



Patrick Schmidt, Democratic candidate for the Second Kansas Congressional District, speaks at a public forum hosted by Pittsburg State's Campus Democrats on Wednesday night.

Patrick Schmidt speaks at PSU forum

Democratic challenger fires shots across LaTurner's bow

By Dustin R. Strong
Morning Sun Staff

PITTSBURG, Kan. — The Pittsburg State University Campus Democrats hosted a candidate forum in the Governor's Room at the Overman Student Center on Wednesday evening, with Campus Democrats President Lydia Zerr asking questions gathered from the PSU student body on topics ranging from abortion rights and environmental issues to child care and national security.

According to Zerr, organizers wanted a bipartisan event and reached out to local candidates. County Commissioner Jeremy Johnson and his GOP challenger, Carl Wood, were invited, but after initially accepting the offer Wood cancelled his appearance.

Patrick Schmidt, the Democratic challenger for the Kansas Second District seat in Congress currently held by Jake LaTurner, is a sixth-generation Kansan who grew up in Johnson County, but has deep family roots in Pittsburg. LaTurner, according to Zerr, "unfortunately has been unresponsive for weeks on multiple platforms and contact services."

Schmidt was serving as a Naval Intelligence officer in Washington, D.C., living in an

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PSU enrollment down overall, but up in key areas

By Jonathan Riley
Morning Sun Editor

PITTSBURG, Kan. — The Kansas Board of Regents released enrollment numbers for the state's public higher education system Thursday, and following a statewide trend, Pittsburg State University's enrollment was lower than last year's.

PSU's 2022 enrollment is 5,858, down from 6,017 in 2021, or a 2.6 percent decrease. The university was quick to point out, though, that its freshman, transfer, and international student enrollment has actually increased.

"Overall, our enrollment is down 2.6 percent, and the decline is in returning students," said Howard Smith, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs. "We are taking an aggressive campus-wide approach to learn what students experience as barriers to graduating, and already have begun to take steps to eliminate or reduce those barriers."

Freshman enrollment at PSU is up 4.9 percent compared to last fall, and transfer student enrollment is up 2.4 percent. Reflecting a bounce back from the COVID-19 pandemic, inter-

national student enrollment at PSU is up more than 35 percent from last fall, at 265 students compared to 197 reported in last year's 20th day fall census.

PSU noted in a press release that the university has recently been making plans to create a one-stop, professional advising center, as well as exploring possibilities such as scholarship packages to last for four years, and an associate's degree option for students who have to pause their education midway through.

"Ultimately, we want to see students complete what they've

started, make it to the finish line, and earn their degree, because we know how important it is to their future, their earning potential, and the workforce," Smith said.

The one-year change in overall enrollment at PSU is comparable to that of Kansas State University, which also saw a 2.6 percent decrease. More significant decreases were seen at Emporia State University, with a 5.2 percent drop, and Fort Hays State University, with a decline of 8.2 percent. The

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Chamber hosts public speaking workshop



Pittsburg State University's Dr. Mark Johnson, a Distinguished Toastmaster, left, teaches a lesson on public speaking to area professionals on Thursday at the Pittsburg Area Chamber of Commerce. Johnson said the Pittsburg Toastmaster Club often offers similar workshops to the public to foster public speaking skills and leadership development.

Man armed with sword arrested after Independence standoff

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INDEPENDENCE, Kan. — An Independence man with multiple active warrants was arrested this week after allegedly barricading himself in an apartment while armed with a sword.

Shortly after 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Montgomery County sheriff's deputies arrived at the Garden Walk apartment complex, 1701 N. 10th St. in Independence, to assist the Independence Police Department, which had received calls that Steven Schanstra

of Independence had entered one of the apartments with a sword. Officers knew Schanstra had three felony warrants out of Montgomery County, according to the sheriff's office.

Deputies and officers entered the apartment with the tenant's consent and attempted to contact Schanstra, but heard him barricading the bedroom door, and he would not come out, according to the sheriff's office. Deputies determined Schanstra was the only occu-



Schanstra

pant in the apartment and backed out to start the barricaded subject protocol.

The Montgomery County Emergency Response Team was activated and responded to the scene. Members of the Montgomery County Crisis Negotiations Team (CNT) arrived and started working to establish contact with Schanstra via phone. At approximately 11:52 p.m., CNT was able to successfully establish contact with Schanstra via cell phone. At approximately midnight, CNT was able to talk Schanstra out of the apartment, where the Emergency Response

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One for the Road

Singer/songwriter to perform at Kansas Crossing

By Antjea Wolff
Morning Sun Staff

PITTSBURG, Kan. — As part of his first-ever headline tour, One for the Road, singer/songwriter Larry Fleet will be coming to Pittsburg and performing at Kansas Crossing Casino on Saturday, Oct. 15.

Fleet grew up in a musical family in White Bluff, Tennessee. He said every Sunday after the family attended church, they would go to his aunt and uncle's house and play music after dinner.

"I thought that was the coolest thing," Fleet said. "And that's what inspired me to first pick up a guitar and want to learn because I wanted to play with the

other kids in my family." Fleet continued to play the guitar and sing throughout high school, and it was when he was in college that he discovered he could make money from his passion.

"I never actually knew that you could get paid to play music," Fleet said. "So I was playing for a long time, just because I loved to do it."

He said he was playing in a bar one night for tip money, and ended up with \$30 by the end of the night.

"I thought this is pretty cool, that I can make money doing this, maybe I should give it a shot," he said. "I had people who told me that I was good enough. I believed it

I guess and kind of went for it."

Fleet said he did jobs like construction and working at Lowe's during the holiday season in order to try and get his music career off the ground. He said he quit playing a few times because it was hard to just do music for a living.

By the time he met his wife Phebe, he decided to quit trying to play music professionally, and to get a stable job instead so he could provide for his family, he said, although he would still go play at some of the local bars on the weekends to keep pursuing his passion.

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Singer/songwriter Larry Fleet will be performing at Kansas Crossing Casino on Saturday, Oct. 15. COURTESY PHOTO

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Obituaries

James "Jim" Wood

James "Jim" Wood, born Oct. 17, 1939, passed away on Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2022. His full obituary and service arrangements will be published at a later date.

Obituary Policy

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Nominations open for Women of Distinction

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PITTSBURG, Kan. — In preparation for the release of its 2023 Community Calendar, the Pittsburg Area Chamber of Commerce has announced that it is now accepting nominations for the 2023 Women of Distinction. “The 2023 Women of Distinction calendar will honor 12 outstanding women who make the Pittsburg area a better place,” the Chamber said in a Facebook post. Each year, the Chamber selects 12 women from those nominated to

be featured in its Community Calendar. Those chosen are recognized, along with the winner of the Kaye Lynne Webb Influential Woman in Business Award, at the annual Women in Business Breakfast. Past Women of Distinction have included medical professionals, educators, and business leaders, among others. Visit pittsburgarea-chamber.com/nominate/ to submit a Women of Distinction nomination. The deadline to submit nominations is Oct. 21. Nominations received after Oct. 21 will not be considered for the 2023 calendar.

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apartment building across the street from the Capitol, when he decided to run for office. He was a first-hand witness to the events of Jan. 6, 2021. “I could smell the tear gas and bear spray,” Schmidt said. “People beating the shit out of cops with American flags, Confederate flags, and swastikas; a noose erected in front of the Capitol and people chanting ‘Hang Mike Pence.’” Schmidt said that the first vote LaTuner cast in the aftermath was to vote to decertify the election results. “We’ve had this before. We’ve had this before in Kansas,” Schmidt said. “We’ve been dealing with the Josh Hawleys of the world for a long time, 170 years ago. But Jake voted that way, and has consistently voted against Kansas and voted against Pittsburg, because he doesn’t think you are going to vote.” Highlighting his family’s history as teachers, Schmidt said, “LaTurner has consistently voted against funding for Pitt State. Look at what’s happening in Emporia right now. Your education is on the line.” Schmidt went on to outline the threat he believes LaTurner poses to health care, social security, and infrastructure. Given the results of

the recent Aug. 2 referendum on abortion rights, Schmidt says the state has an opportunity to flip a GOP seat in the House of Representatives. Schmidt said the skills and personal experiences that make him qualified for office stem from his upbringing and military experience. “This is very personal for me,” Schmidt said. “My parents taught elementary school in Kansas for 50 years. The challenge of not having the resources they need to teach in the classroom; the heartbreak of seeing kids that were too hungry to learn; the inability to age with dignity because they didn’t get a raise above inflation for the last 20 years of their 50-year career; the struggles of trying to raise two sons and own their own home.” Of his experiences in the Navy, Schmidt said he had 31 sailors under his command that knew more than he did, but he was in charge. During his time as an intelligence officer, he said, he saw the U.S. being challenged across the globe in a way that it hasn’t been since World War II. “For over a hundred years the Navy has been saying, ‘Loose lips sink ships,’ and a month ago, the former president got caught with a bunch of classified material in his basement. It wasn’t even locked,” Schmidt said. “We have a representative

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University of Kansas, on the other hand, had a less significant decrease of 0.4 percent, while Wichita State University saw a 5.1 percent increase. “Our system is taking decisive action to reverse declining enrollments, better serve students and ensure that our state has the workforce needed to grow the Kansas economy,” KBOR Chair Jon Rolph said. “Initiatives such as our general education package and im-

plementation of student success initiatives will help our system serve and graduate more students.” While other universities in the Kansas Regents system saw larger one-year enrollment decreases than PSU, over a five-year period, Pittsburg State has seen the greatest decrease, at 15.2 percent. University officials note, however, that PSU is making some progress toward addressing its enrollment challenges. “Last fall, enrollment was down 6 percent overall, so we are closing the gap,” Smith said.

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Team was able to place Schanstra in custody without further incident. Schanstra was transported to the Montgomery County Jail and booked on all three felony warrants. “I am very thankful and proud of the Sheriff’s Emergency Response Team and the Crisis Negotiations Team for their combined efforts in successfully taking a felony suspect into custody without anyone getting hurt,”

Montgomery County Sheriff Ron Wade said. “I want to say thank you to the Officers with the Independence Kansas Police Department for their assistance with this situation. I also want to thank the Coffeyville Police Department for bringing up some equipment that would have assisted the Crisis Negotiations Team if they had been on scene for a long period of time,” Wade said, adding that “this situation did not last for a long time thankfully, as a lot of barricaded subject calls do.”

bases in the country. “Every solar panel and wind turbine made in Kansas is one not made in China,” he said. “We can create jobs and fix the environment.” Lack of child care is the single biggest impediment to economic development in the state, according to Schmidt. “Over 50 percent of child care facilities in Kansas have closed in the past two years,” he said. Last year, Schmidt said, there was a national child care bill before Congress. LaTurner voted against the bill. “Jake LaTurner doesn’t think there is a child care problem in Kansas,” Schmidt said. “And he has exacerbated it his entire career in office.”

Zerr asked Schmidt what he would say to LaTurner had he been present at Wednesday’s candidate forum. “We curse a lot in the Navy,” Schmidt said, “but I would ask why he votes against Kansas.” Schmidt also said there are serious issues in the lack of mental health facilities in Kansas, blaming LaTurner for voting to cut funding and saying that the largest providers of mental health treatment in Kansas right now are county correctional facilities. “I know I don’t have all the answers,” Schmidt said. “But right now, we don’t have someone who is even asking the questions.”

CLUB NOTES

Friday, Sept. 30

Dinner at the Arma American Legion

The Arma American Legion, located at 512 E Main, is open Friday nights serving good food and drinks. The kitchen opens at 5:30 p.m. for dine-in or carry-out. Customers may call 620-347-8520 to place an order.

Pittsburg Parks & Rec Senior Bingo

September 30 Theme– “Birthdays.” Each week features a new theme with fun activities to enjoy. Senior Bingo starts at 1 p.m. at Lincoln Center, 710 W. 9th St, Pittsburg. Snacks and break time is 2 p.m. Cost: \$0.50 per meeting, \$0.25 per card. For additional details, call the Pittsburg Parks & Recreation office at (620) 231-8310 or stop by Lincoln Center at 710 W. 9th St. in Pittsburg.

Saturday, Oct. 1

Scrabble Club

Scrabble Club will meet Saturday, Oct. 1, from noon to 4 p.m. at Pittsburg Public Library. New players are welcome.

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.

Monday, Oct. 3

TOPS #0599 Pittsburg

TOPS KS 0599 Pittsburg, Kansas, meets Monday evenings for confidential weigh-ins and an informational meeting at the Homer Cole Center at 3003 N. Joplin, Pittsburg, KS. Weigh-ins begin at about 5:15 p.m. and the meeting starts at 6:05 p.m. For more details about TOPS #0599, contact Wanda Porter at 620-231-9091.

Co-Dependents Anonymous

As COVID-19 and social distancing has curtailed CoDa meetings, there is now a weekly audio only conference call meeting at noon on Mondays. For more information call 620-704-1309 or email jtknoll@swbell.net.

Community Grief Support Group

Meeting the first Monday of each month at Root Coffee House, 402 N Broadway, Pittsburg, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 4

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.

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Chamber gets Toasted



From left, Jacob Anselmi, Roger Horton and Sydney Anselmi listen as Heather Horton talks about the history of her restaurant, Toast, during the Pittsburg Area Chamber of Commerce After Hours event on Thursday. The Hortons hosted the event to invite members to celebrate the restaurant’s 3-year anniversary. Prizes including a t-shirt, gift card, stickers, and buttons were raffled to attendees. ANTJEA WOLFF / THE MORNING SUN

Missouri health executives plead guilty in widespread fraud

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (AP) — Two former executives of a Missouri health nonprofit have pleaded guilty to their roles in a corruption scheme that ensnared several Arkansas elected officials and lobbyists, federal prosecutors said. Bontiea Bernedette Goss, 63, and her husband, Tommy Ray Goss, 66, pleaded guilty Wednesday in federal court to conspiracy charges arising from a multi-year federal investigation. The couple were execu-

tives at Preferred Family Healthcare Inc., a Springfield-based nonprofit that provided services such as substance abuse treatments and counseling to people in Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma and Illinois. Federal prosecutors said in a news release the Gosses and other co-conspirators paid bribes and kickbacks to Arkansas lawmakers to obtain favorable legislation and other official actions that helped the nonprofit. As part of the plea agreement, the Gosses

must forfeit up to \$4.3 million as determined by the court at their sentencing. A sentencing date has not been set. Bontiea Goss pleaded guilty to conspiracy to pay bribes and kickbacks to elected public officials in Arkansas. Tom Goss pleaded guilty to being part of the conspiracy by embezzling funds from the nonprofit and paying bribes and kickbacks to Arkansas officials. He also pleaded guilty to preparing a false tax return. Earlier this year, Pre-

ferred Family Healthcare agreed to pay more than \$8 million in forfeiture and restitution to the federal government and the state of Arkansas under a non-prosecution agreement, which acknowledges the criminal conduct of its former officers and employees. Other Preferred Family employees, Arkansas lobbyists and some Arkansas lawmakers, including former state Sen. Jeremy Hutchinson, nephew of Gov. Asa Hutchinson, have pleaded guilty for their roles in the scheme.

Biden administration sued over student loan plan

By SEUNG MIN KIM
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Six Republican-led states are suing the Biden administration in an effort to halt its plan to forgive student loan debt for tens of millions of Americans, accusing it of overstepping its executive powers. It’s at least the second legal challenge this week to the sweeping proposal laid out by President Joe Biden in late August, when he said his administration would cancel up to \$20,000 in education debt for huge numbers of borrowers. The announcement, after months of internal deliberations and pressure from liberal activists, became immediate political fodder ahead of the November midterms while fueling arguments from conservatives about legality. In the lawsuit, being filed Thursday in a federal court in Missouri, the Republican states argue that Biden’s cancellation plan is “not remotely tailored to address the effects of the pandemic on federal student loan borrowers,” as required by the 2003 federal law that the administration is using as legal justification. They point out that Biden, in an interview with CBS’ “60 Minutes” this month, declared the Covid-19 pandemic over, yet is still using the ongoing health emergency to justify the wide-scale debt relief. “It’s patently unfair to saddle hard-working Americans with the loan debt of those who chose to go to college,” Arkansas Attorney General Leslie Rutledge, who is leading the group, said in an inter-

view. She added: “The Department of Education is required, under the law, to collect the balance due on loans. And President Biden does not have the authority to override that.” The states of Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and South Carolina joined Arkansas in filing the lawsuit. Iowa has a Democratic attorney general, but the state’s Republican governor, Kim Reynolds, signed on the state’s behalf. The states argue that Missouri’s loan servicer is facing a “number of ongoing financial harms” because of Biden’s decision to cancel loans. Other states that joined the lawsuit argue that Biden’s forgiveness plan will ultimately disrupt revenue to state coffers. Biden’s forgiveness program will cancel \$10,000 in student loan debt for those making less than \$125,000 or households with less than \$250,000 in income. Pell Grant recipients, who typically demonstrate more financial need, will get an additional \$10,000 in debt forgiven. The administration also said it would extend the current pause on federal student loan repayments — put on hold near the start of the pandemic more than two years ago — once more through the end of the year. The administration faced threats of legal challenges to its plans almost immediately, with conservative attorneys, Republican lawmakers and business-oriented groups asserting that Biden was overstepping his authority in taking such sweeping

action without the assent of Congress. Democratic lawmakers battling in tough reelection contests also distanced themselves from the student loan plan, as Republican officials called it an unfair government giveaway for relatively affluent people at the expense of those who didn’t pursue higher education. In their lawsuit, the Republican attorneys general also contend that the forgiveness program violates the Administrative Procedure Act, which lays out how federal agencies should make regulations in order to ensure executive branch policies are well-reasoned and explained. “The president does not have the authority to put himself in the place of Congress,” Rutledge said in the interview. “These actions must be taken by Congress and he can’t override that.” To justify the plan’s legality, the Biden administration is relying on a post-Sept. 11, 2001, law meant to help members of the military that the Justice Department says allows Biden to reduce or erase student loan debt during a national emergency. But Republicans argue the administration is misinterpreting the law because, in part, the pandemic no longer qualifies as a national emergency. Another lawsuit against Biden’s student loan program was filed this week

in an Indiana federal court by the Pacific Legal Foundation, a libertarian legal advocacy group that employs a lawyer who says he would be harmed by the forgiveness plan. The lawyer, Frank Garrison, says erasing his current debt load will trigger a tax liability from the state of Indiana, which is among at least a half dozen states where the forgiven loan amounts will be subject to state taxes. The White House dismissed the lawsuit as baseless because any borrower who does not want the debt relief can opt out. The Education Department is still on track to unveil the application for the forgiveness plan in early October, and it sent an email to borrowers Thursday explaining how to prepare to apply. The email noted that applicants do not have to submit any supporting documents. Republicans have also seized on the Biden plan’s price tag and its impact on the nation’s budget deficit. The Congressional Budget Office said this week that the program will cost about \$400 billion over the next three decades. The White House countered that the CBO’s estimate of how much the plan will cost just in its first year, \$21 billion, is lower than what the administration initially believed. Associated Press writer Collin Binkley contributed to this report.

AREA EVENTS

Friday, Sept. 30

Talking Heads Discussion Group

The Talking Heads discussion group will meet at 9 a.m. every Friday morning at the Pittsburg Public Library. Using The Great Courses Series from The Teaching Company, participants will watch a 30-minute DVD lecture and the group discusses it.

Sperry Herbarium Open House

An open house is planned from 3 to 6 p.m. for the T.M. Sperry Herbarium at Pittsburg State University to celebrate its newly renovated space and facilities in Room 212 Hartman Hall. The event will feature a short presentation by Director Neil Snow, a professor of biology, on the recent completion of a grant from the National Science Foundation.

Friday Music on the Lake

The Friends of Crawford State Park are once again hosting live music at Crawford State Park, Farlington, Kansas. Each Friday, music will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Lake View Café, on the northwest end of the lake at Crawford State Park. This Friday, Stone Country will be performing. Attendees are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs.

Global Fest

The International Student Association, in conjunction with the Office of International Programs and Services, will host Global Fest - an international night market - from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30 at Lindburg Plaza, at the intersection of Lindburg and Elm Streets. There will be a variety of country and ethnic booths with street food, wares, games, music, and more. It will be an interactive event exploring the many regions of the world in a lively open-air market atmosphere. Food samples will be \$1 each (cash). The event is open to the public.

Trout Fishing in America

Olive Street Presents a performance by Trout Fishing in America Friday, Sept. 30 at the Bicknell Family Center for the Arts. All seating general admission. \$20 advance tickets, \$25 day of show and at the door. Doors open at 6 p.m. and music begins at 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 1

Pittsburg 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.

GorillaFest

A pre-game celebration will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Gorilla Village, east of Carnie Smith Stadium. There will be bounce houses, face painting, balloon twisting, food vendors, live music by Larry Douglas, and PSU merchandise for sale. Free admission.

Greenbush presents “Paint the Town”

Art and play is an important part of a child’s development which is why Greenbush the Education Service Center will be hosting an event for families with children ages 0 to 5 called “Paint the Town” from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 1 at the playground of The Center, 1600 N. Walnut.

Fall Brawl Demolition Derby

A Fall Brawl Demolition Derby will take place on Saturday, Oct. 1 at the Crawford County Fairgrounds at 100 South 106th St. Girard. The pits will open at 9 a.m. and the show starts at 2 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 3

Story Time at the Library

The Pittsburg Public Library invites kids and families to the library at 6 p.m. on Mondays for a story time. The program is free and no registration is required. Story time takes place at the library at 308 N. Walnut Street.

Tuesday, Oct. 4

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.

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The crime issue returns

By Steven V. Roberts
Syndicated Columnist

This New York Times headline captures an important inflection point in the current political campaign: "G.O.P. Redoubles Efforts to Tie Democrats to High Crime Rates."

With less than six weeks left before the midterm elections, battle lines are drawn. Democrats are emphasizing two words: abortion and Trump. Republicans counter with two words of their own: inflation and crime. Three of those themes have dominated the debate for months. What's new is the GOP's ferocious focus on law and order, and the latest ABC/Washington Post poll reveals why. Voters favor Republicans to handle that issue by a massive 22 points.

"Crime is the sleeper issue of this cycle," Chris Hartline, communications director for the National Republican Senatorial Committee, told the Post. GOP pollster Robert Blizard added in Politico, "Any time you mention crime or public safety, the advantage for Republicans is significant every time." Democrats reluctantly agree. Crime "is an issue where Republicans are on offense almost everywhere," admits Zac McCrary, a Democratic strategist.

The GOP calculation is clear: Emphasizing public safety shifts attention away from abortion and Trump, two issues that have been working well for Democrats. In that ABC/Post survey, 64% oppose the Supreme Court's Dobbs decision, which canceled abortion rights and energized voters to register as Democrats, especially younger women.

Trump is also a liability for many GOP candidates, since slightly more than half of all voters say he should be charged with a crime for filching classified documents or encouraging violence at the U.S. Capitol. Almost half of all Republicans don't want him to run for president again.

Inflation is still a good issue for the GOP, with 3 out of 4 Americans saying the economy remains in poor shape. But crime adds a popular and explosive component to the GOP arsenal, with 4 of 5 voters telling Gallup they're concerned about the issue.

"During the first three weeks of September, the Republican candidates and allies aired about 53,000 commercials on crime, according to AdImpact, which tracks political spots on network TV," reports the Post. "That's up from the 29,000 crime ads they aired in all of August."

Trump has been following a similar strategy, telling a recent rally: "Right here in Ohio, our once-great cities are now scenes of horror riddled with

bullet holes and soaked in blood."

For Republicans, this is a golden oldie. In 1968, with antiwar protesters flooding the streets, candidate Richard Nixon decried, "As we look at America, we see cities enveloped in smoke and flame. We hear sirens in the night. We see Americans dying ..." He added on CBS "Face the Nation," "As far as this problem of law and order is concerned, I am for law and order."

Republican employment of this issue reached an apex in 1988, when George H.W. Bush ran a TV ad linking his Democratic opponent, Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis, to Willie Horton, a Black criminal who raped a white woman while temporarily released from prison.

Bill Keller, who ran The Marshall Project, a think tank focused on criminal justice issues, states: "The Willie Horton ad had implications that stretched far beyond the 1988 campaign season — it ultimately pushed a button of fear that marked the beginning of a 'tough on crime' era, the consequences of which we are still grappling with today."

Take just one example: Wisconsin, where the state's Black lieutenant governor, Mandela Barnes, is running to unseat Sen. Ron Johnson. One Johnson ad shows Barnes' face on a wall with his last name sprayed in graffiti-style script, and another labels him "dangerously liberal on crime."

"This is Willie Horton 2.0," Cornell Belcher, a Democratic strategist, said in the Post. And he's correct. The Republican campaign is streaked with racism, a blatant attempt to exploit white anxiety about dark-skinned felons, but that's not quite the whole story.

Liberals who embraced the "defund the police" slogan in the wake of George Floyd's murder in 2020 made a grave political mistake. For many Americans, crime is a real and valid concern. And they want a larger police presence in their neighborhoods — not smaller.

Voters in San Francisco, of all places, decided last June to recall District Attorney Chesa Boudin because they considered him too soft on criminals. And voters in Black neighborhoods of Minneapolis opposed a measure to reduce police funding.

Of course, Republicans are cynically weaponizing the crime issue to play on racial fears and phobias. But the liberals who screamed "defund the police" loaded the gun for them and handed it over.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



In midterm politics, historical analogies work — until they don't

By Byron York
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If history is any guide, Democrats do not have a chance — not even a small a chance — of keeping control of the House in the midterm elections. But the question is: Is history any guide?

There's been a lot of attention paid to the new ABC News/Washington Post poll, which makes clear that President Joe Biden is a drag on his party as November approaches. Biden's job approval rating in the poll was 39% — even lower than some other surveys at the moment — and just 35% of Democrats said they want Biden to be the party's presidential nominee in 2024.

But the big picture is even worse for Democrats. The accompanying analysis from Langer Research Associates, which conducted the poll, made a historical point that is particularly bleak for the party. "The president's standing customarily is critical to his party's fortunes in midterms," Langer began. "Each election has its own dynamic. But in midterm elections since 1946, when a president has had more than 50% job approval, his party has lost an average of 14 seats. When the president's approval has been less than 50% — as Biden's is by a considerable margin now — his party has lost an average of 37 seats."

There it is. Even when a president is doing pretty well — with job approval rating above 50% — his party still loses a significant number of seats. In this case, a Democratic loss of 14 seats would be enough to give control of the House to Republicans. But when a president is doing badly — and Biden is doing badly right now — his party's losses are much higher.

Look at the examples. Bill Clinton in 1994 — lost

53 seats. Barack Obama in 2010 — lost 63 seats. Donald Trump in 2018 -- lost 40 seats. Sometimes, if a president had a really high job approval rating, say in the high 50s or low 60s, he lost fewer than average seats. George H.W. Bush, for example, lost just eight seats in 1990, when his job approval rating was 58%. But Joe Biden is nowhere near 58%, and in any event, an eight-seat loss by Democrats would still narrowly give the House to Republicans.

So ... case closed. Except — what if this election is different? The Democrats' only hope in response to the historical argument is that 2022 is somehow different from all those years when the president's party lost seats. But how is it different? Of course, each year presents different conditions, but is there something unique about today?

Look at the two exceptions to the historical rule. In 1998, Republicans were impeaching Clinton. It was a very unpopular move. Clinton's job approval shot up to 66%. In the midterm elections that year, the president's party actually picked up five seats. Clinton bucked the historical trend. Just four years later, in 2002, with September 11, global terrorism and the coming war in Iraq dominating the news, George W. Bush's approval rating shot to 63%. His party picked up six seats in the House.

So the question now: Is there something going on that is similarly huge that would negate the historical trend and boost Democratic hopes? Something as big as the Clinton impeachment or September 11? Well, obviously nothing has happened to rocket Biden's approval rating into the 60s, as impeachment did with Clinton and 9/11 did with the younger Bush. So unless something happens in the

next six weeks to make Biden a wildly popular president — don't bet on that happening — he will go into the midterms with a huge historical disadvantage.

But what about abortion? The only factor in the race that could be termed historic is the Supreme Court's repeal of Roe v. Wade. After all, the abortion ruling stood for nearly 50 years and had an enormous effect on American politics and life. Is that a big enough a historical anomaly to change the midterms? It certainly will affect some races. But the decision has hit hard mostly among Democrats, and mostly among Democratic women. It does not seem to have the wide-ranging electoral effect that the Clinton impeachment or 9/11 had. It's hard to see it as equaling those earlier events.

Indeed, there is evidence in the new poll that Democrats in mostly Democratic districts are particularly fired up about the election, even more than Republicans in mostly Republican districts. But, at the same time, voters in competitive districts are moving toward ... Republicans. This is from the Langer Research analysis: "Among those living in congressional districts that are rated as at least somewhat competitive (neither solid Republican nor solid Democratic), registered voters favor Republican candidates by a wide 55%-34% -- nearly as big as the Republican lead in solid GOP districts (plus 24 points). Democrats lead by 35 points in solid Democratic districts, pointing to a potential overvote where they're most prevalent."

That is consistent with the notion that, say, the abortion decision is going to motivate Democratic voters. The only problem is, it could lead to blowouts in Democratic

districts where motivated voters elect Democrats even more emphatically than they did before, while Republicans pick up seats in competitive districts as well as their own GOP districts. Result: Republican victory.

The bottom line is that neither abortion nor any other issue at the moment makes this midterm campaign a historically unusual one, or at least historically unusual enough to break the long-time pattern of unpopular presidents losing a lot of seats in the House. It would take something much more momentous to buck such a solid historical trend.

But still, there is always room to doubt. Remember the Blue Wall? It was a notion cited by pundits almost constantly in the 2016 presidential election. The idea was that a group of battleground states, most importantly Pennsylvania, Michigan and Wisconsin, had voted Democratic in all six presidential elections between 1992 and 2012. They were thus very, very likely to vote Democrat again in 2016, which would result in a Hillary Clinton victory. A lot of analysts believed that quite strongly. And then Donald Trump came along and won Pennsylvania, Michigan and Wisconsin. The historical analogy worked until it didn't.

So now, the historical analogy points toward Republican victory. It seems strong — strong enough to bet on. But you never know.

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Woman hid her cheating while cheating boyfriend was jailed



DEAR ABBY

Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and I have been involved for five years. He was sentenced to prison for 3 1/2 years. Before he left, we had a really rocky relationship. He cheated on me with multiple women, some of whom he continued on with during his prison sentence. I was pregnant when he went away, so I am now raising our child alone. Fast-forward to the present: He and I are doing extremely well. I see major changes, and we truly believe we can make it work when

he's released at the end of next year. My problem is, I have done some things that are eating away at me. I have had numerous relations while he has been away, all the while letting him think I'm this perfect stay-at-home fiancée and mother. Although none of my affairs have been serious, I'm sure if he finds out, it would be the end of us. I'm scared and confused about what to do. I love him dearly and truly want to spend eternity with him. What should my next step be? — IMPERFECT, TOO, IN FLORIDA

DEAR IMPERFECT: Your next step should be to tell your boyfriend the truth. While you're at it, tell him you didn't reveal it before because you weren't proud of it and didn't want to worry him

while he was locked up. You really have no other option because someone who knows you may let it slip, which would be worse than his hearing from you. From your description, your baby's father is no angel -- and he should not expect you to be one, either. By the way, your telling him will not be the "end of you." You are the mother of his child, and he is legally obligated to support that child until he or she is no longer a minor. P.S. Because you and your boyfriend have been sexually active with multiple partners, you should both be checked for STDs.

DEAR ABBY: I would like to address this to parents who have abandoned an LGBTQ child: I have met your children through

my transgender son, and I'm happy to report they are doing fine. They are the nicest, most caring people I know. Instead of being bitter and angry about your rejection, they are welcoming of everyone they meet. I marvel at their dedication to love. They have taught me by their example that unconditional love is the foundation of the LGBTQ fellowship. It reminds me of a man born in Bethlehem long ago, who taught unconditional love of all people. Sadly, it seems His message has been diluted, distorted and rewritten. If He were around today, I believe He would really like your child. So, in closing, let me congratulate you for having raised a wonderful, loving child who is filled with joy and generosity. And please

remember: It's never too late to learn how to love. — PROUD DAD OF A WONDERFUL SON

DEAR PROUD DAD: Your letter carries a strong, positive message. We are all God's children. While I hope your letter will open those parents' hearts, if it doesn't do that, take comfort in the knowledge that many LGBTQ individuals who have been rejected by their parents have learned to build chosen families — with people like YOU.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.



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GHS junior S.A.F.E. member Hanna Bailey conducts the baseline seat belt check for GHS outside of the school Tuesday Sept. 27. Members of Seatbelts Are For Everyone will be conducting three seatbelt checks throughout the year and hosting activities promoting seatbelt usage. AINSLEY NORTON/TROJAN TRIBUNE

S.A.F.E. attends training conference

BY AINSLEY NORTON
TROJAN TRIBUNE

GHS Seatbelts Are For Everyone (S.A.F.E.) members attend a training conference at Girard High School Wednesday, September 21.

S.A.F.E. students from Frontenac, Girard, Northeast, Pittsburg, Southeast and St. Mary's Colgan listened to presentations by S.A.F.E. Traffic Safety Specialist for Southeast Kansas Chase Hobart, Crawford County Undersheriff Scott Tyrell, Daniel Schulte about data collection and transportation safety.

Members of Girard's chapter in attendance included seniors Samantha Brutchin, Brett Clevenger, Justin Ferguson, Sydney Hesong, Garret Humble, Lea McGown, Kenzie Newkirk and Luke Niggemann and juniors Hanna Bailey, Hayden Buckley, Cody Burns, Kolton Droessler, Bethany Herlocker, Aaron Jones, Ainsley Norton and Issac Woods. Students were accompanied by Jeff McDonald, S.A.F.E. sponsor and SRO of USD 248.

The training session was sponsored by the Kansas Department of Transportation.

After the lecture, S.A.F.E. members attended a live training session, where they collected data on traffic passing through Girard. Techniques taught at the conference will be used in the field by S.A.F.E. members to conduct three surveys from late September to late March. The data will be sent to the Kansas Traffic Safety Office.

The results from these surveys will help give the Kansas Department Of Transportation an idea on the number of drivers who wear seatbelts in the state of Kansas.

Regarding the conference, Officer McDonald said, "I think the surveys are a great way to help ensure the safety of not only the students but the community members as well."

"Along with providing seat belt usage data to the state, it also allows the opportunity for S.A.F.E. members to educate their peers on why seatbelts need to be worn in vehicles."

A county-wide competition will be taking place throughout the year based on the seat-belt checks to encourage members.

Junior S.A.F.E. member Hayden Bucklely said, "[She] thought it was a great learning experience for all members so that they can encourage seat belt usage in their own schools."

Along with seatbelt checks, throughout the year S.A.F.E. members will host monthly activities encouraging seat belt usage and safe driving procedures.



GHS instructor Meredith Reid directs the GHS Reflections, chorus and alumni during their dress rehearsal in John E. Shireman auditorium Sunday, Sept. 25. The concert, celebrating 50 years of Reflections, took place Tuesday, Sept. 27. COURTESY PHOTO

GHS Choir Concert

CLAIRE STEVENS AND
HAYLEY SCHOELING

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The GHS first hour choir and Reflections performed Those Were the Days, a 60s and 70s themed concert to celebrate 50 years of Reflections, for community members Tuesday, September 27 in John E. Shireman auditorium.

The first hour choir class, directed by instructor Meredith Reid, performed "Feelin' Groovy (59th St. Bridge Song)" by Kirby Shaw, "California Dreamin'" by Roger Emerson and "Joy to the World (Jeremiah Was a Bullfrog)" by Jeff Funk.

Matthew Pease was featured as a solo in "Feelin' Groovy (59th St. Bridge Song)."

Members include Sarah Best, Justify Estes, Emily Ferguson, Adrianna Ferrell,

Jenna Hughes, Grace Keith, Alyssa Koons, Kayleigh Leadstrom, Aubree Lero, Laine Nichols, Pease, Salma Rodriguez, Rayleea Russell, Coopar Silvers, Ainsley Viets and Abigail Zibert.

The Reflections, also directed by Reid, performed "Those Were the Days" by Norman Leyden, "Soul Man" by Mac Huff and "Lean on Me with We Shall Overcome" by Mark Hayes as a group.

The girls performed "You've got a Friend" by Carole King and the boys performed "Seven Bridges Road" by Kirby Shaw.

Lisa Garber and Sarah Rose were "You've Got a Friend" soloists; Syerra Gilmore, Kendra Johnson and Ben Scheibe were "Lean on Me" soloists; Johnson and Isabella Walsh were "Those Were the Days" soloists; and Seth Wilson was

featured as a solo in "Soul Man."

Members include Levi Blair, Matthew Childers, Garber, Gilmore, Caleb Humble, Ty Humble, Johnson, Mia Jubber, Owen Murphy, Jordyn Oplotnik, Kara Pope, Carly Reif, Lillian Ripper, Stephen Robison, Rose, Sylar Sammons, Scheibe, Hayley Schoeling, Claire Stevens, Adairrius Valley, Walsh and Wilson.

Accompanying them throughout the concert was drummer, Robert Tersinar; bass, Dan Duling; guitarists, Steve Mahnken and Richard Ralph; and pianist, Cindy Moore.

During "Lean on Me" both choirs were joined by GHS Reflections alumni.

Alumna, Lisa Mahnken sang "Up to the Mountain (MLK song)" by Patty Griffin and was accompanied by Steve Mahnken.

Prior to their performance, the Reflections learned choreography, practiced on a weekend with the band and alumni and auditioned for solos.

Solos included Garber, "At Seventeen" by Janis Ian; Ty Humble, "Hound Dog" by Elvis Presley; Johnson, "A Simple Man" by Lynyrd Skynyrd; Schoeling and Stevens, "Jolene" by Dolly Parton; and Wilson, "Come Fly With Me" by Frank Sinatra.

Regarding the concert, former Reflections instructor Janice Sacket said, "The Reflections wouldn't be what it is without the people who come to watch and the people who put in time."

"Finding something you love to do keeps you young. So, it's such an honor to get to see how Meredith and I have kept all these [alumni] young and these current Reflections members young!"



Sixteen GHS Student Council (STUCO) representatives attend the 2022 KSHSAA Regional STUCO Conference Tuesday, Sept. 20 at Columbus High School. Students had the opportunity to listen to speaker Tei Street and to improve their public speaking skills. JEREMIAH HUDSON/GHS



GHS sophomore Houston McGown races up a hill at KU's annual Rim Rock Farm High School Classic cross country meet on Saturday, Sept. 24. Out of 350 competitors, Tanner Ulbrich placed eighth, McGown placed 21 and Gavin Doubrava placed 29. The team will next compete on Saturday, Oct. 1 at Baldwin. COURTESY PHOTO



GHS FBLA members, accompanied by sponsors Beth Wilson and Jeremiah Hudson, visit Block 22 as a portion of their field trip Monday, Sept. 26. After learning about the possible career paths available through KOAM, they visited the Foundry, where they attended entrepreneurship and marketing presentations.

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LOOKING BACK

FROM OUR HISTORY

Criminal charges against Pittsburg City Commissioner J. D. Haggard will be dismissed

By Phil Burgert
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Excerpted stories in Crawford County newspaper archives

100 Years Ago
Sept. 30, 1922

The St. Louis San Francisco railroad has signed an agreement with its new shopmen's association, organized recently, providing for increases to pay. Under the new schedule first class machinists are paid 76 cents an hour at St. Louis, 77 cents in oil districts and 75 cents at other places. The same difference is observed with other classes but instead of a classification of "helpers" is established mechanics of first, second and third class.

Gov. Henry J. Allen announced yesterday that he was ordering an investigation of alleged activities of the Ku Klux Klan in Arkansas City and other southern Kansas towns by Judge James A. McDermott of the industrial court. Gov. Allen declared that reported threats to tar and feather certain classes of citizens as a means of enforcing demands would

not be allowed to terrorize Kansas communities.

George Gibson, 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Gibson of Franklin took a Ford touring car belonging to his parents, four days ago, and disappeared. He was accompanied by Mabel Country, aged 17 years, Tom Country, aged 16 years, Earl Loofer of Fuller, aged 19 years, and Ruth Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Davis, Mulberry. A reward is being offered for information on these boys and girls.

50 Years Ago
Sept. 30, 1972

Criminal charges against Pittsburg City Commissioner J. D. Haggard will be dismissed pending repair of a disputed fence and payment of court costs, Crawford County Atty. Vernon D. Grassie said. Haggard was arrested last weekend on a complaint by his neighbor, J. P. Gendusa, after a fence on a disputed property line was taken down. Grassie said Haggard will file "appropriate civil action" to determine the property line.

Dr. Alvin H. Proctor, academic vice president of Kansas State College,

presented an overview of his nearly three-month, 38,000-mile trip around the world at the regular meeting of the downtown Pittsburg Kiwanis Club at the Besse Hotel. He was the first American ever to present the Theodore Fink Memorial lectures at the University of Melbourne in Australia.

Pittsburg's Purple Dragons opened the throttle with a three-touchdown outburst in the third quarter after having to scramble for a 16-0 half-time margin over a scrappy Iola Mustang eleven and brought home a 36-0 victory. It was the fourth straight shutout in as many games this season. Playing before a capacity Parents' Night crowd in Iola, the Dragons struggled through the first half plagued with fumbles in the biting chill.

25 Years Ago
Sept. 30, 1997

Yakov Sabodin was denied a chance to travel in space when the Soviet Union began to disintegrate in the mid-1980s. Now the cosmonaut dreams of sending children to school at an international space station. "Kids may have

many, many questions," Sabodin said yesterday during a visit to PITSCO. Sabodin, a former Soviet navy pilot and technical advisor for the abandoned Soviet space shuttle, is a commercial pilot with Aeroflot.

Progress continues to March forward in Pittsburg, with the proposed establishment of a mini-mall on Meadowbrook Mall property and additions at the Carrington retirement community. Pittsburg planning and zoning commissioners last night gave their stamp of approval to both projects. These recommendations have been forwarded to the Pittsburgh City commission for final review.

There will be no technology fee at Pittsburg State University next year. The students of the PSU College of Technology voted more than 2-1 against the proposed \$15 per-credit-hour fee for on-campus classes taken through the college. Less than one-third of the eligible students voted, according to Tom Baldwin, dean of the college. "We had 112 'yes' votes, 249 'no's', and a lot of apathy," Baldwin said.

TODAY IN HISTORY

In 1947, the World Series was broadcast on TV for the first time

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Today is Friday, Sept. 30, the 273rd day of 2022. There are 92 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Sept. 30, 1777, the Continental Congress — forced to flee in the face of advancing British forces — moved to York, Pennsylvania.

On this date:
In 1791, Mozart's opera "The Magic Flute" premiered in Vienna, Austria.

In 1938, after co-signing the Munich Agreement allowing Nazi annexation of Czechoslovakia's Sudetenland, British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain said, "I believe it is peace for our time."

In 1947, the World Series was broadcast on television for the first time; the New York Yankees defeated the Brooklyn Dodgers 5-3 in Game 1 (the Yankees went on to win the Series four games to three).

In 1949, the Berlin Airlift came to an end.

In 1954, the first nuclear-powered submarine, the USS Nautilus, was commissioned by the U.S. Navy.

In 1955, actor James Dean, 24, was killed in a two-car collision near Cholame, California.

In 1960, "The Flintstones," network television's first animated prime-time series, debuted on ABC.

In 1962, James Meredith, a Black student, was escorted by federal marshals to the campus of the University of Mississippi, where he enrolled for classes the next day; Meredith's presence sparked rioting that claimed two lives.

In 1972, Roberto Clemente hit a double against Jon Matlack of the New York Mets during Pittsburgh's 5-0 victory at Three Rivers Stadium; the hit was the 3,000th and last for the Pirates star.

In 1986, the U.S. released accused Soviet spy Gen-

nadiy Zakharov, one day after the Soviets released American journalist Nicholas Daniloff.

In 1988, Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev retired President Andrei A. Gromyko from the Politburo and fired other old-guard leaders in a Kremlin shake-up.

In 2001, under threat of U.S. military strikes, Afghanistan's hard-line Taliban rulers said explicitly for the first time that Osama bin Laden was still in the country and that they knew where his hideout was located.

Ten years ago: Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney, writing in The Wall Street Journal, said President Barack Obama had "misunderstood" American values in his policies toward other countries. Mike Trout of the Los Angeles Angels became the first rookie in Major League history to hit 30 home runs and steal 40 bases in a season as the Angels defeated the Texas Rangers 5-4.

Five years ago: President Donald Trump lashed out at the mayor of San Juan and other officials

in storm-ravaged Puerto Rico, saying they "want everything to be done for them." Monty Hall, the long-running host of TV's "Let's Make a Deal," died of heart failure at his home in Beverly Hills at the age of 96.

One year ago: With only hours to spare, Congress passed and President Joe Biden signed legislation to avoid a partial federal shutdown and keep the government funded through Dec. 3. A 22-year-old white supremacist, John Earnest, was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole for bursting into a Southern California synagogue on the last day of Passover in 2019 with a semiautomatic rifle, killing one worshipper and wounding three others. Government researchers reported a big decline in teen vaping in 2021 as many U.S. students were forced to learn from home during the pandemic.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Angie Dickinson is 91. Singer Cissy Houston is 89. Singer Johnny Mathis is 87. Actor Len Cariou is 83. Singer Marilyn McCoo is 79. Pop singer Sylvia Pe-

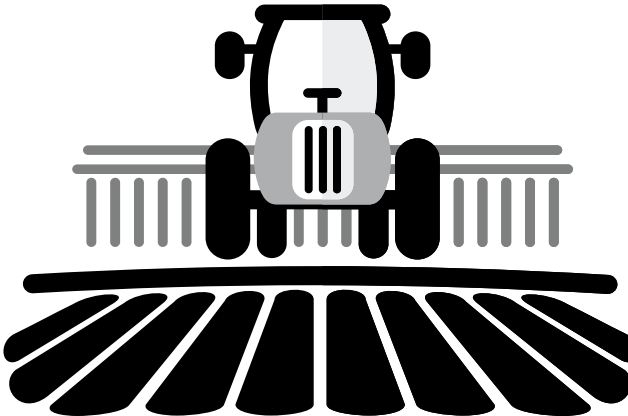
tersen (The Chiffons) is 76. Actor Vondie Curtis-Hall is 72. Actor Victoria Tennant is 72. Actor John Finn is 70. Rock musician John Lombardo is 70. Singer Deborah Allen is 69. Actor Calvin Levels is 68. Actor Barry Williams is 68. Singer Patrice Rushen is 68. Actor Fran Drescher is 65. Country singer Marty Stuart is 64. Actor Debrah Farentino is 63. Actor Crystal Bernard is 61. Actor Eric Stoltz is 61. Rapper-producer Marley Marl is 60. Country singer Eddie Montgomery (Montgomery-Gentry) is 59. Rock singer Trey Anastasio is 58. Actor Monica Bellucci is 58. Rock musician Robby Takac (Goo Goo Dolls) is 58. Actor Lisa Thornhill is 56. Actor Andrea Roth is 55. Actor Amy Landecker is 53. Actor Silas Weir Mitchell is 53. Actor Tony Hale is 52. Actor Jenna Elfman is 51. Actor Ashley Hamilton is 48. Actor Marion Cotillard is 47. Actor Christopher Jackson is 47. Actor Stark Sands is 44. Actor Mike Damus is 43. Actor Toni Trucks is 42. Actor Lacey Chabert is 40. Actor Kieran Culkin is 40. Singer-rapper T-Pain is 38.

COMMODITIES

Chicago Merchantile Exchange					
	Open	High	Low	Settle	Chg
CATTLE					
40,000 lbs.; cents per lb.					
Oct	143.35	144.35	142.72	144.12	+1.07
Dec	146.42	147.95	145.57	147.77	+1.50
Feb	150.25	151.52	149.60	151.35	+1.18
Apr	153.97	155.12	153.42	154.97	+1.10
Jun	150.20	151.42	149.70	151.25	+1.15
Aug	150.17	151.35	149.80	151.30	+1.20
Oct	154.22	155.42	154.07	155.40	+1.25
Dec	157.82	158.55	157.72	158.50	+1.65
Feb	160.90	161.67	160.82	161.25	+1.05
Est. sales 54,458. Wed.'s sales 52,844					
Wed.'s open int 281,641					
FEEDER CATTLE					
50,000 lbs.; cents per lb.					
Sep	175.37	176.07	175.32	175.97	+1.60
Oct	175.22	177.72	174.45	177.32	+2.32
Nov	175.25	178.17	174.22	177.82	+2.55
Jan	175.95	178.82	175.15	178.42	+2.47
Mar	178.20	180.80	177.67	180.50	+2.23
Apr	181.82	184.85	181.62	184.67	+2.67
May	185.05	188.00	184.67	187.80	+2.65
Aug	195.00	197.30	194.47	197.05	+2.05
Est. sales 15,950. Wed.'s sales 15,124					
Wed.'s open int 47,342, up 939					
HOGS, LEAN					
40,000 lbs.; cents per lb.					
Oct	89.97	90.92	89.40	89.45	+1.08
Dec	76.97	77.92	75.55	75.72	+1.10
Feb	80.07	81.47	78.97	79.07	+1.40
Apr	86.00	87.17	84.67	84.77	+1.45
May	90.32	91.20	89.25	89.75	+1.12
Jun	96.65	97.85	95.60	95.72	+1.28
Jul	97.00	98.02	96.15	96.27	+1.13
Aug	96.10	97.07	95.52	95.70	+1.05
Est. sales 52,517. Wed.'s sales 50,655					
Wed.'s open int 204,884					
PORK BELLIES					
40,000 lbs.; cents per lb.					
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WHEAT					
5,000 bu minimum; cents per bushel					
Dec	902½	914½	887¾	896¼	-7
Mar	915	926¼	901	908	-7
May	918½	931½	907¾	914¾	-5¼
Jul	901¼	914¼	892¾	899	-4¾
Sep	900	908¾	888¾	894½	-3¾
Dec	903½	909¼	889¾	896	-3
Mar	895½	900	890	890	-2¾
Est. sales 76,636. Wed.'s sales 72,568					
Wed.'s open int 295,898, up 5,127					
CORN					
5,000 bu minimum; cents per bushel					
Dec	670½	676¾	666	669½	-1
Mar	676¾	683	673¼	676	-
May	677	683¾	674¼	677½	+¼
Jul	671½	677¼	668¾	672½	+¾
Sep	625	629½	622¾	626	+1½
Dec	613	618½	611½	614	+¼
Mar	624¼	625¼	618¾	620½	+¼
May	620¼	624¼	620	622½	+¼
Jul	619¾	623¾	619	619¼	+¼
Sep	568¾	+3			
Dec	555	558½	555	557¼	+2½
Est. sales 225,554. Wed.'s sales 214,930					
Wed.'s open int 1,357,756, up 10,478					
OATS					
5,000 bu minimum; cents per bushel					
Dec	382½	391¾	380¾	382¾	+4¾
Mar	387¼	392¼	385	385¾	+4
May	387½	+5			
Jul	390¼	+5			
Sep	376¼	+5			
Dec	376¼	+5			
Mar	368½	+5			
May	365¾	+5			
Jul	353¾	+5			
Sep	369½	+5			
Est. sales 395. Wed.'s sales 395					
Wed.'s open int 3,931, up 87					
SOYBEANS					
5,000 bu minimum; cents per bushel					
Nov	1408¾	1423¾	1403¼	1410¾	+2
Jan	1416	1432¼	1414	1420½	+4¼
Mar	1421	1436¾	1418¾	1424¾	+4
May	1426	1440	1422	1429	+4
Jul	1424¼	1439½	1423	1429½	+4½
Aug	1411	1420¾	1407	1411¼	+4¾
Sep	1376	1386½	1371½	1376½	+4¾
Nov	1360	1373¼	1357¾	1363	+4½
Est. sales 276,586. Wed.'s sales 253,366					
Wed.'s open int 706,149, up 6,838					
SOYBEAN OIL					
60,000 lbs; cents per lb					
Oct	65.65	67.79	65.33	67.48	+1.96
Dec	62.15	64.09	61.63	63.86	+1.71
Jan	61.51	63.35	61.06	63.11	+1.59
Mar	60.83	62.46	60.38	62.24	+1.47
May	60.14	61.71	59.66	61.47	+1.40
Jul	59.28	60.79	59.08	60.55	+1.35
Aug	58.29	59.91	58.29	59.67	+1.28
Sep	57.66	59.11	57.53	58.94	+1.25
Oct	58.25	58.32	58.15	58.21	+1.21
Est. sales 174,134. Wed.'s sales 166,483					
Wed.'s open int 404,4907					
SOYBEAN MEAL					
100 tons; dollars per ton					
Oct	422.50	424.50	408.00	409.10	-12.70
Dec	413.10	416.70	406.80	407.20	-5.50
Jan	411.00	413.70	404.60	405.00	-4.70
Mar	406.20	407.90	399.60	400.00	-4.40
May	403.80	406.10	397.10	397.50	-4.60
Jul	404.10	404.80	397.30	397.70	-4.40
Aug	400.30	400.30	393.70	393.90	-4.10
Sep	393.00	394.60	388.60	389.00	-3.80
Oct	386.00	386.00	383.00	383.20	-3.70
Est. sales 136,291. Wed.'s sales 129,780					
Wed.'s open int 374,392					

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LEGALS

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Dated: September 30, 2022
THE CITY OF PITTSBURG, KANSAS

Tammy Nagel, City Clerk

(First Published in The Morning Sun on September 16th, 2022)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY, MISSOURI PROBATE DIVISION - AT NEOSHO

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a minor child

NOTICE UPON ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

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/S/ BY: Lori Headey
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NEWS

U.S. 75 bridge survey starts next week

Staff Reports
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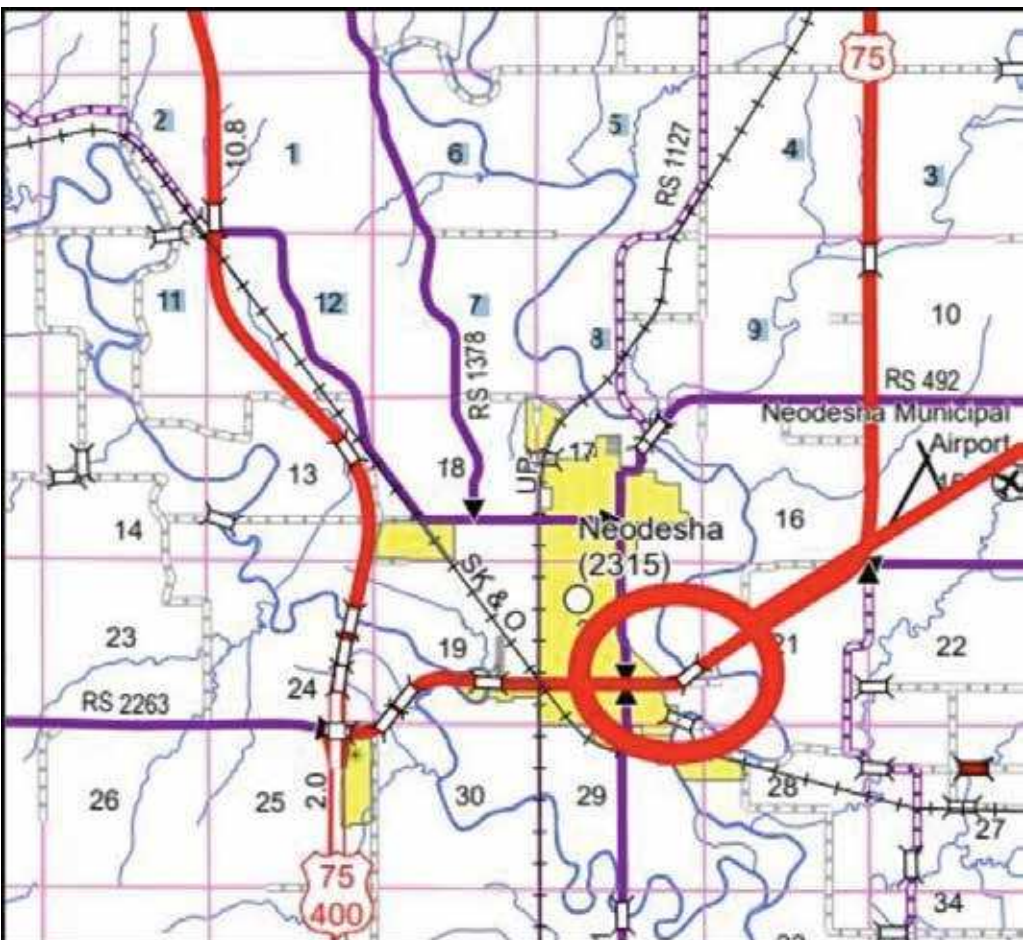
NEODESHA, Kan. — The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) plans to start a field survey at two bridges on U.S. 75 in Wilson County the week of Oct. 3. The bridges span the Verdigris River and

Verdigris River drainage. Both are approximately two miles east of the U.S. 400/U.S. 75 junction at Neodesha.

The survey area of 2,640 feet is based on the existing alignment. Survey crew members will gather information for future bridge repair projects. KDOT

expects the survey to be complete by Dec. 15.

Activities include the use of survey instruments on the ground to determine locations of existing features within the corridor. A member of the survey crew will contact property owners or tenants for permission to enter private property, KDOT said. John Sommers of JEO will manage the survey for KDOT. Persons with questions may contact KDOT Public Affairs Manager Priscilla Petersen at 620-902-6433.



The area of the field survey of two bridges in Wilson County that is set to start next week is circled here in red. COURTESY PHOTO / KDOT



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Homicide suspect injures Topeka officer in downtown shootout

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP)—A homicide suspect injured at least one police officer in a shootout Thursday in downtown Topeka that came after the suspect led law enforcement on a chase through Kansas' capital city.

Police said the unnamed suspect was wanted in connection with a double shooting at a south Topeka home, with one person dead and another hospitalized Thursday morning with life-threatening injuries. An injured officer was being treated at an area hospital.

The police said the suspect knew the person who was shot to death, calling their relationship “domestic in nature.” The police were not identifying either of the two shooting victims until their relatives could be notified.

Police did not say immediately whether the suspect was injured or whether he was in custody.

A Topeka police officer saw the suspect's car in an east Topeka neighborhood, and the suspect fled. The chase ended after 4 miles in a block of office buildings

downtown about two blocks north and a block east of the Kansas Statehouse.

Police did not say how the chase ended, but a car was partly up on a sidewalk, resting against a fire hydrant, its front end damaged.

The suspect shot several times at law enforcement officers, and multiple officers returned fire, police said.

The Kansas Bureau of Investigation is reviewing the shootout at local law enforcement agencies' request.

FLEET

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One night in 2017, he met singer/songwriter Jake Owen, and Fleet said Owen took him under his wing and talked him into quitting his job to focus on music full time.

“I had no intention of coming back into music and trying to be where I’m at now,” Fleet said. “I never felt that would have ever happened. But I guess that was part of God’s plan on that one.”

Fleet said his wife encouraged him to take a chance on doing music full-time, and was the breadwinner of the family for a while.

After two years of touring with Owen and Willie Nelson, Fleet signed with Big Loud records in 2019 and released his first EP ‘Workin’ Hard,’ with most songs being written or co-written by him. Fleet has been able to co-write songs with names such as Rhett Akins, Brett James, and Kendell Marvel. Some of his popular songs include “Where I Find God,”

“Best I Got,” and “Different Shade of Red.”

“I kind of write my own style and that’s kind of what works for me,” Fleet said. “I write songs about what I’m going through, and what I’m living. So I kind of write songs for myself.”

Fleet said he writes a lot about family since he has a 3-year-old boy, Waylon, and 18-month-old girl, Stella.

“Every day is a new adventure,” he said. “You don’t know what somebody’s gonna say or what kind of emotions are going to be going on. So you can learn a lot from a three-year-old, and kids in general.”

At the end of 2021, Fleet released his album Stack of Records, and began his tour titled One for the Road featuring special guest Megan Moroney. Fleet said his shows have entertainment value as well as good music. He said his bass player, who he has nicknamed “Crazy Legs,” loves to dance, and the other guitarist is normally all over the stage as well.

“It’s a spectacle,” Fleet said. “But it’s good music too. We’re not just flash.”

Fleet will be performing at Kansas Crossing Casino from 8 to 11 p.m. Oct. 15. Tickets are \$30 for general admission, standing room only and may be purchased at kansascrossingcasino.com/entertainment/.

So far on his fall tour, Fleet has performed several sold-out shows, and he said he has been in awe of the audience response.

“It’s been a pretty cool thing watching it grow from nothing into something,” Fleet said. “And we’re watching it grow every day.”



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PSU Hall of Fame induction set for Friday

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Pittsburg State will induct its 2022 Athletics Hall of Fame Class on Friday night.

The ceremony starts at 6 p.m. in the Linda & Lee Scott Performance Hall in

the Bicknell Family Center for the Arts. There is no charge, and no advance tickets are needed to attend.

The ceremony also will be shown via livestream at pittstate.tv.

The inductees:

- Caleb Farabi (2005-08), a two-time NCAA Division II All-American running

back in football;

- Chris Grantham (1981-84), an All-America offensive lineman in football;
- Steve High, the Gorillas women’s basketball coach from 1990 to 2007 and the winningest coach in program history;
- Kiara Jones (2008-12), an eight-time All-America

performer in the horizontal jumps for the Gorillas in track and field;

- Tom Myers (1996-98), an NCAA-II All-Region and record-setting outfielder in baseball;
- Sammie Williams (2005-08), the first two-time All-America performer in the history of the Pittsburgh

State volleyball program;

- Ed Nealy (1956-57), a first-team All-CIC men’s basketball player who helped lead Pitt State to a 27-2 record and a third-place finish at the 1956 NAIA National Tournament;
- Dennis Watson (1963-66), an All-America offen-

sive end in football for the Gorillas.

Nealy and Watson are being inducted in the Hall of Fame’s Legacy category.

The new inductees will also be introduced at halftime of Saturday afternoon’s football game against Missouri Southern.

Pittsburg hosts volleyball quad

By Dashuan Vereen
Morning Sun Staff

Both the Girard and Pittsburg volleyball teams competed in a quadrangular at Pittsburg High School on Thursday.

The Trojans finished the day 2-1, defeating Columbus and the Purple Dragons but falling to Fort Scott.

“Our younger girls are stepping up,” said Girard coach Christen Jackson. “We had a freshman and a sophomore on the court, and both hit the ball well tonight, so that gives me hope for the future.”

In the night’s finale, Pittsburg and Girard delivered an exciting final match. Girard captured a 25-13 victory in the first set, but the Purple Dragons roared back to claim a 25-22 win in set two. Girard regained its composure in the final set, winning 25-9.



Girard’s Sara Goble returns a shot over Columbus’ Faith Henry on Thursday in Pittsburg High School’s volleyball quadrangular. DASHUAN VEREEN / MORNING SUN STAFF

“Our team fought,” said Pittsburg coach Ashlen Riggs. “Especially coming after two losses. Previously, we’ve been a team that lays down at the end of the night, so the fact that we had some fight left in us was really impressive to me. Girard runs a really fast offense that we haven’t seen yet this season, so I was impressed with how the girls played.”

Girard previously swept the Titans, 25-15, 25-10, and fell in three sets against the Tigers, 18-25,

25-16, 20-25.

Jackson added that she would like to see the team continue to work on its composure.

“Sometimes they stress themselves out so much that they start doing their teammates’ jobs and they forget what their main focus should be,” Jackson. “So, we just have to clean that up a little bit.”

Pittsburg fell to Columbus, 18-25, 25-17, 15-25, and to Fort Scott, 16-25, 17-25. Fort Scott also defeated Columbus to earn a sweep on the night.

Overall, Riggs stated that she is impressed with the improvements she saw from the team throughout Thursday.

“If you’ve been watching us this season, you would know that tonight is significantly better than what we have done in the past,” said Riggs. “I think our girls finally learned how to put some things together offensively. We passed really well, and overall I thought we did a better job controlling our side of the net which we struggled

with this season.”

Looking at the season so far to this point, Riggs believes that consistency is the biggest obstacle the team has to overcome.

“We need to be more consistent on our side of the net,” said Riggs. “We’ve been up and down this season. We’re a young team, so some of that is to be expected, but we need to be more consistent all-around as individuals and as a team. We have a lot to work on, but tonight was much better.”

Pittsburg set for battle at Paola

By Dashuan Vereen
Morning Sun Staff

After starting the season 0-2, Pittsburg is set to travel to Paola with the opportunity to push its record over .500 for the first time this season.

Kickoff is scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday.

The Purple Dragons captured a 34-8 road victory over Fort Scott in their previous matchup, propelling their record to 2-2.

“They played with high energy and a great deal of passion,” said Pittsburg coach Josh Lattimer. “They were flying around the field. The execution was a lot better than it was early on, and I think it shows in the results.”

Quarterback Webb Fern accounted for three total touchdowns, and the Pittsburg defense stifled the Tigers’ attack throughout the game.

“The communication among the offensive line has been great up front,” said Lattimer. “Our quarterback Webb Fern has done a good job with his reads in the option and in the passing game.”

Fort Scott’s lone touchdown came on a 75-yard run from quarterback Cal Cosens early in the third quarter.

“Defensively, the guys are getting aligned correctly for the most part,” said Lattimer. “There

were about four plays where we were misaligned, and three of those went over 20 yards, including a 75-yard touchdown.”

The Purple Dragons have made strides in reducing their number of misalignments since their 0-2 start to the season.

“If we make a mistake, it needs to be addressed right when it happens,” said Lattimer. “We can’t wait to practice or film study. The kids are putting in time. They want to be great and it shows. They come in early mornings before school for film sessions and to go over assignments and alignments. It’s encouraging as a coaching staff to see how engaged these guys are at being great.”

Both Pittsburg and Paola feature run-centric offenses, so the battle up front will be a major point of emphasis for both teams.

“It’s going to be a battle in the trenches,” said Lattimer. “The outcome will be determined by how well our O-line and D-line plays.

“Paola is a heavy running team. They’re going to tell you ‘Hey, we’re running the ball right here, what are you going to do about it?’ The more physical team is going to win this football game this weekend.”

Early goals ignite Joplin past Dragons

By Jim Henry
Sports Editor

Joplin tallied three goals in a seven-minute span early in the first half en route to a 4-1 victory over Pittsburg on Thursday night in boys soccer action at the Pittsburg High School soccer field.

Carlos Palma put the Eagles (10-4) on the scoreboard in the ninth minute, and Luciano Reyes and Adam Montanez scored in the 13th and 16th minute, respectively, to push the lead to 3-0.

“We want to be able to put ourselves in this situation more often because we’re capable of doing it,” Joplin coach Josh Thompson said. “Today we had a ton of opportunities; we just didn’t do all of the finishing like we’d like to do. Some of that is our shooting needs to be better, but also their keeper had a phenomenal game.”

After the early burst by the Eagles, Pittsburg goalkeeper Caleb Miller grabbed the spotlight and put on a dazzling show.

Miller, a sophomore who

started in place of Zach Ward who was out with a concussion, became a wall in front of the net. Joplin constantly peppered shots toward the goal, but Miller rose to the occasion and yielded just one goal in the final 66 minutes.

He finished with 16 saves -- eight in each half -- spiced by multiple diving stops to both his left and right.

“He’s our backup keeper,” Pittsburg coach Riley Beihl said. “He was great. He kept us alive. ... This was only his second

time suiting up for varsity. He wanted the role, he stepped into it, and he was fantastic.”

“He was amazing. He was absolutely phenomenal back there,” Thompson said. “Our guys would be celebrating a lot more if it wasn’t for him stopping some really good shots with some really good saves.”

Edgar Mejia found the right side of the net for Pittsburg’s goal with six minutes left in the first half, trimming the deficit to 3-1 at halftime.

Luis Alvarado scored Joplin’s final goal in the 66th minute, hitting the upper right corner of the net.

The Purple Dragons (7-3) had seven shots on goal, and Joplin keeper Andrew Jordan logged six saves.

“I think we deserved more out of this game,” Beihl said. “I think a lot of decisions didn’t go our way, but our players stepped up to this game. This game was much better compared to Tuesday (8-0 loss at Independence). The effort was so much

better tonight, especially with all the injuries we’ve had this week.

“We’ve had three players move up from junior varsity tonight and play the first time on varsity. The other ones stepped up their effort and came in wanting to win this game.”

Joplin	3	1 – 4
Pittsburg	1	0 – 1
First Half		
Jop--Carlos Palma, 9:00		
Jop--Luciano Reyes, 13:00		
Jop--Adam Montanez, 16:00		
Pitt--Edgar Mejia, 34:00		
Second Half		
Jop--Luis Alvarado, 66:00		

Frontenac sweeps Southeast triangular

By Aaron Pyle
Morning Sun Staff

CHEROKEE, Kan. — The Southeast Lancers hosted two Class 3A teams in a volleyball triangular on Thursday.

Frontenac and Parsons traveled to Cherokee for the two games as the Raiders went 2-0, and Southeast went 0-2.

Frontenac’s two victories improved the Raiders’ record to 17-4, while the Lancers fell to 8-16.

The Lancers look to bounce back on Tuesday as they travel to Northeast for a triangular against the Vikings and Uniontown. The Raiders are headed to a tournament that begins at

9 a.m. Saturday in Chanute.

With only a month left in the season, Frontenac coach Martha Harper feels good about where her team is at.

“I really felt like tonight (Thursday) we had great communication,” she said. “I told the girls that we really play with a lot of confidence in each other. We had some scrambles, but we always ended with a kill, and that’s just out of confidence and knowing each other.”

Southeast coach Maya White noted how the matchups against larger schools helped the team prepare for the postseason.

“We’re trying to work on playing consistently against stronger teams and

being able to compete with stronger teams and not make as many errors,” she said.

In the first match, the Raiders battled the Lancers. Frontenac enjoyed an early lead courtesy of an 8-2 run to open the set. The Raiders continued to grow their lead before the Lancers made a final surge trimming the set to five points. However, Frontenac remained poised to defeat Southeast 25-18.

The Raiders carried their momentum into the second set with an early 7-0 run. The front zone of Mia Brown and Hattie Pyle powered Frontenac past Southeast as the lead grew to double digits following

the 15-point mark. The Raiders defeated the Lancers 25-12 to claim the match victory.

Malia Vinson led the way for the Lancers collecting five kills and four digs. Kinzey Cassidy also had eight digs.

Kendl Matlock piled on the assists for Frontenac, finishing with nine. Pyle and Brown compiled 17 kills and three digs against the Lancers.

The Raiders held onto a comfortable lead throughout the second match against Parsons, beating the Vikings 25-17 and 25-11.

Brown had six kills and one dig while Pyle finished



Frontenac junior Madison Hamm tips the ball over Southeast senior Malia Vinson and sophomore Charlee Gideon for a point in the first set of Thursday’s triangular at Southeast High School. AARON PYLE/MORNING SUN STAFF

BASEBALL
MLB STANDINGS

American League				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
x-New York	96	59	.619	—
y-Toronto	87	69	.558	9½
Tampa Bay	85	71	.545	11½
Baltimore	80	76	.513	16½
Boston	75	81	.481	21½t
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Cleveland	88	68	.564	—
Chicago	77	79	.494	11
Minnesota	76	80	.487	12
Detroit	63	92	.406	24½
Kansas City	63	93	.404	25
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Houston	102	54	.654	—
Seattle	84	70	.545	17
Los Angeles	69	86	.445	32½
Texas	66	88	.429	35
Oakland	56	99	.361	45½

Thursday's Games
Detroit 10, Kansas City 3
Chicago White Sox 4, Minne-
sota 3
Boston 5, Baltimore 3
Cleveland 2, Tampa Bay 1
Oakland at L.A. Angels, 8:38
p.m.
Texas at Seattle, 8:40 p.m.
Friday's Games
Baltimore (Voth 5-3) at N.Y. Yan-
kees (Germán 2-3), 6:05 p.m.
Boston (Pivetta 10-11) at Toron-
to (Manoah 15-7), 6:07 p.m.
Kansas City (Singer 10-4) at
Cleveland (Plesac 3-11), 6:10
p.m.
Minnesota (Ryan 12-8) at De-
troit (Hutchison 3-9), 6:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Rasmussen 10-7) at
Houston (TBD), 7:10 p.m.
Texas (Otto 6-9) at L.A. Angels
(Davidson 2-7), 8:38 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Martin 2-5)
at San Diego (Darvish 16-7),
8:40 p.m.
Oakland (Waldichuk 1-2) at
Seattle (Gilbert 13-6), 8:40 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Baltimore at N.Y. Yankees, 12:05
p.m.
Boston at Toronto, 2:07 p.m.
Oakland at Seattle, 3:10 p.m.
Kansas City at Cleveland, 5:10
p.m.
Minnesota at Detroit, 5:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Houston, 6:20
p.m.
Chicago White Sox at San
Diego, 7:40 p.m.
Texas at L.A. Angels, 8:07 p.m.

National League				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
z-New York	98	58	.628	—
z-Atlanta	97	59	.622	1
Philadelphia	83	72	.535	14½
Miami	65	91	.417	33
Washington	54	101	.348	43½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
x-St. Louis	90	66	.577	—
Milwaukee	83	73	.532	7
Chicago	70	86	.449	20
Cincinnati	60	96	.385	30
Pittsburgh	59	97	.378	31
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Los Angeles	107	48	.690	—
San Diego	86	69	.555	21
San Francisco	77	78	.497	30
Arizona	72	84	.462	35½
Colorado	65	90	.419	42

Thursday's Games
Chicago Cubs 2, Philadelphia 0
Miami 4, Milwaukee 2
L.A. Dodgers at San Diego, 8:40
p.m.
Colorado at San Francisco, 8:45
p.m.
Friday's Games
Cincinnati (Ashcraft 5-4) at
Chicago Cubs (TBD), 1:20 p.m.
Philadelphia (Falter 5-4) at
Washington (Corbin 6-18), 6:05
p.m.
N.Y. Mets (deGrom 5-3) at At-
lanta (Fried 13-7), 6:20 p.m.
Miami (Alcantara 14-8) at Mil-
waukee (Burnes 11-8), 7:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Oviedo 4-2) at St.

Louis (Flaherty 1-1), 7:15 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Martin 2-5)
at San Diego (Darvish 16-7),
8:40 p.m.
Colorado (Kuhl 6-10) at L.A.
Dodgers (Kershaw 10-3), 9:10
p.m.
Arizona (Kelly 13-7) at San
Francisco (Cobb 6-7), 9:15 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Philadelphia at Washington,
12:05 p.m., 1st game
Cincinnati at Chicago Cubs,
1:20 p.m.
Arizona at San Francisco, 3:05
p.m.
Philadelphia at Washington,
6:05 p.m., 2nd game
Miami at Milwaukee, 6:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh at St. Louis, 6:15
p.m.
N.Y. Mets at Atlanta, 6:20 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at San
Diego, 7:40 p.m.
Colorado at L.A. Dodgers, 8:10
p.m.

FOOTBALL
PREP SCHEDULE
Friday's Games
INDEPENDENTS
Pittsburg at Paola
Riverton at Parsons
CNC LEAGUE
St. Mary's Colgan at Northeast
Frontenac at Columbus
Girard at Prairie View
Galena at Baxter Springs
Riverton at Parsons
SOUTHEAST KANSAS LEAGUE
Labette County at Fort Scott
Coffeyville at Wamego
Chanute at Independence
THREE RIVERS LEAGUE
11-Man
Southeast at Pleasanton
St. Mary's Colgan at Northeast
Jayhawk-Linn at Central
Heights
Erie at Uniontown
8-Man
St. Paul at Crest
Oswego at Sedan
Marmaton Valley at Hartford
Yates Center at Cedar
Vale-Dexter
6-Man
Waverly at Chetopa
Altoona-Midway at Wetmore

NFL results
Thursday's Game
Cincinnati 27, Miami 15

Trojans seek to extend streak

By Aaron Pyle
Morning Sun Staff

One of only eight un-
defeated teams remain-
ing in Class 3A, the
Girard High School foot-
ball team aims to extend
its winning streak to
five games on Friday as
the Trojans travel to La
Cygne to battle the Prai-
rie View Buffaloes.
Kickoff between
the Class 3A District 2
foes is set for 7 p.m.
The Trojans posted a
dominant performance
in Week 4 against the
Frontenac Raiders. Gi-
rard prevailed 35-0,
spreading the wealth
among its backfield. The
Trojans compiled 250
yards and four touch-
downs on the ground,
with senior quarterback
Luke Niggemann lead-
ing the way, gathering 85
yards. Niggemann, Alex

Coester, Adam Shireman
and Christian Taylor all
scored rushing touch-
downs for the Trojans.
The relentless, fast-
paced offense of the
Trojans looks to keep it
rolling after outscoring
its first four opponents
134-47.
“I think our effort has
been good,” Girard head
coach Neal Philpot said.
“Our kids are playing
hard, and we’ve gotten
better. Each week, we’ve
talked about things we
can get better at, and I
think in the Frontenac
game, there were some
things we didn’t do quite
as well the week before.
“But we tackled better,
and we got more people
to the ball on defense. ...
We’re playing well, we’re
playing hard, and we’re
making some correc-
tions as we go, and that’s
a tribute to what we’re
doing right now.”

Headed into Week
5, the Trojans battle a
Prairie View team that
defeated Santa Fe Trail
32-26 and Osawatomie
38-0 in Weeks 2 and 3.
However, the Buffaloes
lost to Parsons 56-22 in
the season opener and
45-32 last week against
Burlington.
The Buffaloes’ defense
allowed 434 yards of to-
tal offense (315 passing,
119 rushing) against
the Wildcats. However,
Prairie View’s freshman
running back, Park-
er Schwarz, shined on
offense, collecting 175
yards and two touch-
downs on 21 carries,
averaging 8.3 yards per
carry.
The Trojans look to re-
peat last year’s outcome
against the Buffaloes,
where Girard prevailed
38-15 as Niggemann
scored four touchdowns.
Prairie View holds a

3-1 record in its last four
meetings against Girard.
Philpot noted that the
Buffaloes, under the di-
rection of Kyle Littrell,
would be ready to face
the Trojans.
“We’re going to have
to go play assignment
football,” he said. “They
run some triple option,
which is tough. They are
physical, and we’ll have
to tackle well on defense.
Offensively, we need to
take care of the ball. ...
They are well-coached,
they know their identity,
and they are going to be
a physical team. That’s
what they’ve been.
“But they’re going to
be disciplined on what
they do. We have to take
advantage of the things
we can and make sure
we are not overlook-
ing anybody. ... If we do
those things, we’ll be all
right.”

Lancers aim for first victory of season

By Aaron Pyle
Morning Sun Staff

The Southeast High
School football team will
not get many breaks in
its schedule this season,
and the Lancers have an-
other good test on Friday
night as the team travels
to Pleasanton for a Three
Rivers League clash
against the Blu-Jays.
Kickoff is set for 7
p.m. at Pleasanton High
School.
In last week’s match-
up against St. Mary’s
Colgan, the Panthers
handled the Lancers 50-6
behind a four-touchdown
performance from junior
running back Cooper
Simmons.
Colton Lawrence
helped the Lancers score

late in the fourth quar-
ter, connecting with
Aden Smith on a post
route through the middle
for a 40-yard touchdown.
Smith finished with 39
rushing yards on eight
carries, averaging 4.9
yards per carry. South-
east compiled 85 yards of
total offense.
Southeast head coach
Nick Cheney noted that
the team has been pay-
ing close attention to
the scouting reports in
preparation for Friday’s
game against Pleasant-
on.
“This week, I think
they paid more attention
in the scouting reports,”
Cheney said. “They
(Pleasanton) have only
had like 10 running plays,
and their pass routes are

all off formation. It just
goes to a certain kid, and
our kids paid attention to
that. They’re prepared,
and we’ll be all right.”
The Pleasanton Blu-
Jays enter Week 5 with a
3-1 overall record. Pleas-
anton opened the season
with three straight vic-
tories over Uniontown,
Northeast and Belle
Plaine, outscoring its op-
ponents 114-61. However,
the team fell 27-0 in its
Week 4 matchup against
Olpe, the second-ranked
team in Class 1A, accord-
ing to Kpreps.
Under the direction of
third-year coach Caleb
Hendricks, the Blu-Jays
have improved from 2021
when Pleasanton fin-
ished 2-6, including five
straight losses to open

the season.
Pleasanton is led by
freshman quarterback
Kam Staton. Through the
team’s first two games,
Staton collected 519 pass-
ing yards, eight touch-
downs and one inter-
ception, averaging 259.5
yards per game.
Cheney noted that the
Blu-Jays tend to switch
play styles through each
game.
“One game we watched
on film, they threw al-
most every time,” he
said. “Then another
game, they ran almost ev-
ery time. ... We just have
to play fundamental foot-
ball and just do the little
things right, not giving
touchdowns away.”

SWEEP

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with three kills. Matlock
and Hattie Hamblin also
provided 18 assists for the
Raiders.
In the final match,
Southeast battled Par-
sons. The first set went
down to the wire, with the
Vikings tying it up at 24-24
after trailing by as many
as four points. Iniya Hin-
man of Parsons helped
the Vikings secure the
opening set victory with

back-to-back kills beating
Southeast 26-24.
The Vikings then led
throughout the second
set. Southeast trailed by
as little as four points ear-
ly in the set. However, the
front zone of Hinman and
Briona Patterson sealed
the 25-19 match victory
for Parsons.
Vinson led the Lanc-
ers again in the second
match, finishing with
four kills and three digs.
In addition, Cassidy had
three kills, two digs and
one ace.

Dolphins QB Tua stretched off with head, neck injuries

By MITCH STACY
AP Sports Writer

CINCINNATI (AP) —
Miami Dolphins quar-
terback Tua Tagovailoa
sustained neck and
head injuries after being
slammed to the ground in
Thursday’s game against
the Cincinnati Bengals
and was stretcheder from
the field.
The Dolphins said Ta-
govailoa was conscious,
had movement in all his
extremities and was tak-
en to University of Cin-
cinnati Medical Center
for further evaluation.
Tagovailoa was chased
down and sacked by

6-foot-3, 340-pound Josh
Tupou with about six
minutes left in the first
half. He was spun around
and thrown to the turf.
While on the ground,
his hands froze in front
of his face. He remained
down for more than sev-
en minutes before being
loaded on a backboard,
stabilized and strapped to
a stretcher after his face-
mask was removed.
Dolphins players
gathered around as Ta-
govailoa was rolled off
the field and the crowd
chanted “Tua! Tua!”
Reaction came swiftly
from around the NFL.
Chiefs quarterback Pat-

rick Mahomes and Bron-
cos QB Russell Wilson
promptly tweeted with
concern for Tagovailoa’s
well-being.
“Praying for you Tua,”
Wilson wrote.
The 24-year-old Tagov-
ailoa was suffering from
a sore back and was list-
ed as questionable for
most of the week ahead
of the game.
Tagovailoa briefly left
Sunday’s 21-19 victory
over the Buffalo Bills
after appearing to be
disoriented by what the
team originally said was
a head injury after tak-
ing a hard hit from Bills
linebacker Matt Milano

late in the first half. He
missed just three snaps
and returned after half-
time, a decision that
prompted a joint review
by the NFL and National
Football League Players
Association of what went
into the decision to al-
low him to return to the
game.
The team and Tagov-
ailoa said after the game
the quarterback had a
back injury that caused
his awkward stumble and
fall after he was slammed
into the turf in the sec-
ond quarter. The team
said Monday that Tagov-
ailoa was not in concus-
sion protocol.

He said he “hyper-ex-
tended” his back after
getting his legs caught
under someone on a
quarterback sneak.
Before leaving Thurs-
day’s game, Tagovailoa
was 8 for 14 for 100 yards
and an interception. He
was replaced in the game
by Teddy Bridgewater,
who threw a touchdown
pass to Chase Edmonds
with 15 seconds left in the
half.
The play of Tagovailoa,
who won a national cham-
pionship at Alabama, has
been key for the 3-0 Dol-
phins. He came into the
game second in the NFL
with 925 passing yards.

MODERATELY CONFUSED



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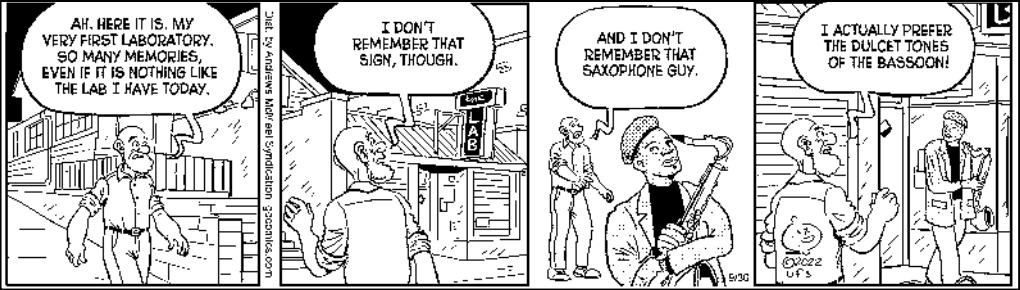
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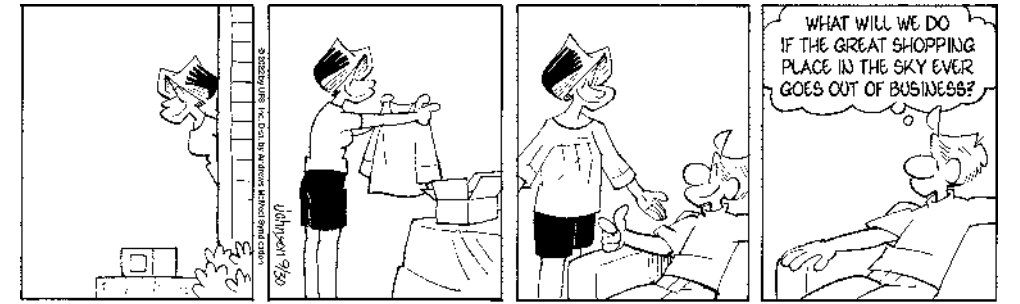
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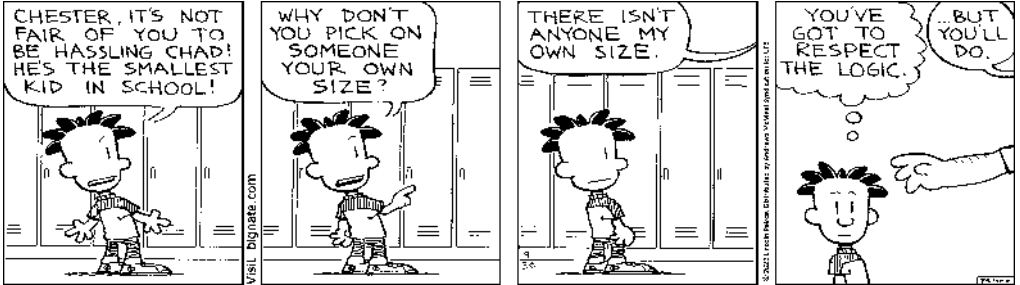
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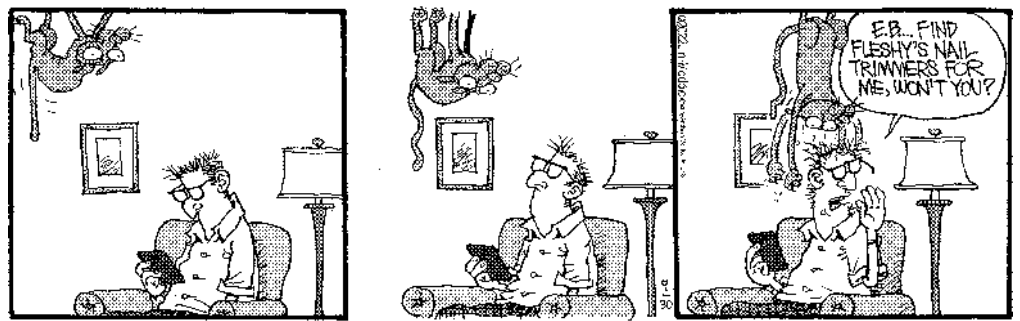
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BEETLE BAILEY



ASTROGRAPH by Eugenia Last

Explore every possibility. Discuss your interests and how you want to live your life with like-minded people. Being on the same page as those you feel most akin to will help you turn your dreams into reality. Make this a year to remember by engaging in activities that bring you closer to your goal.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Focus on your appearance and how you carry yourself. Keeping fit and wanting to show off what you have to offer will draw the attention of someone who appreciates you. Romance is encouraged.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Stick to what's comfortable and to the people who put you at ease. You'll be privy to information that will help you bring about positive change. Attend a seminar or conference.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Pump things up and get things moving. Your enthusiasm will help break up the monotony and draw dynamic people to your side. Expand your circle of friends, and you'll make valuable connections.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Be a good listener, friend and ally. Offer down-to-earth suggestions and a helping hand, and you'll boost your reputation. Take a different approach to domestic affairs.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- You're heading upward, and financial and personal gains are within reach. Expand your interests, and trust and believe in yourself. Domestic improvements will lift your spirits.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Put an end to an emotional situation holding you back. Check out what's possible and distance yourself from trouble. Put your energy where it counts and let go of your anger.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- You've got a good eye for investments, bargains and opportunities. Go over the fine print and find a path to victory. Trust your instincts, and focus on what you can accomplish. Engage in romance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Don't ignore what things cost or what others want from you. Know when to draw the line and set boundaries. Make your position clear and go about your business.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Seek out those offering exciting perspectives on what you do or plan to pursue. The input others give you will open your eyes to many

ideas that will help you move forward.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Take better care of your home, family and health. Overindulgence will not solve problems or save you money. Pay attention to how you portray yourself. Moderation will improve your life.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Make plans with someone who shares your interests. Social events will allow you to share your thoughts, get sound feedback and adjust your objectives to ensure long-term success. Romance is favored.

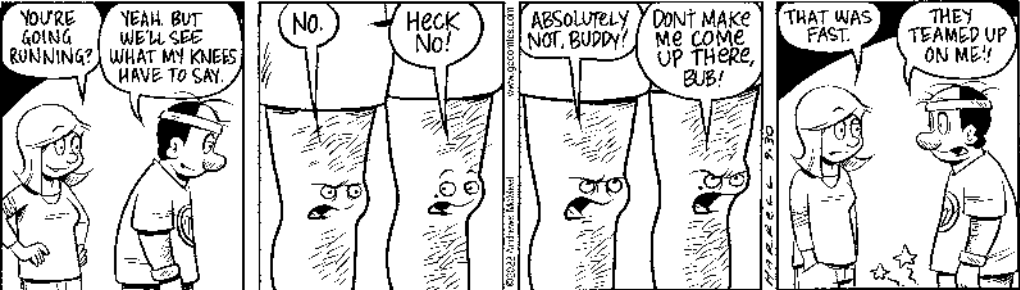
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Don't believe everything you hear. Listen attentively so you can differentiate between what's fact and what's fiction. Be selective when it comes to choosing friends, allies and partners.

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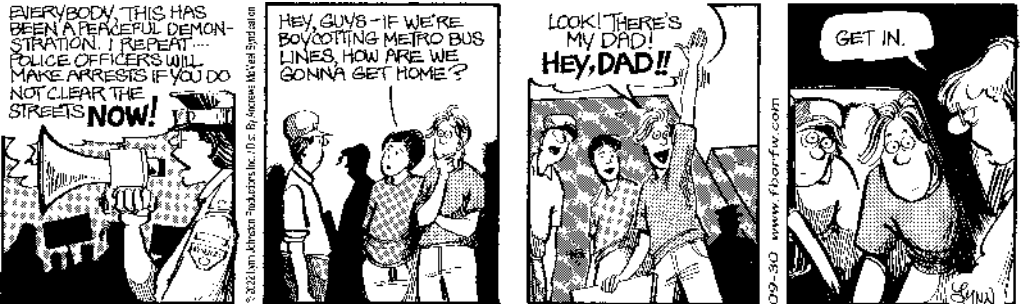
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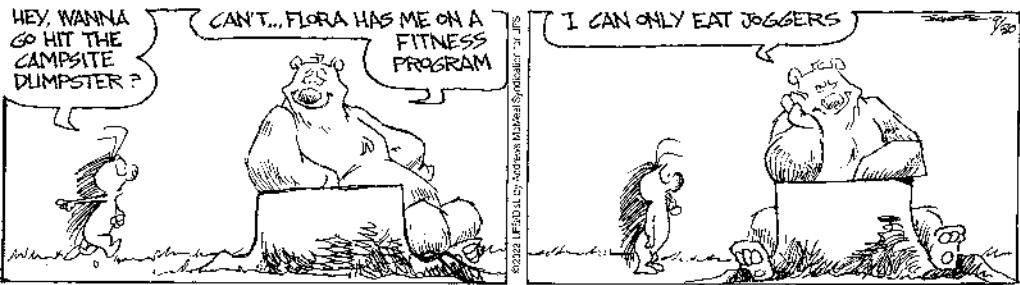
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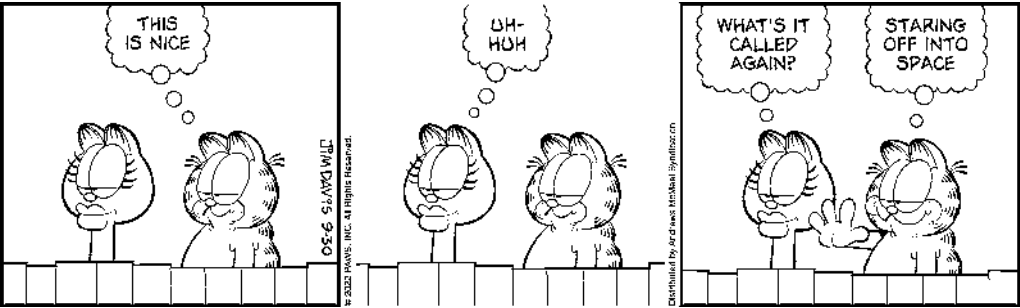
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37 Trolley

39 Belt-maker's tool

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44 Mr. Puzo

46 Hot beverage

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Castro, Báez homer; Tigers sweep Royals 10-3, escape cellar

By **DAVE HOGG**
Associated Press

DETROIT (AP) — Willi Castro and Javy Báez homered to lead Detroit over the Kansas City Royals 10-3 on Thursday for a three-game sweep that moved the Tigers out of last place in the AL Central.

Detroit (63-92) has won six straight, matching its season high and ensuring the Tigers will not lose 100 games. Detroit went 10-9 this year against the Royals (63-93), who dropped into the division cellar.

“We’re at 92 losses, so we’re not going to celebrate anything, but we’re happy to sweep again,” Tigers manager A.J. Hinch said. “We’re playing better across the board, but as a manager, I know there are a lot of things we can do better. Still, winning is nice.”

The Tigers have gone 8-2 since falling to 55-91 on Sept. 18.

“We’ve known all year that we can play this well,” Báez said. “The important thing is coming back next season and playing like this right from the start.”

Kansas City stranded 11 runners, raising its two-day total to 24, and went 2 for 10 with runners in scoring position.

“We needed that big hit and it eluded us for most of the last two days,” Royals manager Mike Matheny said. “It was good to see a couple of guys put a charge into the ball late in the game, but we were dealing with a pretty big gap by that point.”

Eduardo Rodriguez (5-5) allowed five hits and four walks in 6 2/3 shutout innings, but struggled after Detroit’s four-run fifth.

“I feel like everything



Detroit Tigers left fielder Akil Baddoo slides safely into home plate to score ahead of the tag by Kansas City Royals catcher MJ Melendez (1) in the fifth inning of a baseball game in Detroit on Thursday. (AP PHOTO/PAUL SANCYA)

was working just the way I wanted in the first five innings,” he said. “In my last two innings, I was feeling cold coming off the bench - my body was cold.”

Jonathan Heasley (4-9) gave up five runs — four earned — and six hits in 4 2/3 innings.

“I thought he had good stuff and had control of the game,” Matheny said. “The leadoff walk in the fifth seemed to kind of send him into a spiral. We also had a misplay that turned a tough inning into a really tough one. It’s hard to recover from that.”

Before a crowd of just 13,137, Castro put the Tigers ahead with a solo homer in the second but left after straining his left hamstring while running out a fourth-inning double. Castro will miss Detroit’s final six games.

Detroit boosted the lead to 5-0 with a four-run fifth. Tucker Barnhart walked, advanced on a wild pitch and scored when first baseman Vinnie Pasquino couldn’t handle Akil Bad-

doo’s hard grounder for an error. Riley Greene followed with an RBI double, and Báez homered over the Tigers bullpen in left.

Barnhart added an RBI single off Scott Barlow in the sixth, and the Tigers scored four more in the seventh. After Max Castillo allowed a single and two walks to starting the innig, Luke Weaver hit Victor Reyes with his first pitch, Jeimer Candelario followed with a sacrifice fly and Barnhart doubled for a 9-0 lead.

“We get paid for this, so I expect full effort every game,” Hinch said. “I tell these guys all the time to never take one day for granted at this level. These games might be a little calm because of where the two teams are in the standings, but they are playing resolve.”

Kansas City’s Ryan O’Hearn hit a two-run double in a three-run eighth.

PSU defense stiffens in second half

By **Jim Henry**
Sports Editor

No. 10 Pittsburg State has played shutdown defense during its 4-0 start this season.

The Gorillas have outscored the opposition 77-51 during the first half, but the defense has allowed only 14 points -- fourth-quarter touchdowns to Central Missouri and Nebraska-Kearney in the first two games -- in the second half while the offense has scored 42 points, 35 in the third quarter.

“Every game we are looking for a fourth-quarter shutout,” Gorillas linebacker Alex Gaskill said. “Nobody scores in the fourth quarter.”

Last year we played really well in the first half. Then in a lot of games in the third quarter, that’s where we gave up some points. The difference this year is being able to make those adjustments at half-time and come out with the same intensity and being able to execute.”

RIVALS

Because of the proximity of the towns, Pittsburg State vs. Missouri Southern will always be a rivalry, no matter the sport.

But according to players from both teams, Saturday afternoon’s football game at PSU’s Carnie Smith Stadium is basically the next game on the schedule.

“It’s more a rivalry for Pitt State,” Gaskill said. “I don’t view it as much as a rivalry for me personally, but I know coming from

Joplin, it’s going to mean a lot to play them.

“I didn’t get to play last year, so definitely being able to show what I can do to all the people back home (in Webb City) who are supporting and looking. It’s going to be a big, fun game for the atmosphere and everybody around.”

“Right now I’m just viewing it as another game,” said Missouri Southern linebacker Colton Winder, who prepped at Carthage. “That’s how I think we all should view it.”

“I’m not from the area but quickly learned how important this game is for this town and obviously Joplin,” Gorillas quarterback Chad Dodson said. “These two cities are very close to each other, and a lot of people went to both schools.”

KEY ACTION

Dodson has completed 57 percent of his passes this season, throwing for 1,067 yards, 10 touchdowns and two interceptions -- both last week against Emporia State.

He’s also effectively scrambled out of the pocket, netting 84 yards on 22 carries.

He was the backup quarterback last year until taking over as starter for the final six quarters of the season. He passed for 294 yards and three touchdowns in the season-ending 34-24 victory at Fort Hays State, and the late-season experience has paid dividends this season.

“Before that, I hadn’t

played because of the COVID year since high school,” Dodson said. “It had been a while since I had some live reps. Getting those live reps before this season obviously was huge, getting the timing down with some of the guys and getting used to the speed of the game again.”

“His decision making has been for the most part outstanding,” PSU coach Brian Wright said. “He just has a good awareness back there when to stay in the pocket and throw and when to take off and scramble. His second interception the other day I thought during the game was a poor decision. Then we watched the video tape and decide that it wasn’t a bad decision. It was a bad throw. His decision making ... has allowed us to play good offensive football.”

WATCHING IAN

Dodson, from Jacksonville, Fla., has been keeping an eye on the weather this week as Hurricane Ian slammed Florida.

“I don’t think it’s really going to hit Jacksonville too bad,” he said. “Just kind of the outskirts a little bit, but praying for all those people back home who did get affected.”

“I was checking with all my family back home. (Thursday) morning. Most of them were good. I think they did lose power (Thursday) morning. My area hasn’t been too affected yet.”

Vikings host Panthers on Senior Night

By **Dashuan Vereen and Sam Kombrink**
Morning Sun Staff

St. Mary’s Colgan seeks its third consecutive victory on the road against Northeast.

Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. on Friday night at Northeast High School. The Vikings will honor their seniors before kickoff.

The Panthers won their district opener over Southeast last week.

“I was very impressed with how our guys handled themselves and executed throughout the course of the game,” said Colgan coach Shawn Seematter. “We didn’t have school last Friday and it was our homecoming, and sometimes things like that can get you out of your routine and cause distractions.”

Colgan controlled the action throughout its matchup against the Lancers, rushing for 245 yards and benefitting from a 63-yard punt return from Tucker Harrell.

“I thought our guys did an excellent job of staying focused and coming out and executing extremely well in all aspects,” said Seematter.

ter. “Specifically, I thought our special teams set the tone early. We had two big punt returns in addition to good kickoff coverage that helped us control the field position early in the game.”

Colgan has a 3-1 record at the midpoint of the season, with its lone loss coming against Girard in Week 2.

“One of the things we have done that has helped us to a 3-1 start is our guys’ willingness to show up to practice each day and get better,” said Seematter. “I really feel like the things we work on to improve in practice continue to get better in games. Things such as executing blocking assignments, tackling, defeating blocks, etc. Our guys do a tremendous job in practice and it shows up in games.”

“Also, I think we have done a pretty good job of playing physically,” said Seematter. “The guys put in a lot of work to get faster and stronger in the off-season and I think that has shown up and allowed us to be in good shape and play physically throughout the entirety of each game so far. Of course, there is still room for improvement, but I think those things stand out as to what has helped

us this year.”

The Panthers’ defense has held opponents to 10.6 points per game in the three wins.

“We have a lot of returners who played a lot of minutes last year,” said Seematter. “So, their familiarity undoubtedly has helped us play well defensively. Also, similar to what has helped us in general, I think our ability to get better in practice mixed with our physicality and ability to defeat blocks and make tackles has also allowed us to play well on defense. I’m a big believer that a big part of success on defense is the ability to line up correctly and know your assignment.”

Northeast coach David Pitts said Friday night’s game will be a learning experience for the Vikings (0-4).

“We’re still a work in progress,” said Pitts. “And this is going to be just the fifth game that most of these kids have ever played, so we’re still learning.”

Pitts added that he told the team that St. Mary’s Colgan is who Northeast can imitate.

“They are very well coached,” said Pitts. “They

are big and fast, and their kids play very disciplined. They are a good ball club, and probably the best that we are going to see all year.

“They are what we strive to be. So, go out there, play hard, respect them, and watch how they act and watch what they do, because that is who we are striving to be. We are working to be at that level,” he said.

Pitts noted that he remains focused on making sure his team is healthy and performing the task at hand as the Vikings look to take a positive step this week after getting shut out 38-0 last week at Erie.

“We’re trying to keep it fun, but also trying to learn because about five or six of those kids will be back next year so, we want to make sure that we are progressing,” said Pitts.

He added that the Vikings understand the situation they are in and will make the best of it.

“We’re trying to grow each week,” said Pitts. “And we see steady improvement. I told the kids that we expect to take a step forward, and that we don’t want to regress.”

Raiders travel to Columbus for CNC clash

By **Sam Kombrink**
Morning Sun Staff

The Frontenac football team will hit the road for a Week 5 CNC matchup against Columbus.

Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. Friday night at Columbus High School.

“This is going to be one of those games where whoever takes care of the ball and who can run the ball will probably be the team that is successful at the end,” said Frontenac head coach Mark Smith.

Smith said the Raiders (2-2) are facing some injuries, including starting center Aidan Hill, who could miss the game.

“We’re just going to have to have that next man up mentality,” he said. “We just have to keep playing hard and hopefully stay healthy with districts starting. This is a big game for both teams, and we want to get off to a good start.”

The Raiders beat the Titans 20-0 and 26-6 last sea-

son, but in order to escape with a win, Smith knows it starts with containing Columbus senior quarterback Brett Hamilton.

“Hamilton is one of those quarterbacks that can do it all,” Smith said. “He has a really strong arm, and he can put the ball anywhere and is pretty accurate. His running and dual threat ability is what scares me. He can run the ball when he needs to.”

Through four games, Hamilton has completed 44 passes on 99 attempts for 682 yards, seven touchdowns and three interceptions. Hamilton also has rushed for 164 yards on 25 carries and has four rushing touchdowns.

Smith said the Raiders’ defense is no stranger to Hamilton, but it won’t be easy to keep him from making plays.

“We’ve seen him, he’s a good football player,” he said. “He puts a lot of pressure on the defense and we are going to have to play

really good team defense to stop them.”

Frontenac ‘s offense will have to find ways to keep the football away from Columbus free safety Landin Midgett as he has three interceptions on the season.

“He’s a very good free safety,” Smith noted. “He’s around the ball and is a very good tackler. Columbus is aggressive up front. Their corners do a good job of being where they are supposed to be. Their safeties do a good job of getting downhill and making tackles.”

Frontenac senior running back Mario Menghini leads the Raiders’ offense with one receiving touchdown and one rushing touchdown, and he will look to play a big role against Columbus (1-3).

“We got to get the running game established,” Smith said. “We have to be balanced and take care of the football. We just have to take what they give us and keep moving the chains.”



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