day for me."

The first was about his father, a World War II veteran who took a job driving a bread delivery truck in central Kansas after the war. In this capacity, his father served many small



PSU ROTC cadets advance the colors. COURTESY PHOTO

towns, including Pilsen, just north of Wichita.

In Pilsen lived the family of Father Emil Kapaun, a Catholic priest and Army chaplain who had served with distinction during World War II, briefly returning to his hometown

before being called up for service in Korea. Brown said his father knew the Kapaun family, honoring their sacrifice every year.

Although Brown never mentioned Kapaun by name, he described the

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Remembering those who served



On Monday, Gwyn Armendariz, left, and Marilyn Jones arrange flowers on Jones' parents' graves at Highland Park Cemetery. Jones said her father was in the Navy. Many families gathered to honor their loved ones on Memorial Day. ANTJEA WOLFF / THE MORNING SUN

World Series of Corn Dog



Jake Spielbusch throws a hot dog during the Corn Dog tournament at the TJ Leland's 10th Anniversary Celebration in downtown Pittsburg on Saturday. Corn Dog is similar to the game now widely known as Cornhole, but played using hot dogs instead of bean bags. Despite the name, Corn Dog is played using regular hot dogs rather than the food commonly known as corn dogs. ANTJEA WOLFF / THE MORNING SUN

Three injured in ATV crash north of Arma

Staff Reports

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ARMA, Kan. — Three Mulberry residents were seriously injured when the driver of the ATV they were riding lost control of the vehicle and it overturned just north of Arma on Saturday night.

49-year-old Christopher Buck of Mulberry was headed eastbound on East 650th Avenue driving a Ranger Full Size Side-by-Side ATV at about 9:25 p.m. Saturday when he

lost control at the intersection with US-69, causing the vehicle to overturn, according to the Kansas Highway Patrol.

Christopher Buck, along with his two passengers, 46-year-old Jill Buck and 22-year-old Matthew Buck, were seriously injured in the crash, according to the KHP. None of them were wearing seatbelts or helmets. Christopher Buck was transported to Mercy Springfield while Jill and Matthew Buck were taken to Ascension Via Christi Hospital in Pittsburg.

Big Iron Overland Rally to return to West Mineral

Staff Reports

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PITTSBURG, Kan. — To gear up for summer the three-day Big Iron Overland Rally will once again be held at the Big Brutus historic landmark. From Friday, June 10, through Sunday, June 12, people will be celebrating the outdoors with music and a camp out experience.

This festival, back in 2022 for its second year, is focused on activities and equipment for overlanders, which is a term used for people who focus on self-reliant travel in off-road capable vehicles. The area around Big Brutus will be divided into

specific areas for those camping, a place for RVs, a family activity area, and seating for the musical acts.

In addition to there being over two dozen vendors with displays or selling wares such as camping equipment, 4x4 accessories, and merchandise, there will also be time slots reserved for speakers and courses. Some of the one-hour lectures or courses include, Overlanding on a Budget, First Aid and Trauma Care, Winter Camping, Gaia GPS Navigation, and one three-hour course about off-road recovery which will outline how to safely use recovery tools.

In between course sessions, attendees can listen to the many bands who will be set up to play on Friday and Saturday. Music will be playing from 2 p.m. to 11 p.m. Friday, June 10 and 12 p.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, June 11. Performers will be the Hillbenders, the Adam Johnston Band, Opal Aglafia and the Sweet Nothings, Creedence Cool Water Revue, the Dirty Strings, the Braden Baugh Band, Red Oak Ruse, Dance Monkey Dance, Josh Westbrook, Snaps for Sinners, Queso Kitten, and CRC Music.

The Big Iron Overland Rally is partnering with the Heart of the Heart-

lands Railroad Museum and the South Kansas and Oklahoma Railroad to offer one hour round trip train rides. There will be two train rides offered; one departing at 10:30 a.m. and one at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, June 11 from the Heartlands Railroad Museum and Carona Depot complex located at 6769 NW 20th, Scammon, or only four miles east of Big Brutus. The diesel hauled train consists of three air-conditioned coaches that due to their historic nature are not handicapped accessible. Tickets go on sale starting at 9 a.m. the day of

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Obituaries

Richard "Dick" Leroy White

Richard "Dick" Leroy White, age 90, of Columbus, Kansas, passed away May 24, 2022 at his home surrounded by his family.

Richard was born to John and Leonel (Cunningham) White on May 27, 1931 in Newton County, Missouri. During his life, Richard served our country for over 30 years in the US Navy. He was a Veteran of the Korean War. Continuing his life of service, he also worked as a Highway Patrolman for over 30

years and rode with the motorcycle unit when stationed at Junction City, Kansas. He also enjoyed training new recruits as they came on the highway patrol.

Richard was active in the Masonic Lodge Mirza Shrine and Scottish Rite, VFW, American Legion, NRA, Kansas Peace Officer's Association, and Lion's Club. He enjoyed farming, cattle, welding and his family. He was a strong man who spoke his mind however he reached out and helped many.

He was united in marriage to Alice M. Wilson Oct. 1, 1952 in Huntsville, Arkansas. She survives of the home. He graduated from Columbus High School with the class of 1949. He attended Pittsburg State University, and later Missouri Southern, taking criminal justice courses.

In addition to his wife Alice, Richard is survived by three daughters, Alyce Fortnoff of Canton, Ohio, Lora Brehe (husband Carl) of Holt Summit, Missouri, and Robin Adams (husband Dan) of Enid, Oklahoma; one sister Myrtle Stone of Long Beach, California, 10 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, step-mother Minnie White, and brothers John White and Ted White.

Cremation arrangements are being handled through Derfelt Funeral Home of Columbus, Kansas. A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, June 4, 2022 at 2 p.m. at Derfelt Funeral Home. Sheriff David Groves will officiate.



Wichita grad party argument results in deaths of 2 teens

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — Authorities say a shooting at a graduation party in Wichita left two teenagers dead, one who succumbed to a gunshot wound and another who was hit by a vehicle while fleeing the scene.

Police say the events unfolded after an argument Saturday night between two groups. The shooting victim, a 17-year-old Wichita boy, was taken to a nearby a

hospital where he died.

A 15-year-old girl fleeing the scene of the shooting was struck by a car. She later died at a hospital. The 18-year-old driver fled the scene and was later arrested on suspicion of felony hit and run.

Investigators say a lack of cooperation among witnesses has made it difficult to determine the details of the case.

2 killed, 20 injured after car barrels into Nebraska crowd

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Two people were killed and 20 others were injured after a crash that sent two cars careening into a crowd of bystanders at an annual Memorial Day weekend "cruise" night in Nebraska's capital, police said Monday.

Two women, ages 20 and 22, had been inside one of the cars and died in the Sunday night crash on O Street in Lincoln. One person was listed in critical condition and the others were treated at hospitals for injuries not believed to be life-threatening, Lincoln Police Capt. Max Hubka said.

"We do not believe nor is there any evidence this was an intentional act," Lincoln police said in a statement.

A witness told the Lincoln Journal Star that a speeding car crashed into another vehicle attempting a turn at an

intersection. Hubka said both vehicles jumped the curb and struck several people standing between the street and a parking lot.

Police scheduled a 3 p.m. news conference to discuss the investigation.

Details of the event are not clear. O Street has been a popular spot for cruisers over the Memorial Day weekend and spectators typically gather to watch from business parking lots. Authorities said that some drivers have attempted dangerous maneuvers to excite the crowd, such as burnouts and speeding.

Law enforcement promised to have an increased presence this year. Hubka said none of the officers assigned to monitor the event witnessed the crash, but police reached the scene within a minute.

Agency: 1 dead, 7 injured in Oklahoma festival shooting

TAFT, Okla. (AP) — Authorities said a 26-year-old man was in custody after one person was killed and seven people were injured in a shooting early Sunday at an outdoor festival in eastern Oklahoma, where witnesses described frantic people running for cover amid gunfire.

An arrest warrant was issued for Skyler Buckner and he turned himself in to the Muskogee County sheriff's office Sunday afternoon, the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation said in a statement. OSBI said that those shot at the Memorial Day event in Taft, located about 45 miles (72 kilometers) southeast of Tulsa, ranged in age from 9 to 56.

A 39-year-old woman was killed, OSBI said. The injuries of those wounded were consid-

ered non-life-threatening. OSBI had earlier said two juveniles were injured in the shooting but said Sunday afternoon that only one juvenile was injured.

Witnesses said an argument preceded the gunfire just after midnight, the agency said.

"We heard a lot of shots and we thought it was firecrackers at first," said Sylvia Wilson, an owner of Taft's Boots Cafe, which was open at the time to serve a surge of visitors to the small town for the gathering. "Then people start running and ducking. And we were yelling at everyone... 'Get down! Get down!'" Wilson said to The Associated Press by telephone from the cafe on Sunday morning.

About 1,500 people attended the event in Taft, which usually has a pop-

CLUB NOTES

Tuesday, May 31

Pittsburg Noon Rotary

Pittsburg Noon Rotary meets at noon on Tuesdays at Via Christi Hospital. To allow more time for networking, the group has added a monthly "Social Hour" on the first Tuesday of every month throughout the community. Ask a Rotarian for the next social hour location or visit the group's Facebook page, Pittsburg Noon Rotary Club.

Pittsburg Duplicate Bridge Club

The Pittsburg Duplicate Bridge Club meets on Tuesdays at 12:15 p.m. at the Homer Cole Community Center. Fully vaccinated bridge players are welcome to come play with their partners. Masks are mandated at this time, but this policy will be reviewed when possible.

Wednesday, June 1

Pittsburg Sunrise Rotary

Meets at 7 a.m. every other Wednesday at the Knights of Columbus Hall at the northeast corner of 11th and Joplin streets.

Frontenac Rotary

Frontenac Rotary meets the first and third Wednesday of the month at noon in the basement of Frontenac Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 100 S. Cherokee St. Visit facebook.com/FrontenacRotary/ for more information.

Thursday, June 2

Valley of Southeast Kansas Lodge of Perfection

All members of the Valley of Southeast Kansas Lodge of Perfection are asked to attend the Stated Dinner and Meeting on Thursday, June 2, at the Armstrong Masonic Lodge, 3105 N. Joplin St., Pittsburg, Kansas. Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m., dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will start at approximately 7 p.m. Reservations are required, so please RSVP by Wednesday, June 1 at sekscottishrite@sbcglobal.net or by calling 620-223-1330. But please, if you don't feel safe, please don't attend.

And if you don't feel well or are in any way symptomatic, please stay home. Social distancing will be practiced and masks are highly recommended.

Pittsburg Coin Club

The Pittsburg Coin Club meets at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at 407 E. 11th St., Pittsburg. Meetings are open to the public. Membership fees are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children ages 18 and under. Contact Janie Collins at 620-238-9681 for more information.

Saturday, June 4

Sunflower Kiwanis

Don't throw away those aluminum cans! Bring them to Dillon's parking lot on Saturday, where Sunflower Kiwanis members will be collecting from 8 a.m. to noon. Cans are collected the first Saturday of each month.

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chaplain's selfless devotion in those dark, early days of the Korean War, evacuating the wounded while under fire, and sacrificing his own freedom to save an American soldier from execution by the North Koreans. Father Kapaun spent his final days as a prisoner of war but remained defiant of his captors and an inspiration to his fellow soldiers. Last May, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced the positive identification of Kapaun's remains, which were brought back to Pilsen last September.

For his actions, Brown mentioned that Father Kapaun was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross. Kapaun was also awarded the Medal of Honor and is



PSU Virtual Memorial Day Ceremony quest speaker Kirby Brown. COURTESY PHOTO

currently under consideration for canonization as a saint by the Catholic Church.

In a second, more personal story, Brown told of a close, childhood friend whose older brother acted as a protector and mentor to him. Several years old-

er than Brown, the young man was drafted and killed in Vietnam.

"There was no fanfare, no complaint," said Brown of the young man. "He went to do what he thought every citizen should do. To this day, I still miss him."

As is customary every Memorial Day and Veterans Day since 2004, new pavers were dedicated at the PSU memorial. This Memorial Day, those pavers include: James Bartelli, US Air Force; Jerome Biehl, US Army; Paul Bergant, US Army; Jacob Brown, US Army; Jared Brown, US Air Force; John Chambers, US Army; Tim Charter, US Navy; Martin Dupslaff, US Navy; Richard Faith, US Army; Matt Gilpin, US Army; Kristopher Knaup, US Air Force; Michael McAtee, US Air Force; Andy McNary, US Army;



Addy Campbell sings the national anthem. COURTESY PHOTO

Gary Polanis, US Navy; Tran Thuong, Army of the Republic of Vietnam; and Mark Walker, US Navy.

The entire ceremony can be viewed at vimeo.com/pittstate, pittstate.tv, youtube.com/pittsburgstate, or facebook.com/PSUVeteransMemorial.

AREA EVENTS

Tuesday, May 31

Art Exploration Instruction

Join Gallery artists Pat Glick and Laura Wright every Tuesday afternoon for a fun time working on citizens' own projects or art from 12:30 to 2 p.m. at ArtForms Gallery. Participants are asked to bring their own materials. This event is free and open to the public.

Wednesday, June 1

Building Strong Readers

Children up to age 5 are invited to Girard Public Library, 128 W. Prairie St. In Girard, for stories and a craft from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Call the library at 620-724-4317 for more information.

Thursday, June 2

Homeschool Thursday

Open to all homeschool families. All ages welcome. If children are under the age of 7, a parent/caregiver will need to be present during the program. Play chess or learn how to play. Other game options will be available too. 1 to 2 p.m. at Girard Public Library.

Friday, June 3

Friday Music on the Lake

Friday Music on the Lake returns to Crawford State Park at the Lake View Café patio on the northwest end of Crawford Lake ("Farlington Lake") and is hosted by Friends of Crawford State Park. Musicians play for tips only so please tip generously. Music begins at 6 p.m. and ends at 8 p.m. Some seating is available but bringing your own lawn chair is recommended. Food and drink are available in the café. Please practice physical distancing as much as possible for safety to all. This Friday BJ Pruitt will be performing.

Saturday, June 4

Pittsburg Area Farmers' Market

Vendors offer seasonal fruits and vegetables, meats, baked goods, and more. Local artisans sell handmade crafts. The farmers' market accepts EBT/Vision/SNAP cards. Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon April 16 to Oct. 30 at the Farmers' Market Pavilion, 119 E. 11th St., Pittsburg.

Children's book Fair at YMCA

United Way of Southwest Missouri and Southeast Kansas is partnering with the Pittsburg YMCA and Craw-Kan to support childhood literacy and encourage summer reading by providing free books for children during the Read, White & Blue Children's Book Fair from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 4 at the Pittsburg Family YMCA. The book fair is open to children from pre-k to third grade as well as parents, grandparents, and caregivers. During the event, children will be able to select free books to take home and keep. The book fair will also feature an appearance from PSU's Gus Gorilla at 10 a.m., a special story time at 11:30 a.m., plus other fun activities.

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Suspected serial killer charged in Missouri over 7th death

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — A suspected serial killer already charged in six killings in the Kansas City and St. Louis areas has been charged with first-degree murder in a seventh death.

Jackson County Prosecutor Jean Peters Baker announced the new murder charge Friday against Perez Deshay Reed. Baker also charged Reed with one count of armed criminal action and two counts of fraud involving a credit or debit device.

The most recent charges against the 26-year-old Reed, who lived in the St. Louis area, stem from the November 2021 shooting death of Stephon D. Johnson, of Kansas City, Missouri. The prosecutor's office did not provide Johnson's age.

Brian Horneyer, an assistant Missouri public defender in St. Louis representing Reed did not immediately return messages seeking comment left Saturday on his office phone and cellphone.

When law enforcement officers arrested Reed in nearby Independence on warrants from St. Louis County, they found a key on him that fit a deadbolt lock at Johnson's apartment, Baker's office said, citing court documents. Testing indicated DNA collected from an empty cigarillo package found in



This undated photo provided by St. Louis County Justice Services shows Perez Deshay Reed. Reed, a suspected serial killer who already has been charged with six killings in the Kansas City and St. Louis areas has been charged by a Missouri prosecutor with first-degree murder over a seventh death. The new murder charge against Reed was announced Friday, May 27, 2022, by Prosecutor Jean Peters Baker in Jackson County, Missouri, in the Kansas City area. Baker also charged Reed with one count of armed criminal action and two counts of fraud involving a credit or debit device. (ST. LOUIS COUNTY JUSTICE SERVICES VIA AP FILE)

Johnson's apartment was connected to Reed, Baker's office said.

Baker's office said the bullet found inside Johnson was fired from the gun that Reed had on him

when he was arrested. Witnesses also told police that a man who had been a guest of Johnson's was the "serial killer" from St. Louis whom they had seen on the news. They identi-

fied him by a distinctive, crescent moon-shaped tattoo on his forehead.

Reed remains in custody in St. Louis, and Baker's office is asking that he be held on the new charges with no bond.

Reed is charged in the St. Louis County killings of 16-year-old Marnay Haynes on Sept. 13, 2021, and 40-year-old Lester Robinson on Sept. 26. He also is charged in the killings in St. Louis of 49-year-old Pamela Abercrombie on Sept. 16 and 24-year-old Carey Ross on Sept. 19. All four were shot in the head.

In Wyandotte County, Kansas, he is charged in the October 28-29 deaths of Damon Washington Irvin and Rau'daja De'Naya Farrow. Their bodies were found in separate apartments at a complex in downtown Kansas City, Kansas, authorities have said.

Johnson's family reported him missing after they hadn't seen him since Nov. 1, and officers found him dead in a closet in his apartment, shot in the back of his head.

Officers were tailing Reed on Nov. 5 when he got on an Amtrak train in Kansas City, Missouri, bound for St. Louis. They arrested him when he got off on the train's first stop in Independence and boarded a bus.

Cops investigate swastika painted on Black Missouri church

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (AP) — A black swastika was painted on the outside wall of an historically Black church in southwestern Missouri and police are investigating the vandalism as a hate crime.

Pitts Chapel United Methodist Church in Springfield reported that the swastika was spray painted on the building on May 18 or 19. The NAACP and the Missouri chapter of the Council on Amer-

ican-Islamic Relations condemned the vandalism. A county parks crew removed the swastika.

During a news conference with the NAACP at the church Friday, the pastor, the Rev. Tracy Wolff, said her congregation was particularly disturbed that their church was targeted given recent violent hate crimes nationwide, including the deadly mass shooting at a grocery store in Buffalo, New York, that

investigators have said was racially motivated.

"I want to be clear that this is not simply tagging. This is not graffiti. This is not vandalism," Wolff said. "This was a hate crime, and it is unacceptable."

Pitts Chapel is Springfield's oldest historically Black church, Wolff said. It was founded in 1847 by a group of enslaved Africans.

"Though we are histor-

ically Black, on Sunday mornings at 11 a.m., we're becoming one of the most diverse places in town. I don't think a lot of people know that," she said.

Police have not identified a suspect and are asking witnesses or anyone with information to contact police. In the meantime, Wolff said, the church is beefing up security.

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Spoons, knives, boiled eggs, and beans



BOBBY NEAL WINTERS
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Consider the spoon. I will wait a moment while you get yourself to thinking spoon-shaped thoughts. If you are eating your breakfast cereal, you might want to hold it in your hand and look at it.

The spoon is an incredibly useful thing. We use it to stir milk and sugar into our coffee. (An unconnected aside: After many years of horrible ignorance, I've gained a greater insight into T.S. Eliot's line "I've measured my life with coffee spoons." There is such a thing as a coffee spoon instead of a teaspoon. Coffee spoons are incredibly tiny.) We use it to eat cereal, soup, and beans. One could say that the canonical use of a spoon is to eat liquid or semi-liquid food.

But a number of years ago, the lady who taught my daughters Home-Ec showed me that you can use a teaspoon to peel an orange or a hard-boiled egg. Indeed, they are incredibly useful in peeling boiled eggs.

Is that their proper use? I don't know if I can say. There is a hierarchy of usage. I am old enough and from a part of the world where we were taught in school it was not proper to eat our beans with a knife. There is even kind of a poem about it:

*I eat my peas with honey /
I've done it all my life /
It makes the peas taste funny /
But it keeps them on the knife*

So there is this phenomenon: A tool is created for a purpose, but in using it we find other things we can do with it. The use of a spoon can be expanded

to peeling boiled eggs and that is very satisfactory; a knife can be used to eat your pinto beans with which is non-optimal if you have a spoon around, but is better than eating them with your fingers, perhaps. You can also use a spoon to cut cake with, but if there is a knife around, why?

This is a simple idea. It is a basic idea. It is an idea that can be used in different ways.

Consider the human body. "When we are born we are given a body." (I was originally writing that without the quotes, but then as I wrote the sentence I decided to add them. Because there is a question here: Are we given the body or is the body what we are? The first way of thinking presupposes that there are a bunch of souls waiting in line to be rolled into a body; the second does not. Rather than

wrestle this one out right now, let's go with the statement in quotes as being at least metaphorically true and marshal on.)

We are given a human body, and we must figure out what to do with it. There was a time when we didn't have to do as much thinking. You had to walk, run, climb, or swim everywhere that you went, so getting enough exercise wasn't a problem. There wasn't so much around to eat, so you ate when there was food, and you starved when there wasn't. The parameters of survival dictated what we did.

Now we have cars and don't have to walk to get where we are going. We have machines to help us work, or we work at sedentary jobs, so we have to learn to use our body in different ways. We need to learn the right way to eat in terms of amount and content. We need to learn

how to maintain fitness by being active outside of work and setting aside time to exercise.

We are given a human mind. (Same discussion as above.) We need to think with that mind and we need to learn the right way to think. The right things to think about. For example, we need to realize — to really know — that we've only got a short term on this globe. What sort of mark do we want to leave? We need to look at the end and how we want that end to look, and then we can attempt (an important word there chosen with care) to arrange our actions to get there.

This all sounds hard... and it is. It is made easier by one thing: Tradition. (Cue up the music from Fiddler on the Roof here.) All of these things have been worked out. Most of them, anyway. When you get married, you can write

your own vows, you can design the whole thing. If you like that then bully for you. But you don't have to. The preacher has it in a book. You can just take it from the book. Easy-peasy. You can now spend your time working on global inequality.

You want to learn to be a better person: Join a religion. You want people to think kindly of you when you pass: Do things for them. These are tools too and you can learn how to use them.

This learning thing never ends. Until we die, I guess. But then there are different schools of thought on that.

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HELLO NEIGHBOR

This is a special time of year



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As my husband and I were driving to several cemeteries here in Southeast Kansas for our annual Memorial Day visit, where we have many family members and friends buried, we enjoyed the rich countryside. This is a special time of year for us here in the Heartland and Kansas.

As we drove down the highway, we couldn't help

seeing the waving fields of wheat, getting ready to turn their heads from green to shades of yellow and finally the waving grains of gold as the fields ready for harvest.

Living in the farming area that we enjoy here in Southeast Kansas, we all have stories to tell about the days growing up on the farm. I remember my dad and his brothers getting ready for the annual wheat harvest. Several days were spent readying the combines, getting the large grain wagons ready,

(we didn't have semis back then) and all of the other many things that had to be done before entering the fields to harvest the wheat.

June was a special month in our family and along with wheat harvest came a couple of family birthdays. My dad's was June 11 and my sister's June 12. When harvesting wheat it was common for our evening meals to be late at night. We didn't eat until Dad came in and sometimes that was maybe 9:30 or 10 o'clock at night.

My sister related to me this weekend her memory of one of her birthdays when we had a 10 o'clock supper. She had made baked Alaska as a special dessert for both of their birthdays but by the time it was ready to be served it wasn't all that special.

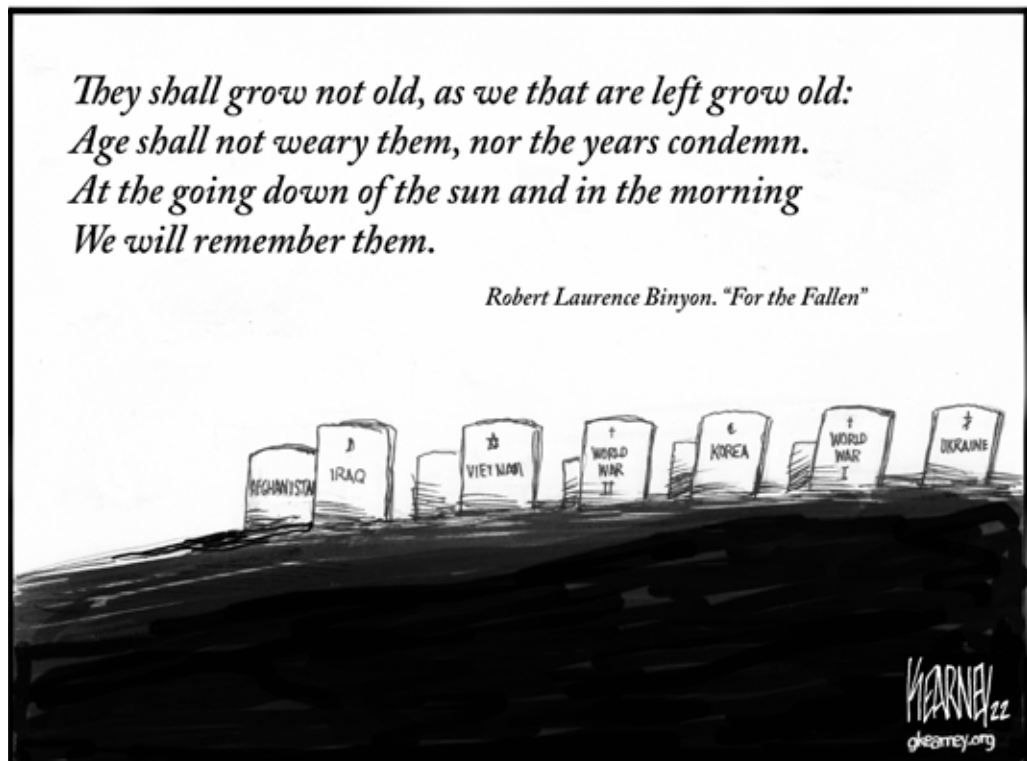
My special recollection goes back to one night when dad came home and hurried into the house to ask me to help unload a wagon load of wheat. He said it wouldn't be too hard because I would be shoveling wheat into the

auger as it carried the grain upward through a tube and into the grain bin. Rain was coming and he had to go back to the field and get another load. My help was crucial. I had always been hesitant to be around the electric powered auger but when you have to do something, sometimes you just have to do it, no matter your fear or concern. I did get the load unloaded before it rained but that was the only time I remember having to shovel wheat. (All 5'4" and 110 lbs of me.) I

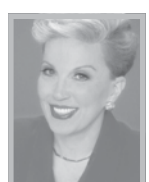
think I was about 15 years old. My dad, his two brothers and four nephews did the farming but in an emergency, he turned to me. As I think back on it, I am proud that my dad had that much confidence in me to help him out when he really needed the extra help. I did lots of farm work with my dad but that was my one experience with unloading wheat.

Wheat harvest here might not be underway in full force in a couple of weeks but if not it won't be far off.

EDITORIAL CARTOONS



Teenager feels left out as mom travels with dad



DEAR ABBY
Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I'm a senior in high school, and I come from a family that is financially stable but unable to travel often due to time and money constraints. We usually travel only once a year in the summer, and for the most part, we're not able to travel very far or stay for long. For the past three years, our vacation plans have been on hold due to the pandemic and other concerns. My parents have been on two trips across the country in the past 12 months. I accept that they're a married couple and occasionally want to travel

without the rest of their family. However, recently it came to my attention that Mom bought two tickets to Europe for her and Dad as a birthday gift. She used the money she had been saving for a family vacation to pay for them. I feel betrayed. I was under the impression that we couldn't afford a vacation at this time, or that we were still waiting for the chaos of the pandemic to settle before traveling, but my mother was happy to spend the money on a vacation for her and Dad. My dad is turning 50, and I understand it's a very special occasion. However, I can't help but wonder why I haven't received so much as a dinner after being accepted into my top college and earning two scholarships. Am I overreacting? If not, how should I address this? — WANTING A

GETAWAY IN NEW YORK

DEAR WANTING: I agree that having been accepted to your top college and having earned two scholarships, your achievement was something to be celebrated. (In reality, the achievement was a reward in itself.) That it was not recognized tells me there must be a lot going on for your folks right now. While family vacations are wonderful and memorable, so are milestone birthdays such as the one that's approaching for your dad. Your mother should be forgiven for ensuring it will be "extra special." If you feel an itch to travel, if you don't already have one, consider getting a part-time job so you can afford a getaway with friends or a student or church group. Because you are non-

ger a child, you should talk to your mother about how you feel.

DEAR ABBY: My adult son got so furious with me that he called me, yelled vicious things and threatened to cut me out of his life. I've never been spoken to that way before. It was so traumatic that I was shaking after I hung up on him. What made him so angry was that I didn't thank his mother-in-law for an email she sent wishing me happy birthday. I had received 30 email birthday wishes that day and didn't acknowledge any of them. I would have thanked someone who'd gone to the trouble of calling or sending an actual card. I don't think I behaved improperly, but maybe there's some rule that slipped by me. Your thoughts? — UNHAPPY

BIRTHDAY IN TEXAS

DEAR UNHAPPY: The polite way to deal with email special occasion wishes is to either acknowledge them individually or do an email "blast" thanking everyone for remembering you. To have remained stone silent was ungracious. HOWEVER, for your son to have gone off the deep end, yelled "vicious things" and threatened to cut you out of his life was uncalled for, and whether or not you receive one, you deserve an apology.

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NEWS

Southwind Cycle celebrates grand opening



The new bicycle shop Southwind Cycle held its grand opening celebration by providing hot dogs and chips and other food for customers on Saturday. Owner Ben Alexander, who also has a bicycle shop in Iola, said he opened a store here to fill the needs of the community after Tailwind Cyclists announced it was closing. While the store technically opened in March, Alexander said he's been using the time to get a feel of what people in Pittsburg need or want from a bicycle shop so he could have that supply available. ANTJEA WOLFF / THE MORNING SUN

Children among 31 killed at church fair stampede in Nigeria

By CHINEDU ASADU

ABUJA, Nigeria (AP) — A stampede Saturday at a church charity event in southern Nigeria left 31 people dead and seven injured, police told The Associated Press, a shocking development at a program that aimed to offer hope to the needy. One witness said the dead included a pregnant woman and many children.

The stampede at the event organized by the Kings Assembly Pentecostal church in Rivers state involved people who came to the church's annual "Shop for Free" charity program, according to Grace Iringe-Koko, a police spokeswoman.

Such events are common in Nigeria, Africa's largest economy, where more than 80 million people live in poverty, according to government statistics.

Saturday's charity program was supposed to begin at 9 a.m. but dozens

arrived as early as 5 a.m. to secure their place in line, Iringe-Koko said. Somehow the locked gate was broken open, creating a stampede, she said.

Godwin Tepikor from Nigeria's National Emergency Management Agency said first responders were able to evacuate the bodies of those trampled to death and bring them to the morgue. Security forces cordoned off the area.

Dozens of residents later thronged the scene, mourning the dead and offering any assistance they could to emergency workers. Doctors and emergency workers treated some of the injured as they lay in the open field. Videos from the scene showed the clothing, shoes and other items meant for the beneficiaries.

One witness who only identified himself as Daniel said "there were so many children" among the dead. Five of the dead

children were from one mother, he told the AP, adding that a pregnant woman also lost her life.

Some church members were attacked and injured by relatives of the victims after the stampede, according to witness Christopher Eze. The church declined to comment on the situation.

The police spokeswoman said the seven injured were "responding to treatment."

The "Shop for Free" event was suspended while authorities investigated how the stampede occurred.

Nigeria has seen similar stampedes in the past.

Twenty-four people died at an overcrowded church gathering in the southeastern state of Anambra in 2013, while at least 16 people were killed in 2014 when a crowd got out of control during a screening for government jobs in the nation's capital, Abuja.

Russians, Ukrainians fight block by block in eastern city

By YURAS KARMANAU and ELENA BECATOROS

KRAMATORSK, Ukraine (AP) — Russian troops pushed farther into a key eastern Ukrainian city and fought street by street with Kyiv's forces Monday in a battle the mayor said has left the city in ruins and driven tens of thousands of people from their homes.

Military analysts painted the fight for Sievierodonetsk as part of a race against time for the Kremlin. The city is key to Russian efforts to complete the capture of the eastern industrial region of the Donbas quickly — before more Western arms arrive to bolster Ukraine's defense.

Weapons from the West have already helped Kyiv's forces thwart a Russian advance on the capital in the early weeks of the war. That failure forced Moscow to withdraw, regroup, and pursue the more limited objective of seizing the Donbas, where Moscow-backed separatists already held swaths of territory and have been fighting Ukrainian troops for eight years.

"The Kremlin has reckoned that it can't afford to waste time and should use the last chance to extend the separatist-controlled territory because the arrival of Western weapons in Ukraine could make it impossible," Ukrainian military analyst Oleh Zhdanov said.

But in a potential setback for Ukraine, President Joe Biden appeared to dismiss reports that the U.S. was considering sending long-range rocket systems to the country.

In addition to pleading for weapons from allies, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has also repeatedly insisted that European countries and others must punish Russia for its aggression, with sanctions and embargos on Moscow's lucrative energy sector. In a video address Monday to European Union leaders, Zelenskyy asked the 27 nations of the bloc to target Russian oil exports, so Moscow "feels the price for what it is doing against Ukraine."

The leaders are considering an embargo on Russian oil — but struggling to find consensus.

Russia has also sought to use its energy exports to its advantage, cutting off natural gas to a handful of European countries in what was seen as an effort to punish and divide the West over its support for Ukraine. In its latest move, Russian state gas giant Gazprom said it will halt gas supplies to Dutch gas trader GasTerra starting Tuesday.

The Russian military's focus on Sievierodonetsk has already left the city "completely ruined," Mayor Oleksandr Striuk said. Artillery barrages have destroyed critical infrastructure and damaged 90% of the buildings, and power and communications have been largely cut to a city that was once home to 100,000 people.

"The number of victims is rising every hour, but we are unable to count the dead and the wounded amid the street fighting," Striuk told The Asso-



A child standing next to a damaged car looks up at a building destroyed during attacks in Irpin, on the outskirts Kyiv, Ukraine, Monday, May 30, 2022. (AP PHOTO/NATACHA PISARENKO)

ciated Press in a phone interview, adding that Moscow's troops advanced a few more blocks toward the city center.

He said that only about 12,000 to 13,000 residents remain, sheltering in basements and bunkers to escape the Russian bombardment — a situation that recalls the siege of Mariupol that trapped residents and led to some of the worst suffering of the war.

Striuk estimated that 1,500 civilians have died in his city since the war began, from Russian attacks as well as from the dire conditions, including a lack of medicine or medical treatment. More than 20,000 are feared dead in Mariupol.

A 32-year-old French journalist, Frédéric Leclerc-Imhoff, died Monday near Sievierodonetsk when he was hit by shrapnel from shelling while covering Ukrainians evacuating the area, according to his employer, French broadcaster BFM TV.

Beyond long sieges of cities, Russia's troops have also been accused of carrying out targeted killings and other atrocities in areas they briefly held around Kyiv early in the war. On Monday, prosecutors submitted the first rape case of the war to a court — the last step before a trial begins. The 31-year-old Russian soldier, who is accused of killing a man and raping his wife in Bohdanivka, a village northeast of Kyiv, will be tried in absentia, officials said.

Meanwhile, the Ukrainian military said Russian forces reinforced their positions on the northeastern and southeastern outskirts of Sievierodonetsk, 145 kilometers (90 miles) south of the Russian border in an area that is the last pocket of Ukrainian government control in Luhansk.

Luhansk Gov. Serhiy Haidai said the Russians were also pushing toward nearby Lysychansk. In addition to the journalist, two civilians were killed in the latest Russian shelling, he said.

Three civilians were also killed Monday in the Donetsk region, which together with Luhansk makes up the Donbas, the governor said. Authorities in Kharkiv reported one dead in the latest shelling

of Ukraine's second-largest city.

The Russian advance in Sievierodonetsk and Lysychansk on either side of the strategically important Siverskiy Donetsk River is part of an all-out push, Zhdanov said.

The intensity of the latest fighting and the fact that Russia has poured troops in from their far east have come as a surprise to the Ukrainians, who are trying to hold out until more weapons can arrive, Zhdanov said.

On Monday, Biden told reporters that there are no plans for the U.S. to send long-range rocket systems to Ukraine, amid reports that the move is being considered.

Dmitry Medvedev, the deputy head of Russia's Security Council, said that was a "reasonable" decision.

He said that "otherwise, if our cities come under attack, the Russian armed forces would fulfill their threat and strike the centers where such criminal decisions are made."

Medvedev added that "some of them aren't in Kyiv."

Russian pressure also continued in the south on Monday. Defense Ministry spokesman Maj. Gen. Igor Konashenkov said an artillery strike on a shipyard in the southern port of Mykolaiv destroyed Ukrainian armored vehicles parked there.

In the Kherson region, the Russia-installed deputy head of the regional administration, Kirill Stremousov, told Russia's Tass state news agency that grain from last year's harvest is being delivered to Russian buyers, adding that "obviously there is a lot of grain here." Ukraine has accused Russia of looting grain from territories its forces hold, and the U.S. has alleged Moscow is jeopardizing global food supplies by preventing Ukraine from exporting its harvest.

Russia, meanwhile, has pressed the West to lift sanctions against it as it seeks to shift the blame for the growing food crisis — which has led to skyrocketing prices in Africa.

Zelenskyy urged France not to succumb to such "blackmail" as the Ukrainian president met Monday with French Foreign Minister Catherine Colonna.

Egypt displays trove of newly discovered ancient artifacts

CAIRO (AP) — Egypt on Monday displayed a trove of ancient artifacts dating back 2,500 years that the country's antiquities authorities said were recently unearthed at the famed necropolis of Saqqara near Cairo.

The artifacts were showcased at a makeshift exhibit at the feet of the Step Pyramid of Djoser in Saqqara, 24 kilometers (15 miles) southwest of the Egyptian capital.

According to Mostafa Waziri, head of the Supreme Council of Antiquities, the find includes 250 painted sarcophagi with well-preserved mummies inside, as well as 150 bronze statues of ancient deities and bronze vessels used in rituals of Isis, the goddess of fertility in ancient Egyptian mythology, all from the Late Period, about 500 B.C.

A headless bronze statue of Imhotep, the chief architect of Pharaoh Djoser who ruled ancient Egypt between 2630 B.C. and 2611 B.C. was also displayed.

The artifacts will be transferred for a permanent exhibit at the new Grand Egyptian Museum, a major project still under construction near the famed Giza Pyramids, just outside Cairo.

The Saqqara site is part



Painted coffins with well-preserved mummies inside, dating back to the Late Period of ancient Egypt around 500 B.C., are displayed at a makeshift exhibit at the feet of the Step Pyramid of Djoser in Saqqara, 24 kilometers (15 miles) southwest of Cairo, Egypt, Monday, May 30, 2022. (AP PHOTO/AMR NABIL)

of a sprawling necropolis at Egypt's ancient capital of Memphis that includes the Giza Pyramids and the smaller pyramids at Abu Sir, Dahshur and Abu Ruwaysh. The ruins of Memphis were designated a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1970s.

Egypt has been heavily promoting recent archaeological finds, hoping to attract more tourists to the country. Its tourist sector, a major source of foreign currency, suffered from years of political turmoil and violence following the 2011 uprising that toppled autocrat Hosni Mubarak.

The sector has recently

started to recover from the coronavirus pandemic, only to be hit again by the effects of Russia's war on Ukraine. Along with Russia, Ukraine is a major source of tourists visiting Egypt.

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LOOKING BACK

FROM OUR HISTORY

A work cessation order in all Kansas mines was issued by the UMWA in 1922

By Phil Burgert

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Excerpted stories in Crawford County newspaper archives

100 Years Ago
May 31, 1922

An imperative order for the cessation of work in all Kansas mines, whether large or small, was issued today by Van A. Bittner, chief international representative of the United Mine Workers of America, President George L. Peck and Secretary Thomas Harvey of the provisional Mine Workers district. The order says that any member working after tomorrow midnight will be expelled. Every "dinky mine" permit granted has been revoked to take effect at midnight tonight.

City school work for the year closed today. The senior high school will hold its commencement exercises tonight. The junior high school commencement exercises will be held tomorrow afternoon. Exercises of Douglass school will be held in the senior high school auditorium later tomorrow

evening.

The enrollment of boys and girls for the free "learn to swim" classes at the Y. M. C. A. started this week and there are now several enrolled, Secretary H. W. Boltz stated yesterday. It is expected that the total attendance at the classes will equal or surpass that of last summer, when practically 100 boys and an equal number of girls were enrolled. All persons over 9 years of age are invited to join the classes.

50 Years Ago

May 31, 1972

It started with a talk Dr. Wesley Sandness of Kansas State College was to give before the Rotary Club at the Hotel Besse. It ended with a horse in the dining room. Sandness' talk, naturally enough, was on the Morgan horse. His Morgan horse has taken honors in national horse shows. To climax the presentation Sandness enlisted no less than KSC President Dr. George Budd to escort the animal into the hotel.

Bids on the expansion of the National Guard Armory in Pittsburg will be opened in Topeka on June 14, Lt. Stan Smith,

commanding officer of Co. A, 3rd Battalion, 137th Infantry, learned yesterday from Lt. Colonel Murl D. Munger, battalion commander. The expansion will include the construction of two added offices, one supply room and an arms vault. The construction will be done with federal money.

Kansas State College track coach Dave Suenram and two of his thinclads made a long trip to Billings, Mont., for the beginning of the NAIA track and field championship scheduled to get underway today. Traveling with Suenram are Carlos Walker and Doug Shreves. Walker will be entering the long jump and high jump while Shreves will be running in the mile. Walker is in the top 10 in the NAIA in both events.

25 Years Ago

May 31, 1997

Yesterday was the day after D-Day – dismissal day – at Eugene Field Elementary School, and the halls bore mute witness to the exodus past and the one still to come: the routine exodus of students at the end of the school year and the exodus of

teachers and staff reassigned to other buildings for the next school year. Eugene Field is one of two Pittsburg USD 250 schools being closed this summer.

Pittsburg city commissioners approved a bid from Heckert Construction Co. in the amount of \$70,734 for rehabilitation and overlay of the airport T-hanger taxi lane and jet aircraft parking apron. They approved the bid – the only one submitted – during a special meeting yesterday. No other business was conducted. The bid came in well below the engineer's estimate of \$80,082 for construction costs.

Knights of Columbus Council No. 3316 of St. Bridget's Catholic Church, Scammon, recently erected a sign encouraging respect of the lives of the unborn and a statue in the parish cemetery as a memorial to the victims of abortion. The statue is a depiction of the Blessed Mother standing on the head of the serpent. The council has been working for pro-life causes since it's reinstatement 10 years ago.

COMMODITIES

Market closed due to Memorial Day

IRON

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the ride from the historic Carona depot. The cost is \$10 per person with children on laps free. The trains are limited to the first 275 people per ride. The museum grounds and buildings will also be open for tours on this day. Food and drinks are not allowed on the train. More information can be found online at www.heartlandstrainclub.org or by calling 620-396-8594 or 620-423-5163.

For the first time, the Big Iron Overland Rally will also feature the Boomtown Overland Swap Meet which will be for people to trade or sell equipment they no longer need. "Each piece of equipment you carry should serve more than one purpose when adventuring and now you have a place to sell or swap those that do not," according to the event

website.

A competition for Ultimate Camp Cook will be held with three categories for attendees to compete in: breakfast, dinner and dessert. First, second and third places will win a prize. There will be a Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion to determine the best overall camp cooks for the event. There will also be a kids' category for anyone 12 years old or younger. They will attempt to cook the best grilled cheese sandwich, and there will be a \$100 prize for this category. For those who don't wish to compete, the event will need judges. There is a \$10 charge to be a judge.

Food trucks and a beer garden will also be available for attendees to purchase food during these events.

For more information about the Big Iron Overland Rally, go to bigiron-overlandrally.com.

TODAY IN HISTORY

In 1921, a race riot erupted in Tulsa, Oklahoma

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Today is Tuesday, May 31, the 151st day of 2022. There are 214 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 31, 1889, some 2,200 people in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, perished when the South Fork Dam collapsed, sending 20 million tons of water rushing through the town.

On this date:

In 1790, President George Washington signed into law the first U.S. copyright act.

In 1859, the Big Ben clock tower in London went into operation, chiming for the first time.

In 1921, a race riot erupted in Tulsa, Oklahoma, as white mobs began looting and leveling the affluent Black district of Greenwood over reports a Black man had assaulted a white woman in an elevator; hundreds are believed to have died.

In 1949, former State Department official and accused spy Alger Hiss went on trial in New York, charged with perjury (the jury deadlocked, but Hiss was convicted in a second trial).

In 1962, former Nazi official Adolf Eichmann was hanged in Israel a few minutes before midnight for his role in the Holocaust.

In 1970, a magnitude 7.9 earthquake in Peru claimed an estimated 67,000 lives.

In 1977, the Trans-Alaska oil pipeline, three years in the making despite objections from environ-

mentalists and Alaska Natives, was completed. (The first oil began flowing through the pipeline 20 days later.)

In 1989, House Speaker Jim Wright, dogged by questions about his ethics, announced he would resign. (Tom Foley later succeeded him.)

In 2009, Dr. George Tiller, a rare provider of late-term abortions, was shot and killed in a Wichita, Kansas, church. (Gunman Scott Roeder was later convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to life in prison with no possibility of parole for 50 years.) Millvina Dean, the last survivor of the 1912 sinking of the RMS Titanic, died in Southampton, England at 97.

In 2014, Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl, the only American soldier held prisoner in Afghanistan, was freed by the Taliban in exchange for five Afghan detainees from the U.S. prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. (Bergdahl, who'd gone missing in June 2009, later pleaded guilty to endangering his comrades by walking away from his post in Afghanistan; his sentence included a dishonorable discharge, a reduction in rank and a fine, but no prison time.)

In 2019, a longtime city employee opened fire in a municipal building in Virginia Beach, Virginia, killing 12 people on three floors before police shot and killed him; officials said DeWayne Craddock had resigned by email hours before the shooting.

In 2020, tens of thousands of protesters again took to the streets across

America, with peaceful demonstrations against police killings overshadowed by unrest; officials deployed thousands of National Guard soldiers and enacted strict curfews in major cities.

Ten years ago: Democrat John Edwards' campaign finance fraud case ended in a mistrial when jurors in Greensboro, North Carolina, acquitted him on one of six charges but were unable to decide whether he'd misused money from two wealthy donors to hide his pregnant mistress while he ran for president. (Prosecutors declined to retry Edwards on the five unresolved counts.) President Barack Obama welcomed his predecessor back to the White House for the unveiling of the official portraits of former President George W. Bush and former first lady Laura Bush.

Five years ago: President Donald Trump welcomed Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc (nuh-WEE'-ihn SOO'-an FOOK) to the White House for talks focusing on the American trade deficit. A suicide attacker struck the fortified heart of the Afghan capital Kabul with a massive truck bomb that killed more than 150 people.

One year ago: Four-time Grand Slam champion Naomi Osaka withdrew from the French Open before her second-round match and said she would be taking a break from competition; she said she experienced "huge waves of anxiety" before speaking to the media, and that she had "suffered long

bouts of depression." (Osaka had been fined for skipping the postmatch news conference after her first-round victory.) China's ruling Communist Party announced that all couples would be allowed to have three children instead of two.

Today's Birthdays: Actor-director Clint Eastwood is 92. Singer Peter Dinklage is 84. Humanitarian and author Terry Waite is 83. Singer-musician Augie Meyers is 82. Actor Sharon Gless is 79. Football Hall of Famer Joe Namath is 79. Broadcast journalist/commentator Bernard Goldberg is 77. Actor Tom Berenger is 72. Actor Gregory Harrison is 72. Actor Kyle Secor is 65. Actor Roma Maffia (ma-FEE'-uh) is 64. Actor/comedian Chris Elliott is 62. Actor Lea Thompson is 61. Singer Corey Hart is 60. Actor Hugh Dillon is 59. Rapper DMC is 58. Actor Brooke Shields is 57. TV host Phil Keoghan is 55. Jazz musician Christian McBride is 50. Actor Archie Panjabi is 50. Actor Merle Dandridge (TV: "Greenleaf") is 47. Actor Colin Farrell is 46. Rock musician Scott Klopfenstein (Reel Big Fish) is 45. Actor Eric Christian Olsen is 45. Rock musician Andy Hurley (Fall Out Boy) is 42. Country singer Casey James (TV: "American Idol") is 40. Actor Jonathan Tucker is 40. Rapper Waka Flocka Flame is 36. Pop singer Normani Hamilton (Fifth Harmony) is 26.

Serbia ignores EU sanctions, secures gas deal with Putin

By DUSAN STOJANOVIC

BELGRADE, Serbia (AP) — As the war in Ukraine rages, Serbia's president announced that he has secured an "extremely favorable" natural gas deal with Russia during a telephone conversation Sunday with Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Serbian President Aleksandar Vucic has refused to explicitly condemn Russia's invasion of Ukraine, and his country has not joined Western sanctions against Moscow. Vucic claims he wants to take Serbia into the European Union but has spent recent years cementing ties with Russia, a longtime ally.

The gas deal is likely to be signed during a visit by Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov to Belgrade early in June — a rare visit by a ranking Russian official to a European country since the Russian invasion of Ukraine began Feb. 24.

Vucic said he told Putin that he wished "peace would be established as soon as possible."

Serbia is almost entirely dependent on Russian gas, and its main energy companies are under Russian majority ownership.

"What I can tell you is that we have agreed on the main elements that are very favorable for Serbia," Vucic, a former pro-Russian ultranationalist, told reporters. "We agreed to sign a three-year contract, which is the first element of the contract that suits the Serbian side very well."

It is not clear how Serbia would receive the Russian gas if the EU decides to shut off the Russian supply that travels over its member countries. Russia has already cut off gas exports to EU members Finland, Poland and Bulgaria.

The EU as a whole has been hurriedly reducing its reliance on Russian energy since the invasion, and was set to discuss ways to further do so and to hear from Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy during a leaders' summit that started Monday.

Despite reports of the atrocities in Ukraine due to the invasion, Vucic and other Serbian leaders have been complaining of Western pressure to join sanctions against Russia. Serbian officials say the Balkan country must resist such pressure, even if it means abandoning the goal of joining the EU.

Man in wig throws cake at glass protecting Mona Lisa

PARIS (AP) — A man seemingly disguised as an old woman in a wheelchair threw a piece of cake at the glass protecting the Mona Lisa at the Louvre Museum and shouted at people to think of planet Earth.

The Paris prosecutor's office said Monday that the 36-year-old man was detained following Sunday's incident and sent to a police psychiatric unit. An investigation has been opened into the damage of cultural artifacts.

Videos posted on social media showed a young man in a wig and lipstick who had arrived in a wheelchair. The man, whose identity was unknown, was also seen throwing roses in

the museum gallery to slack-jawed guests.

The cake attack left a conspicuous white creamy smear on the glass but the famous work by Leonardo da Vinci wasn't damaged.

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LEGALS

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Public Notice

Date: May 26, 2022
Planning Commission/Board of Zoning Appeals
Notice of Public Hearing

The Planning Commission/Board of Zoning Appeals of the City of Pittsburg, KS, will hold a Public Hearing on June 27, 2022 at 5:30 pm, in the Municipal Court Room of the Law Enforcement Center, 201 N Pine, to consider a Petition for a Variance for a garage at 2306 Maretta Drive.

The property is described as:
Lot Number Six (6) in Block Number Three (3) in Timber Hills Subdivision, Crawford County, Kansas, according to the recorded Plat thereof.
Dated this May 27, 2022.

Planning Commission/Board of Zoning Appeals

ATTEST:

Dexter Neisler
Zoning Administrator

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In the Matter of the Estate of Dennis A. Helms, Deceased
Case No. CRP-2022-PR-000053

NOTICE OF HEARING

STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED: You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Russell F. Mize, praying that descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Crawford County, Kansas, to-wit: The West One and Five Tenths (1.5) feet of Lot Number Three (3), All of Lot Number Four (4) and the East Eight (8) feet of Lot Number Five (5), in Block Number Eight (8) in the Pittsburg Town Company's Fourth Addition to the City of Pittsburg, Kansas, according to the recorded Plat thereof.

AND

Lot Number Ninety Three (93) in the "First Santa Fe Addition" to the City of Pittsburg (Crawford County), Kansas, according to the recorded Plat thereof.

You are hereby notified and required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 14th day of June, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. in the Crawford County Judicial Center, 602 N. Locust, Pittsburg, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said Petition.

Russell F. Mize, Petitioner

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Project Identification- 2022 Street Improvements
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NEWS

YMCA Academy of Dance presents 'WORK'



YMCA Academy of Dance students perform "I Want to Work as a Barista" as part of the show WORK at Memorial Auditorium on Saturday, May 28. SETH POTTER / THE MORNING SUN



YMCA dancers perform "I Want to Prioritize Relationships over Monetary Wealth" as part of the show WORK at Memorial Auditorium on Saturday. SETH POTTER / THE MORNING SUN

Academician of the Week

Alexander Troth Frontenac High School

Alexander Troth says his greatest achievement during high school was being named Mayor for the City of Shoemaker at the American Legion Boys' State of Kansas, where he helped to earn all four available banners on the same day for his county and even created one of the best cities.

In addition to being a delegate for the 2021 session of Boys' State of Kansas, Alexander belongs to HOSA Future Healthcare Professionals, Technology Student Association, Student Council, National Honor Society, International Thespians Society, Scholar's Bowl, Chess Club, and Boy Scouts of America.

He is an Eagle Scout, and received the Vigil Honor, the highest honor that the Order of the Arrow can bestow upon its members for service to lodge, council, and Scouting. Membership cannot be won by a person's conscious endeavors.

His favorite memory of high school was attending the American Legion Boys' State of Kansas and meeting all the amazing students across the state.

He is a Tisot Scholarship recipient, Dylan Meier Get Busy Livin' Scholarship recipient, Messenger of Peace Award winner and an Outstanding Citizen Award delegate.

His out of school activities include learning about space exploration, technology, and health care. He also likes to play video games, travel, pursue the outdoors, and compete in Ultimate Frisbee.

Alexander plans to attend Wichita State University where he will majoring in biomedical engineering with minors in Spanish and honors to hopefully work with prosthetics and orthotics one day.

His favorite class is Scientific Investigation taught by Julie Mahnken, favorite food is strawberry wafers, and favorite music is Inspirational Hip Hop.

He would some day like to travel to Peru and the one person he would like to meet is Elon Musk.

Alexander is employed by Lori Ann Spachek, State Farm Insurance.


His most challenging task as a senior has been staying on top of the work and motivation. The best advice he ever received was, "Always do your best at whatever you decide to do."

He advises younger students to be involved and take chances.

The one thing he cannot live without is his father's amazing cooking.

"I am most grateful for my peers and family. The competition to be my very best and strive for greatness is what has gotten me this far. Without my peers there would be no competition. My family has always supported and taken care of me. If it weren't for their sacrifices, I wouldn't have the standards and achievements that I do today," Alexander said.


Alexander is the son of Tina and Eric Troth and the grandson of Edna and Ernie Troth. He has two brothers Nathan Troth and Zach Troth.



Alexander Troth

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SPORTS

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

Gorillas surge on last day to win outdoor track and field title

By Jim Henry
Sports Editor

First came a flurry of points in about an hour.

Then came a long wait, almost 2 1/2 hours waiting for the final race, the 4x400-meter relay.

"It was the longest hours waiting for that 4x4," Pittsburg State coach Kyle Rutledge admitted.

"It seemed forever," Braylen Brewer said. "That was one of those races where we're like it's basically on us. It's going to come down to doing well in the 4x4 to win it for the whole team. The wait felt like forever."

Once race time arrived, the Gorillas' quartet of Sam Tudor, Bailey Stone, Nizar Alarahshun and Brewer rose to the challenge and shattered the school record with a time of 3 minutes, 6.31 seconds. The Gorillas finished second behind Lincoln, but second place secured the program's first team crown in the NCAA Division II Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Allendale, Mich.

The Gorillas accumulated 70 points in the three-day meet, followed by West Texas A&M with 61, host Grand Valley State with 56 and Texas A&M-Commerce with 48.

The Gorillas arrived back in Pittsburg at 7 p.m. Sunday behind an escort provided by the Pittsburg Police Department, Pittsburg State Police Department and Crawford County Sheriff's Department.

"Just now it is (sinking in)," Brewer said. "Getting off the bus, it feels pretty good. It's been a long week, but now it's starting to sink it ... national champions."

Pittsburg State began the third day in eighth place with 12 points, 15 behind first-place Texas A&M Commerce.

Caleb Calvin began the Gorillas' day with a fourth-place finish in the javelin (223 feet, 11 inches).

Then the Gorillas surged into the lead by scoring 45 points in just over an hour.

The 4x100 team of Louis Rollins, L.J. Kiner, Tevin



Bryce Grahn, clutching the national championship trophy in his right hand, celebrates with fans after Pittsburg State's track and field teams returned on Sunday. JIM HENRY/MORNINGSUN STAFF

Wright-Rose and Brewer) finished fifth (40.08). Kiner, after finishing the relay, returned to the triple jump and placed second (52-0).

Connor Southard (fourth place, 3:47.53) and

Mason Strader (seventh, 3:48) combined for seven points in the 1500. Rollins (13.65) and T.J. Caldwell (13.89) went 1-3 in the 110-high hurdles, and Brewer won the 400 (45.77).

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PSU women place ninth at national meet

By Jim Henry
Sports Editor

Pittsburg State's women finished in ninth place Saturday at the NCAA Division II Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Allendale, Mich.

The Gorillas earned 25 points to record its eighth top-10 outdoor national finish in program history. It's the Gorillas' fourth top-10 finish at the national outdoor meet in six seasons, headlined by the 2016 national championship. PSU also finished fourth in 2017 and eighth in 2019.

Isabelle Peters, a freshman, placed third in the pole vault by clearing 13 feet, 11.25 inches -- her personal best and the second-highest mark in school history.

The Gorillas' 4x100 relay team of Sky Hagan, Christine Williams, Jamiya Morgan and Blakelee Winn finished in fourth place in 45.14 seconds.

Williams later added another All-America performance, placing seventh in the 200 in 23.81 seconds.

In other field events, Pittsburg State's Erica Schamel was 10th in the high jump (5-7), and Kyla Davis and Kinsey Laird cleared 12.5-50 in the pole vault to take 16th and 20th,

respectively.

"Outstanding," Gorillas coach Kyle Rutledge said. "For how young they are and how they competed, Belle Peters in the pole vault and doing what she did. The multis between Blakelee (Winn) as a freshman and Mattie Flanagan as a freshman. And Trace Mosby, what an amazing year and comeback year she's had from just qualifying at conference and then getting fifth and almost PR'ing in total score, just an outstanding job. And Christine (Williams) in the 200, our 4x1 that has three freshmen on it."

"This women's team is going to be special. They learned a lot this year, and they ust know how to compete. I couldn't be prouder of the women ... ninth place with that many freshmen in that young group, and a lot of new kids at the national meet."



Trojans finish strong at state track meet

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The Girard Trojans track & field team came home with some hardware following its participation in the Class 3A KSHSAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships on Saturday at Cessna Stadium in Wichita.

Girard competed against 47 other schools in the girls events and 40 other schools in the boys events. On the girls side, the Trojans tied with Burlington for 21st place scoring 12 points, while the boys also finished in 21st place with 11 points.

Lindsborg-Smoky Valley won the overall team competition in the girls events with a total score of 82.5 points. Eureka finished in second place with 42 points and Cheney came in third place with 41 points.

Southeast of Saline took home the top spot in the boys competitions with 94 points. Burlington came in second with 50 points

and Wichita-Collegiate came in third place with 48 points.

Kinley Smith highlighted the girls' team earning a top-five finish in the triple jump. Smith placed fourth for the Trojans with a leap of 35-07. Also, for the Trojans, Claire Stevens placed 14th in the 800 meters (2:32).

On the boys side, Gavin Doubrava took fourth in the 800 meters finishing with a time of 2:03.35, beating out Lawson Beymer of Lakin by just .32 seconds. Adam Shireman earned a medal during Saturday's finals, placing sixth in the 200-meter dash (24.68).

In addition, Gage Davenport placed 12th in the high jump (6-00).

In the relays, the 4x800 team of Andy Clark, Tanner Ulbrich, Houston McGown and Michael Clugston placed 15th (9:28.81). The girls' 4x800 relay team of Stevens, Haley Orender, Kaylen MacAtee and Johanna Walker also finished in 15th (11:16.25).

Earning a spot in the



Girard's Haley Orender and Frontenac's Maggie Payne battle it out in the Class 3A 4x800 meter relay during Saturday's state track & field meet in Wichita. COURTESY PHOTO/GIRARD TROJANS

4x400 relay finals, the boys' team of Shireman, Doubrava, Trenton Smith and Quinn O'Rand took seventh (3:37.73).

Frontenac also competed on Saturday as the

Raider girls 4x800 relay team of Grace Jones, Alexa Reddick, Lydia Pyle and Maggie Payne placed 13th (11:06.92). The boys 4x800 team of Owen Zafuta, Coy Medlin, Evan Zafu-

ta and Tallon Bonine took 14th (9:28.78).

As for the individual events, the Raiders had multiple runners compete in the 1,600-meter. Payne was 15th in the girls race

(6:14.74), while Ryan Hite finished 16th (5:19.68). Jacob Holt competed in the 100-meter preliminaries for Frontenac placing 15th (11.85).

Dragons' Keller earns medal at 5A state meet

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Pittsburg High School's Makayla Keller earned a medal on Saturday in the Class 5A KSHSAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships at Wichita State's Cessna Stadium.

Keller, a senior, tied for eighth place in the pole vault with a clearance of 9 feet, 6 inches. That matched her winning height in the regional meet the previous week at Pittsburg High School. Kaitlin Lindstrom of Kansas City Piper won the event at 11-6.

Also for the Purple Dragons, Brooke O'Hara placed 11th in the javelin

(105-5), and Kiley Mussa was 15th in the long jump (14-11.25).

For the Dragon boys, Cameron Jefferson finished 13th in the 800 meters (2:05.36), and he joined Johan Arriola, Will Mendenhall and Seth Gann on the 4x800 relay team that placed 14th (8:43.59).

In the field events, Gaven Deal took 14th in the shot put at 38-10.25.



St. Mary's Colgan girls track finishes sixth at state

Staff Reports
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The Colgan girls track and field team finished up the Class 2A KSHSAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships on Saturday, cracking the top-10 by placing sixth overall, scoring 40 points to close out this year's meet at Wichita State's Cessna Stadium.

Northeast girls took 34th place and scored four points, followed by Southeast, who finished tied for 40th with one point. Garden Plain finished first with 58 points, followed by Wabaunsee placing second with 55 points, and Stanton County finishing third with 50 points.

The Colgan boys track

and field team finished tied for 16th place, scoring 14 points. Southeast followed by placing 16th scoring 14 points. Moundridge finished in first place with 58 points, edging out Garden Plain who finished with 56 points. Inman rounded out the top three with 53 points.

Lily Brown placed third in the high jump for St. Mary's Colgan with a jump of five feet, four inches. In addition, Brown finished second in the 100-meter hurdles (15.82). Ali Scripsick placed ninth in the long jump, with a leap of 16 feet, 1.75 inches.

Dalanie Meek took eighth in the 300-meter hurdles (50.06), Polana Kalan placed 10th in 1600

meter (6:06.91) and Lauren Torrance finished in 10th place in the 800-meter for the Panthers (2:36). Gianna Costantini finished eighth in the 400-meter with a time of 1:06.30.

The relay team of Meek, Costantini, Scripsick and Katie Voss finished 13th in the 4x100 meter with a time of 54.51. Costantini, Meek, Torrance, and Brown took the podium on Saturday and finished second overall in the 4x400 relay with a time of 4:17.15.

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Kenzie Jackson placed 10th in the discus throw, recording a throw of 114 feet, seven inches.

SOUTHEAST

Eliz White earned a

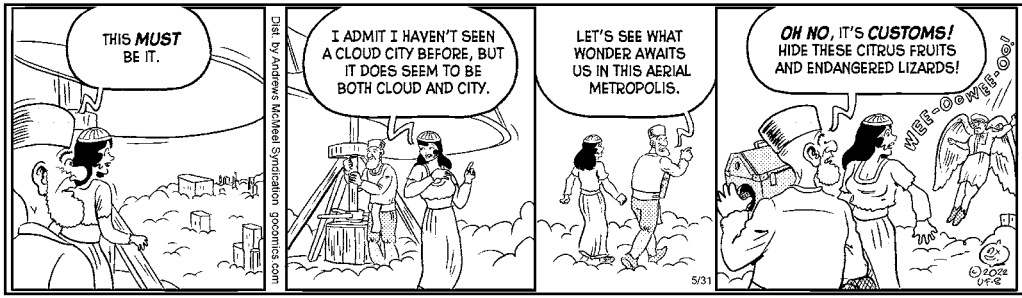
medal as the freshman finished eighth in the 800-meter with a time of 2:32.79. Aubrey Jacobs placed 16th in the 1600 meter for the Lancers and finished with a time of 6:25.49.

Along with White, the boys team took home several medals following Saturday's events.

Ryan Wilkins finished in fourth place in the shot put. Wilkins had a throw of 44 feet, and 10.25 inches. Mathew Martinie finished sixth in the 100-meter dash for the Lancers with a time of 11.02. Martinie also finished third in the 200-meter dash with a time of 22.92. Tanner Wiles took 15th in the 800-meter with a time of 2:24.01 for the Lancers.

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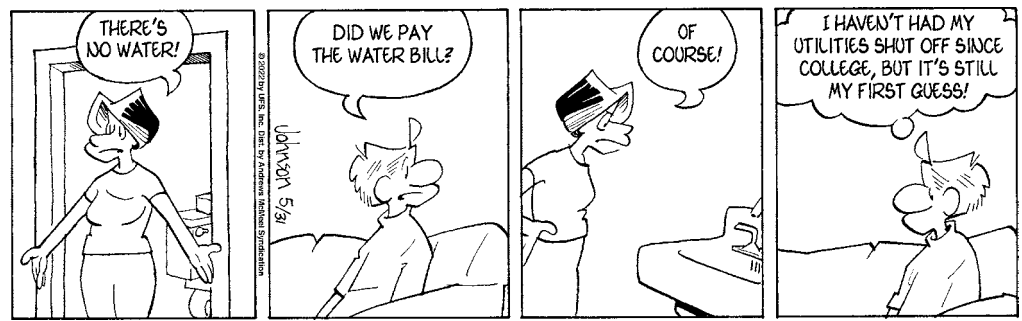
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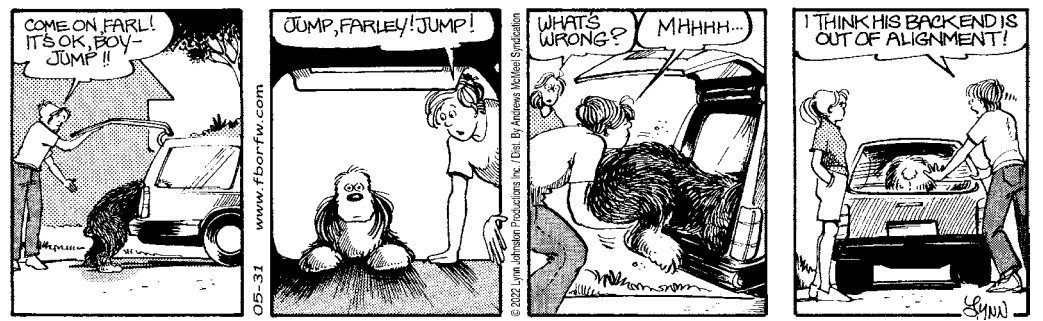
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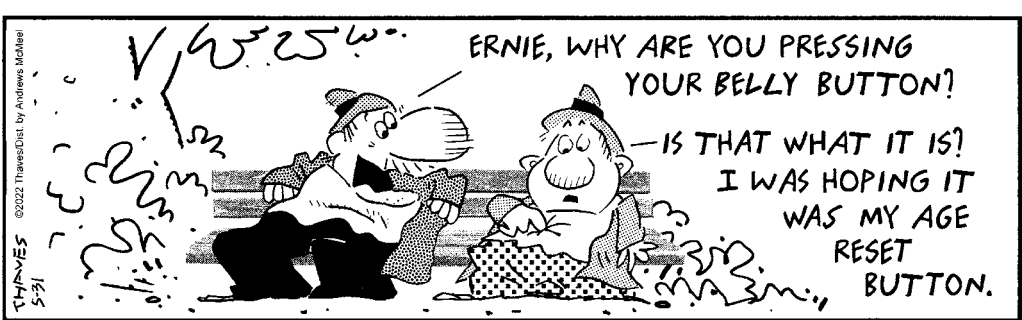
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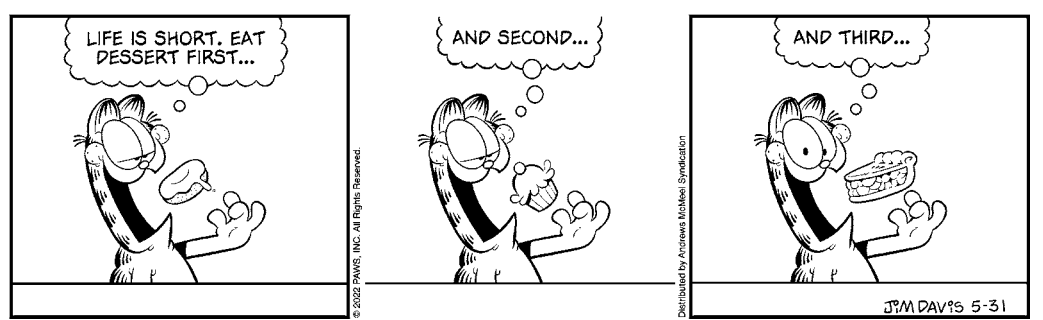
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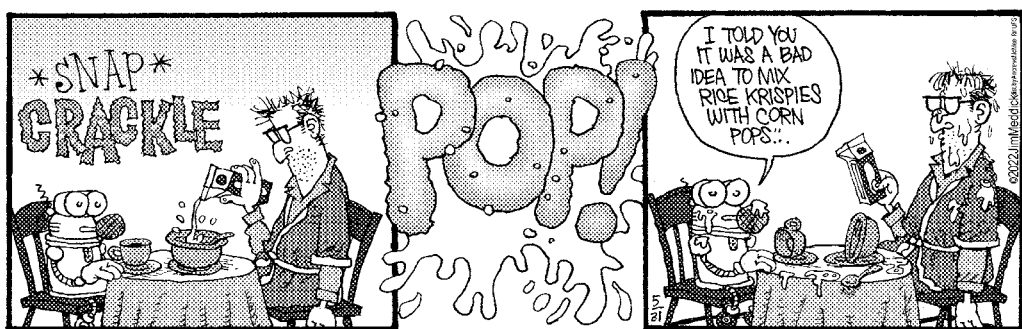
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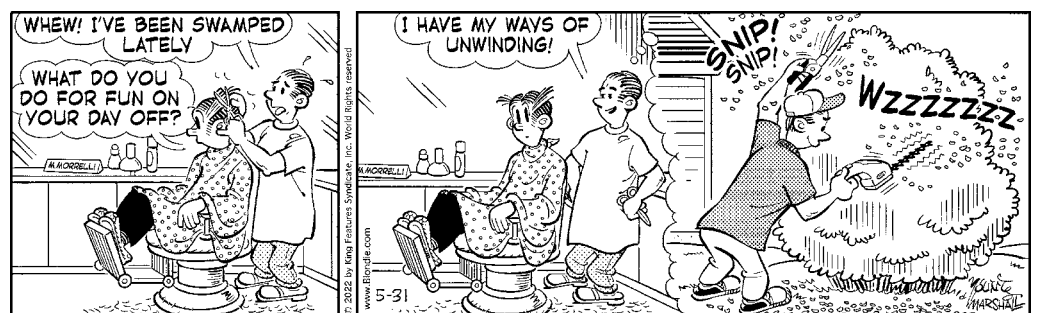
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ASTROGRAPH by Eugenia Last

Arrange your plans any way you see fit, but don't count on others to help you pull things together. You'll get plenty of input about what you already know, but not a lot of hands-on help or information that will help you gain ground. Own what you say and do, and stick to a logical path. Rewards will come your way.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Use your imagination and put an intelligent plan in place. Make a positive change by going through the proper channels and tidying up paperwork. Leave nothing to chance for best results.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Leadership builds strength. Don't let someone steal your thunder with empty promises. Show compassion and understanding, offer incentives and do your part to make a difference.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Let experience guide you to bigger and better opportunities. Refuse to let someone's emotional restraint stop you from embracing the changes that lead to the type of lifestyle you want to live.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- You may not like how others respond, but your decisions and actions should reflect what's in your heart. Don't let anger lead to regret; follow through with your commitments.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Gather information and unite with people who share your concerns and can help bring about change. A family gathering or outing with a loved one will lift your spirits.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Tally up your assets and liabilities. Knowing where you stand financially will help you make decisions regarding expenditures and your lifestyle. Discipline and moderation will help.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Take care of unfinished business before engaging in social pastimes. Put more emphasis on how you look and how you present yourself to others. Discuss your intentions with someone important.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- A stable front will help head off interference. Someone will play with your emotions, and guilt will set in if you are too accommodating. Look out for yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- When dealing with friends and relatives, pa-

tience is required. You can offer suggestions, but don't get involved in other people's decisions. Personal improvements are favored.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Put together a strategy that will benefit you financially and make room for something you want to pursue. Worry less about what others think or do and focus on what's important to you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Keep an open mind, and you'll discover new ways to make the most of your skills, experience and knowledge. A change of plans will work in your favor and give you a chance to discuss your intentions.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Keep promises to a minimum. If you take on too much, it will cause emotional angst, stress and criticism. Have a strategy in place and a backup on hand. Avoid making assumptions if possible.

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Sweden's Ericsson gives Ganassi another Indy 500 victory

By Jenna Fryer
AP Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Marcus Ericsson, once a Formula One backmarker, is now an IndyCar front-runner.

And an Indianapolis 500 champion.

Ericsson became the second Swede to win the Indy 500 on Sunday when he held off some of the biggest names in North American auto racing in front of the largest crowd of his life.

"It's the biggest race in the world," said Ericsson, who called it his biggest victory "by a million miles."

The 31-year-old showed up in IndyCar something of a mystery in 2019 following five unremarkable seasons in Formula One. He'd worked his entire life to make it to the top level of motorsports then washed out winless — not even a single podium finish — over 97 starts.

He didn't exactly dazzle in his first season in North America, either. Ericsson was cut loose from his first IndyCar team after just one year, then bought a seat at Chip Ganassi Racing — he made sure to note it when he said "winning the Indy 500, it's not bad for a pay driver" — and has made steady strides in his 36 races with Ganassi since 2020.

"It's been tough. I did five years in Formula One,

almost a hundred grand prix, running for small teams, towards the back most of it. You don't get a lot of credit running in the back. People think you are not very good," Ericsson said. "I came over here, and people probably didn't think much of that. I had to work my way here as well, learning American racing.

"Moved here, put my whole life into trying to become an IndyCar and mainly Indianapolis 500 champion. It's been not easy. It feels good to show that hard works pay off."

Ericsson took control of the race late — largely because of teammate Scott Dixon's speeding penalty — and had the win in reach until a crash by Ganassi teammate Jimmie Johnson with four laps remaining brought out a rare red-flag stoppage at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

IndyCar is among the purest forms of motorsports and rarely throws artificial cautions or issues stoppages that might change the outcome. But the crowd of more than 300,000 — only a few thousand shy of a sellout and the largest sporting event since the start of the pandemic — roared when IndyCar called the cars to pit road.

The stoppage gave Pato O'Ward and the rest of the challengers almost 12 minutes on pit road to strategize how to pass Er-



Marcus Ericsson, left, of Sweden, celebrates with car owner Chip Ganassi, front right, after winning the Indianapolis 500 auto race at Indianapolis Motor Speedway in Indianapolis, Sunday, May 29. AP PHOTO/MICHAEL CONROY

icsson. Ericsson was agonizing his own plans.

"Those 10 minutes sitting there in the pit lane during that red flag was some of the hardest 10 minutes of my life," he said, "thinking what to do, thinking that I'm leading the biggest race in the world, and I'm that close to win it."

There were two laps remaining when the race resumed and Ericsson got the jump on O'Ward. The Mexican got one final look for the lead that Ericsson defended and O'Ward knew not to force the issue.

"Nah, he was going to put me in the wall if I had gone for it," O'Ward said.

Sage Karam crashed and brought out another caution on the final lap, allowing Ericsson to coast to

the victory podium under yellow. Karam was transported to a hospital for evaluation of muscular soreness.

"When that caution came out, I thought it was going to be another restart. I was like, 'I can't believe it, another one,'" Ericsson said. "First I was angry, then I just realized that won me the race. It's an explosion of emotions from that point."

It was Ericsson's third IndyCar victory in 52 starts. But he arrived in Indianapolis convinced he could win the 500 based in part to the work he'd put into learning ovals and a third-place finish at Texas Motor Speedway in the warm-up for "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing."

It is the fifth Indy 500 win for team owner Chip

Ganassi, who caught a ride to the podium on the side of Ericsson's car. Ericsson is the first Swede to win the Indy 500 since Kenny Brack in 1999 and the second in 106 runnings of the race.

Ericsson poured his jug of milk all over his face, then handed the bottle to Ganassi so the boss could take his own swig. Ganassi had not won the 500 in 10 years and sent five legitimate contenders to Indy to end the drought.

The win seemed to belong to Dixon, the six-time IndyCar champion who went more than 234 mph in qualifying to win the pole. The New Zealander led 95 of the 200 laps, and his Honda was easily the fastest in the field — so fast that Dixon didn't slow down enough on his final pit stop.

The penalty took Dixon out of contention for the win.

That left Ericsson and Tony Kanaan still in the mix for Ganassi. Kanaan, at 47 the oldest driver in the field, thought he was in perfect position sitting fourth on the restart.

O'Ward wouldn't relent, though. He signed a contract extension with Arrow McLaren SP on Friday and desperately wanted the win to celebrate his status as McLaren's star. But O'Ward finished second, falling just short as he tried to give Mexico a banner celebration on the biggest day in

motorsports; Sergio Perez opened Sunday with a win in the Monaco Grand Prix.

Kanaan was third, followed by Felix Rosenqvist, another Swede, who drives for McLaren. Rosenqvist is in a contract year with McLaren and fighting for his job, but the McLaren group carried the Chevrolet banner at Indy as Juan Pablo Montoya finished 11th.

American drivers Alexander Rossi and Conor Daly finished fifth and sixth, Rossi for Andretti Autosport and Daly for Ed Carpenter Racing.

Helio Castroneves, last year's winner, finished seventh and one spot ahead of Meyer Shank Racing teammate Simon Pagenaud. Reigning IndyCar champion Alex Palou finished 10th in another Ganassi entry.

Dixon faded to 21st after the speeding penalty, and although he visited Ericsson on the victory podium, he was consoled by his wife on pit road after the race. Johnson finished 28th in his Indy 500 debut.

"It's one team, everybody roots for everybody else, everybody works together and everybody is an open book," Ganassi said. "You're going to have things happen in these 500-mile races and they're not always going to fall your way. So, you know, we were lucky to have five good cars and five good drivers."

Celtics reach NBA Finals, hold off Heat 100-96 in Game 7

By Tim Reynolds
AP Sports Writer

MIAMI (AP) — Not this time. After being thwarted on the doorstep of the NBA Finals three other times in the previous five seasons, the Boston Celtics have broken through.

The beasts of the East, again.

And now a chance at an NBA title awaits.

Eastern Conference finals MVP Jayson Tatum led the way with 26 points, Jaylen Brown and Marcus Smart each added 24 and the Celtics beat the Miami Heat 100-96 on Sunday night to earn a berth in the NBA Finals against the Golden State Warriors.

"This is amazing," Smart said. "We finally got over the hump."

It was Boston's first Game 7 win on another team's home floor since topping Milwaukee for the 1974 NBA title; technically, the Celtics were the "road" team when they beat Toronto in a Game 7 two years ago at the restart bubble, but that was at Walt Disney World.

Tatum — wearing a purple-and-gold armband bearing the number "24" of Los Angeles Lakers Hall of Famer Kobe Bryant, his favorite player — had lost two East finals in his young career. Brown and Smart were part of Boston's East finals losses in 2017, 2018 and 2020. And this one was slipping away, a frantic Miami run in the final moments casting what looked like a sure-fire Celtics win into serious doubt.

But they would hold on. Jimmy Butler — brilliant again for Miami — missed what would have been a go-ahead 3-pointer with about 17 seconds left, and the Celtics never trailed.



Boston Celtics forward Jayson Tatum (0) celebrates after winning Game 7 of the NBA basketball Eastern Conference finals playoff series against the Miami Heat, Sunday, May 29, in Miami. AP PHOTO/LYNNE SLADKY

On to San Francisco.

"To get over the hump with this group, it means everything," Tatum said.

Butler, who willed Miami into Game 7 by scoring 47 points on Friday in Boston, led the Heat with 35 points in what became their season finale. Bam Adebayo added 25 for the Heat, who were down 11 with under 3 minutes to go before trying one last rally.

An 9-0 run, capped by a 3-pointer from Max Strus with 51 seconds left, got the Heat within 98-96. They got no closer. Boston would not be denied, and now is 2-0 in Game 7s in these playoffs after ousting defending champion Milwaukee in the East semis.

"It's just one of those really tough moments," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "You can't prepare for it. ... It's one of the worst feelings into the locker room after a game like this."

Kyle Lowry scored 15 for the Heat. Grant Williams finished with 11 for the Celtics.

The notion of Boston being finals bound would have been considered an unlikely proposition two or three months ago.

Ime Udoka's first season as coach of the Celtics was not without immense challenges. Boston got off to a 2-5 start, lost to Milwaukee on Christmas Day to fall below .500 and was still saddled with a losing record as recently as late January.

Through 50 games, the Celtics were 25-25. No team had that sort of record through 50 games and made the NBA Finals since 1981, when the Houston Rockets started 22-28 and wound up making the title series — where they fell to Boston.

Now the Celtics will look to do the Rockets one better. That Rockets team got into the playoffs at 40-42. This Celtics team roared to life down the stretch and is still roaring.

"Our focus is getting four more," Udoka said.

They went 26-6 down the stretch of the regular season, and had an uncanny ability to bounce back. Boston is now 13-1 after losses over the last four-plus months.

"The road that we took to get here, not a lot of people believed in us," Tatum said. "We took the toughest route. It looked out."

Hamlin holds off Busch in OT in wild Coca-Cola 600

By Steve Reed
AP Sports Writer

CONCORD, N.C. (AP) — This was the one race Denny Hamlin has been dreaming about.

Hamlin finally got the win he has coveted for the last 17 years, holding off Joe Gibbs Racing teammate Kyle Busch in overtime Sunday night to win the longest — and perhaps wildest — Coca-Cola 600 in history.

Hamlin won for the 48th time in the Cup Series, and for the time in a points race at Charlotte Motor Speedway.

"It is so special. That is the last big one that is not on my resume," said Hamlin, who has won the Daytona 500 and the Southern 500 three times each and the All-Star Race. "We weren't very good all day, but got ourselves in the right place at the right time."

Car owner Joe Gibbs said he knew this was an important win for Hamlin.

"With Denny to race that hard and that long and to be here and know how important this race

is right here in our backyard, this is just a huge deal," Gibbs said.

NASCAR's longest and most grueling race lasted more than five hours and took 619 miles to complete. There were 18 caution flags and 16 drivers failed to finish. The race featured a 12-car wreck and a magnificent crash that sent Chris Buescher's car flipping over five times before stopping upside down.

"This is the wildest and craziest 600 that has ever happened," TV analyst Clint Bowyer said at one point on the Fox Sports broadcast.

Defending race champion Kyle Larson had struggled with adversity all night, incurring two pit penalties, a fire in his pit stall and on the back of his car and a spin out. Yet he found himself with a golden chance to win when he took the lead with 46 laps left.

But with two laps left, Chase Briscoe tried to pass Larson and crashed, bringing out the yellow caution flag and sending the race to overtime.

Larson had the inside lane on the restart in overtime, but Austin Dillon got a push from the second row and soon was running four-wide along with Larson, Hamlin and Ross Chastain.

But a crash ensued involving several cars with Larson nipping Dillon, sending both cars spinning.

"I got a little loose and tried to make it stick," Dillon said. "It didn't quite work out there. I had to do what I had to do to win the race given where we are in points. We had a shot there to bring home another 600."

The crash ended Larson's chance to become the first repeat winner of the event since Jimmie Johnson won three straight from 2003-05. Larson wound up finishing ninth.

It also set up Hamlin for the win.

On the next restart, Hamlin took the lead and held off Busch for the win. Kevin Harvick finished third and Briscoe was fourth.

Burns playoff birdie to beat No. 1 Scheffler at Colonial

By Stephen Hawkins
AP Sports Writer

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Sam Burns has a winning moment of his own at Colonial.

Just more than two hours after finishing his round of 5-under 65 to get to 9 under, Burns came back out for a playoff and made a 38-foot birdie putt on the first extra hole Sunday to beat Scottie Scheffler, his best friend the No. 1 player in the world.

"I can assure you, he wanted to beat me more than anybody else and I wanted to beat him more than anybody else," Burns said. "It's going to be a fun

story that we'll get to have for the rest of our careers, and fortunately I got the better end of it this time. But hopefully we're at the beginning of these situations."

After Burns had a birdie chance stop just inches short at No. 18 to finish his round, there were still eight groups left on the course. Scheffler was in the last of those, and at one point during that time was among five players tied at 10 under on the back nine.

The gusty wind changed all that. And Scheffler needed three clutch putts for a 72 just to get into the playoff between the

25-year-old standouts.

"I can assure you I did not envy them while they were out there playing," Burns said. "Didn't feel like it was blowing any less than we were out there, it was just one of those things when you finally finish, you're just ready to be done."

The seven-stroke comeback matched Nick Price in 1994 for the biggest in a final round to win Colonial. And it came 11 years after Burns was there as a teenager when David Toms, also a former LSU Tiger, won after taking the lead for good with an 83-yard wedge shot for eagle at the par-5 11th.

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